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## Colorado Ready To Celebrate 150th State Fair

**PUEBLO, Colo.** — Starting with a flash sale this morning, the Colorado State Fair announced its celebration plans for the 150th State Fair, scheduled for August 26 - September 5, 2022, at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colorado.

Over the span of 150 minutes, the Colorado State Fair sold admission tickets for \$1.50, selling a total of more than 26,650 tickets. Additionally, the State Fair announced three performances for the sesquicentennial State Fair: Walker Hayes, Jim Gaffigan, and Lady A with special guest Priscilla Block. The 2022 fair will also feature special firework shows and a themed sand sculpture celebrating the milestone event.

Concert headliners Lady A, Jim Gaffigan, and Walker Hayes, all ex-

pressed their excitement through a series of personalized videos on the Colorado State Fair social media channels. Governor Jared Polis also shared his enthusiasm for the anniversary and upcoming Colorado State Fair events, including the second annual Governor's Plate competition. Additional information about performances and events will be released in June.

Tickets for Lady A with special guest Priscilla Block, Jim Gaffigan, and Walker Hayes will go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at etix.com, by phone at 1-800-514-3849 and in person at the Colorado State Fair Box Office. Concert tickets purchased through August 25 include fair general admission.

Also on Friday, advance general admission tickets will go on sale for \$8 and advance single day carnival tickets will go on sale for \$32. Both of those discounted tickets will be available through August 25.

**"We are excited to celebrate the 150th Colorado State Fair with you this year,"** said Scott Stoller, General Manager of the Colorado State Fair. **"Join us for 11 days of concerts, livestock competitions, and most importantly, fun!"**

The first fair in Colorado was held in 1872, before Colorado became a state, and was organized by the Southern Colorado Agricultural and Industrial Association. Since then, the fair has been held in Pueblo every year except 1918, when the fairgrounds were used for military training of

troops during World War I.

About the Colorado State Fair: The Colorado State Fair is an annual event held in Pueblo, Colorado, that creates an entertaining, inspiring, and

educational inter-generational experience highlighting the preservation, promotion, and exposition of our State's vibrant and diverse agriculture, industry, and culture.

**— Save The Dates —**  
**September 22-24, 2022**  
**Colorado State Grange**  
**Annual Convention**  
**Good Shepherd Methodist Church**  
**1201 Leta Drive**  
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## Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall Of Fame Honors Four



2022 Hall of Fame inductees in Denver on March 2 — Tucker Allmer, (standing, left) accepting posthumous award for Brian Allmer, Beth Lashell, Evelyn Cooksey, (seated) accepting posthumous award for Vernon Cooksey.

The Colorado FFA Foundation inducted four honorees into the Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame on March 2, with celebrations in both Denver and Montrose. The events were connected virtually through sound and video. The state FFA officers conducted the occasion, which was emceed by Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg and assisted by Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley.

Approximately 400 people celebrated with the families and friends of Beth LaShell, Brian Allmer (posthumous) and Vernon Cooksey, (posthumous) at a dinner and ceremony in Denver, and 120 more joined the commemoration in Montrose with the family and friends of Andy Wick.

LaShell, Durango, is coordinator of the Old Fort for Fort Lewis Col-

lege. Cooksey was a wheat farmer and community leader, farming with three generations of his family on a diversified wheat farm near Roggen. Allmer, Briggsdale, was a pioneer-

ing ag broadcaster and supporter of youth in agriculture from Briggsdale. Andy Wick, Austin, is a dairyman who is devoted to growth and innovation.



2022 Hall of Fame inductee Andy Wick and his wife Polly Jo, speaking at the induction ceremony in Montrose March 2.

### The Colorado Granger Available Online

If for some reason you don't receive a paper copy or you prefer to read the paper online, you can obtain a copy at Colorado State Grange (coloradogranger.org) This is the State Grange website, scroll down on the left hand side to the *Granger* (newspaper) and click on it, which will take you to the papers which are categorized by year.

## Writing Resolutions That Work

[nationalgrange.org/writing-resolutions-that-work/](http://nationalgrange.org/writing-resolutions-that-work/)

The Grange has a long history rooted in member participation in our policy development through our resolution process. Each Granger is tasked with addressing voids and surpluses in our policy and can propose to implement these changes by offering amendments to your local and State Granges. Drafting resolutions may seem like a daunting task at first, but if you follow the simple format listed below, you will soon be on your way to writing a clear and effective resolution.

First, it is important to know the anatomy of a resolution. There are three main parts: the Title, the body or Whereas section, and the conclusion or Resolved section.

1. The Title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. Be clear

about the topic; the more specific you are the easier it is to differentiate between resolutions on similar topics.

2. The Whereas section is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue. It is important to note that these should be rooted in facts and not based on the opinions of the writer.
3. The Resolved section must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and can stand alone without any of the supporting information.

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## Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

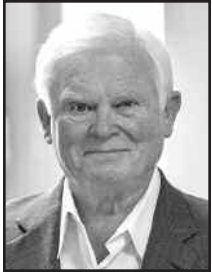
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| <b>May 28</b>    | Sunflower Grange Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| <b>June 2</b>    | Golden Gate Grange Meeting, 3:30 p.m.                             |
| <b>June 2</b>    | Wheat Ridge Grange Meeting, 5 p.m.                                |
| <b>June 3</b>    | Marvel Grange Meeting, 7:30 p.m.                                  |
| <b>June 4</b>    | Florissant — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m to 3 p.m.            |
| <b>June 4</b>    | Progressive Pomona Meeting at Castlewood, 11:30 a.m.              |
| <b>June 8</b>    | Left Hand Grange Meeting, 5:30 p.m.                               |
| <b>June 11</b>   | Wheat Ridge Second Saturday Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.               |
| <b>June 11</b>   | Florissant — Jim and Joe Memorial                                 |
| <b>June 11</b>   | Pleasant Park Meeting, 10 a.m.                                    |
| <b>June 18</b>   | Wheat Ridge Maker Faire   |
| <b>June 19</b>   | Florissant — Craft Show and Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.         |
| <b>June 22</b>   | Golden Gate — Canyon Roadside Cleanup, 7 a.m.                     |
| <b>July 7</b>    | Wheat Ridge Meeting, 5 p.m.                                       |
| <b>July 9</b>    | Wheat Ridge Second Saturday Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.               |
| <b>July 9</b>    | Wheat Ridge Garden Tour, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.                         |
| <b>July 9</b>    | Pleasant Park Meeting, 10 a.m.                                    |
| <b>July 10</b>   | Golden Gate — Fiddlesteppers Square Dance                         |
| <b>July 28</b>   | Wheat Ridge Outdoor Grilling, 6 p.m.                              |
| <b>August 10</b> | Enterprise Grange Meeting, 6:30 p.m.                              |
| <b>August 12</b> | Golden Gate — Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.                      |
| <b>August 13</b> | Golden Gate — Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.                      |
| <b>August 13</b> | Darden Pomona Picnic  |

# Master's Message

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It's good to read all the reports from around the state as many Granges are getting back to the good work of the Grange. With the decline of COVID, many Granges are hosting spring events, rentals are starting, and we are active. For those that are still hesitant, I hope you will be able to get back to some sense of normal soon.

We are beginning the planning for the State Grange Convention to be held at the Good Shepherds Methodist Church in Fountain, Colorado. The date for the convention is September 22-24, 2022. I hope all are working on contests for judging at the state convention.

The National Grange Executive Committee has received offers for the sale of the National Grange office building in Washington, D.C. The executive committee is evaluating the offer. I will keep all informed as decisions are made.

Betsy Huber, National Grange President, appointed a Diversity Task Force with the goal to evaluate the Grange through a social justice lens to make sure that we are as welcoming in reality as we say we are in our literature. The group was also tasked to make recommendations to increase diversity and improve accessibility and inclusion within the Grange.

Several differing backgrounds, races, cultures, ages, and geographical areas were included on the original committee to ensure a diverse panel of Grangers who took extra care in evaluating the best moves for the Grange going forward.

The task force began their work in 2020. At the 2021 Convention, delegates voted to continue the task force's work, taking a broader look at us and our traditions and procedures. They are looking to expand the committee, so if you are interested, please contact me, and let me know your willingness to participate on the committee. They will be reporting again at the 2022 Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

If anyone is interested in serving on the task force, please contact Betsy Huber.

IN ESSENTIAL UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIAL LIBERTY,  
AND IN ALL THINGS CHARITY.

## Writing Resolutions That Work

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**Example: Deregulation Of The Postal Service**

WHEREAS the federal government imposes unreasonable regulations and mandates on the U.S. Postal Service but no longer funds any of the organization's operating costs; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service will continue to be forced to close local post offices and reduce services under such a business model; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service could survive and compete if allowed to create its own business model free of Congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS the National Grange has a rich tradition in helping to ensure the rural free delivery of mail; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the National Grange support legislation that creates an autonomous U.S. Postal Service, which can set its own operating procedures and business model without the undue regulation of the federal government.

Once the resolution is written, it must be approved by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange before it moves on to State or National Session. It is help-

ful for the writer of the resolution to keep track of all the resources used to assemble the resolution. Then when the resolution is being debated, members can be referred to these resources for more information before making an informed decision. It is important to present both sides of the argument. Though you may not agree with the opposing viewpoint, it is still valid and needs to be part of our your information.

Make sure your resolution can stand the test of time. A good deal of Grange policy dates back 75 years or more and continues to be relevant because the ideals and concepts hold true today. However, we also have policy that is out-of-date and relates to issues that have been dealt with on the local and congressional levels. If you have a resolution that deals with an issue that is connected to a current event or particular bill, your resolution may be included in the committee of jurisdiction's policy statement for that year, rather than passed as a resolution. Rest assured that this is still very important and is actually a better home for your resolution. Every resolution that is sent to National Grange is taken seriously by the committee that it was assigned to and is given consideration.

# Notes From The Secretary

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### Partial List Of Secretary Duties

- Take minutes of meetings, both regular and special.
- Receive communications and send correspondence.
- Maintain a current membership list and an Individual Member Record for each member.
- Collect annual dues and be able to tell new members the initiation fee and amount of dues owed for each membership type.
- Send Quarterly Reports to the State Grange with the names of new members and those dropped from membership.
- Apply for membership recognition certificates, seals, pins/buttons, and letters.
- Have necessary supplies on hand such as dues notices, ballots, and Welcome to the Grange booklets.
- Work closely with the Treasurer and keep accurate records of money and invoices received.
- Meet with the Executive committee. For more information.
- Update and store official documents such as By-Laws, incorporation, and IRS filings.
- Should the Grange become inactive, the Secretary shall return the

seal, Charter, and rituals to the office of the State Grange on demand of the Master of the State Grange. As with any job you've held, there will undoubtedly be "other duties as assigned."

The minutes of your meetings are the historical record of your Grange. Therefore, you should make every effort to record motions and other business accurately and completely. The minutes should contain a record of what is done, not what is said. In this day and age of computer and technology we still need to maintain paper copies of minutes. Some of you may be wondering why; my reasoning is because computer programs change so quickly that the program you are currently using will probably not be compatible with a computer program of the future. Paper copies give everyone access, not just people with a computer or the particular program you're using.

The National Grange has a Secretary handbook available that if you would like a copy and don't have one, let me know and I will gladly email it to you.

**Membership List** — in Most Granges the secretary is responsible for maintaining a current member-

## Chaplain's Corner

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In our modern times, we live in a global community. Our lives are impacted by the events of countries around the world. People of different customs and cultures are a part of our lives. The educational level and the availability of food, water, and other necessities are all woven together across the world and has its effects upon all of us. We all have become more aware of how we are connected in the large global community in recent months.

This has certainly been closer to our own hearts recently as we continue to fight COVID, inflation, employment changes, an increase of war activities, storms, fires, and other tragic events in our own country and other lands. Looking at the world from a multicultural perspective, we ask ourselves how does all of this affect our own attitudes, prejudices, and stereotypes. In our search for answers to how we live our lives in relationship to the events of the word, we struggle. Each one brings a combination of particulars to the journey that guides us on our way.

We are all citizens of the earth. We are responsible to care for our world community and our local community and try to understand our relation-

ships. Even with the struggles of modern days we can have hope. For Christians, our beliefs lived out in faith give us a framework. It gives us a direction and guide lines. It is with faith that we continue our daily lives. Growth in faith leads to transformation. It is not just a short period of time. Transformation includes our entire life. As we strive to understand the world and deal with the pressures, we can be faithful and hopeful. We can care for ourselves and others.

### COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

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:

**Russell Kennedy** Marvel #479  
**John Ott** Animas Valley #194

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.

Visit [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)

Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged 59¢ per address change the post office sends from the Granger mailings.

Email: [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com)

Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

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**Board Member** — Gary Wardle Gary Wardle has been a member of the Grange for 58 years. His family belongs to Wheat Ridge Grange and are three generation Grangers. He and Kathy are also affiliate members of Enterprise Grange. He and Kathy have three daughters (Kacey, Kara and Darcy) and five grandchildren, all active in the Grange. Gary worked as the director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Brighton for 20 years and is now retired and President of the Colorado State Grange. He is involved in his homeowners association. Gary was the Colorado State Grange "prince" in 1972. Gary and Kathy represented Colorado as Young Couple in 1983 and went to San Antonio, Texas, where the National Grange convention was held. Gary has served the Colorado State Grange as Assistant Steward, Treasurer, Overseer, Executive Committee member, and now as President (Master). He has served on many degree teams, installing teams, membership promotion teams, and many others too numerous to name.

PICK is currently partnering with Cache La Poudre Grange in Bellvue to raise funds for building repairs. PICK will receive donations for specific projects. Granges need to complete a Grange request form to receive those donations for specific projects. Contact the secretary for additional information.

ship list. This list should include the name, mailing address, phone number, and email address of each member. When someone joins, you will add their name. When a member is lost due to death, demit, non-payment of dues, by request, or expulsion, you will remove that person's name from the list of current members. You may want to use a spreadsheet program to keep your membership list. It will allow you to generate mailing labels. You can also add a column for the year joined and another that calculates the number of years of continuous membership (current year minus the year joined). This will help you determine when a member is eligible for a membership recognition certificate, seal, and/or pin.

I can tell you that this is what most of my time as State Secretary is spent on. When we receive a quarterly report, we add new members to the State list and the National Grange database and remove dropped member. When the post office returns *Colorado Grangers* for insufficient address or other issues with delivery both lists have to be corrected and updated. Unfortunately when members move they forget to notify the state office, and possibly the subordinate secretary of their new mailing address.

National Grange has also put together a treasurer's handbook and a Masters Handbook. If interested in these documents, please contact me.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2022, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2022 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with a 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)

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Brothers and Sisters, I am reposting the theme for the Grange as put out by the National Grange in November. You will be able to use this theme for the rest of this year and next year. You can find more information and media for this program on the National Grange site (Nationalgrange.org).

The theme is **“Raised Right Here.”** This theme is to focus on local resources, sustainability and resilience for rural areas, and the hometowns where Granges are located. How to Use the National Grange theme in your Subordinate/Pomona/Community Grange is listed below with a section for programming and legislation.

**Programming:** 1. Encourage your Grange to do what they already often do: have local individuals with farms and businesses be part of their meetings and events. 2. Encourage discussions about local sustainability and resilience. 3. Provide talking points for your Grange about the impact of farms and small businesses on local economies as well as challenges they face. 4. Provide (for fee) lawn signs and window stickers with the RRH tag/logo that can be personalized to a county or region to identify local producers and mom-and-pop businesses. 5. Sell shirts and other items with the RRH branding and Grange logo encouraging people to see Grange as a place where local talent is “raised” (products are not just physical things — they are also Human Resources).

**Legislative:** 1. Look for legislation to endorse or groups to partner with to advocate for funding and

opportunities for small businesses and local farms/Ag businesses (again, just another thing we do that can now fall under the umbrella). 2. Lead or be a significant part of coalitions to encourage options to keep people on farms or small businesses open (especially related to health insurance, grants, and educational opportunities)

Example: Jefferson Grange #1384 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, recently used the theme as a part of their Christmas tree display at a local arts center. They highlighted the farm where their tree was grown (which happened to be the same farm as the 2022 White House tree!).

How will you use “Raised Right Here” in your 2022/2023 Grange programming? Please let us know, me at the address above or National at philip.vonada@gmail.com. We would love to hear how you worked this theme into your Grange.

**In Other News: March 1** – Christine E. “Chris” Hamp, our Vice President of the National Grange, was named to the Board of Directors for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Her term will last through 2025. On **March 2** – National President Betsy Huber and Legislative Director Burton Eller met with the Postmaster General Louis DeJoy at his office to discuss his vision for the USPS.

For more information on these articles and more check them out on the National Grange Site, nationalgrange.org, under the news tab. You will find national and local news stories there.

Please note I have changed my email address to keep the Grange Emails separate. Thank You



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Many of us are on the go and don’t know where we’ll be to eat our next meal. Eating on the run makes us use plastic utensils which are a major source of plastic pollution. The plastic problem can be solved easily by carrying an extra set of eating utensils that you can use. If you commit to using a set of reusable utensils you are helping the environment because plastic is one of the main sources of plastic pollution. Although plastics

can be made into new things, sorting and melting it down takes energy. Using glass and paper is a more environmentally friendly alternative than using plastic.

Do what you can by also carrying an extra bag for your groceries rather than using the plastic bags at the store. At my local grocery store there is a plastic recycling bin to recycle all kinds of plastics bags and they are recycled and made into doggy waste

bags for dispensers at the parks. This still does not get rid of the plastic but at least the plastic is being reused!

Recycling collection places say that it is not worth it to recycle items less than a credit card, such as bottle caps, paper clips etc. because it jams the machines and it is hard to sort. So don’t get too carried away with your recycling efforts! Just try to do your part to help Mother Earth!  
*Quilt Contest Details on Pages 4-5.*

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### AN EXPLANATION FOR INSOMNIA

Are you familiar with the term, “sleeping like a baby?” There’s a reason the saying specifies babies, because as an adult, you’re well aware that sleep is not what it once was.

Tossing and turning, ruminating thoughts, awake at the slightest of sounds, and the ensuing frustration and anxiety from not being able to sleep. Ah yes, now that’s sleeping like an adult. And the older you get, the more disrupted and inconsistent it becomes.

You’ve probably read up on tips for better sleep, likely during the wee hours of the night, when you should be sleeping. Keep reading because this article takes a deeper dive, thanks to the expertise of Natalie Rolle, Colorado State University expert in behavioral insomnia treatments.

To validate what you’ve already read, adults need 7 to 9 hours of sleep. More importantly, we need good quality sleep. Any amount of light suppresses the production of melatonin. And, cool bedroom temperatures improve the quality of your sleep. Now, the lesser known strategies for better sleep.

**Keep a consistent sleep and wake schedule, seven days a week.** Opposite of melatonin, is Adenosine. Adenosine acts as an inhibitor to parts of the brain responsible for arousal. So, as adenosine builds up, it causes sleep pressure, or, the desire to sleep. This takes about 16 hours. Sleeping in sets you up for delayed sleep pressure at the end of the day. A vicious cycle ensues.

**Avoid naps or limit to 15 minutes.** This relates back to adenosine. Sleep reduces adenosine and thus sleep pressure. The end result is it will likely take you longer to fall

asleep at your desired bed time, because the body is waiting to build up adenosine.

**Sleep in your bedroom.** Dozing on the couch, in a favorite chair or other location can train your brain to always

become drowsy in these locations. However, the sleep quality is poor, and ultimately, disruptive to the full sleep cycle you expect overnight.

**Can’t sleep? Get up.** Fighting sleeplessness causes stress. Stress releases highly stimulating flight or fight hormones; obviously not conducive to sleep. Getting up is a way of taking control of your body, and reducing stress. Use this time to read, plan a vacation, color, or another low-stimulating activity. Eventually, sleepiness will return.

*Condensed; Nicole Clark, Extension Agent.*

## Membership

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**Topic: Colorado Grange Membership Meeting**

**Time: May 19, 2022**

**07:00 PM Mountain Time**  
(US and Canada)

Happy Spring! Now that we seem to have turned a corner emerging from the past two years, I think it is important to appreciate all that new beginnings have to offer! Our focus should be on strategies to attract new members and the community into your buildings and to your events.

Take the time to look at your circle and think about the talents you have in front of you and how you can utilize these talents to grow your Grange! Ask yourself these questions: Is your Grange visible? Are you using social media to promote your club? Do you have a welcoming environ-

ment? When the community enters your buildings, are your current events posted? Are you displaying photos and past celebrations? Are membership forms readily available? These are some of the items that your local Grange could evaluate immediately.

On Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m., we are hosting a Zoom Meeting to kick off the summer as well as a membership drive! We need as many participants as possible to join in on this interactive, powerful membership launch!

**Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3889501599?pwd=SmlwM3JmT0ZsWlRoQn01aHJNTEl6UT09  
**Meeting ID:** 388 950 1599  
**Passcode:** Grow

## Mandy Project

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Tinnitus is when you experience ringing or other noises in one or both of your ears. The noise you hear when you have tinnitus isn’t caused by an external sound, and other people usually can’t hear it. Tinnitus is a common problem. It affects about 15% to 20% of people, and is especially common in older adults.

Tinnitus is usually caused by an underlying condition, such as age-related hearing loss, an ear injury, or a problem with the circulatory system. For many people, tinnitus improves with treatment of the underlying cause or with other treatments that reduce or mask the noise, making tinnitus less noticeable.

- Some people aren’t very bothered by tinnitus. For other people, tinnitus disrupts their daily lives. If you have tinnitus that bothers you, see your doctor.
- You have hearing loss or dizziness

- with the tinnitus, see your doctor.
- You are experiencing anxiety or depression as a result of your tinnitus, see your doctor.
- A number of health conditions can cause or worsen tinnitus. In many cases, an exact cause is never found.

More information can be found on line at mayoclinic.org  
Donations to the Mandy project can be sent to the Colorado State Grange or PICK. Checks should be made out to Colorado State Grange or PICK, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO. 81326. Checks made out to Mandy project will be sent back to the donor for a correctly written check, as we don’t have a separate bank account for the Mandy project.

## Legislative Activity

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Agriculture is embedded in Colorado’s DNA. From the industry’s rich cultural heritage to its economic importance, agriculture is a defining feature of Colorado’s identity. Our farmers and ranchers play a critical role in producing our food, caring for our land, and ensuring that future generations can enjoy all that Colorado has to offer. Recognize and honor the tradition, heritage, and future of Colorado’s ag industry.

Every year, Ag Week celebrates and showcases the best of Colorado agriculture to state lawmakers. This year, members of Colorado Agriculture Council and the staff of the Colorado Department of Agriculture will gather at the Colorado State Capitol to bring awareness and understanding of Colorado’s ag industry to lawmakers. During the panel, we will premiere “The Colorado Drought Story,” a short video about the impacts of

drought on the Yampa River valley, followed by a panel discussion with Colorado’s ag producers.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg, who will lead a discussion between Marsha Dagenbaugh (rancher and Yampa Basin tour participant), Simon Martinez (Farm Manager for Ute Mountain Ute Farm and member of Agriculture Commission), and Yuma County Commissioner Scott Weaver.

In addition to the virtual presentation, the Colorado Ag Council will hold a number of events at the Capitol to highlight the abundance and nutritional value of agricultural goods produced in Colorado as producers from across the state visit the Capitol. Events planned for the Capitol include producer panels and a meet and greet with CDA staff and Ag Council members.

## 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.

## Save the Date

Regional Leaders Conferences are quickly approaching!

**Great Plains** June 10-12  
Manhattan, Kansas

**Eastern** June 17-19  
Mid-Atlantic & Southeastern  
Delaware

**Midwest** June 24-26  
Iowa

**Western** August 5-7  
Portland, Oregon

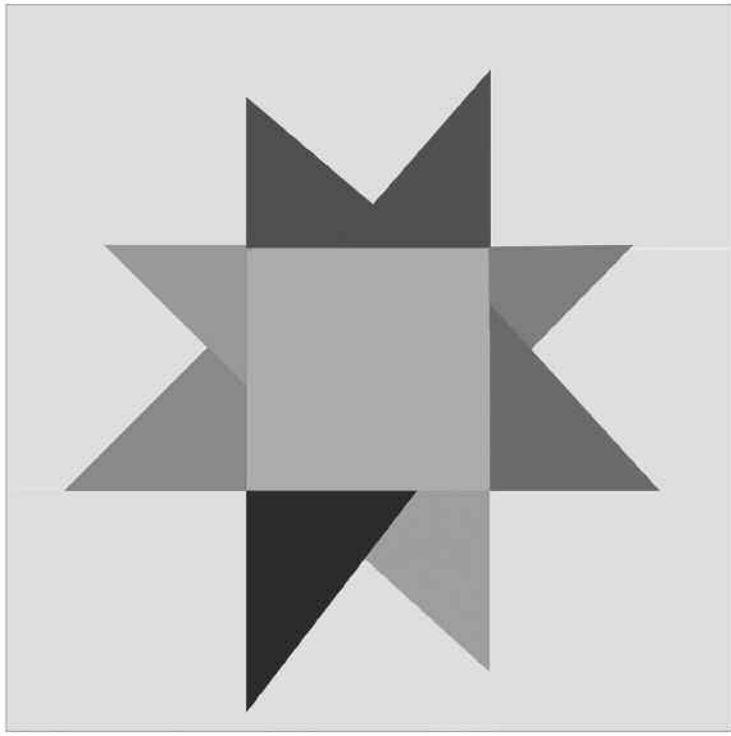
For Grange members of all ages



Registration information for all conferences will be available soon



# The Wonky Star Quilt Block Pattern



Skill level: Confident Beginner

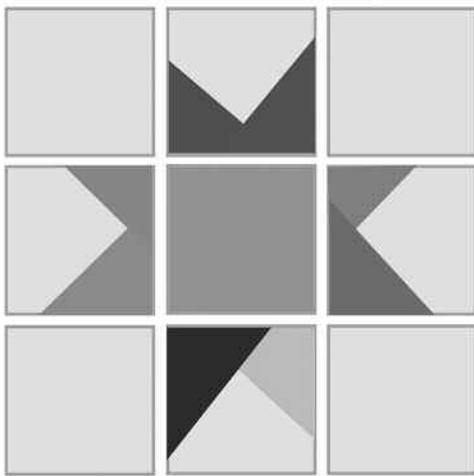
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## The Wonky Star Quilt Block Pattern



This block is a great way to get your feet wet with improv patchwork!

You will need a background fabric and some colored rectangular scraps. The scrap you use for your central square needs to be as large as all the other squares you cut. Your other scraps need to be about 2/3rds the width of your squares and a few inches longer.

**REMEMBER:** Even when you're "finished" making the block, we call it an "unfinished" block until it is sewn into a quilt.

### Cutting Chart:

Cut	Shape	Subcut?	FINISHED SIZE				
			6"	9"	12"	15"	18"
Cut 8 (background)		No	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"
Cut 1 (Center Square)		No	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	4 1/2"	5 1/2"	6 1/2"

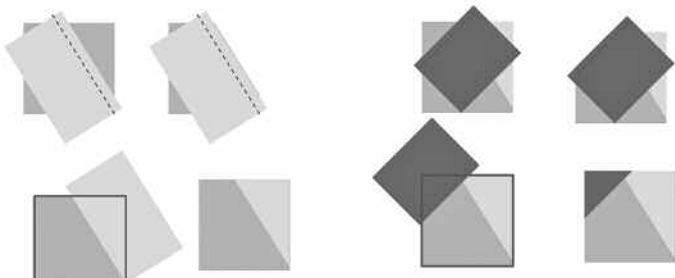
### Block Construction:

**NOTE:** For all seams, you should use a scant 1/4" seam and a 2.0 mm stitch length. Your unfinished block should measure 1/2" more than the finished size you are making. (i.e. For a 6" finished block, your block should measure 6.5")

1. Take one of your background squares and place a rectangular scrap over it (right sides together) as shown in the image below. Sew a seam 1/4" from the edge of the scrap. Then, trim the excess seam and press open. Trim again so that the unit is square again.

2. Using the square you just made, take another strip and lay it over the other side of the unit, right sides together, as shown below. Again, sew a seam 1/4" from the edge of the scrap. Trim the seam, press open and then square it up again. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have made four units.

**NOTE:** try to experiment with different angles as you make your "wonky" units so that no two are alike.



3. Arrange the four units you just made and your remaining squares as shown in the exploded diagram at the top of the page. This can now be assembled like a 9-patch: simply sew the blocks in each row together and then sew all the rows together, being careful to nest your seams.

## Real Estate Management

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Many Grangers inadvertently let their Grange building slip since it can be tedious to deal with maintenance and repairs. If you want to protect your investment, property maintenance should be your top priority. A proactive approach will not only make your property well-kempt and functional, but it will also save you a lot of money in the long run. To make the process easier, we've come up with the ideal Grange building maintenance checklist.

### 1. HVAC

Your heating and cooling units should be checked and cleaned regularly. Make sure to remove dust and debris from your air intakes and exhaust systems. The air filter also needs replacing at least once a month or as needed. Check if there are unusual noises or excessive vibrations. These may indicate that there is a deeper problem, and servicing might be needed.

Including your HVAC system in your preventive maintenance checklist will save you a lot of money. Repairs and replacements can cost upwards of \$10,000. This can greatly inflate your annual repair budget. Regular cleaning and maintenance allow you to detect issues earlier, thus eliminating the need for costly repairs.

### 2. Electrical

Electricians highly recommend annual inspections of switches, breaker boxes, batteries, wires, outlets, and all other electrical components. Property maintenance services should check for signs of deterioration, cracks, or corrosion. Vent grilles, electrical storage areas, and circuit boxes should also be free of dust and debris. Proper maintenance will eliminate potential safety risks and costly repairs in the future.

### 3. Lighting

Inspect light fixtures at regular intervals. Check if all the lights are working. If there are burned out bulbs, you should replace them as soon as possible. It's also good to have a group relamping schedule for a more efficient building maintenance process.

Preventive maintenance should check if lights, gaskets, cables, screws, and other hardware are properly installed. Make sure that lights have the same color temperature. You should also ensure that lamps and lens surfaces are dusted and cleaned for better performance.

### 4. Fire Safety

Fire safety equipment is an important part of your commercial property maintenance checklist. Not only are they essential for building maintenance, but having fire safety equipment is also a legal requirement for any establishment. Make sure that your smoke alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide alarms are all working properly. You should also have fully-stocked first aid kits located throughout your property.

### 5. Plumbing

Check the plumbing system at least once a year. Water boosters, circulation pump systems, valves, water heaters, boilers, sewage pumps, sumps, and irrigation systems must be thoroughly inspected. There might be leaks or unusual noises. Some parts might need lubrication. It's good to run wear-and-tear system tests to check if everything is working properly and if there are areas that need to

be serviced or repaired.

Investing in proper plumbing maintenance can save you a great deal of money and energy. If you are leasing out your commercial property, regular plumbing inspections can also help retain tenants for subsequent lease terms. It's not easy to tell if there are plumbing problems so regular maintenance allows you to address issues while they are still minor.

### 6. Kitchen and Bathrooms

Kitchen and bathroom inspections are important to see whether your commercial property needs maintenance. Inspect your tiles if there are cracks or missing groups. Make sure that hygiene protocols are in place, and that soap and paper towel dispensers are working. Check sinks, toilets, and showers to see if there are any leaks or other types of damage.

### 7. Interiors

Walls, and ceilings should be regularly checked for any signs of damage or deterioration. Check if there are any leaks that need to be addressed. You also want to see if all the doors and windows are operational and if the locks and closures are working properly. Maintaining interiors is not just for aesthetics, but it also makes your commercial property functional.

### 8. Exteriors

Exterior maintenance not only boosts curb appeal but also your property's value. You need to make sure that your exterior walls and surfaces are clean and well-maintained. Doors and railings should be working properly, and windows shouldn't have any broken glass. Sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, and other hardscapes should also be regularly cleaned.

In this commercial property maintenance checklist, we'll discuss some of the maintenance services that you might need:

Freshen up parking areas by restriping from time to time. It's not only important for professionalism but also for driver safety. Make sure to regularly re-stripe your parking spaces as it becomes necessary along with loading docks, roadways, and parking garages.

### 9. Roof

Roof maintenance has many components — all of which are crucial. You should have your roof inspected at least twice a year. Check the condition of your roof to see if it needs repairs or additional reflective coatings. Roof repair technicians can detect damage before it becomes substantial.

Roof pressure washing might also be needed to remove debris, grime, mold, rust, and stains from the surface. Your maintenance crew should check drains and downspouts to see if there is any blockage.

### Importance Of Having A Property Maintenance Checklist

As you can see, property maintenance can be very overwhelming. However, if you have a commercial property maintenance checklist, it will be easier to keep track of everything. For further organization, you can even have several checklists — a daily checklist, a monthly checklist, and an annual checklist. Being methodical and proactive allows you to address small issues and prevent them from ballooning and becoming major expenses. With a property maintenance checklist, you ensure that your space is clean, well-maintained, and functional.

*The Grange is America's great family fraternity active in your community, state and nation promoting activities and legislation for the betterment and enrichment of our society and families.*



# Agriculture Report

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## Colorado-Nebraska Water Compact Of 1923

Water interests in Nebraska believe they own water rights in the South Platte and would build a canal in Colorado to direct that water to its claimed owners and users in their state. In a similar notion of several years ago Kansas water interests claimed rights to water from the Republican River and as those rights were implemented, Bonney Reservoir near the Kansas border would no longer receive water and is now dry and this one-time popular water related recreation area is idle.

The Nebraska compact dates to 1923 and provides that Nebraska is entitled to water at 120 cubic feet per second during the April to mid-October irrigation season (this water allotment is met), and 500 cubic feet per second during the rest of the year (this allotment may not be met). The project proposes 60 miles of canals and several reservoirs at a suggested cost of \$500 million. Dating back 15 years or so, Colorado State Grange via resolution supported the NISP (Northern Integrated Supply Project) that would catch water from the Cache la Poudre River and store it in two reservoirs, both located off-stream, one near Ed's Place north of the intersection of Hwy 14 and Hwy 287 and the other northeast of Greeley. This project was to have been underway in 2016 but not a shovel of dirt has been turned due to the too numerous challenges crafted by environmental activists asserting decisions violated environmental regulations. The Front Range water districts that support the NISP own rights to the water that would be impounded but without the dams, that water flows right on by and downstream into Nebraska. Under the 1923 compact, Colorado appears to have rights to all the water it needs from the "upper basin" of the river and those rights long ago were largely exercised. Today the state's population grew about 700,000 people in the 10 years,

2010 — 2020 per the recent census and much of that growth occurred where South Platte water for urban use is essential.

Nebraska made an attempt 100 years ago to construct the canal allowed by the compact but it came to no result. Does another state have the right to obtain land in Colorado to build the canal? What about Nebraska using eminent domain (should that be needed)? Quoting one of the late Gov. Lamm's rules of water law, "the lawyers get all the money." Nebraska will be challenged in court should the state begin canal construction and will no doubt take years of legal time and may not end up with the result Nebraska would like.

Use of South Platte River water for agriculture irrigation and the needed canals has long been part of our state's history. Prior to diversion for irrigated agriculture, the river would commonly be dry for part of its length, but with storage dams and reservoirs and return flow from irrigated production land, the river tends to have water flowing when it might not otherwise be available. Years back several fur trade re-enactors attempted to replicate a canoe trip, trappers would have taken to carry their beaver pelts from Colorado to St. Louis to market. Somewhere along the way, the river ran dry and they had to hike cross country to find a friendly farmer to truck their canoe downstream to where there was floatable water.

On April 12 Nebraska legislators approved a bill and sent it to the Governor who is expected to sign, that authorizes \$53.5 million for initial work to design, begin permitting, and purchase land options for future canal use. At our state Grange session this fall a resolution on the divergence may be presented.

Sources: *Colorado Sun* 3/27/2022, 4/12/2022, *Wall Street Journal* 3/23/2022, and my thanks to Ed Zupancic for his alerting me to this issue.

## Darden

Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

May 7 — Darden Pomona meets at Enterprise Grange.

4 p.m. Meeting.

5 p.m. Potluck dinner.

Presentation of Outstanding Community Service Award and watching Kentucky Derby race to follow.

Darden Pomona Grange will meet May 7 for the annual Kentucky Derby event hosted by Enterprise Grange. This has become an annual event with everyone coming dressed in their finest Kentucky Derby attire and watching the race.

The Outstanding Community Service award will be presented to Joseph Lamers who is very deserving of receiving this award. More information will be available on his accomplishments next month.

Idella Lewis

## Pleasant Park

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

May 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

June 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

July 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

It is so good to have regular meetings again. Some special events are in the planning stage.

Bob Kuehster will be recognized for 81 years as a Grange member at the May 14 meeting. All Grangers are invited to attend the 10 a.m. meeting and make Bob's day special.

The Bicycle Rest Stop will open as

soon as weather permits. There are several riders coming up already but the water station isn't open yet.

The annual Chili Dinner was a huge success. We had a big turnout and ran out of food! Several guests expressed interest in joining the Grange and took membership forms home to fill out. It would be a blessing to grow our Grange again.

Mark your calendars for the Pomona Picnic on August 13. There will be music again!

Benny Galloway was initiated at the April meeting. He plays music and is a great cook so we are thrilled to have him as the newest member.

Don Morris still needs prayers as he continues to battle two autoimmune diseases.

Yvonne Ludwig

## Enterprise

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June — No meeting.

July TBD — Darden Pomona Picnic — Discussions will be held at the May Pomona meeting. Time and location will follow.

August 10 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enterprise meeting. Planning session for 2021/2022. During the meeting, delegates for State Convention will be chosen.

The DARDEN POMONA meeting was held on May 7 at Enterprise Grange. We began with a southern inspired Potluck at 4 p.m. and then had a watch party of The Kentucky Derby. Prizes were awarded and participants wore their Derby hats.

May 11 we had a Cinco de Mayo themed potluck. Participants brought

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## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

May 7 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Spring Craft Show and Flea Market.

May 14 — 9 a.m. to Noon — Pine Needle Basket Class.

May 17 — 9 a.m. to Noon — Paint With Me Class.

June 4 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Pine Needle Basket Class.

June 11 — Jim and Joe Memorial.

June 18 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — June Craft Show and Flea Market.

Believe it or not, Spring is here. We have had lots of Spring snows up here in the Mountain and lots of sunshine in between. The Geese, Robins, Bluebirds, and Chipmunks are showing up and it is good to see them.

Our weekly Potluck and Music nights are finally picking up and more people are showing up. We are certainly happy to see that. I think we are all tired of COVID restrictions.

Our Weekly Grange Breakfasts are also still going strong and we sure do have a good time, talking, laughing and sharing ideas.

In March we had our first Camper with Harvest Host. Meeting people from all over the world is just such fun. Our first Campers were from Hong Kong and they were making a trek across the U.S. for the second time, taking a different route this time. We are so glad the decided to stay with us and visit our Gift Shop and Historic Building and the sites Florissant has to offer. Our Harvest Host Camping calendar is filling up fast for the summer and we look forward to all our guests enjoying events at the Grange.

The monthly Pine Needle Basket classes are still going strong and we have added a Paint with me Class and hope to add more classes this year.

April 9 we held our Annual Easter



Florissant Grange's Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt.



Party with the Easter Bunny. We love all the neighborhood kids coming to hunt Eggs and meet the Easter Bunny and we hand out goodie bags full of treats and activities to do at home.

We also celebrated Grange month in April with a Souper Supper and Chili night. We had an Eat In or Drive Thru dinner for the Community. We had a silent auction and door prizes and we had a special recognition for a special Vet. We awarded him with

a Quilt of Valor made by our Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor group.

We are anxious to add more events in the Summer. We definitely will celebrate Florissant Heritage Day in July with a Craft Show and the Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year for three years in a row, Miss Susie Knight, putting on a show that day that begins with a special show for the kiddos.

Renee Caldwell



## 2022 Quilt Block Contest

### PATTERN, SIZE & COLORS

- 12 1/4" unfinished Wonky Star (pattern available, courtesy of Scissortail Quilting Company at <https://bit.ly/22wonkystar>)
- Background color white or light gray; star color monochromatic (print or solid)

### RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **June 30, 2022**. Send entries to:  
 Ann Bercher, National Lecturer  
 377 Excelsior Blvd. #310  
 Excelsior, MN 55331
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 156<sup>th</sup> National Grange convention in Sparks, Nevada.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- A 2022 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)
- Group III — Men (Age 14+)

### PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

• **Enterprise**

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Mexican dishes to share. During the meeting, elections of Enterprise officers was held.

In February we had a potluck and exchanged Valentines. A meeting followed. We decided to go forward with Common Earth Community Garden for this year. Ashley Lackey will spearhead the garden committee. She already has added compost and started planting early vegetables in April and the rest of the garden in May. Ashley put together a schedule for watering and weeding during the summer for all participating Grangers.

On February 26 we had our first outing together in a long time. We first met for lunch at The Edgewater Inn for pizza. Then it was off to the "Inventing Room" Dessert Shop. Inspired by the whimsy in the 1971 *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* movie, where Violet turns violet; The Inventing Room Dessert Shop creates magical and seemingly impossible treats right in front of its guests. They provided a program called "Sugar Science." And provided numerous samples of the sugar concoctions that were made. One of the fun things we tried was candy infused with liquid nitrogen. When we ate it, we all looked like little dragons blowing "smoke" out of our mouths. A fun time was had by all!

We held our Easter Egg Hunt again this year on April 16 in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate. On April 9, the Grangers took on the responsibility of filling the Easter Eggs. We filled over 6,000 eggs that day and were rewarded with a pizza lunch, the feeling of a job well done and hopefully a fun filled day during the hunt.

We held our Community Service night on April 13 in lieu of a meeting. Jim Calm came and played the piano for us. We honored Paul Green. Paul began his career in law enforcement as a police officer for the Arvada PD in 1996. As an officer, he was responsible for maintaining public order and safety. In this role, some of his duties were to pursue and arrest criminals, enforce state and local ordinances, act as a first responder and patrol neighborhoods.

In 2006, he became a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Officer along with his patrol duties. When high-risk incidents happen, the SWAT team responds. In Arvada, SWAT is regional, meaning members of multiple law



Enterprise Grangers filled over 6,000 Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt held in cooperation with House2Home Real Estate.



Enterprise Grange Community Service Night: Dorothy Dannels (Lecturer), Paul Green (Community Service Recipient) and Mike Lackey (Master).

enforcement agencies join together to form an elite group of highly trained and specially equipped professionals. From hostage negotiation to explosive breaching, as a SWAT professional he learned many diverse skills.

He remained in these duties until 2019 when he became a Plain Clothes Detective. He is now responsible for responding to crime scenes. He collects evidence, interviews witnesses and investigates suspects. He also testifies in court when cases he is involved with go to trial.

For the many years, he has been protecting the citizens of Arvada, his wife and 3 children and those around the state, we honored his service, dedication, compassion and enthusiasm for watching out for all of us!

Carol Lackey

**Maple Grove**

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

May 4 — Meeting at Maple Grove Grange, Wednesday at 1 p.m. Presentation of Outstanding Community Service Award.

Maple Grove Grange met for the monthly meeting on April 6 with Marlys Halbeisen leading everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

The construction company who is doing the bridge replacement on I-70 across from the Grange is negotiating with us to have their employees park their vehicles in our parking lot during construction. In exchange they will grade and put down new material on our parking lot. This is much needed and will benefit us both.

The Outstanding Community Service Award will be presented at our May meeting to a deserving couple who have done many years of volunteering in the community. (More on this next month.)

Many volunteers have helped with the cleaning of the Grange. We appreciate all of the help of the dance groups and renters who have helped to clean and maintain our building. THANK YOU!!! We plan to have a general clean-up day during the summer. There is always work to do!

The meeting ended with a cleanup around the outside of the Grange for

Earth Day. Shrubs had been trimmed so branches had to be collected and a lot of tumbleweeds and trash had blown in along the fence from the winds we have had lately. Bags were filled and volunteers hauled them away. What an improvement! Thanks to everyone who helped with this project!

Idella Lewis

**Wheat Ridge**

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May 5 — 5 p.m. Grange Business Meeting.

May 14 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.

May 26 — 6:30 p.m. Community Night honoring citizens/groups, pie and ice cream.

June 2 — 5 p.m. Grange Business Meeting.

June 11 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.

June 18 — Maker Faire with Grange having a booth of brochures.

July 7 — 5 p.m. Grange Business Meeting.

July 9 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Second Saturday Sale at the Grange, vendors.

July 9 — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wheat Ridge Garden tour hosted by WR Grange.

July 28 — 6 p.m. outdoor grilling with public invited.

Our focus is being a more involved community Grange. The Grange was headed down a good path for STARS for 2022 but we received notice from the person who had taken on this task that Henry was moving out of Colorado to be close to family. The rest of us must pick up the activity and carry on. Henry also was keeping the Grange scrapbook filled and up-to-date. Huge loss for our Grange

Long time coming but the Grange has a new brochure for recruiting members as well as info for the public about WR Grange.

Henry had taken on the role of working with Larry to get WR Grange webpage online.

The Stevens Elementary School



Jim Calm played piano during Enterprise Grange' Community Service Night on April 13.

grounds is the place where WR Grange has two plots that have been planted with pumpkins which are given to the school students.

All are excited for gardens, warm but not windy weather, and continuing our community efforts.

Vivian Vos

**Golden Gate**

Contact Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, for further information.

May 5 — Grange Meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

May 8 — Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. — Moms Eat Free!

May 18-28 — Hydration Event for Golden Gate Fire Fighters.

June 2 — Grange Meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

June 22 — Canyon Roadside Clean-Up from 7 a.m.

July 10 — Fiddlesteppers Square Dancing. Grange Members welcomed!

August 12 and 13 — Rummage Sale, 12th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 13th 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Live at the Grange starting May 4).

Couples Dancing Class — 1st and 3rd Friday in May (and maybe longer) 7 to 9 p.m.

Line Dancing Class — 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

AA — Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

The Golden Gate Grange Canyon History Group has had a number meetings with representatives from Jeffco Open Space and the Golden Historical Society regarding sites of historical importance in the Canyon. The area at the bottom of the Canyon where the original Toll House was located was inspected and the old foundation was found. This is also the site of the Daughters of Colorado monument. The group accompanied Jeffco Open Space personnel, Mary Ann Bonnell (Visitor Services and Natural Resource Manager), Erica Duvic (Heritage Stewardship Supervisor), and Jade Martin (Heritage Researcher) on a visit to the Centennial Ranch House, a historical home in the Canyon. There is a wonderful relationship growing between these three entities. Our Grangers with family ties that go back several generations are a wealth of information that will help to identify, interpret and preserve these important sites.

A community Chili Dinner was hosted by the Front Range Livestock Association (FRLA). The FRLA was originally the Gilpin-Jefferson Livestock Association, started in 1921. There was a display covering the Association's 100 years' history.

The "Welcome to the Grange Community Brunch" was held in March to welcome new members, thank continuing members and recruit new members. This free event was a great success with the hard work of many Grange members and a donation from Big Daddy Bagels. Nearly 100 peo-



Enterprise Grangers enjoyed the Sugar Science Guy and ice cream at the Inventing Room Dessert Shop.



Front Range Livestock Meeting and Community Chili Dinner at Golden Gate Grange.

ple attended. Everyone enjoyed the delicious brunch with pancakes, sausage, strata casseroles, bagels, yogurt, fruit and coffee cakes, but the best part of the event was connecting with friends and neighbors!

Eggmania took place in April. The Grange supplied the decorating material for dyeing Easter Eggs. This was followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children. This has been a very popular event for many years.

Thanks to Alyn Hansen and her helpers for coordinating Eggmania.

Grange Member, Helene Arendt, held the Mountain Artist and Artisan event in late April. She assembled a wonderful group of artists and artisans, including her own handcrafted jewelry.

Our final Pancake Breakfasts until the fall will be held on May 8. Moms will eat for free in celebration of Mother's Day! All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$5 and \$3 for children 5 and under.

Every year we have our Hydration Event. We ask Canyon residents to donate bottled water or sports drinks for our Fire Fighters and First Responders. These supplies are critical for our volunteers when they are on a call or participating in training exercises. Please help us support our men and women who work so hard to keep our canyon, its residents and visitors safe. Supplies can be dropped off on the Grange patio from May 18 to 28. Thanks in advance. You Grangers are always so generous with your donations!

If you would like to help with a community event, consider joining us on May 22 for the Golden Gate



Eggmania at Golden Gate Grange included dyeing and decorating Easter eggs.



Easter Egg Hunt is a popular part of Eggmania at Golden Gate Grange.

Canyon Road Clean Up Project. We start at 7 a.m. when traffic in the canyon is relatively light. Our designated roadside area to clean is from the pullout below Galbraith Open Space Park to the Crawford Gulch intersection just above the Grange building. Please consider helping us with this important public service. Volunteers must be 18 years or older to participate. "Many hands make light work." For more information or to sign up email terricosteldia@hotmail.com.

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on August 12 and 13. Start cleaning out those closets!

Donations can be dropped off starting Sunday, August 7 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. It will be held in person at the Grange starting May 4. If you

haven't been to a class before or were not able to join us by Zoom over the past months, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels. Please send you email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list.

Now is the time to begin to assess your property's fire mitigation needs. Jeffco will not have a slash event at the Grange this year. There will be a number of sites around the county that will be open for multiple dates from June through November. I will send all Grangers this information by email.

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

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## Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

### Mount Lookout

Contact Katheryn Fulton, kes tralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

Community Dinner — Every second Sunday.

MLG Board Meeting — Every fourth Tuesday.

Mancos FoodShare distribution- Every Monday.

May 1, 3 to 8 p.m. — "Mancos Bloom" May Day celebration — Cooking Matters, six-week course.

Happy Spring from Southwest Colorado! Our board is excited to get back to business as usual at Mt. Lookout Grange. We are opening up for hall rentals again, and community demand for the space is robust. So far, the hall has been rented by the Mancos Conservation District, and the Mancos Farmer's Market organizing committee, among others.

We also resumed monthly community dinners in April. About 30 people attended for good old meatloaf and mashed potatoes comfort dinner. It is so wonderful to see the mix of generations and meet some people who are new to the community.

Our board held a work party in preparation for spring and summer events.

We spruced up the yard, painted some trim, and did some deep cleaning inside. We intend to have the property in tip top shape for our annual May 1 "Mancos Bloom" event, featuring live local music, a May Pole dance, local food and beverages, and a silent auction featuring an agricultural theme. This is a fundraising event for the Mt. Lookout Grange operating budget.

Finally, we have had to bite the bullet and purchase a new commercial stove/range for our commercially certified kitchen. The old one was leaking natural gas and generally not functioning well, so we are expecting delivery on a new unit this week. The purchase will also benefit Mancos Food Share's Cooking Matters classes.

We continue to feel grateful for our Grange and for all of the attributes of our community that make Mancos a healthy place to live. We hope you all enjoy a healthy and happy Spring as well.

Katheryn Fulton



## La Plata

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

### Mt. Allison

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

We've been semi-active down here in southwest Colorado. We had another setback with covid the first part of the year which slowed a lot of the traditional activities.

We did rent the hall a couple of times to water ditch companies in February.

We are not having an Easter Supper and are moving to a spring dinner. This year the dinner (hamburger fry) will be on May 21 (4:30 until 6:30 pm).. We wanted to do something to get people back together in the community.

We continue to host Pine River Shares (PRS) on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. After the April 19 PRS, we also are going to clean up our adopted section of Highway 151.

Our visitation night (lunch) is April 23 — looking forward to the area Grange members attending for some good social time.

May 7, Mt. Allison Grange is spearheading the Ignacio 9Health Fair. This is the first one that we've been able to host in over three years.

We all are looking forward to more moisture so the area farmers can have a normal irrigation season. Praying for more moisture!

Larry Corman

### Marvel

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

June 3 — Business Meeting — 7:30 p.m. Diane Delaney, program.

March 19 we had a Stone Soup Potluck supper with 42 in attendance. Many pioneer 4-H families joined us for the evening as well as guests from Animas Valley Grange. Everyone contributed something for the soup or brought canned foods to donate to a local food bank. Roger Ayers led several participants in group games beginning at 5 p.m. which included Pictionary. One version of the stone soup Story was read and everyone enjoyed the potluck. After the potluck several tables games were played by



Roger Ayers leading group games at Marvel's Stone Soup Potluck.

participants.

April 22 we sponsored Line dancing at the Grange hall.

April 30 we had a community breakfast.

May 3 we catered the Basin CO-OP Banquet.

Members were encouraged to support the Kristy Stahl benefit at the Breen Community Building.

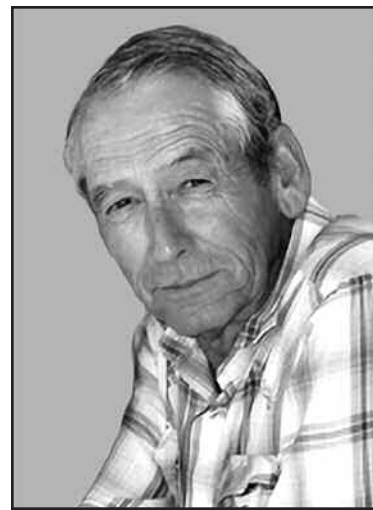
At our April meeting we draped the charter in memory of Russell Kennedy.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**James Russell Kennedy**  
**January 17, 1938 -**  
**March 11, 2022**

Russell was born to Edward and Frances Kennedy in Durango, Colorado on January 17, 1938, and surrounded by family, entered Heaven on March 11, 2022. He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Kay (McClain); son Don Kennedy; daughter Barbara and husband Les Schmitt; son Steve and wife Kathy Kennedy; son Mitch Kennedy and daughter Mona and husband Paul Dunegan; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Russell is a Veteran of the United States Army, retired with 37 years from the Colorado Division of Water Resources and he, with Kay at his side, ran the Kennedy Family Farm up until his death.

Russell was a member of Marvel Grange. Russell and Kay were Colorado State Grange Young Couple in 1965. Russell served as the State Grange Gatekeeper in 1966 and 67. He served as Master of Marvel



Russell Kennedy

Grange and held several other offices over the years.

Cindy Greer

### Marvel JG

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

In March we had a Senior Citizen Lunch with 31 in attendance. There were three Junior Grangers helping, on youth member from Marvel to serve the senior citizens. We served Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, fresh veggies, dessert and beverages. It was spring break so many of the juniors were on vacation or at appointments.

We met the next week of March and worked on some wooden decorations for wreaths that we finished in April. We talked about some of the National contests.

Cindy Greer



Mount Lookout Grange Community Dinner April 2022

**Progressive**  
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, gsjjharison@comcast.net, 303-598-4330, for further information.

Progressive Pomona had a very nice lunch and meeting with Sunflower Grange hosting us in March. We will be meeting at Castlewood Grange hall June 4 at 11:30 a.m. We will have a potluck lunch followed by our meeting. Grangers are encouraged to bring their resolutions or ideas to write up as a group. They will be forwarded to the State Grange office afterwards. See you there.

Judy Harrison

**Sunflower Grange**

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com for further information.

O'Brien's Café had perfect weather for their 2022 St. Patrick's Parade. The parade line-up started on Platte Avenue led by Veterans. There were classic cars, kids, animals (obedient and not), bagpipers, sirens, candy, tractors, and vehicles of all sorts...such a display! Dennis Ellis drove Margaret's pick-up decorated with shamrocks and sunflowers. Grandkids (his and ours) rode in back and loved being part of the show. How many kids get to participate in a town parade? They'll remember this one. Arlene O'Brien wrote: "It was a great turnout of wonderful people to join in our traditional St. Patrick's parade. We are grateful to have such a wonderful community and all the support they have given us over the 28 years we started all this. Great memories."

In March, Sunflower received National Grange Awards from Colorado State Grange President Gary Wardle. We were very pleased to receive a Grange in Action Award for 2021. Sunflower also received recognition as an Honor Grange for net gain in membership 2020-21.

One of the most important events of our Grange is recognition of those community members who very quietly do so much for the rest of us. In April, local awards were announced and will be presented at a potluck celebra-



Sunflower's Gardening Kids.



Toni's Plant Growing Setup.

tion in June. Awardees for 2022 are: FF/EMT: David George-Nichols of the West Douglas County Fire Protection District, nominated by Betty Purkey-Huck and Marianne Edward; Teacher of the Year: Todd Lowry, 6th grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary, nominated by Meghan Watts. Sunflower awards are: Community Heroes: Kay and Fred LaPerriere who always support activities in Sedalia, nominated by Bobbie Elder; Citizen of the Year Terry Thompson, Chief of the WDCFPD, the person everyone in town relies on for information, meetings, and support of Sedalia, nominated by Margaret Ellis; Historians of the Year Chet Hier for his book on Bud's Bar and stories of life in Sedalia, nominated by Misty Tapp, and Ella Oatman, Lynne Ronk and Ann Sheeran for preserving history of the Mountain Artisans, nominated by Cherry Ellis.

Sunflower partnered with the Fire Department, Mountain Artisans, Devil's Head Lookouts, and Douglas County Libraries for an oral history session on Fire in Sedalia in April. Alyssa Carver and Julia Waters, archivists, moderated and recorded a discussion that ranged from historic fires in town, to the Schoonover and Hayman Fires of the early 2000s, to present day firefighting, and how today's environmental conditions differ from the past. Once the discussion is transcribed, it will be available to the public from the DC Libraries' website. Thanks to all the people who participated: Chet Hier, early Board member of Sedalia's Fire Department; Fire Chief Terry Thompson and volunteer firefighters David George-Nichols, Steve Smith; *Fire in the Mountains* books provided by Ella Oatman, Ann Sheeran and Lynne Ronk, and Ann and Lynn's personal stories; Margaret and Bill Ellis, fire lookouts on Devil's Head for 36 years.

Eggs — 30 dozen of them — provided by Dennis Ellis' employer, US Foods, were boiled, dyed and hidden for the first Easter Egg Hunt held in Sedalia for some time. Augustus Easter Bunny was all hopped-out by the end of the Hunt. Older kids enjoyed hiding the eggs at BMan's for little ones to find, and they did find baskets full. After a final sweep to make sure no eggs were left behind, the bunny helpers could only find three dozen remaining. Thank you US Foods, BMan's and Dennis!

Save the date — May 28, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — for this year's Sunflower Grange Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale at BMan's in Sedalia. You'll be able to find many varieties of heirloom tomatoes, peppers, other vegetables, herbs and flowers provided by several community members, many new to growing plants. Anyone in the community who'd like to participate can email sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com. Some students from Sedalia Elementary will provide posters for the sale, and students might provide some of the plants as well. We hope to see you on May 28!

Cherry Ellis



Sunflower Grange Easter Egg Helpers.



Family at Sunflower Grange Egg Hunt.

**Boulder County**  
Boulder County

**Left Hand**

Contact Bruce Johnson, 720-301-6367 or johnson.blj71@gmail.com for further information.

Business Meetings at 5:30 p.m. — May 11, June 8, no meeting in July. Website: lefthandgrange.org.

**Left Hand Grange Building/Rentals** — Our building usage/rental activity is progressively moving toward normal, following the challenges of COVID. With more digital outreach, rental interest is up. Grange member, and social media expert, Vicky Dorvee is doing a great job with a new monthly digital newsletter, as well as a new Left Hand Grange No. 9 Facebook page.

We are getting some interesting new events at the Grange that are agriculture related. Mark and Kena Guttidge who are local farmers with Ollin Farms are doing a farmer education series. There was a good turnout for their March 1 "Meet the Farmers" presentation. Ollin Farms and their partners shared their plans for the 2022 growing season (see photo by Vicky Dorvee). They followed this up with another event on March 11, "Ollin Farms' Project 95," that focused on the health of the farm ecosystem and regenerative practices. On May 1 a unique farm-to-table dinner showcasing many different foods will be hosted by Chef Donna Marten and Greg Ashbaugh.

**Open Stage — Music at the Grange** — This event is held monthly from April thru October. It is hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. We just completed our 10th season at Left Hand Grange #9. After our last season on Zoom, our 2021-22 season proved to be somewhat of a hybrid. We started out live in October, November, and December with COVID precautions in place. Then in January we canceled the event due to high COVID positivity rates. In February we reverted to a Zoom event with invited regular performers. We were fortunate to be able to finish our season live in March and April. Our concluding event on April 10 featured 11 performers with a total attendance of 22 people. We were treated to a wide variety of music, including folk, country, light rock, classical guitar, piano and cowboy music/poetry. (See photos and photo collage by Kathy Koehler, Grange Executive



Abby, Alexandra, Vincent, and Cherie Stephens at Sunflower.

Committee member.) We will take a break for the summer and start up again in October. If you have any questions contact Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367.

Bruce Johnson

**Altona**

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

With the waning of COVID-19 (Fingers crossed), Altona Grangers have continued momentum with improvements including upgraded lighting, window coverings, ceiling fan replacement and renewed interest in hosting community events and rentals. Our March quarterly general dinner meeting was well attended and enjoyed by old timers as well as new

members. Planning now for a spring cleanup event and additional landscaping as well as replacing malfunctioning landscaping irrigation equipment. Interior improvements approved by the board include stairway upgrading, painting and patchwork of walls and ceiling, and adding storage cabinets in the basement. Many of the enhancements are accomplished with the "sweat equity" of the membership. This spring and summer we hope to host twice monthly Thursday community activities to include crafts and food trucks. We continue to recruit new members and encourage active participation in our efforts to improve the Grange experience and appeal. Again, many thanks to the Scott Family.

James Hogan



March 1 Meet the Farmers presentation at Left Hand Grange.

Some Performers on April 10, 2022

**MUSIC AT THE GRANGE**

**Left Hand Grange No.9**  
Niwot, Colorado