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Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: September 1
Applications must be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director, Samantha Wilkins, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264. The purpose of the Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Couples, selected to represent their state at a National Grange convention, to build their leadership potential, broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention, receive educational training to use in their own states, and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun. The National Grange Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is an opportunity for youth selected by their state to participate in activities as guests of The Grange Foundation, Youth Leadership Fund. Each state may send two youth (preferably, but not limited to one male, one female),

and two young adults or a young couple, who meet the following criteria:

Youth ambassadors must be 16-21 years of age at the time of their state selection, have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 23rd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National session. These individuals must also be single, never been married, may not have children, and must not marry and/or have children during term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.

Young Adults/Young Couples must be between the ages of 22-35, have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 36th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend National Session.

Ambassadors, Young Patrons and Young Couples must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend National Session.

Previous State Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples who

have participated in this program at the National Grange Convention are not eligible.

Exception: Young Adults who are former Youth Ambassadors are eligible to participate in the Young Patron Program.

Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must meet their state's requirements.

Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must be able to attend the National convention to represent their state during Youth activities days. (Wednesday evening through Saturday).

NEW: Ambassadors/Young Patrons must attend their regional conference the year they apply. They must also present a prepared speech at their regional conference. This speech will not be considered for Best of Show or selected for National.

Exception: If the Ambassador/Young Patron is their state's winner for Prepared Speech/SAS contest they will meet this requirement.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Garden Home Grange

Gail Land – Secretary zip code should be 80227 and her phone is 720-315-1667. Email address gmland26@gmail.com Rob Northway address is now: 4035 W. Linvale Pl., Denver CO 79236-2201

Wheat Ridge Grange

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Family Activities Co-Director Karen Baxter's phone number is 970-259-1595 (Page 6).

New email address for Loeda Westphal is loedawestphal@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- March 2** Golden Gate – Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- March 16 or 17** Marvel Grange – St. Patrick's Day Activity with Pioneer 4-H Club
- March 18** Florissant – Learn to Sew Class, 1 to 3 p.m.
- March 18&20** Enterprise Grange – Filling eggs, 10:30 a.m.
- March 20** Animas Valley Grange – Talk on Native Bees by Erik Ryba
- March 21** Mt. Allison – Pine River Shares
- April 1** Florissant – Annual Easter Party
- April 1** Marvel Grange – Ladies Luncheon, noon
- April 1** Animas Valley Grange – Pruning old fruit trees by Jude and Addie Schuenemeyer, Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project
- April 6** Golden Gate – Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- April 7** Marvel Grange – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 7&21** Golden Gate – Couples Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m.
- April 8** Golden Gate – Eggmania, 10 a.m. to noon
- April 8** Enterprise Grange – Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.
- April 8** Pleasant Park – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Chili Dinner
- April 8** Sunflower – Grange Meeting
- April 10** La Plata Pomona, 7 p.m. (Note change in time of meeting) at Florida Grange
- April 12** Enterprise – Easter Theme Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- April 14&28** Golden Gate – Line Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m.
- April 16** Golden Gate – Community Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 17** Animas Valley Grange – Herb Gardening by Darrin Parmenter, Extension Agent
- April 17** Colorado State Grange Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM
- April 18** Mt. Allison – Pine River Shares
- April 21** Marvel Grange – To be decided
- April 22** Florissant – Spring Craft Show
- April 29** Marvel Grange – Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
- April 29** Mt. Allison – 365Health Fair, 7 until 11 a.m. (formerly known as 9Health) @ Ignacio High School
- May 4** Golden Gate – Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- May 5** Marvel Grange – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program: Sandy Valencia
- May 5&19** Golden Gate – Couples Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m.
- May 10** Enterprise – Cinco De Mayo Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- May 12&26** Golden Gate – Line Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m.
- May 13** Pleasant Park – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- May 14** Golden Gate – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Mom's Eat Free
- May 20** Animas Valley Grange – Working with Wool
- May 21** Golden Gate – GGC Road Clean-Up at 7 a.m.
- May 27** Sunflower – 11th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale at BMan's, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- June 10** Pleasant Park – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- June 19** Animas Valley Grange – "I lived in the Rico Depot" by Joanne Smith
- August 19** Maple Grove – Fundraiser with Susie Knight
- Sept. 21-23** State Grange Convention
- Nov. 14-18** 157th National Grange Convention, **Conference & Event Center, Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls**, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303
- Tuesday Evenings – Marvel Grange – Line Dancing, 6 p.m.
- Thursday Evenings – Florissant – Potluck and Music, 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.
- Second and fourth Tuesday of each month – Florissant Grange – Quilt of Valor Guild meets, 9 a.m. to noon



GREAT PLAINS

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

June 9-11, 2023

Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center
Kerrville, TX 78028

830-895-5000

kerrvilletx.gov

More Details on the Back Page

— In Memoriam —

Wanda Louise Miller January 18, 1925 – January 6, 2023

Wanda L. Miller, age 97, passed away on January 6, 2023, at Heidi's Chateau Assisted Living in Montrose, Colorado.

Born January 18, 1925, in Montrose, Colorado, to Arthur W. Caddy and Edna V. Button Caddy, Wanda was the oldest of three children. A member of one of the pioneer fami-

lies of Colona area, Wanda lived most of her life in the Colona vicinity. While attending school at Colona School, now Colona Grange Hall, she met her future husband, J. Floyd Miller. After graduating from Ridgway High School she was accepted into a training program established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to aid WWII efforts on the home front. Wanda served as a civilian office worker at Air Service Command Center, Hill Air Base, Ogden, UT.

Returning to Colona in 1944, Wanda married J. Floyd Miller on April 14, 1945, in Montrose. The young couple joined Colona Grange #259 in 1949. They celebrated 55 years of marriage before his passing in 2000.

A active Colona Grange member for 73 years, Wanda is best remembered by the Grange for her years as secretary and involvement in obtaining Colorado State Historic Site designation, Ouray County Historic Site designation, and addition to Colorado Preservation Inc's Threatened and Endangered Places list for the Colona School and Grange.

In addition to Colona Grange, Wanda was involved in Colona Helping Hand Club, 4-H involvement as parent, then leader, and Ouray County Fair Board member when fair first expanded to include domestic categories.

She was preceded in death by husband J. Floyd Miller, parents Art and Edna Caddy, brother Don Caddy, sister Edna M. (Caddy) Whitener along with numerous aunts, uncles,



Wanda Miller

and cousins.

She is survived by son Jim (Jan) Miller of Montrose, daughter Cara Miller of Colona, granddaughter Christine (Bill) Sammons and family of Gunnison, Colo., grandson Jim Miller and family of Texas, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Thelma Caddy of Montrose, and Betty Follman of Grand Junction, brother-in-law Howard Miller of Cortez, Colo., along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to thank Montrose Fire Protection District ambulance services, Montrose hospital, Hope West, and Heidi's Chateau for their services during Wanda's final months.

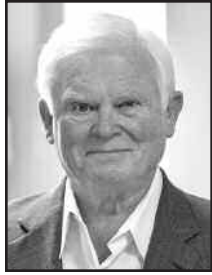
A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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I hope all are enjoying or at least surviving our cold and snowy winter. The snow will help this summer.

I enjoyed reading all the articles this time. Thanks to all the Granges for your planned work this spring and summer. The Granges are doing good work to improve their communities. Remember April is Grange Month. I hope all have plans to celebrate.

With new federal funding for expansion of broadband services in rural areas there are programs to assist with the expansion. The National Grange will provide information to assist your Grange in promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program, an FCC program to provide qualifying low-income households with a monthly discount of \$30 a month for broadband services, and a one-time \$100 discount on a connected device (tablet, laptop, or computer) with a co-pay of at least \$10 but no more than \$50. For more information, please call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575. I hope this program will help Grangers in rural areas to get broadband services.

There continue to be scams sent to Grangers asking for donation of gift cards. Please know that the State Grange or I will never solicit this type of donation. They are a scam. Please disregard.

I mentioned in the last paper the pending sale of the National Grange Building. The potential purchaser backed out of the sale and the building is back on the market, more to come.

I hope all have a productive spring.

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY,
IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS PROJECT 2023

AG Awareness Theme: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Junior Grange members can complete the following tasks to receive your 2023 AG Awareness Award!

1. **RESEARCH:** Define each of the following words: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

2. **RESEARCH:** Visit your local library and find at least three books to help you better understand the three R's.

3. **RESEARCH:** Learn how reducing waste, reusing items, and recycling can help you, your community, and the environment around you.

4. **IDENTIFY:** 10 ways that you can increase reduce/reuse/recycle in your life.

5. Pick at least two of the following:

A. **ACTIVITY** – Create an art project using recycled items.

B. **BUILD** – Build a recycling station for your home or Grange Hall.

C. **CHALLENGE** – Go 10 days or longer without creating waste.

D. **BUILD** – Build a composting station at your home or Grange Hall.

6. **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW:** Create a poster to encourage other people to Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle.

7. **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Create an activity that can be used as a Lecturers program to test people's knowledge about what can be reduced, reused, or recycled.

8. **SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW:** Take all of the things you learned about Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle and

make a plan on how you are going to inform your family, friends, and community. Submit the following information:

- A brief synopsis (no longer than 1 page) of your research
- Copy of your poster
- Pictures of your two activities
- Pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the National Grange Convention. If you are unable to attend National Session, we will send your certificate home with your State President or another representative. Awards will be given to either Individuals or Junior Granges.

Individual Junior Submissions MUST HAVE:

- Name
- Age
- Grange Name & Number
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/ Phone Number

Junior Grange Submissions MUST HAVE:

- Junior Grange Name & Number
- Junior Leader's Name
- State
- Mailing Address
- Email/Phone Number

SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY September 1 to the National Junior Director.

Notes From The Secretary

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March 31-April 30 — First quarterly report for 2023 due to the State office.

April 15 — Articles for the June Issue of The Colorado Granger due.

It has come to my attention that as Subordinate Granges begin to collect membership dues there is always a little bit of confusion. For some things, I can clarify them by referring one to the *National Grange Digest of Laws*. For other things, well let's just say that's the way it is and there is probably no rhyme or reason to them.

One example is if the Grange year starts in September, why do we collect dues on the calendar year? I don't have an answer for this, except that it may have something to do with IRS reporting that State and National Granges have to do, as well as Subordinates that have income higher than \$50,000.

Which reminds me that Subordinate Granges need to file their 990N

Postcard with the IRS each year. If you don't file this postcard once in three years you will lose your tax-exempt status and it will take a good chunk of change (\$\$\$) to get the status back (approximately \$600). Don't you think it's worth spending five minutes to submit the report each year?

As Secretary it is your duty to notify your current members at least three (3) times before asking your Grange to drop them from membership. You are the most likely one in your Grange to have their personal information, address, phone number, email, etc. The installation charge states that "you become the organ of the Grange and through you communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land. Let your correspondence at all times be courteous, brief, yet comprehensive."

So, what happens if you drop a member (Suspend) and then they pay their dues? Below are excerpts from

the *National Grange Digest of Laws* on the topic. If after reading this and you still have questions please contact me and we'll try to help you understand.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS
6.7.1 A Subordinate Grange, by majority vote at a regular meeting, may suspend a member who is delinquent in the payment of dues for one quarter or more. Such action shall be taken upon report of the Secretary, showing the amount of the delinquency and showing the delinquent member has been contacted at least twice, with at least once being in writing, before the vote to suspend. Until thus suspended, the secretary shall report such members to the State Grange in the Quarterly Reports. **The secretary shall immediately notify the member of the vote of suspension.**

6.7.2 A member, suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated within one year, in the Grange from which suspended, by a majority vote. Such application for reinstatement shall be accompanied by such dues as the State Grange having jurisdiction may require. The Subordinate Grange will forward the back dues owed to the State Grange for proper distribution. Such reinstatement within one year shall be deemed to restore and maintain continuous membership status.

6.7.3 After one year, a member suspended for non-payment of dues may apply for reinstatement in any Subordinate Grange in whose jurisdiction said member may reside. Such application shall be accompanied by proof of former membership and such prescribed fee as the State Grange having jurisdiction may require. The vote shall be taken by paper ballot and the majority vote shall elect. Such member shall not be eligible for continuous membership awards.

6.7.4 Suspension from membership in the Fourth Degree by a Subordinate Grange suspends the member from all higher degrees. The Secretaries of Subordinate Granges shall notify the secretary of their Pomona Grange of all members dropped from the rolls of the Subordinate Grange, as well as, any Grange that said member or members have become an Affiliate Member of, giving the names of the same.

6.11.5 A Subordinate Grange shall pay quarterly dues to the State Grange beginning with the calendar quarter following the calendar Quarter in which the Subordinate Grange is organized.

Scholarship/Leadership Foundation

REMINDER

Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are due April 15, 2023. See the State Grange website for details and to download an application.

Legislative Activity

Mike Lackey, State Director

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The first bills were introduced as the Colorado General Assembly kicked off the 2023 lawmaking term.

Here's a look at some of the major measures unveiled:

House Bill 1001 would expand a program to forgive student loans for Coloradans who become teachers.

Senate Bill 1 would authorize public-private partnerships to create affordable housing on state-owned land, especially for teachers.

House Bill 1010 would create a task force to study the feasibility of high-altitude water storage facilities.

House Bill 1042 would prevent law enforcement from using deceptive tactics to get statements from juvenile suspects. A similar measure failed last year.

House Bill 1013 would limit use of restraints or involuntary medication in prisons.

House Bill 1003 could create a mental health assessment program for students in grades six through 12.

Senate Bill 4 would allow school districts to hire mental health professionals with a state-issued license who don't have certification from the state Department of Education.

Newly minted House Speaker Julie McCluskie on Monday called addressing Colorado's water problems the "centerpiece of our conservation efforts" at the Colorado Capitol in 2023. "Our water faces unprecedented threats that no one has seen or experienced before," the Dillon Democrat said in a 40-minute speech kicking off this year's lawmaking term.

Flows on the Colorado River,

which supplies water to millions of people across the West, have declined roughly 20% since 2000. These declines have been made worse by increasing population in the region, as well as climate change. McCluskie didn't provide specific details on how the legislature will address water issues. But she offered that lawmakers would try to modernize Colorado's water management system and seek out new federal funding to support their efforts.

Beyond water policy, McCluskie said House Democrats will take steps this year at the Colorado Capitol to further cement abortion access in the state by expanding the health care workers who are trained to do abortion procedures. The speaker said Democrats will also introduce measures aimed at preventing gun violence, including one that would require a waiting period between when someone purchases a firearm and can access it and another raising the age to purchase rifles and shotguns to 21.

McCluskie also said her caucus would work to address pollution, increase public transportation options, tackle the affordable housing shortage, fund education, and bolster the state's workforce.

House Minority Leader Mike Lynch, a Wellington Republican, offered an olive branch to Democrats in his brief opening remarks Monday. He acknowledged the historic minority House Republicans are in — there are 46 Democrats and 19 Republicans — and noted that it is "the people's House, not the representatives' House."

The Colorado Granger Guidelines

April 15, 2022, is the deadline for articles for the May-June 2023 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.

Name of Grange
Contact person (with phone number)
Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — **DO NOT SEND MINUTES**
Community Service Projects
In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)
Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)
Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)
You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)

Visit www.coloradogranger.org

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Below is an article from the *Patron's Chain*, which I thought was particularly relevant for keeping the morale of our Granges up and keeping them fun and interesting. Fishing or whatever activity you choose is an effective way to keep the morale up and enjoy the camaraderie of the Grange. It would be interesting to hear what you already do or what you would put in place. Please send your ideas to my email and I will chose one for the Gala at convention this year. Would need suggestions by August 15. Happy Gaming.

How "Going Fish!" can help your Grange's morale, by Philip J Vonada, National Grange Communications Director.

I recently read the book *Fish!: A Proven Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results* by Stephen C. Lundin, John Christensen, Harry Paul, and Ken Blanchard. This parable recounts the tale of a woman who takes over an unenthusiastic, unresponsive, "wasteland" of a department in her corporate office, often called a "toxic energy dump." Though the book is meant to be about improving the morale and results of an office, I couldn't help but think of how it could be applied to Granges, too. I'm sure some of you know the Grange (or Grange members) in question — the "toxic energy dumps," who barely do enough to scrape by or who insist that there's no way to change or improve and they might as well throw in the towel. Perhaps the ideas and practices outlined in this book could be of assistance:

- 1) Choose your attitude
- 2) Play
- 3) Make Their Day
- 4) Be There

While it doesn't seem like much, it's somewhere to start. To me, it truly does start with "choosing your attitude." It's easy to be upset, disheartened, impatient, or bored. But it's also easy to make the decision to be "the best" or "top of the line." If you believe that your Grange or the programming you offer is subpar, then the community may view it as such, too. But if you choose to take pride in your work, if you believe that your work has value, and your programming is sensational, then you will put the work in to make sure it's over-the-top good!

The idea of "play" may seem ab-

surd to some adults. "What does it even mean?" It means... how can we add more fun to our work? Nothing makes me happier than being in a Grange Hall full of laughter. At my local Grange's take-out meals, the laughter and fun that we have while preparing the meal is just as important as the fun and positive attitude that we have with the people who come through our doors.

In my "other life" as Pennsylvania's Junior Grange Director, I had the pleasure to visit a Grange and provide a program all about having fun, by presenting a series of minute-to-win-it style games for the members in attendance. Have you ever seen somebody in their 80s try to move an Oreo down their face without using their hands? Or try to loop Cheerios onto a piece of spaghetti while using only one hand? The laughter and fun in the room led to a positive environment for the rest of the meeting. (This is also why I say it's perfectly fine to request a quick "game recess" in the middle of your meeting...)

So, what does "make their day" mean? This is about engagement. If you weren't brought up in the Grange, it can be a daunting idea to enter a Grange Hall for the first time — will I fit in? Will anyone like me? As Grange members, it should be part of our pleasure to bring people in and create positive energy in our interactions. "Making their day" involves listening and making an honest effort to get to know the people who come to your events or meetings. One drop of kindness can truly make somebody's day.

Finally, be there. Be present with your fellow members, be present with your customers, be present with your work. In every hour of every day, we can be pulled a hundred different directions by the many tasks we have in store. But by focusing on your Grange, your event, your ideas for the duration of your time, you can make a real difference by showing that this is truly important.

Fish! may not be a book for everyone, but the four ideas are easy enough to start a conversation in your Grange. If you could ask each of your members to give an extra 25% of each of the four principles at your next event, then 25% more at the one that follows... your Grange's energy and growth could be unstoppable!



Family Activities

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Evidence shows that people who are happy develop skills that enhance their productivity and proficiency. Those who utilize their skills become more productive, less stressed, more relaxed, and more efficient. Crafting can help people from suffering depression, anxiety and chronic pain, and may even have benefits similar to meditation.

In the Family Activities Department there are many categories that

might bring a person happiness. Cooking and baking is a very productive pastime that forces a person to plan ahead and be productive. It can also provide happiness to others when your endeavors are shared! The repetitive motions of needlework, such as knitting, crocheting, or embroidery is said to activate the nervous system. It also provides an opportunity to exercise the brain.

Be creative, and do something you

love and are passionate about! Maybe you could learn something new! There are many opportunities to learn something new or improve on the skills you already have. Many places have groups that get together to share knowledge or try getting on to YouTube to learn something new.

Remember to count your blessings and practice gratitude in all that you do!

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Statement Of Intent

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

1. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
2. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Send entries to:
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331
3. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
4. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
5. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged. *Please consider sending four completed squares.*
6. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
7. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded



for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

2023 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

Nine Patch With A Half Square Corners

Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:

6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome — all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)

5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns, or solids)

Create a nine-patch block.

Keep all light colors on one side,

and dark colors on the other.

Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left. Use a scant 1/4 inch seam allowance.

This 9-patch block should measure 6 1/2 inches, unfinished on edges. Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the "dark" fabrics.

These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!

See photo above left for example. Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org for guidance.

Full instructions can be found at nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming.

Chaplain's Corner

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Nearly every time we turn the radio, television, or phones on, it seems as if there has been another shooting, a natural disaster claiming lives of more individuals, or an usual accident. We hear of a possible recession, or reports of additional inflation, a political event or activity regarding the changing environmental causes. After a time, the negative reports begin to affect our own individual attitudes and lives. We begin to question our own involvement, and the decisions we make as we continue our personal lives.

Troubled times very often cause individuals to withdraw. Others might be challenged to increase community service giving assistance to others. The changing times may increase our own standards of life to face a different world. One common activity is prayer. Nearly every faith has a time of reflection, listening, and being quiet. A time of prayer is a time to gain strength to meet challenges of our everyday life. Prayer gives us time to

quiet our souls and recognize what is within us. Prayer gives us silence and strength. In prayer, we are able to see the way. In prayer we listen to stay on the path given to us. In prayer his hand is enclosed in ours as he leads the way.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, with the following information: name and Grange affiliation of deceased, name of person or group making donation, and name and address of person who should receive the memorial card.

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:

Shirley Engler
Mt. Allison Grange

Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments.

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.

Larry Corman: larry_corman@hotmail.com or 970-884-4762.

Visit the Colorado State Grange website
www.coloradogranger.org

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(February, April, etc)
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Community Service

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Hello Grangers! What a Winter we have had. It's almost Spring though! We can start thinking about the colors of things growing in the soil — red tomatoes, green leaves, and other vegetables, and flowers in all the colors of the rainbow. If you aren't already, maybe you could plant an extra row of something, or at least a couple of extra plants of something. A little more than you know your family will be able to use, or want to preserve, will be welcome in the kitchens of others in your community.

Grangers in our state always give so much, and think of so many creative ways to be of service. Although you aren't doing these things for recognition, you're all very impressive. I hope more of you decide to submit Community Service reports for State Session this year, because we love to see the wonderful things you are doing.

I have emailed out the combined reporting form for Community Service, Lecturer Stars, and Membership to all of the people for whom I had email addresses last year. If anyone else wants them, please send me an email at mittan42@msn.com and let me know. I will send out paper copies on request — please make sure to give a good mailing address, and a name of someone the Post Office recognizes as being associated with that mailing address. I have gotten a few back marked as “undeliverable” in the past.

They will still need to be typed up. If your Grange were to win the Community Service award at State Session, your report will have to be typed in order for it to be sent on for consideration at National. Please call me at 720-413-4106 or email me, with any questions at all about your reports, or anything about your ideas for Community Service programs.



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I came across an interesting article by Jenny List featured on the John Deere website and posted to the Repair Hacks site. The following is a synopsis of her article.

Her article covers the change in John Deere's approach to repairing their equipment. For years repairs could only be done by manufacturer authorized technicians. Things are changing in that John Deere signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Farm Bureau Federation to ensure that John Deere products can be repairable by people without their approval.

Time will tell if the other agricultural manufacturers will follow suit. However, whether this was an economic or owner pressure it unclear. But it is not a total victory either as the problem seems to lay not with John Deere but with the computer system into every part including parts which simply do not need to be in the system. For example, if anyone can now use the software to register a new part, even one that does not need to be, such as a hydraulic pump, it is this complexity which is the true enemy of right to repair that we should remember.

Real Estate Management

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What Is Commercial Property Insurance?

Commercial property insurance pays to replace or repair your business property if it is lost, stolen, or damaged by problems covered by your policy (such as a fire). This coverage type is also called business property insurance.

Commercial property insurance is often bundled together with general liability insurance and business interruption insurance as part of a business owners policy (BOP).

What Does Commercial Property Insurance Cover?

Commercial property insurance typically covers your business building or office, equipment, tools, inventory, supplies, computers, business furniture, valuable papers, and business records. It also covers outdoor fixtures, such as fences and signs. The property of others is covered by commercial property insurance as well. Look at whether the policy is a “named perils” or “open perils” policy.

A named perils policy will cover costs only from problems specifically listed in the policy, which typically include fire, theft, vandalism, and wind damage.

An open perils policy will give you broader protection. It will cover any

problem except those listed as exclusions (for example, flood damage). Because of its better protection, it will cost more than a named perils property insurance policy.

What Problems Are Covered By Commercial Property Insurance?

The types of problems covered by commercial property insurance typically include:

- Fire
- Lightning
- Wind
- Hail
- Theft
- Vandalism

What Does Commercial Property Insurance Not Cover?

It's important to know the instances where business property insurance won't help and where you may need extra coverage. Here's when commercial property insurance won't help you:

- You get in a car accident when driving the company car on a business delivery. This scenario would be covered by commercial auto insurance.
- Severe weather led to flooding in your office building. Flood damage is not covered under commercial property insurance. You'll have to buy a separate flood insurance policy to protect your office space from the costs of flood damage.
- You accidentally damage a client's wall while visiting them on business. This type of property damage would be covered under general liability insurance.



Agriculture Report

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Colorado's Chickens And Eggs, Avian Flu

Due to the impact of losses from avian flu we have all experienced increased prices of eggs from \$1.50 per dozen a year ago to over \$4.25 now, and stores may limit buyers to one or two dozen. Colorado's egg producers have lost nearly 6.4 million chickens.

So, interest in growing chickens in backyards to produce eggs in urban areas continues. Where we live in Denver there are two nearby successful, long-term, backyard flocks. City rules preclude roosters — too noisy with crowing? The hens are usually subdued except when they lay an egg — bragging maybe?

The avian flu has crossed into wild birds and killed bald eagles and other raptors and has been linked to the deaths of a black bear (Huerfano), mountain lion (Gunnison), and a skunk (Weld). Wild birds that flock (especially water fowl) are vulnerable. Raptors are affected if they eat infected bird carrion or prey on infected birds.

Will creating your own chicken flock for eggs make economic sense? Can you commit the time? Store built coops are available or they can be home-built. Coops and runs can exist over dirt or grass in the backyard. Mounted on wheels small coops can be moved to fresh space. Depending on their size, chickens need 4 to 8

square feet of coop space each and 8 to 15 square feet of run space.

Baby chicks cost about \$5 each and should produce eggs in 18 to 22 weeks. Costs per chicken for feed are about \$30 per month, coops cost from \$150 to \$2000, and bedding is \$20 per month. Can you improvise? Discarded freight pallets for boards to build a coop are usually free. A neighbor said his chickens would not eat trapped Japanese beetles — go figure. At the farm where I grew up, our “free range” chickens would eat so many grasshoppers their gullets were extended. Chickens will eat most household food scraps.

If you garden, chicken manure and soiled bedding are great to augment composting.

The negatives: time commitment, the cost of feed, chickens need daily feed and water, their pen and coop need regular cleaning, they are at risk of predators. Eggs should be collected daily. Chicken pens may attract nuisance wild birds, mice, and squirrels.

Hens may live for 6-8 years and most will produce eggs for 3-4 years. At the end of their productive lives, are you prepared to whack off their heads and make chicken stew (old chickens are too tough to be fryers)? Do the math and determine how you feel about your feathered pets. Fresh eggs are always great though.



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People Improving Communities And Kids

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Recently La Plata Pomona transferred some funds from one bank to a different bank and they needed to get a copy of a 147C letter from the IRS. This letter confirms their EIN number. If you need a copy of that letter you have to call the IRS. You can't get it online, and you can't get it via email, you have to call them. They are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Our time zone). The number to call is 1-800-829-4933.

I called early in the morning and the wait was only 2-4 minutes, not bad for the IRS. You do need to be prepared with some information.

1. Name of the organization
2. EIN number (The state office has

a list of those numbers)

3. What tax forms are filed. Most Subordinate Granges file the 990N Postcard or at least should be.
4. The year the organization was started.
5. Your name

They can fax a copy of the letter to you or USPS mail it — which will take 7-14 days.

Filing your 990N postcard yearly insures that your Grange's tax status is up to date. If you lose your tax status you will have difficulty getting the 147C letter and then have to refile for tax exempt status, which is another topic and somewhat costly.

Mandy Project

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Grange Month is in April and that to me is a perfect time to share one of the State Grange projects that every community might have individuals who could benefit. The Mandy project is designed to help families with children who have a hearing loss. We have brochures available for Granges to have on hand at events that explain the application process; why not have some on hand to give out to people who might know someone who could benefit. Just contact me to get some brochures.

Donations to the Mandy project can be made through the State Grange or PICK. Please make checks payable either to the Colorado State Grange or PICK with a note that it's for the Man-

dy Project. We do not have a bank account for the Mandy project, so checks made out to “Mandy Project” will have to be returned to be rewritten.

Do you know how many families the Mandy project has helped over the years it's been in existence?

What prompted the beginning of the Mandy Project in Colorado?

What year did the Colorado State Grange start the Mandy project?

What is the largest donation the Mandy project has received?

What month is Better Hearing Month?

I'll answer these questions in the next *Colorado Granger* and maybe a few more.

THE GRANGE BUILDS

People — by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging individual talents.

The Family — by offering a family oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

The Community — by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

The State — by encouraging “grass-roots action” and leadership in the State Legislature.

The Nation — by providing members a voice in the nation's capital.

JUNIOR CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

TOPIC: Using the Agricultural Awareness theme of *Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle*, tell us how doing those three things can make an impact in the community and world around you.

RULES:

1) Must be a Junior Grange Member.

2) **Length:** Each entry must be a minimum of 1 page long and a maximum of 4 pages. Double spaced, typed, or handwritten.

3) Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Age (and birthdate)
- c. State
- d. Grange name and number
- e. Mailing address

Submissions may be sent via e-mail as PDF documents by September 1. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by September 1 of current year to the National Junior Director.

Age: Will be broken down into three age categories:

- Group 1: 5-7
- Group 2: 8-10
- Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards: Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the National Grange Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.

Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award

In conjunction with the Membership Department, Membership is a valuable part of the Grange experience and it is the responsibility of all members to grow the Grange. Youth are a part of the membership growth process. To encourage youth and young adults to grow the Grange, the Youth department in conjunction with the Membership department will be recognizing youth and young adults for their recruitment efforts.

The program will run from July 1 to June 30. Members recruited can be of any age and must have never joined the Grange before. Membership application forms must be properly submitted to the State Grange. The award will be submitted by your state Youth director with verification from the State President and membership director (if applicable).

Each state can select one Grange youth to be recognized by the National Grange as its State Youth Recruiter of the Year. The national award winner will receive a cash prize of \$50.

Considerations for selection should include, but not exclusively:

- Number of members recruited in a year.
- Service on a Grange Growth team.
- Assistance with subordinate Grange membership growth activities and/or events, fair booth, mall/library display.
- Present the four steps of membership recruitment at subordinate Grange meeting.
- Participate in monthly Membership Matters Zoom meetings.

State Youth Recruiter of the Year Awards will be presented during the Youth Days at National Session, or, at the request of the State, sent to be presented at a State session. Please mail the applications to National Grange Youth Development Director: Samantha Wilkins, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264. Electronic applications can be found at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Deadline For The May-June 2023 Issue Of The Colorado Granger Is April 15, 2023.

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, cherryellis5@yahoo.com, or 303-688-1997 for further information.

Upcoming Dates And events:

March 4 — Progressive Pomona, 11:30 a.m. at BMan's in Sedalia. Lunch at BMan's, dessert potluck, tour Sedalia Museum.

March 11 — Grange meeting.

March 12 — O'Brien's St. Patrick's Parade 2 p.m.; Corned Beef and Cabbage O'Brien's at 2:45 p.m.

April 8 — Grange meeting.

May 27 — 11th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale at BMan's 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At Sunflower's first meeting for 2023, Colorado State Grange President Gary Wardle and his wife Kathy visited to install officers and initiate our newest member, Charl Lee Sauer. She grew up in Wheat Ridge and attended her last class reunion at Wheat Ridge Grange. Charl Lee joined our Grange to "support the cultivation of heritage seeds and maintain diversity of vegetable varieties" and because she "values the community-building opportunities." In Charl Lee's long career in education, she taught high school language arts, served as President of the local education association/union, was a school administrator, then Director of Human Resources. After "retiring," she was an education consultant for 15 years for districts around the state, Colorado Department of Education, and several universities. She and Wayne Eads were colleagues. She has two daughters (one deceased), two grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. We are very pleased she has become a member, and we thank Gary and Kathy for making the initiation meaningful.

The Local History Book Club met the third Thursday in January to discuss and ask Chet Hier questions about his book on Sedalia's Bud's Bar, *I Shouldn't Say This*. Chet filled in story details like riding his horse into the bar, or the time a bear was tied in front of Bud's, or Therman's annual community turkey shoots, golf tournaments, baseball teams, pumpkin contests, and antics of locals. We also talked about the value of local history in general, keeping things the same, and self-publishing. Chet said he wrote the book because Bud's is an important local institution, a community pub/forum for news and hijinks that needed to be preserved. Next readings will be *The Annals of Plum Creek* by J. Curtis, and *Men of Sedalia* from Sedalia Museum.

BIG NEWS came in January's *Granger* under Community Service; Lisa Mittan announced Sunflower's Firefighter/EMT for 2022 David George-Nichols and Teacher of the Year Todd Lowry had been chosen as Colorado's candidates as well, and passed on to National Grange for consideration and recognition. We hope both David and Todd are the National Grange's choices, too; they're worthy candidates. Todd Lowry is Sedalia



Sedalia Elementary Sustainability Program teacher Kim Rankin shared her expertise on chickens and eggs at Sunflower in February.

Elementary's third Colorado Teacher of the Year in row! Emmie Rooney and Marlene Hay preceded him.

Margaret Ellis is putting a family book together of hikes on the Appalachian Trail. Several of their 11 kids and some of the grandkids (with great and great-great grandkids about 87 in number) hiked with Margaret and Bill. Their three youngest sons walked Georgia into North Carolina in 1989, an 11-year-old granddaughter walked Georgia to PA, followed by several other grandsons over many summers.

Margaret said, "I did a couple of hikes alone. Since we repeated the hikes with the different grandkids and my alone-hike I would guess [we traveled] about 800 miles on the Appalachian Trail." The hikes always ended in Washington, D.C., to see all the patriotic sites. One of those hiking grandsons, Jason Ellis, who "has been everywhere with his meemaw" is now running for office in Fort Worth, Texas, and can be seen in this campaign video <https://fortworthreport.org/2023/01/19/jason-ellis-announces-bid-for-district-7/>. Hiking the Appalachian Trail must build character!

If you've been reading about the price of eggs and the rush to buy and raise baby chicks for eventual egg production, you know there are a lot of new poultry farmers who need to know how to care for their birds. Kim Rankin, the Sustainability teacher from Sedalia Elementary, came to our February 11 meeting to share her expertise. She and the students in the Sustainability Program tend a flock of 23 chickens and sell the eggs to support their program. Sedalia was the first elementary to have such a program in the district, and now other schools are raising chickens, starting seeds, feeding worm beds, growing gardens, and using the waste from meals for composting.

The students are in charge; they do the planning and the work. As Kim pointed out, raising chickens is not an easy task and the eggs produced are not cheap. They still sell their eggs for



Sunflower Grange's newest member Lois McLauchlan.

\$5 a dozen, which is about the cost of producing the eggs. The students benefit a great deal. The Sustainability students are joining us at the annual Plant Sale in May to earn some money for their program and to answer questions new chicken owners are sure to have. <https://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/2023/01/24/colorado-backyard-chickens-egg-prices/>.

Lois McLauchlan, our newest member, was welcomed at February's meeting. Lois and I met at the Post Office when she overheard me asking about the *Granger*. She said she was interested in the Grange and handed me her card. Finding someone who already knew about and loved Granges was remarkable! Lois is a long-time Sedalia resident, a retired doctor, and an environmentalist. We are so happy she has joined Sunflower.

We are looking forward to hosting Progressive Pomona on March 4 for lunch at BMan's and a dessert potluck, followed by a tour of Sedalia's Museum if that can be arranged.

Cherry Ellis

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

March 11 — Craft Classes, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pine Needle Baskets, 9 a.m. to noon.

Gourds, 10 to 11 a.m.

Needle Felting, 11 a.m. to noon.

Paint with Me, 1 to 3 p.m.

March 18 — Learn to Sew Class, 1 to 3 p.m.

April 1 — Annual Easter Party.

April 22 — Spring Craft Show.

Every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., Potluck and Music. All are welcome.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

What a cold, cold winter we are having. Here is Florissant, there hasn't been much snow... just cold, cold temperatures. Come on spring!!!

Since we couldn't report on our Annual Christmas Party in the last *Granger*, we are happy to announce that it was a wonderful success. We prepared 50 Christmas goodie bags for the kiddos and Santa came to meet the kids and hand them out. Photos were taken and everyone had a good time. The cookies and punch were a hit as well. We ran out of bags, but thankfully had a backup plan and all the kiddos were happy campers.

In January we had our first "Learn to Sew" class. We had 10 people show up to learn to sew. The first class was a meet and greet and students were able to choose fabric from donations we have received. They were given a list of supplies to bring to class in February. Our next class is after this publication deadline, but we will be handing out the patterns for our first project, an apron. Not the frilly aprons, but the BBQ type aprons. Surprisingly we had more adults than we did young people.

We had our normal craft classes in (Continued on Page 6)



David George-Nichols is Sunflower Grange's 2022 Firefighter/EMT of the Year.



Todd Lowry is Sunflower Grange's 2022 Teacher of the Year.



Scenes from Florissant Grange's Annual Christmas Party.



Sedalia's Three Colorado Teachers of the Year — Emmie Rooney, Marlene Hay, and Todd Lowry.

Darden
Jefferson County

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The February meeting of Darden Pomona Grange met Feb. 4 at Wheat Ridge Grange. Marlys Halbeisen started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Reports were given from each Grange. Marlys Halbeisen reported on the Christmas Party hosted by Enterprise Grange in December. In addition to a hearty Christmas dinner and Christmas festivities, each Grange in Darden Pomona also donated \$50 to the Carin' Clinic, an agency which provides medical help for those in need of medical assistance. Idella Lewis reminded everyone to look over the Handbook which was included in the January issue of the *Granger* and see what events can be entered at the next state session.

Discussion was held on a Darden Pomona fundraiser to be held August 19 at Maple Grove Grange with western singer/entertainer Susie Knight providing the entertainment. Ideas included having an auction of donated items, as well as food items available. Outstanding members in the community will be recognized. The event will be open to the public with donations to attend. Susie Knight's group will also be performing at Maple Grove Grange Aug. 5. Watch for more details in the coming months.

For Hobby Night, Idella Lewis shared several hobbies, including a blooming cyclamen houseplant, February birthstone of amethyst, and showing an amethyst crystal and amethyst ring and a geode. Books of photos taken on trips to Antarctica and Italy were shown, taken by Doug Hawthorne.

The program included information from a class taken by Anna Giebel on happiness. It is not money that makes a person happy, it is relationships of family and friends and community that matter. Loneliness is a killer. We need to express appreciation to others by verbalization of expressing gratitude.

Hobbies of U.S. Presidents was shared by Idella Lewis in recognition of President's Day in February. Despite their busy schedules, presidents found time to enjoy hobbies as a way to unwind from their presidential

• **Sunflower Grange**

(Continued from Page 5) both January and February and all the classes were well attended. They are so much fun. We will try an Oil painting class in March.

We had a Harvest Host camper in January. It was so cold, and I warned him... he said he was chasing the snow and the cold. He enjoyed his stay and the tour of the Historic School House (our Grange Hall) so much that he spent a second night. Brrrrrrr.

Since the beginning of COVID, we have not held our Breakfast/Brunch events. But we opened up the Grange for our Valentine Brunch on February 12 to get the traditions started up again. We served scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, and we had a make your own burrito bar as well. OJ and Coffee were served by our wonderful volunteers.

Renee Caldwell



Ashley, Kim and Mike Lackey with Santa on Picture Day at Enterprise Grange in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate.

duties. Many presidents enjoyed horseback riding and golf. John Quincy Adams had a unique hobby of skinny dipping in the Potomac River! Other hobbies included bowling, stamp collecting, dancing, gardening, and painting.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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March 8, Wednesday — Our Irish Themed Potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m. in honor of St. Paddy's day. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be furnished by Lisa Mittan. Grangers are bringing sides and desserts that are green or Irish themed! Irish music will be provided. Planning for the Community Service Award program, our Community Garden, and filling in more details on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow. We will also be discussing Kathy Wardle's "Sip and Paint" date, time, and cost.

March 18 and March 25, Saturdays — 10:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. we will be filling Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt. We are planning to fill between 6,000 and 10,000 eggs this year. The 4-H group will be there but we can always use more help. So please feel free to lend a hand if for only an hour.

April 8, Saturday — This year's Easter Egg Hunt, in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate, will be

held at Robby Ferrufino Park located at 9001 W. 74th Avenue in Arvada, CO. The hunt is divided into age groups with the youngest starting their hunt at 10 a.m. Please try to arrive by 9:30 a.m. because once the youngest goes at 10 a.m., there will only be three to four minutes in between the age groups. We will have refreshments, professional photography with the Easter Bunny, bubbles, chalk art, and games to play, so we want to make sure there are no disappointments on the hunt itself. Please bring your own Easter Baskets.

April 12, Wednesday — Easter themed Potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m. This is our Community Service night and any plans will be discussed at our March meeting. More details to follow.

April/May — Our resident artist, Kathy Wardle, has offered to hold a "Sip and Paint" for all those interested. We will be learning to paint in mixed media. We will be sending out details of date, time, and cost as soon as we get it firmed up so be looking for an email after our March meeting.

May 10, Wednesday — At 6:30 p.m., we will have our Cinco de Mayo themed Potluck. Mexican dishes, sides, salad, and desserts will be on the menu. Bring your favorite dishes. A business meeting will follow potluck where we will discuss the possibility of a summer picnic and other off campus activities. We will also vote on 2023-2024 officers and choose delegates for the 2023 State Grange Convention.

Thanksgiving Dinner was held in lieu of our meeting on November 9. Clients and Administration from Shannon's Hope joined us along with Granger friends and family. The Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner was served. Shannon's Hope is always thrilled to be invited, considering this meal their "real" Thanksgiving Dinner.

We filled 212 stockings for the seniors, disadvantaged, and disabled people in our Community Service groups. Olin Residences received 112 and the Jefferson County Health and Human Services received 100. We can't go without saying how extremely generous everyone is for this service to our seniors. We made requests through Nextdoor and Arvada Neighbors (a Facebook Group). We received enough items to fill all the stockings to the brim and still had cash donations of over \$500. Because of that generosity, we also were able to work with Maple Grove Grange and the Scarlett O'Hatters Red Hat Club to help fill large bags for the 36 residents of Parkhill Residences. In order to stuff stockings, we also had small bags to fill with lotions, soaps, and shampoo, fill other quart bags with candy, and finish writing the 212 Christmas cards for the stockings. That "pre-stuffing day" took place on Saturday, November 19.

On Sunday, December 4, we had our Santa Picture Day in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate. We hired a professional photographer, had a cookie station, coloring books, and a Santa letter writing table. Santa came all decked out in his finest Christmas attire. Each child received a small gift and a candy cane from



Christmas carol sing-alongs at the Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner at Enterprise.



Devin Foley coloring on Santa Picture Day at Enterprise Grange.



The kids loved the Santa piñata.



Santa with Sophia on Picture Day at Enterprise.



Mike Lackey reading *The Night before Christmas* after Christmas Dinner at Enterprise Grange.

Santa. This year we changed locations to a venue in Old Town Arvada. Several people came in from the sign posted outside so we were able to talk to people that were unfamiliar with Grange. It was a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members.

Enterprise Grange hosted the Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner this year on December 10. Grangers, any friends and family, the clients of the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope were all in attendance. We had a meal of ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, with a multitude of sides, salads, and desserts. After dinner, Mike Lackey, Master of Enterprise, read the children the "Night Before Christmas." We were led in Christmas Carols sing-alongs by Dorothy Dannels and Mary Stackhouse and her daughter Linda. When Santa finally arrived, the children were thrilled. After Santa, came the piñata, a Santa this year made by Carol and Ashley Lackey. Thank You for all the Granges do to help make these holidays special for so many.

In February, our Valentine's Party and Potluck started at 6:30 p.m. We bring Valentine cards and candy for each other which has become one of our Valentine traditions. During our meeting we asked Kathy Wardle to hold a painting class for us. She was very willing and it be held this spring.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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Maple Grove Grange met Feb. 1 on a pleasant day. Finally, the weather is warming up after about six weeks of off and on snow and frigid temperatures! Grover, our resident marmot, is happily hibernating in our east win-

dow well. Hopefully he will move on this spring!

The fall food drive was quite successful with Mary Ann Forman taking a carload of food to the Action Center and Marlys Halbeisen taking 209 lbs. and \$200 to the Community Table in Arvada. Both agencies were delighted to receive our donations. Lap robes, socks, books, and puzzles were donated to Mountain Vista Care Center during the Christmas holidays to make their season bright.

Susie Knight is planning to have a fundraiser at Maple Grove Grange Aug. 5 for her group and Maple Grove will have a fundraiser with Susie Knight performing Aug. 19, so save the date!

Dennis Pleim and Bill Lane had a project to work on when the urinal in the men's room had a problem. Thanks to their expertise it is operational now.

Idella Lewis reminded everyone to check in the Jan. *Granger* for the events in the Handbook and National Grange quilt block pattern.

J. Kelly informed every one of the Telephone Building down town that is available for tours and is a beautiful building. She reported on the Beep Ball project for those who are blind being able to play a game of baseball with beeping balls, since they cannot see.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, 303-838-4805, for information.

April 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Chili Dinner.

May 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

June 10 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

The annual Chili Dinner/Taco Bar will be held on April 8 from 12 to 2



More fun from Florissant Grange's Annual Christmas Party.



Linda Leo's initiation into Pleasant Park Grange.

p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is our way of promoting our Grange during Grange Month.

The Pomona Picnic will be held on July 8 at noon. We look forward to hosting all the Jefferson County Granges and hope for a large attendance. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and entertainment!

Linda Leo was initiated at the February meeting. Suzanne Stevenson has also joined.

Tamm Masoner, Executive Director of the Conifer Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the February meeting and discussed how to publicize our Grange through social media and the local newspaper.

We will be hosting a local book club the last Monday of every month.

Al Leo and Jean Dent will be hosting a wildfire/defensive space informational meeting on May 13 with a speaker from the Fire Department. They are working hard to keep our community safe.

Terra Stern, the new Lecturer, has several interesting speakers coming to upcoming meetings.

Prayers and good wishes are needed for members Larry Bonomo, David Lewis, and Don Morris who are dealing with serious health issues. Members Lou and David Lewis lost their son to cancer in January and Benny Galloway lost his mother in January.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

Contact President Terri Costeldia, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, Rental Manager Dee-Dee Ramstetter, DKMHH1@gmail.com, for further information.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Couples Dancing — Friday, March 3 and 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Line Dancing — Friday, March 10 and 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, March 12 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Couples Dancing — Friday, April 7 and 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Eggmania — Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Line Dancing — Friday, April 14 and 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Community Brunch — Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Couples Dancing — Friday, May 5 and 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Line Dancing — Friday, May 12 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, May 14 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. (Moms Eat Free.)

GGC Road Clean-Up — Sunday, May 21 at 7 a.m.

Join us for Pancakes on the second Sunday of March and May. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice for only \$5 and \$2 for kids 10 and under.

On Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon we will hold our annual Eggmania event. Bring your hard boiled eggs and we will provide all the materials for decorating and dyeing your Easter Eggs. This will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters.

Our Community Brunch and Membership Drive will take place on Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both Grange Members and the whole



Birthday celebration at Pleasant Park Grange.

community are invited to attend this free event. It is a great time to introduce neighbors who haven't yet joined the Grange to enjoy the camaraderie and offerings that our Grange provides in Golden Gate Canyon. We will have information on the new Jeffco Lookout Alert System, which all residents are encouraged to sign onto at this event. If you would like to help by bringing a breakfast casserole or baked goods, contact Terri Costeldia at 202 277-0351.

A wonderful way to participate in a community project is to join us on May 21 for the Golden Gate Canyon Road Clean-Up. We meet at the Grange and each pair of volunteers cleans debris from a portion of the road from just below Galbraith Open Space to Crawford Gulch. We will provide you with more information closer to the date.

Rich Phillips and Paul Prue are so generous with their time and energy gathering and hauling the donated cans to the recycling center. Their efforts not only help the environment but also provide an important source of revenue for the Golden Gate Grange. They could use some help moving cans from the roadside cage to the trailer situated at the back of the Grange. If you could spare a few minutes once a week to aid their hard work, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information about this request call Rich Phillips 303 277-1933.

Couples Dancing and Line Dancing Groups continue to be popular privately sponsored events at the Grange. All are welcome to attend. Randy Patrick leads the Couples Dancing Class, and Grange Member Lori Niquette teaches the Line Dancing. So put on your dancing shoes and join in on the fun! Cost is \$5 for Grange members and \$7 for non-Grangers.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels. If we have bad weather, we may switch back to Zoom yoga. Please send your email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list for updates on cancellations, or changes from in person to Zoom classes.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community/Grange phone: 303-273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch
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La Plata

Archuleta and La Plata Counties, CO
and San Juan County, NM

Animas Valley

Contact Bonnie Nicholl, dbnicholl3@gmail.com, 949-233-2329, for further information.

March 20 — Talk on native bees by Erik Ryba.

April 1 — Pruning old fruit trees by Jude and Addie Schuenemeyer, Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project.

April 17 — Herb Gardening by Darrin Parmenter, Extension Agent.

May 20 — Working with wool.
June 19 — "I lived in the Rico Depot" by Joanne Smith.

The Animas Valley Grange is kicking off 2023 with a busy schedule of programs which are open to the public at no charge with the exception of the program on pruning old fruit trees which is \$30 for non MORP (Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project) members. The above listed events are for the first half of the year with more exciting programs scheduled for the second half of 2023.

The Animas Valley Grange has obtained grant money and worked closely with our local food assistance organizations to provide locally grown food to families, seniors and others in need. We started the food distribution in January and will continue the program well into the summer months. We are currently delivering frozen meat and fresh vegetables to 25 households.

As summer approaches, the Animas Valley Grange will host "mobile markets." This program brings surplus food from grocery stores on the Front Range in a refrigerated truck. For about two hours anyone in the community can come and get whatever food they want at no charge. The truck provides fresh fruits and vegetables as well as packaged items.

Our Grange looks forward to providing a variety of programs as well as distributing food to households in need in the community in 2023.

Bonnie Nicholl

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, Larry_Corman@hotmail.com, or 970-884-4762 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

March 21 — Pine River Shares.

April 10 — La Plata Pomona.

April 18 — Pine River Shares.

April 29 — 365Health Fair (formerly known as 9Health) @ Ignacio High School (7 until 11 a.m.).

We've had a slow past few months due to weather and funerals, it seems.

The Grange has been kept busy with Pine River Shares (Third Tuesday of every month). We're still averaging about 80 boxes each month, January's delivery got cancelled due to a major snow storm, so we expect to be with delivery, February 21.

Our Christmas breakfast was well attended in December. It was good to see our neighbors and we appreciated the food that was brought for our



Valentine's Dinner at Marvel Grange.



Marvel Grangers busy in the kitchen preparing the Valentine's Dinner.

food drive.

Planning has already begun for the 365Health Fair in April. Please pass the word to friends that might be in need of a comprehensive blood chemistry.

Remember, Spring is right around the corner!

Larry Corman

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or hcrdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

March 16 or 17 — St. Patrick's Day activity with Pioneer 4-H Club.

April 1 — Ladies Luncheon.

April 7 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

April 21 — To be decided.

April 29 — Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

May 5 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program: Sandy Valencia.

Our Chili cook-off had five entries this year with Frances Horvath winning the Green Chili division and Cindy Greer winning the red chili division — both were by popular vote. The week prior had been very snowy (we are thankful for the moisture) but that may have deterred people from attending but the 25 that did attend had a great time and the dessert auction was very successful. We raised \$845 and will be helping local families with electric bills and one family with clothing needs by gifting them a Walmart gift card.

We welcomed Dr. Greg Bohemier as an associate member.

The Marvel Church used the hall for their 52nd annual Ground Hog dinner. They served 350-375 people at the supper and took in over \$5,000 which will be used to help families in need in the community and upkeep of (Continued on Page 8)



Kids playing a game at Marvel Grange.



Marvel Grangers enjoyed the five entries in this year's Chili Cook-off.



The successful Dessert Auction raised \$845 to help local families.

• **Marvel Grange**

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their building. 4-H members and Junior Grange members as well as church and community members helped at the supper.

Say What TV has been contacted about their not including advertisements from our part of the county. Our part of the county pays TV taxes to Montezuma County and we felt we should be included in advertisements.

Marvel Grange held a Valentine's Day Fundraiser dinner for the second year. This year's menu was Prime Rib or Chicken with baked potato, sour cream, rolls, green salad, green beans, chocolate raspberry lasagna or strawberry short cake with beverages of coffee, water, iced tea, or sparkling cider. Individuals interested made reservations. We had 45 reservations.

We had a snow storm that day, but almost everyone who made reservations either made it for the sit down dinner or took take out. Those who sat down for dinner were served their meal on china at small intimate tables. Each table was decorated with a table cloth, flowers, and candles. Roger Ayers brought several of the decorations he had made (Gnomes) for Valentine's Day which added to the dec-

orations of lighted flowers, a lighted heart, and other lights. We had three serving times to accommodate the people with the most arriving at 5:45 p.m. for the first seating. It's a lot of work, but the participants are very appreciative and impressed. Nine of our subordinate Grange members helped prepare food, set up, serve and clean up.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386, for further information.

March 20 or 27 — Junior Grange.

April 24 — Junior Grange.

May 22 — Junior Grange.

We skipped meeting in January due to the unavailability of most of the junior Grangers. We met on Feb 6, made a sweetheart treat mix to deliver for Valentine's Day to people in our community, worked on our nature craft, and learned about the U.S. Flag.

Several Junior Grange members helped out at the Marvel church's ground hog supper, serving food and cleaning tables to the 350-375 participants on February 4. The church uses the funds raised to help needy people in the community and to up-keep their building.

Cindy Greer

Boulder County
Boulder County

Altona

Contact James Hogan, 303-817-1690 or jlphmd@gmail.com, for further information.

Members have continued to make improvements in our historic building as our finances permit, in spite of a messy water leak in the basement this winter. We have progressed with improved stairway into to the basement and new storage closets. Looking forward to spring and summer landscaping projects. Considering a renewal of our summer fundraiser "HOME ON THE GRANGE" which we did not hold during COVID: Will include a craft fair, food trucks, local produce, and live music!! Local non-profits, community organizations, ditch committees, and ag groups continue to have meetings fee free at the hall and we've had a few rentals this winter as well.



12th night gathering at Altona Grange on January 5, 2023!!



Junior Grangers making snacks for the Community Service project.



Marvel Junior Grangers with snacks for Valentine's Day CS project.

2023 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

June 9-11, 2023

Inn of the Hills ~ Kerrville 1001 Junction Hwy. Kerrville, Texas 78028

reservations@innofthehills.com 830-895-6001

Room Rates are \$119.00 for single and double rooms (you will need to make your own reservations)

Fee for the weekend: All Members: \$140.00. Please complete one registration form per attendee. Please complete registration and submit with payment by: **April 20, 2023.**

Name _____
 Member type: Subordinate Member YOUTH (age 14-35) Junior Member (Age: _____)
 Address _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 Email address (if applicable) _____
 Grange State, Name & Number: _____
 Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of? _____

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

Sign-A-Song:

Youth: Novice Hobbyist Expert Group (All levels)
 Junior: Novice Hobbyist Group

Public Speaking:

Youth: Prepared Impromptu Speech Radio Spot /Elevator
 Junior: Prepared Short Story Impromptu

Grange Baseball: (Jeopardy)

Youth Participant Junior Participant:

Yes, I will need to borrow a sewing machine for the quilt block workshop.

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize _____ to participate in all activities. I **DO / DO NOT** (circle one) allow them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name _____

Relationship _____ Phone (_____) _____

What time do you expect to arrive Friday, June 9th? _____ p.m.

Will you be staying at the conference hotel? YES NO

If Traveling by Air please contact Samantha Wilkins (210) 838-7892.

GREAT PLAINS 2023 Schedule
JUNE 9-11

FRIDAY JUNE 9

4-7PM Registration
 7:00-8PM Get acquainted/ Roll Call of States/Community Service Project
 Snacks will be available
 8:00PM-9:30PM Grange Baseball

SATURDAY JUNE 10

8:00 Breakfast Buffet
 9 "Communication in the Digital Age"
 Presented by: Philip Vonada, National Grange Communications Director
 10 Youth workshop
 11 Junior workshop
 12:00 Lunch Buffet
 1:00PM Parliamentary Procedures
 2:00PM Quilt blocks (pleas
 3:0-5:00 Tour (TBD)
 5:45 group photo
 6:00PM-8:00PM Dinner & Contests
 Join us for a special dinner and presentation of the Public Speaking and Sign- A- Song contests from our Juniors and Youth Members.

SUNDAY JUNE 11

8:00 Breakfast AND Farewells

DAY OF GIVING

APRIL 22, 2023

Join us for the Day of Giving!
 Amplify the Grange message by donating to the Grange Foundation Youth & Junior Funds. This ONE DAY of excitement will highlight the future of the Grange and your donations make it all possible!

