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150th Colorado State Grange Session In Brighton

by **Jeanne Davies, Chairmen History Committee**

If you did not have the opportunity to attend the Colorado State Grange you missed a historic session, the 150th meeting of the Colorado State Grange. We were honored to have the National Grange High

Priest of Demeter, Roger Bostwick, Historian, and his wife Melanie in attendance. The session was well attended and the High Priest presented some history of the Grange to the delegates and Grangers during his address to the assembly as well as during his several remarks at some

of the activities as well as bringing information from National Grange.

We had a special anniversary celebration with Susie Knight entertaining for the evening after dinner. She sang tunes from over the decades and her changes in costumes and voice made it a lot of fun. People

were singing along on familiar tunes and almost dancing in their seats during some lively numbers.

The resolution committees and competitions ran right along with the busy session and we had elections for officers this year as well. Gary Wardle was elected State Master, President, again, and there will be a listing of all the officers that were elected from the State Secretary, Cindy Greer.

The business of the meeting involved subjects from the legislative, transportation, education, agriculture, family activities, and all the other committees reporting. Agriculture was always personally important to us as ranchers as we knew the Grange has always been concerned about property rights, water, land

issues, and other concerns of the farmer.

Grange was actively involved in helping in the development of the states as people moved west in the 1800s. The Grange directly helped establish the laws at Federal and local levels that provided protection of farmers from high transportation cost on railroads for their produce to markets, for electricity to the country areas, rural free delivery of mail, for better roads, help with education and health needs in rural America. Then and now Grange has provided a better life for the farmer, and his family and enrichment for the community.

It is a great organization and it was a great 150th meeting of the Colorado State Grange.



State Grange Officers, left to right: back row: Barry Willits (GK), John Cruz (Ex c) Roger Ayers (Ex c) Amy Peterson (Ch), Harry Greer (O), Kendall Spoor (St), Laura Anderson (LAS), Gary Wardle (P), and Tom Campion (Ex C); front row: Cindy Greer (Sec), Dee Dee Ramstetter (P), Terri Costeldia (F), Yvonne Ludwig (C), and Sheryl Ayers (T).

Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Nov. 8 Enterprise Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 11 Florissant Craft Classes.
Pine Needle Baskets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Needle Felting 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Fabric Landscape 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m., followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Nov. 11 Sunflower Grange Meeting, Celebrating Awards.
- Nov. 12 Golden Gate Pancake Breakfast, from 8 to 10 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Mount Lookout Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18 Enterprise Pre-Stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 23 Florissant Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Nov. 25 Enterprise Stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 28 Mount Lookout Officers Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1 Bonding for 2024 for those eligible, due to State Grange Office.
- Dec. 1 Marvel Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 or 3 Enterprise Pictures with Santa (location TBD).
- Dec. 2 Golden Gate Wreath Making, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Sunflower FFA, Farm Bureau, and Grange Holiday Brunch at the Meadows Grange building, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Golden Gate Grange Meeting, at 3 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Darden Pomona
Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Florissant Christmas Bazaar.
- Dec. 9 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck and Christmas Party.
- Dec. 9 Sunflower – Sedalia Winterfest, Grange and Sedalia Elementary at BMan's BBQ.
- Dec. 10 Golden Gate Pancake Breakfast, from 8 to 10 a.m.
- Dec. 10 Mount Lookout Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Marvel Potluck.
- Dec. 15 Articles for the January issue of *The Colorado Granger Due*.
- Dec. 16 Florissant Community Christmas Party with Santa.
- Dec. 26 Mount Lookout Officers Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30 Marvel Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
- Dec. 31 Marvel New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 End of Fourth Quarter.
- Jan. 5 Marvel, Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 10 Enterprise Grange Potluck And Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13 Pleasant Park Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck.
- Jan. 20 Marvel Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction.
- Jan. 30 Quarterly Reports Due to the State Office.
- Feb. 2 Marvel Business Meeting.
- Feb. 3 Marvel Methodist Church Groundhog Supper.
- Golden Gate – Wednesdays, Yoga, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Live at the Grange)
- Golden Gate – Every Tuesday, AA, from 7 p.m.
- Florissant – Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
- Florissant – Every Tuesday the Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Florissant – Business meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Raffle Winners

The winners of the Raffle are as follows:

Quilt – Alan Caldwell (Lisa) of Florissant Grange

Grange Clock – Louetta Phelps of Mt. Allison Grange

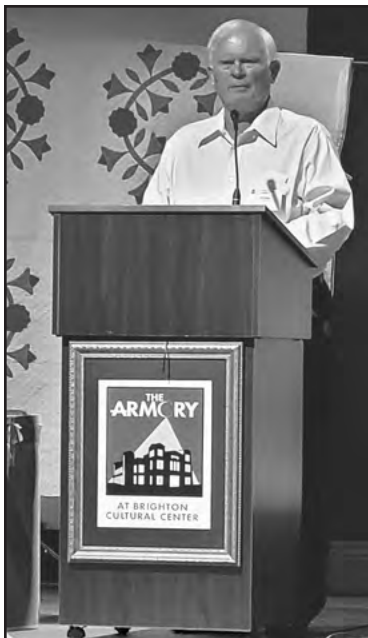
Camden Bag – Roger Ayers of Marvel Grange

Child-size Quilt – June Spriggs of Marvel Grange

Lake Tahoe Photo – Mt. Lookout Grange

Table Topper – Deb Flick of Hesperus (non-member)

The Raffle brought in \$1,010 this year. The funds are designated to help Grange members attend conferences and conventions, as well as help with community service type projects. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and purchased tickets.



150th Colorado State Grange Session Kick-off by State Master, President, Gary Wardle.



National Representative Roger Bostwick, High Priest of Demeter, Historian speaking at State Session.



Honored guests at the 150th Colorado State Grange Session, from left to right: Cindy Greer, Roger and Melanie Bostwick, Jeanne Davies, and David McCord, introduced by Gary Wardle.

Master's Message

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The 2023 State Grange Convention is in the books. Thanks to all for your participation and assistance. I hope all had a good time. Thanks to the delegates for their confidence in me to serve as president the next two years. I enjoyed seeing all the good work Granges have done this past year. Congratulations on your successes. We began our celebration of the 150th year of the Colorado State Grange. We gave all Granges in attendance a banner to display in your grange. If you did not attend the convention and would like a banner, please contact me and I will deliver a banner to your

Grange. I hope all will promote and celebrate the 150th anniversary in your community.

We had five Granges that had a net gain in membership in 2023. All Granges need to make membership gain a priority. Let's have more Granges with a net membership gain next year.

The National Grange has two grants. The first is a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute or PCORI grant. This grant is to help seniors prepare for any emergency where they might need to go to the hospital. Each Grange will receive information on the project early next year. The second opportunity is the Association for Progressive Communications or APC Grant. This will assist those who qualify in purchasing computers and paying for internet connectivity. Granges should contact Amanda Bozana at the National Grange for information.

Bonding payments for 2024 are due to the State Grange secretary by December 1, 2023, if you purchased bonding insurance for 2023, If a Grange did not sign up for bonding for 2023, you are not eligible to sign up in 2024. You will be eligible again in 2025. If you do not sign up for 2024 you will not be eligible to sign up until 2026. Do not miss the deadline.

Kathy and I will be attending the National Grange convention in November held in Niagara Falls, New York. I will report in the next paper.

I wish all a successful next year. I look forward to visiting your Granges.

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

Notes From The Secretary

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December 31 – End of Fourth Quarter.

January 30 – Fourth Quarter reports due in the State Office.

November is the beginning of the time when secretaries should start reminding members that their annual dues are due by January 1. Many times we have to send up to three notices to members in order to get them to pay their annual dues. Start early

and maybe you'll have better success.

We had 48 individuals registered at our Annual State Convention in October. Thirty-two of those were delegates from our Subordinate and Pomona Granges. It was great to have so many there. We enjoyed our time with the National High Priest of Demeter, Roger Bostwick, and his wife Melanie from Kansas. Lots of awards were presented and secre-



Agriculture Report

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Below are members of the Colorado Ag Commission plus a brief bio on each from the Commission's website. All are interesting and qualified.

Chair: Colleen Pepler. Born and raised on a dryland wheat farm in Washington County. She and her husband own and operate 500 irrigated acres along the Front Range. Attended Northeastern JC and CSU, BS degree in vocational home economics education and MS in educational leadership. She taught 21 years and was an assistant principal for 10. Family members are managing partners of Pepler Farms, LLC, a Colorado Centennial Farm.

Kathryn Bedell. Kathryn, DVM, livestock producer and local meat seller, moved to Roan Creek Ranch 1999 to sell grass-fed beef in 2004, sheep in 2007, pork in 2009, and opened Roan Creek Ranch Grocery in 2014 (Fruita, CO). BS in biology from Mount Holyoke College, MS in biology on animal behavior, UCLA, and DVM from Cal. Davis. Kathryn advocates for local food projects: regional animal slaughter and fabrication facility, and local food distribution.

Nick Trainor. 5th-generation cattle rancher from SE Colorado, BS in animal science and ag business CSU, 2004, nine years in range management, NRCS. Nick owns and manages Trainor Cattle Company and operates on the Lowry Ranch (former Bombing Range), State Land Board property located east of Aurora practicing holistic planned grazing. Member: Ranching for Profit Executive Link alumni program, West Arapahoe Conservation District Board.

David Blach. He and wife Karla operate a Yuma farm and ranch homesteaded in 1887, 4th generation with three sons of the 5th generation. Crops: corn, wheat, milo, sugar beets, edible beans, alfalfa, millet, cow-calf and feeder operation, and dryland and irrigated enterprise. Rotational grazing utilized in range management with wildlife habitat benefits. Member: Colorado Sugarbeet Growers, Colorado Corn Growers, Colorado Livestock Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Corn Growers Association and Colorado Wheat Growers Association. Served on CDA's Noxious Weed Advisory Board and is on the Yuma County Fair Board. Holds a BS in Animal Science, CSU, and he and family live in Yuma.

Simon Martinez. Simon started in 1991 as the construction superintendent for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise and is now their GM. The farm uses center pivot sprinklers over 7,700 acres irrigated for alfalfa hay, non-

GMO corn products, and range feed for a 650 cow/calf operation. He is the GM for Bow & Arrow Brand, LLC, launched in 2014 that mills and packages non-GMO, gluten free products, and is kosher certified. BS in Business Administration with minor in HR management. He serves as the Vice President of the Dolores Water Conservancy District. He and his wife and family reside in Dolores. He enjoys time with his family and auto racing.

Roberto Meza. 1st-generation farmer, artist, and local food advocate; born in Mexico City, immigrated to the U.S. at age 4 and started farming in 2012. Was pursuing an MS in Art, Culture, and Technology at MIT but experienced health declines which improved after his first season farming and he emerged with renewed purpose. He is inspired by the resilience of communities, farmers, and food systems workers in the face of adversity and hardship. Co-founder of Emerald Gardens, a year-round greenhouse farm in Bennett, CO, and CEO of East Denver Food Hub, a local supplier based in Denver. His work lies at the intersection of policy, agriculture, sustainable technology, food systems, and environmental stewardship, member of the Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council, VP of the board of the National Young Farmers Coalition, and is on the leadership team for Mile High Farmers; lives in Brighton, CO, and enjoys time with the goats on his farm and long walks with his dog Yoda.

Jeffery McCullough. 4th-generation potato farmer, San Luis Valley, on family's 3,300-acre center pivot irrigated farm. In the off years, not growing potatoes, he focuses on cover crops to build soil health, conserve water, and fight off soil-borne problems. Owns and operates a potato packaging facility packaging 1.1 million hundred pounds a year using state of the art equipment. Member: Colorado Potato Administrative Committee Board, Colorado Seed Potato Advisory Board, and Colorado United Potato Supply and Demand Committee. Attended: water courses including Master Irrigators and the San Luis Valley water leadership and Potato leadership institute. Goal as a farmer and business owner is to leave natural resources in a better position for the next generation.

Elena Miller-ter Kuile. 6th generation farmer on the original lands of her Hispano ancestors. Her Cactus Hill Farm uses Colorado water rights from 1867. Elena raises sheep for grass-fed meat as well as value-added wool yarn and other products for fiber artists. Her farm produces

tary packets were sent home with delegates. Those not represented were mailed.

In the near future we will be sending out the *Colorado State Grange Roster* which includes names and contact information for Subordinate and Pomona Grange officers as well as State and National officers. We will also be mailing the *Journal of Proceedings* (JOP) from the State Convention to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange.

Special thanks to the delegates and officers who sent in their meal reservation forms on time. It really makes my job easier when everyone takes care of the things they need to do.

We want to congratulate the six members who received the sixth degree at State Session.

organic grains and hay. Studied interdisciplinary Agriculture, Cornell University, and graduated with honors. She served as the vice-chair of the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition and currently serves on Rural Women-Led Business Fund at the First Southwest Bank of Colorado. She worked for Adams State University supporting students from a migrant agricultural background to achieve an education. She is involved in Valley water rights battles.

Harrison Topp. Manager and a member-owner of Topp Fruits LLC, family orchard business growing high-altitude, exquisitely pleasurable fruit in Western Colorado. He recently stepped down from the Membership Director of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union where he helped build the capacity of volunteer chapters, increased organizational membership, and advocated for family farmers and ranchers. Straddling the worlds of commercial production, advocacy, and community organization, he engaged with the breadth of agriculture to understand its strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities. Beyond farming, he serves on the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company Board, is President of the Western Colorado Horticultural Society, and on the Delta County Farmers Union. Received awards from Livewell Colorado, Mt. Lookout Grange, and National Farmers Union. Harrison Graduated from New York University, BA fine Arts in Film/TV Production, and Anthropology.

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The following article our National Grange President suggests a particularly good membership tool. **Engage potential members where they are already doing good**, by Betsy E. Huber.

Last week, my hometown suffered a huge, devastating fire, right in the center of town. Three or four large buildings were destroyed, the homes of several businesses and 90 residents. This happened overnight, so all the homeless were taken to the local school for shelter and Red Cross aid.

When day dawned, the buildings were gone, there was a big hole in the center of town, and 90 people had lost everything. These were generally lower-income people, many immigrants, who had no resources to fall back on.

The community immediately jumped in with help. Businesses brought food and drinks, residents brought blankets, clothing, and many other items, so much so that within two days the message went

out, "Stop giving! We have so much we don't have anywhere to put it all!" It was heartwarming to see.

Why do I tell you this story? This outpouring of generosity proves to me that there are hundreds of people in my town who should be Grangers! Isn't this what Grangers do? People want to give, to serve, and Grange is the perfect vehicle to enable them to do so, and where their efforts are multiplied.

As you go about your daily lives in your hometowns, keep your eyes open for those servants — those who want to make their lives more meaningful by helping others — and tell them about the opportunities in your Grange. If we would all do that, I'm sure our numbers would multiply.

Try this and don't wait for the next disaster to try it out, if you look around you can find someone doing good work out in the world. You can get them for members or just a good collaboration, which could also lead to an increase in membership.

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This will be my last article as your State Lecturer, and BJ Bushman who was elected as your new Lecturer will continue after me. I have enjoyed my time as your Lecturer by election and as fill-in for the previous Lecturer resigning. It was a fun ride. I learned a lot and made some new and lasting friends. Thank you all for your friendship, understanding and patience as I learned the position, and then did it long distance from Hawaii. Please give BJ the same as she learns the job.

Now on to the task at hand: the convention was a success and the Lecturer's program had seven Granges submit the Star Report and Community Service Reports. We had seven Granges submit the Star Report this year. They were Animas Valley #194, Marvel #479, Florida #306, Mt. Al-



State Lecturer Elizabeth Hiner

lison #308, Maple Grove #154, Enterprise #25, and Darden Pomona #1. This is about an 18% representation of the Colorado State Granges.

With that said we received several genuinely nice arts and crafts from our members. It seems the new Work Bench section has really taken off and we had some nice pieces, one which sold on the spot to our judge. She was impressed with all your creative work. We also received photos, paintings, writings, and much more. We also received three Grange Scrap Books, from Florissant, Enterprise, and Marvel, along with two personal ones from Idella Lewis and Doug Hawthorn.

Our other winners were Roger Ayers, Cindy Greer, Renee Caldwell, Sheryl Ayers, Carol Lachy, Ashley Lachy, Kirk Ramstetter, Tina Borst, Deanna Bartlett, Idella Lewis, Trish Corman, Phil Chase, Vicki Sutton Gallegos, Doug Hawthorn, and Pauline Ford. Roger Ayers won best in show with his weather gnome, Marvel won with the most entries submitted by a Grange, and Mark Harter won participation with his photos of the Maroon Bells. Thank you to everyone who submitted your creative work.

I would like to thank my son Luke Aanenson and his wife Tabitha for preparing the food for the Gala, especially as it was at the very last minute. We had smoked pulled pork and Italian sandwiches.

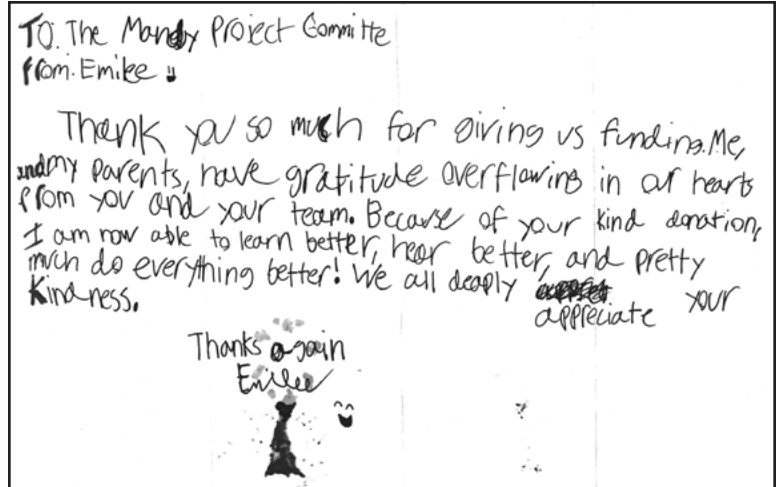
Thank you all again for your participation in the Lecturer's programs, keep up the splendid work.



Some of the Lecturer's contests exhibits at State Convention.

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Granger Deadline And Guidelines

December 15, 2023, is the deadline for articles for the January-February 2024 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 nonmembers and visiting Grangers)



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The Family Activities Department had a very successful display of a total of 94 entries in the Baking and Needlework events at the 2023 State Grange Convention, including entries from the following Granges;

- Golden Gate 28
- Marvel 16
- Mt. Allison 14
- Maple Grove 13
- Enterprise 10
- Florissant 7
- Lewis 4
- Florida 1
- Pleasant Park 1

Following the judging on Friday afternoon, a bake sale was held. Thank you to everyone who bought items which brought in \$80 which will be added to the Family Activities fund to help pay for the prize money.

Everyone was a winner just for participating by entering an item! Following are the results of the judging:

BAKING

- Class A Cakes**
1st Sheryl Ayers, Mt. Allison
2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class B Altered Cake Mix**
1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class C Yeast Bread**
1st Kayla Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
3rd Sheryl Ayers, Mt. Allison
- Class D Sweet Rolls**
1st Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
- Class E Bar Cookies**
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

- Class F Drop Cookies**
1st Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
2nd Jeanne Davies, Colo. State Grange
3rd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
- Class G Quick Breads**
1st Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
- Class H Fudge**
1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class I Canned Foods**
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Kimberly Lackey Tudor, Enterprise
3rd Ashley Lackey, Enterprise
- Class II Jams**
1st Vickie Sutton Gallegos, Mt. Allison
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Kathy Gallegos, Maple Grove
- Class III Juice**
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Sheryl Ayers, Mt. Allison
- Class IV Salsa & Tomatoes**
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Kimberly Lackey Tudor, Enterprise
3rd Carol Lackey, Enterprise
- Class V Pickles**
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class VI Dried foods**
1st Kayla Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Sheryl Ayers, Mt. Allison
3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
- NEEDLEWORK**
- Class A Afghan**
1st Polly Ford, Florida
- Class B Sweater**
1st Karen Currier, Florissant
2nd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class C Miscellaneous**
1st Ramona Miller, Florissant
2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

- Class D Hand Embroidery**
1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
- Class E Machine Embroidery**
1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate
2nd Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class F Pillow**
1st Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis
2nd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class G Recycled Item**
1st Merle Sachse, Florissant
- Class H Machine Quilted Quilt**
1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Karen Currier, Florissant
- Class J Table Runner**
1st Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis
2nd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate
3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class K Wall Hanging**
1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate
2nd Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis
3rd Cindy Greer, Marvel
- Class L Adult Garment**
1st Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class O Stuffed Toy**
1st Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate
- Class P Quilt Block**
1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
- Class Q Miscellaneous**
1st Karen Currier, Florissant (silk scarf)
2nd Karen Baxter, Marvel (pillow-case)
3rd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate (kitchen towel)
- JUNIORS**
- Class H Quilt**
1st Melanie Price, Mt. Allison
- Class P Quilt Block**
1st Melanie Price, Mt. Allison
- Cookies**
1st Henry Greer, Marvel

Colorado State Junior Grange Contest Winners 2023

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| <p>CRAFTS</p> <p>Holiday Decorations</p> <p>Under 5
First: Ruger Phelps</p> <p>Ages 5-9
First: Sierra Phelps
Second: Henry Greer
Third: Elayna Simons</p> <p>Ages 10-14
First: Brianna Greer
Second: Emmett Greer
Third: Jacob Greer</p> <p>Recycled Crafts</p> <p>Under 5
First: Ruger Phelps</p> <p>Ages 5-9
First: Henry Greer
Second: Elayna Simons
Third: Sierra Phelps</p> <p>Ages 10-14
First: Jacob Greer
Second: Brianna Greer
Nature Craft</p> <p>Under 5
First: Ruger Greer</p> <p>Ages 5-9
First: Elayna Simons
Second: Flynn Simons
Third: Millie Peine</p> <p>Ages 10-14
First: Jacob Greer
Second: Addie Peine
Third: Cayden Simons</p> <p>Textiles</p> <p>Ages 5-9
First: Flynn Simons
Second: Elayna Simons</p> <p>Ages 10-14
First: Jacob Greer
Second: Cayden Simons
Third: Zion Simons</p> <p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Under 5
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First: Sierra Phelps
Second: Flynn Simons
Third: Elayna Simons</p> <p>Ages 10-14
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Second: Zion Simons</p> | <p>Special Gifts</p> <p>Under 5
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Second: Elayna Simons
Third: Sierra Phelps</p> <p>Ages 10-14
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Legislative Activity

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On November 7, 2023, Colorado voters will approve or reject Proposition HH, Property Tax Changes and Revenue Change Measures. Proposition HH was referred to the ballot by the State Legislature following the passage of SB23-303.

As the title suggests, Proposition HH is a complex proposal. It modifies or reduces taxation rates and exemptions for multiple types of property while at the same time increases taxes by allowing the state to retain more tax revenue. It would distribute excess revenue to school districts and other government entities without new stipulations.

Proposition HH gives Coloradans a choice: trade some property tax relief, for a long-term increase in state taxes. Though any revenue forecast is uncertain, under normal economic conditions taxpayers would bear the full tax increases under Proposition HH even if the economy faced a sizeable downturn. While all Coloradans benefit from TABOR refunds, only property owners would see direct benefits of the property tax decrease.

After voters repealed the Gallagher Amendment in 2020, which had moderated growth in residential property taxes for more than 30 years, the state legislature made temporary changes to the state assessment rate in 2021 and 2022 SB21-293 and SB22-238 but has not implemented a long-term solution to rising property taxes.

Recent survey results from county assessors indicate that home values across Colorado increased 40% on average over the last two years. The 2023 tax bill for the median priced home in multiple front range counties is expected to increase by more than \$1,000, representing a significant cost to households.

Voters, advocates, and opponents are assessing the proposition's potential impact on taxation, local revenue, and TABOR refunds. Proposition HH will be the only measure that voters face this fall that addresses property taxes. A separate citizen-led measure, currently known as Initiative 50, is in the signature-gathering phase for the 2024 ballot and would place a 4% cap on property taxes.

Residential Property Assessment Rates and Valuation Reductions under Proposition HH

Property Type	2023	2024	2025-203	2033 and later
Owner-Occupied Primary Residence	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$50,000 (current law: 6.765% and \$15,000 reduction)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 6.976% for single family, 6.8% for multifamily)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 7.15%)	Assessment rate: 7.15%
Senior Owner-Occupied Primary Residence	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$50,000 (current law: 6.765% and \$15,000 reduction)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 6.976% for single family, 6.8% for multifamily)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 7.15%)	Assessment rate: 7.15%
Other Multifamily	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$50,000 (current law: 6.765% and \$15,000 reduction)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 6.8%)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 7.15%)	Assessment rate: 7.15%
Other Residential	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$50,000 (current law: 6.765% and \$15,000 reduction)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 6.796%)	Assessment rate: 6.7% Valuation reduction: \$40,000 (current law: 7.15%)	Assessment rate: 7.15%



Community Service

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Hello Grangers! It was good to see all of you who attended the Colorado State Grange annual conference. It was nice to see the scrapbooks that were brought to share with us. One of them included the Community Service report for that Grange as well. All the attendees who visited the area where all of the Lecturer's and Family Activities contest entries were displayed also had the opportunity to review these books and reports for ideas they could take back home and share with their fellow Grangers there. Our 1st place winner for their Community Service report was Marvel Grange. Enterprise Grange was awarded 2nd place, and Animas Valley Grange won 3rd place. Congratulations to all of you! I hope you enjoy your prize winnings!

This year, we had eight combined reports submitted, with five of these having the Community Service Form completed. Three of these reports used an old version of the form, for a previous Grange year, so the instructions were old and incorrect and the Lecturer's name and contact information was incorrect. Fortunately, we were able to see that Elizabeth (our Lecturer for this past year) still received them, and the Grange information on the cover page of the report still met the requirements for eligibility to win a Community Service award (they still met the requirements for being sent on to National if they were to win first place for Colorado State Grange). There were a lot of good and worthy programs and activities described in the reports submitted, that would certainly merit recogni-

tion for community service.

We know that most of you are participating in community service in your local areas, and we know that you appreciate your local community service heroes as well. National Grange also gives each state the opportunity to submit these local heroes for National recognition as well. We can submit a Firefighter/EMS, Law Enforcement Officer, and Teacher of the Year from Colorado (one from each of these categories). This year, we had a Teacher of the Year submitted by Sunflower Grange — Kim Rankin. National Grange already has received all of the reports for each of these categories, from each state that submitted them, and will have national winners chosen before the annual conference November 14-18 at Niagara Falls. We thank Kim for her service as a teacher in the Sedalia area and wish her all the best!

Please look for an updated Combined Reports form for the upcoming Grange year 2023-2024 coming soon, which will have any instruction updates, as well as updated contact information for our new Lecturer, B.J. Bushman. I will also be sending the form for your Granges to nominate Firefighter/EMS, Law Enforcement Officer/Teacher of the Year. As always, you can contact me for help or information on anything about the forms or reporting on your activities, and I will mail out paper copies of these forms for anyone who wants one for their Grange. I wish you all a happy holiday season, and all the luck in the world as you continue to make a difference in your communities!

Chaplain's Corner

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The Colorado State Grange Convention was once again a time of fellowship, friendship, and sharing. We were serious, but also laughed together. During the Memorial Service, we gave thanks for members who have served us with grace and love during many years. We gathered to remember and honor our beloved and dedicated Grange members who have served as State officers and delegates during the service.

We were deeply moved in June when Christopher Cleary of Crescent Grange entered eternal life the Monday after he had celebrated Father's Day. Chris served the Colorado State Grange as State Delegate and Assistant Steward. He had a clear vision of the future and appreciated the past history. His com-

mitment to community was unparalleled. We cherish the time we shared with him. He leaves behind, his wife and 17-year-old twin sons.

Shirley Jo Tate Engler was also remembered with deep appreciation for her leadership in the community, 4-H clubs, and Mt. Allison Grange, Pomona, State and National as well as the Community Presbyterian Church. She was a full-time helper on the ranch as well as wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She gave of herself for many years in numerous ways. The community and family will miss her participation in a large number of activities. We treasure her daughters Karen Baxter and Trish Corman as active Grange members.

Edrie Jeanne Hostetler was a

fourth generation Granger and State Delegate. She was the adopted daughter of Karl, past State Master, and Louise Ramstetter, who served the Grange for many years. Edrie loved being an officer's wife, did volunteer work at a Naval Hospital, and worked with returning Vietnam vets. She supported the community in many ways and especially assisting in the local fire department's Auxiliary. She was proud of her service as a military wife and a farm girl.

Thank you for supporting me as I served as Chaplain of the Colorado State Grange. It has been an honor, but is time for others to follow. I have loved this position and it's calling. The prayers of the Grange are beautiful and the ritual binds us together. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Chaplain.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship and mailed to the State Grange office.

Health Awareness

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Happy Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for? Think of at least three things you are grateful for and thank God right now. Was good health, being an American, having plenty, running water, family, friends, sunshine, being able to hear, see, taste, feel, or speak one of them?

Now do yourself a favor and commit to one healthier habit this month! I don't want to sound like a broken record, but getting healthier can be easier than you think. Even if you just work on one better habit every 6 months to a year!

The recommended amount of fruits and vegetables can vary depending on which health organization you ask. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate program recommends making half your plate fruits and vegetables. The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends four to five servings each of fruits and vegetables daily which equals 8-10 servings combined.

For cancer risk reduction, the American Cancer Society (ACS) advises following the U.S. Dietary Guidelines, which is to consume at least 2½ to 3 cups of vegetables and 1½ to 2 cups of fruit each day, depending on a person's calorie requirements.

We all have our own family health

issues and my family history includes almost every disease. Good news is, our family health history is not our destiny! We have control over 75+% of our health. And nutrition and lifestyle are everything! No matter what disease you are worried about ask Dr. Google and he will tell you to eat more veggies, fruits, and berries to both prevent disease and improve your health.

That being said; yes we are all different and even though this is true for the majority of us, it is not for all.

Those of you who have already been diagnosed and are aware of your best options, carry on if it serves you well.

On the other hand we must also reduce or eliminate the bad that does not serve our health. So another challenge you may consider is to eliminate or greatly reduce one of those culprits! Just to list a few: Sugar (a big one as they add it to everything now and our bodies require only 1 tsp), processed and packaged foods, alcohol, gluten, stress, inactivity, sugary drinks, soda, fruit juices, etc.

Remember your doctor is not responsible for your health, you are! So take responsibility for your health and make one or two simple changes. The core 4 are:

1. Eat more whole foods
2. Get more exercise
3. Drink more water (half your body weight in ounces of water)
4. Sleep more and stress less!

P.I.C.K.

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Pick held its annual meeting after the Colorado State Grange Gala at the Brighton Recreation Center. Election of officers was held with the following results:

President — Lisa Mittan; Vice President — Trish Corman; Sec/Treas — Cindy Greer; and Board members: Karen Baxter and Ruth Wilson Francisco.

Thank you to everyone who

brought items for the Silent Auction. We had three full tables of items that people could bid on. We deposited a total of \$301.

We know of several Granges that are in need of assistance in obtaining grants for projects and we will be working on those this coming year. We welcome anyone who has knowledge of possible capital improvement grants for Granges.



Real Estate Management

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Certainly, Colorado is known for its diverse real estate market and a range of topics are of interest to individuals in the state. Here are a few real estate topics that are often discussed in Colorado:

1. **Housing affordability:** Colorado has experienced significant population growth in recent years, leading to rising housing prices and concerns about affordability. Understanding the current state of housing affordability, policies, and initiatives aimed at addressing this issue could be of interest.

2. **Sustainable and energy-efficient housing:** With a strong focus on sustainability and renewable energy, Colorado residents often look for energy-efficient housing options. Learning about green building practices, solar energy systems, and other sustainable features in homes is a popular topic.

3. **Outdoor recreation opportunities:** Colorado is known for its abundant outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking, skiing, and mountain biking. This creates a unique real estate market, where proximity to outdoor amenities and access to recreational areas can impact property values. Exploring how these factors influence real estate in

different regions could be of interest.

4. **Short-term rentals and vacation properties:** Many people are interested in investing in vacation properties or utilizing short-term rental platforms like Airbnb. Understanding the regulations, tax implications, and profitability of such investments is often a hot topic of discussion.

5. **Real estate market trends and forecasts:** It's always useful to keep up with the latest trends and forecasts in the real estate market. Knowing about the current state of the market, projected changes in property values, and emerging neighborhoods can be valuable for potential buyers, sellers, and investors.

6. **New developments and urban planning:** Colorado is experiencing urban growth, with new developments and revitalization projects reshaping cities and towns. Keeping up with the latest urban planning efforts and understanding how they impact communities and real estate opportunities is a topic that many people are interested in.

These are just a few examples of real estate topics that might be of interest in Colorado. Let me know if there's anything specific you'd like to know more about.

Leadership/Scholarship Foundation Needs YOU!

It was announced at the Colorado State Grange annual convention that the current acting President and Treasurer Jim Miller has resigned. He has moved to South Carolina and is somewhat disconnected with Colorado. The Foundation secretary is Nick Maydew. The Leadership/Scholarship Foundation has a long history in the Colorado State Grange. The Foundation was incorporated in 1977 and many of its founders and contributing members are no longer with us. Every Grange member who has children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews has the opportunity to apply for scholarships if they plan to attend a college or trade school in Colorado. Age is not a determining factor.

The Foundation needs new members, and members to serve as officers. Below are the membership requirement from the by-laws of the foundation.

Membership in the foundation is as follows:

1. There shall be one class of member of the Foundation which shall consist of the Master and Treasurer of the Colorado State Grange or by alternates for them designated by the Executive Committee of the Colorado State Grange; the Founders of the foundation (Bob Beeson, Jeanne Davies, Carl Jacobson, and Jim Miller); and each member of the Colorado State Grange in good standing who contributes One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more in the Reserve Funds administered by this Foundation. (amended August 27, 2003).

2. If a Grange donates one Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more to the Reserve Funds administered by the Foundation, that Grange will be represented on the Foundation by a member of that Grange designated by that Grange.

3. The rights and privileges of each member shall be equal, and each shall be entitled to one vote upon all matters to be acted upon by the membership of the Foundation.

Currently donations for the Foundation are being sent to the Colorado State Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. All checks must be made out to Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.



Ed Shalkey wrapped in his Quilt of Valor.



Quilt of Valor presented to Ralph Pautz.



National Representative Roger Bostwick and State Master Gary Wardle.



Executive Committee Chair Tom Campion giving remarks at the final banquet of the 150th State Session.



Suzi Knight entertained at the anniversary celebration.



National Representative Roger Bostwick.



Jeff Kloska of the Colorado Air and Space Port.



Idella Lewis at the Alumni Breakfast.



Community Service Director Lisa Mittan.



Roger and Melanie Bostwick with their gift from Colorado Grange.



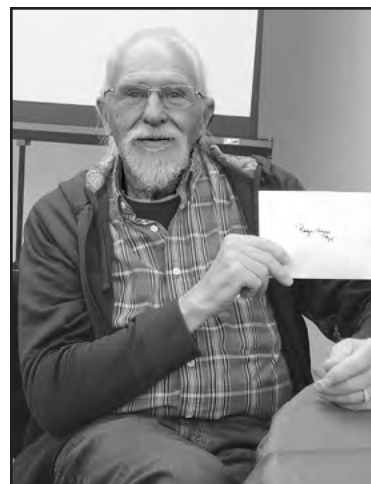
Chaplain Loeda Westphal conducting the annual Memorial Service.



Kathy Wardle



David McCord



Roger Ayers



Family Activities Co-Directors Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter.



Enterprise Grange

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackeyhomes@gmail.com, or 303-521-4477, for further information.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 — **Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m.** Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients will join us along with any Grangers, friends, and family who wish to attend. All are welcomed. Our Thanksgiving feast is traditional with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Enterprise Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. Hope to see you all there!

Saturday, November 18, 2023 — **10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Pre-Stocking Stuffing Day.** This is the day to sort and stuff candies and toiletries into individual small bags. Also, writing of 212 Christmas cards. These things will need to be completed for adding them to the large Christmas Stockings on stuffing day. Be sure to add this to your calendars and come join in the fun!

Saturday, November 25, 2023 — **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stocking Stuffing Day.** We will be gathering at the Enterprise Grange to fill the 212 Stockings for Seniors and Disadvantaged Families.

Saturday, December 2, 2023 or Sunday, December 3 — **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — **Pictures with Santa.** Details and location TBD.

Saturday, December 9, 2023 — **5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dardon Pomona Old-Fashioned Christmas Dinner** starts with a potluck for Friends and Family of the all the Granges and Disadvantaged Children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. The program after includes Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, childrens performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus arrives and everyone sits on Santa's lap, gets a small gift, and tells him their Christmas wishes. The evening ends with a piñata for the children. Please join us with your children and grandchildren for a festive holiday evening.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 — **Potluck at 6:30 pm.** Following potluck we will hold a short meeting to plan activities for the rest of the year. Dorothy Dannels will have a program that is TBD.

We held our annual Chili Dinner on Sunday, October 15. The 4-H group was there to help with set up and tear down. It's so great to have young people come and participate. The attendees loved the huge selection of chilis, eight different kinds, from hot to medium to mild and, of course, green chili. The hot dogs and dessert were a big hit too. Everyone had a nice time and are looking forward to it again in the future.

Enterprise Grange members that attended the Colorado State Grange convention in Brighton this year were: Lisa Mittan, Gary and Kathy Wardle, and Carol and Mike Lackey. We all had such a wonderful time. Everyone should try to come to at least one Colorado Convention. There is so much information and camaraderie that you really feel that "You're never a stranger when you're a Granger!"

This year we will again be putting together stockings and larger bags of items for disadvantaged and disabled seniors and low-income families. Did you know that 50% of seniors living in nursing homes never receive a visitor? Will you help us fill Christmas stockings and bags for local low-income seniors and disabled adults? When you fill a Christmas stocking, you fill a heart. Our goal this year is 212 stockings and 36 bags.

J Kelly gave a report on the State Convention held in Brighton. She and John Cruz were delegates to the convention from Maple Grove Grange.

Ralph Pautz was awarded a beautiful "Quilt of Valor" for his service in the military which was presented Saturday night at the State Grange Convention in Brighton.

It was decided to cancel the land-



Enterprise Grange Chili Dinner attendees.

- Men and women's stocking hats
- Scarves
- Decks of Cards
- Non-perishable food and snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese and crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Small packets of facial tissues
- Chapstick/lip balm
- Large print puzzle books like crosswords, search words,
- Christmas pins or fun jewelry, watches, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e. shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, hair conditioner, body lotion, etc.
- Individually wrapped candy, chocolates (including sugar free), tea bags or instant coffee
- Face masks and sanitizers
- Boxed Christmas Cards

Additional larger items needed for the bags:

- Regular sized Shampoo/Conditioner combination
- Note pads

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for baskets to be given out to families in need.

Tubs will be left in the lobby to put any items you would wish to donate. There will also be a donation box on the south door of the Grange. If you leave your items there, please text or call Carol at 303-521-4477 and I will come over and make sure they are put inside the Grange. We very much appreciate your help, especially this year. So many are in need. Thank you for any amount of help you can give.

We would be happy to pick up any items you have. Call Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111, or Ashley Lackey at 720-309-5090, or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 for pick-up or for further information.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1 — **Maple Grove Meeting, 1 p.m.**

Maple Grove Grange met in September and October with Master Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

Marlys Halbeisen and Idella Lewis delivered student dictionaries to 53 third grade students at Peak Expeditionary School in Wheat Ridge in September. This is a national project called "Words For Thirds." A short presentation was given to the students on the information in the dictionaries besides word definitions. The dictionaries include information on the solar system, biographies of the presidents, information on the states and countries, and more. The dictionaries are a great learning resource.

A \$2,500 donation was given to Maple Grove Grange from several renters of our hall to help pay for the refinishing of the floor. They had a fundraiser and it was a very generous donation which was much appreciated.

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It was decided to cancel the land-

line phone at the hall since most people now have a cell phone. This will save about \$78 a month.

The tax assessment came down when a letter was sent to the assessor office requesting a reduction in the amount of valuation.

For the months of October-December a food drive is being held at Maple Grove Grange. Renters have been very generous to help provide food or money to help with this project. In addition, a bin is available year 'round for food donations.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, for information, at 303-838-4805, 22551 Pleasant Park Road, Conifer, CO 80433.

Nov. 11 — **Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.**

Dec. 9 — **Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed putluck and Christmas party.**

Jan. 13, 2024 — **Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

It was a pleasure to attend the State Convention in Brighton and get great ideas from other Grangers. Donna Beck and Yvonne Ludwig were the delegates. Ken Spoor was elected as Steward, Laura Anderson was elected as Lady Assistant Steward and Yvonne Ludwig was elected as Ceres for the next two years.

We were honored to have Gary Wardle, State Grange Master, attend the October meeting. His knowledge and guidance are greatly appreciated.

Everyone is invited to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 11 at noon following the regular meeting. RSVP to Yvonne at 303-838-4805 as space is limited.

The Bicycle Rest Stop will close soon. We had the first snow of the season on October 12. Thank you to all the volunteers that kept our main fund raiser stocked and organized all summer.

A special thank you to the work crew that spread tons of rocks around the Grange Hall for fire safety. Al Leo and Peter Stevenson are the newly elected Steward/Assistant Steward and are off to a great start in continuing to preserve our historic building.

A special thank you to Ken Spoor for everything he accomplished during his years at Steward!

It is heart warming to belong to an organization that is celebrating their 150th year anniversary. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

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November 2 — **Grange Meeting at 3 p.m.**

November 12 — **Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.**

December 2 — **Wreath Making from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.**

December 7 — **Grange Meeting at 3 p.m.**

December 10 — **Pancake Breakfast, from 8 to 10 a.m.**

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

Every Tuesday, AA — **from 7 p.m.**



Enterprise Grange Members.

Our Community Brunch and Awards Ceremony was held in September. We honored Patti and John Neer as our Grangers of the year and their son, Tom Neer, as Citizen of the Year. Twenty years ago, Patti was among a group of Canyon residents who championed having much of the Crawford Gulch area designated A-35. Recently, Patti and John were instrumental in preparing a program and informational packets which reviewed the reasons for and results of the conversion of these canyon properties to A-35 zoning. This limited overdevelopment in our beautiful Canyon.

Tom Neer used his expertise to develop a map showing the A-35 area. A large copy of this map is in the Grange Hall and smaller versions were included in the informational packets. In addition to this community project, Patti has volunteered driving the elderly, and in the neonatal department of University of Colorado Children's Hospital. John has volunteered for many years in California and Colorado at Angel Heart, a charity that prepares and delivers food to homebound patients. Thanks to Patti, John, and Tom for their service to Golden Gate and the wider community.

Pancake Breakfasts will be held on the second Sunday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m. Join us for eggs, pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 10.

The Golden Gate Auxiliary held their annual Pig Roast at the Golden Gate Grange in September. This fundraiser supports the GGFDP Firefighters by providing funds for training, equipment, and other items which aid our wonderful volunteers in their service to the community. It was a great success with a record number of attendees and a new fundraising record for this worthy cause.

On December 2nd we will have our Wreath Making Event. We will provide local greenery and other materials that will enable you to make your own beautiful wreath. You can bring a wire base from home or purchase one from us for \$5.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, Instructors Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels.

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

Jayne Ruesch



Golden Gate honored Grangers of the Year John and Patti Neer, and their son Tom Neer, Citizen of the Year.

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 970-533-9955, shearts@q.com, for further information.

Community Supper — **Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Officers Meeting — **Nov. 28, 5:30 p.m.**

Community Supper — **Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.**

Officers meeting — **Dec. 26, 5:30 p.m.**

At this writing the Mount Lookout Grange has just enjoyed a successful annual Pig Roast fundraiser, which included locally sourced food and drink, rollicking music courtesy

of Lil Brother, and wonderful socializing with new and old friends. We couldn't have asked for better weather (once the am wind died down). We plan to continue these events into the foreseeable future.

We are busy grant writing and fundraising to replace our roof, as it suffered damage from last winter's snow load (not that we're complaining about the moisture). Otherwise, the building is holding up well, serving the community with needed rental space for all kinds of events, and operating as the distribution site for FoodShare, providing a space for food collection for families in need. We are very grateful for the help we can provide in our community. Holiday planning has yet to be discussed.

Carol van der Harten

Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-688-1997, cherryellis5@yahoo.com, sunflowergrange.org, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

October — Bud's Bar's Pumpkin Weigh-in.

October 31 — Trunk or Treat at Sedalia Elementary.

November 11 — Grange Meeting Celebrating awards.

December 2 — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. FFA, Farm Bureau, and Sunflower Grange Holiday Brunch at the Meadows Grange building.

December 9 — Sedalia Winterfest, Grange, and Sedalia Elementary at BMan's BBQ.

September 9, we held a Tomato Tasting/Garden-to-Table Potluck at BMan's BBQ. John and Lindsey Rominsky brought this year's beautiful black heirloom varieties and several cherry types, along with terrific salsa. Toni Romaine's Pink Tiger was a taste hit, and Wayne Eads brought two-pound Brandywines and a limerick about eating too many tomatoes.

Mark Caldwell sent a poem about chilis, and Chris Michlewicz, the Poet of FarmBox, praised mushrooms. Vegetable (and fungi) poetry is our strong suit! Later that evening, the Vintage People played to a very mellow crowd of about 200. We will all miss the band this winter and look forward to Sunflower sponsoring them again next summer.

Sedalia Artistic Community's Fran Anderson, SuJeanne Foster, and others have hosted several community meetings exploring needs in Sedalia, such as community meeting space. Brandi Bradley, a State Representative from Littleton, and later Douglas County Commissioners Lora Thomas and George Teal attended. The Commissioners return on October 26 for the Older Adult Initiative Listening Tour to discuss needs and services available for older adults in the county.

Sedalia resident Cheri Lamarr is renovating one of Sedalia's old homes on Rio Grande into Magpie, a creative space for art classes, workshops, and small meetings for the community. The town will welcome more public space and a place to work with others on all sorts of creative projects.

BJ Bushman, Dick and Cherry Ellis attended the State Grange Session in Brighton in October. BJ, one of Sunflower's newer members, was elected as State Lecturer! She has 20 years of experience volunteering with Farm Bureau and knows organizations, so she will be an asset to the State Grange and to Sunflower as well. Congratulations, BJ! It has been many years since Sunflower had a State Grange officer. We all enjoyed meeting Grange members from around the State and participating in the ceremonies. Next year's Convention will be held in Durango!

Strike up a conversation in Sedalia, and you're likely to end up talking about this year's grasshopper infestation. So, BJ Bushman asked John Murgel, Specialist in Horticulture and Natural Resources at Douglas County's CSU Extension office, to give a talk October 14



Harvey and the giant wild mushroom.

on grasshopper control. About 30 grasshopper-haters attended and learned history, life cycles, behavior, and controls. In the 1880s, just as Sedalia was being settled, an even worse infestation occurred, which must have scared some prospective residents away. We learned that even if grasshopper numbers overwhelm defenses one year, the next year, depending on conditions, might be a normal grasshopper year. Natural controls like fungi and nematodes, tilling soil, hungry chickens, and other birds and insects can decrease the population. In Mexico, chapulines are a high protein snack! John provided worthwhile information and is available to answer more questions at the Extension Office.

The Pumpkin Weigh-in will be coming soon — First Friday after the First Frost. Because of grasshoppers and other unfortunate circumstances, growers say they lost some big pumpkins. Maybe our pie pumpkins will have a chance. Big Foot/Monster of Plum Creek Night will not be held this year, but may return if the Monster returns next year. Sandi Hier (the Good Witch) and Cherry Ellis will be giving out candy at Sedalia Elementary's Trunk or Treat on October 31.

We hope to honor our community awardees in November at a dessert potluck. Awardees are:

Teacher of the Year: Kim Rankin, Sedalia Elementary Sustainability Teacher.

Outstanding Granger: Dennis Ellis (though we could not complete the State application, he is Sunflower's honoree).

Citizens of the Year: Vintage Band for reviving Community Spirit; BMan's for providing space and community spirit for many community events; Bud's Bar for preserving the best Sedalia traditions; Betty Purky-Huck for Leadership in the community and the organization Women Rise.

Community Heroes: Lindsey and John Rominsky for supporting the Grange and plant sale fundraiser.

Community Historians: Bobbie Elder, Historic Photographer; Mildred Stewart for preserving history of the Grange and community.

Cherry Ellis

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 11 — Craft Classes. Pine Needle Baskets 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Needle Felting 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fabric Landscape 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Nov. 23 — Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner.

Dec. 9 — Christmas Bazaar.

Dec. 16 — Community Christmas Party with Santa.

Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Every Tuesday the Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Business meeting is the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Craft Classes continue to be held each month. They continue to be successful and fun.

In September our Grange catered a celebration of life for a well-known local community member. We had a full house and the service was beautiful. A very nice tribute to a well-loved woman.

Our Grange also hosted the International Western Music Association for the second time this year, as they brought in four of their top award-winning performers. The hall was packed for this great show.

The first weekend in October, Alan and I attended the annual State Grange Session in Brighton. As always it was a good time and fun seeing everyone from all the Grang-

La Plata

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

Marvel

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December 1 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 15 — Potluck.

December 30 — Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

December 31 — New Years Eve Party 6:30 p.m.

January 5 — Business meeting 7:30 p.m.

January 20 — Chili Cook-off and Dessert auction.

February 2 — Business Meeting.

February 3 — Marvel Methodist Church Groundhog Supper.

September 15 we had a potluck supper and LaPlata West Water Authority program. Approximately 30 attended the potluck and program by LPWWA. Aaron Carter presented a brief overview of the project and then answered questions. Marty Gebhardt and other board members were present.

August found many of our members and youth participating in the La Plata County Fair and the State Fair and La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day and planning meeting.

Our breakfast on September 30 was attended by 62 people. It's always nice to meet new people and this breakfast was no exception.

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es across the State. The most fun for me was meeting the Delegates from National Grange, Roger and Melanie Bostwick. It turns out Melanie's mother was friends with my cousin in Oskaloosa, Kansas, and her daughter is a teacher in Oskaloosa and knows my cousins' children, whom I have never met. What a small world we actually live in.

Our Master, Alan, was asked to talk about our Grange as the "Spotlight" Grange this year. He did a great job of covering all the great things we do to keep our Grange active and our beautiful, historic building alive.

I was also honored to award the two Quilts of Valor, made by Florissant Quilter, Karen Currier, and our State Secretary Cindy Greer, at the Banquet on Saturday evening.

It is also fun, if your Grange enters the Lecturer and Family Activities contests, when your Grange receives awards for their beautiful entries. Our Grangers who entered are listed below, and we won 3rd for most entries. Thank you all and you know what you won!!! A special thanks to the fabulous scrap book Doug Phillips created this year. It won a first!!!

Karen Currier, Doug Phillips, Deanna Bartlett, Phil Chase, Ramona Miller, Marcia Phillips, Ron Harkness, Renee Caldwell, Trina Borst, Becca Borst, Mark Harter, Mary Marques.

Our Master, Alan, also won the 1st place Raffle at the State Session and presented it to a very well-deserved unsung hero, Lisa Mittan.

October 14, Our Grange held another Celebration of Life for our Grange member, Ernie Snare. Ernie was a 60-year member of our Grange

and the Snare family is one of the first families who homesteaded here in Florissant back in the early territorial days of Colorado. Again, our hall was packed with his family and friends. His son played a tribute to him on his accordion; many community members had great stories to tell about their time with Ernie. Master Alan had some great stories of herding cattle all across Park County and Teller County with Ernie and he read a poem written by IWMA award winning, Suzie Knight, about the time she rode with Ernie.

This year all groups in Florissant planned their Halloween Events to perfectly align so that all the kiddos could go from one to the next and have a fantastic Halloween. The library held a trunk or treat event from 10 am to noon. He held our Haunted House from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. and had Halloweenies and hot cocoa, goodie bags handed out by Jack and Sally (*Nightmare Before Christmas* characters), and a fun potato hunt along with our Haunted House. The Charter School had a Carnival from 2-4 p.m. and the 4-mile Fire Station had a Costume Contest from 6-8 p.m. A very fun filled day for our Community Kiddos. I love it when we all work together.

Even though it has gotten quite cold at night, we have still had campers in our Harvest Host camping sites. It is great fun to give tours of our Historic site and it is so good for the Grange to be able to tell visitors/campers all about the Grange Organization, the history of our community and our building, and to have them shop in the Grange Gift Shop, full of local Artists' and Crafters' beautiful work

Renee Caldwell

tents were set up outside to accommodate the numbers. It was a great community event. Lila has been an important part of Marvel Grange and this community for many years.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

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Marvel Junior Grangers met in September and worked on their water color art. We review the pledge and salutation almost every time. Awards from the Pomona Exhibit day were given out. We set up some of the tables for the Grange breakfast.

Our major challenge is finding the right day to meet.

Cindy Greer



La Plata Pomona's Ruger, Louetta and Sierra Phelps.

We cancelled our October business meeting due to the State convention and had our annual Luau October 28 which we will share more about next time.

We had a quilters retreat at the Grange hall for three days. Eleven quilters participated. They used the hall for three days. Planned meals and shared, line danced, sewed, and shared information.

A 90th Birthday Party for Lila Greer was held on September 30 with approximately 250 in attendance. The family served cake and homemade ice cream. Tables and



Aaron Carter gives overview of the LaPlata West Water Authority.




Kim and rooster




Lindsey and John Rominsky receiving Community Heroes award from Wayne.



Three-day quilters retreat at Marvel Grange.



Thousand Lakes RV Park and surrounding properties



2025 Grange Revival 4.0 – Torrey, Utah

Lodging Options

Primary Gathering Spot:

Thousand Lakes RV Park, Campground and Cabins
 1110 UT-24, Torrey UT 84775
 435-425-3500 or 800-355-8995
<http://www.thousandlakesrvpark.com/>
 Email RV size or request for tent site or cabin to Tammy at: reservations@thousandlakesrvpark.com

Also booking two years in advance:

Sandcreek RV Park and Campground
 540 UT-24, Torrey UT 84775
 435-425-3577
<https://www.sandcreekrv.com/>
 Harry (owner) – call and say you are with the Grange

Also know we are coming:

Cowboy Homestead Guest Cabins
 2100 UT-12, Torrey UT 84775
 435-691-4384 or 888-854-5871
<https://www.cowboyhomesteadcabins.com/>

****There are many, many additional campgrounds, motels and resorts in the immediate vicinity with all types of cabins, rooms, yurts, glamping tents, and more!**

****Another option is to look into renting a RV as the Thousand Lakes RV Park, Campground and Cabins has more than enough RV spaces.**

Resolutions Adopted At Colorado State Session 2023

LG/T 1

SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE TERM LIMITS

WHEREAS, many of our U.S. congress people, elected to represent their constituents in their states, are often re-elected to multiple terms and occupy those seats for two or more decades; and

WHEREAS, these elected senators and representatives often run unopposed, so there is no opportunity for their constituents to choose someone else; and

WHEREAS, the actions of each elected members effects all of us, in every state and

WHEREAS, all of us, of all ages, could benefit from new ideas and the perspectives of the newly elected now **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado Grange supports implementation of term limits for the U.S. Senate to two -terms, and the U.S. House of Representatives to five-terms.

EHEW 1 • SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, We know how to take care of ourselves by proper diet and exercise and

WHEREAS, there have been studies that show socialization is as vital to our health and longevity and

WHEREAS, socialization increases our level of self-esteem and lowers our level of anxiety and depression **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Granges offer more opportunities for social activities in their communities.

H/T 1 • HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING

WHEREAS, Coloradans are a healthy, athletic bunch, and

WHEREAS, we are all encouraged to walk, jog, and bike for improved health and to minimize auto use for transportation, and

WHEREAS, these activities often occur on public roads and streets during the dark after sunset or very early in the morning before sunrise, and

WHEREAS, clear visibility of participants is critical for their safety given vehicle traffic especially during the dark hours, and

WHEREAS, roads and streets often are narrow, lack adequate shoulder width, or lack adjacent sidewalks and trails, and

WHEREAS, protection of pedestrians and biker safety is critically important, **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, Grange members in Colorado encourage their friends that are walkers, joggers, and Bicyclists to wear high visibility clothing when engaged in these activities on streets and roads.

H/T 2 • POSTING OF VEHICLE FUEL TAXES

WHEREAS, taxes from federal, state, and local jurisdictions are collected at each point of sale of vehicle fuel, and

WHEREAS, consumers may have limited or no information on fuel taxes collected, how much they are, what they are for, and the taxing authority identity, and

WHEREAS, consumers will benefit by improved understanding about the fuel taxes they are paying and to what authority, and

WHEREAS, consumers could make improved selections on where to purchase fuel if they understood the amount of taxes assessed in each jurisdiction, **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, Colorado State Grange ask the Colorado Department of Revenue to require vendors to post a statement or placard that is legible at each fuel pump showing how much tax is collected on each gallon of fuel sold from that fuel pump, and to what agencies and jurisdictions the tax is remitted.

AG -1

BETTER MANAGEMENT OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS IN THE U.S. WEST

1. **WHEREAS**, horses seen in the American West today are descended from a domesticated breed from Europe and the Middle East and are therefore a non-native species, not descended from the North American horse relative that became extinct 11,000 years ago, and
2. **WHEREAS**, the horses and burros of today are a beloved icon but damage crucial wildlife habitat and require improved and sustainable management practices, their numbers and impacts are difficult to control, amplifying their effects on native habitat and wildlife, and
3. **WHEREAS**, horse and burro overpopulations have surpassed management levels set by federal agencies for federal lands and are damaging native plant and animal species, and
4. **WHEREAS**, the diet of horses and burros overlaps with that of bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, and pronghorns leading to declines in these species, and
5. **WHEREAS**, areas inhabited by horse overpopulation tend to have fewer plant species, less shrub cover, lower occurrence of native grasses, more invasive plants, and fewer small reptiles and mammals that depend on burrows and brush cover to otherwise survive horse-occupied sites, and
6. **WHEREAS**, horse and burro overpopulations are a distinct and serious threat to ecosystem health due to landscapes damage by trampled vegetation, hardpacked soil, stream and spring damage, and over-grazed forage plants, and
7. **WHEREAS**, because these animal populations are capable of doubling every four to five years without management, horse populations can increase to a point where forage and water will become limited leading to starvation and dehydration, and
8. **WHEREAS**, the current policies and practices of the federal government are not solving the issue, are consuming significant resources and doing a disservice to native wildlife, livestock, and the horses and burros themselves, and
9. **WHEREAS**, there is a need for better federal and state management of horses and burros comparable to their management of all the rest of our wildlife in the United States; the federal agencies having sole jurisdiction over wild horses and burros, and
10. **WHEREAS**, since 2007 the slaughter of horses for meat is prohibited in the U.S. but is legal in Mexico and Canada. Now **therefore be it**
11. **RESOLVED** that Colorado State Grange encourages a cultural shift to support humane export of surplus horses to countries that allow processing of horses into consumer products, **and be it further**
12. **RESOLVED** that Colorado State Grange supports adequate funding and authority for federal and state agencies tasked with managing wild horse to implement available population

controls and to capture and hold surplus horses for adoption, training, or humane disposal. TABLED for additional information

GOTO 1 • THE COLORADO GRANGER

WHEREAS, delegates at the 2022 State session suggested that a committee investigate alternatives for *The Colorado Granger* publication due to increasing costs (approximately \$1,900 per issue) and

WHEREAS, the committee’s research resulted in learning that newsprint is the least expensive form of publication and

WHEREAS, the survey distributed in *The Colorado Granger* resulted in a 10% response rate from members and

WHEREAS, Colorado Grangers need both paper copies of the publication and a digital option and

WHEREAS, The Colorado State Grange database of members has approximately 32% of the members email address information and

WHEREAS, a desk top publication would be very time consuming for a member to take on and could result in word count limitation on articles and a strict limitation on pictures as well as other factors and

WHEREAS, dues increase to cover some of the cost of the publication could result in a loss of membership, and

WHEREAS, a digital format is available at coloradogranger.org/granger.html for members that wish to access the *Granger* digitally and not provide their e-mail address to the Colorado Grange state office, now **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange require members to **OPT IN** to continue to receive the *Granger* in a paper format, and **further be it**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange require members to **OPT IN** to receive the *Granger* as an e-mail attachment by providing an e-mail address to the Colorado State Grange state office, and **further be it**

RESOLVED, That the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee continue to research other printing and layout options for cost reduction.

GOTO 2

AMENDING OF NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST REGARDING INTEREST EARNED ON CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS

1. **WHEREAS**, the National Grange 2023 Digest (Article XI - SALE, ENCUMBRANCE OR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OR INSURANCE SETTLEMENTS AND CLAIMS OF SUBORDINATE OR POMONA GRANGES 4.11.1 (I) states:
 - a. *All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the selling Subordinate or Pomona Grange, provided, however, that the said State Grange in its sole discretion may be paid up to ten percent (10%) of such earned income as a custodial fee for administering the custodial account.*
2. **WHEREAS**, many State Granges struggle financially and
3. **WHEREAS**, the Grange Insurance Association is decreasing their financial contribution to State Granges and
4. **WHEREAS**, the State Granges are currently entitled to only a one-time 10% administrative fee on these custodial accounts and
5. **WHEREAS**, the State Granges cannot use the interest earned on these custodial accounts for State Grange operational needs and
6. **WHEREAS**, many Grange states can benefit greatly financially if they could use the interest earned on these custodial accounts for their operational needs; now **therefore be it**
7. **RESOLVED**, that the National Grange Digest Chapter 4 (I) be amended to read:
 - a. TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OR INSURANCE SETTLEMENTS AND CLAIMS OF SUBORDINATE OR POMONA GRANGES 4.11.1 (I):
 - b. *All earned income derived from such Trust shall be the property of the State Grange.*

GA-1 • QUILT BLOCK

WHEREAS, Colorado State Grangers have provided quilt blocks for the National Grange quilt block contest and occasionally a state quilt; and

WHEREAS, the Family Activities Committee would like to revive the Colorado State Grange quilt block category and to add a quilt block contest for a Colorado quilt of valor; now **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Colorado Grange encourage the Family Activities Committee to add two quilt block contests: (1) a Colorado-themed quilt block and (2) a quilt of valor block. Quilt blocks should be 10 ½” x 10 ½” unfinished. Each Colorado-themed block shall have the participant’s Grange name embroidered or written somewhere on the block. The blocks from these contests will become the property of the Colorado State Grange to be made into quilts, possibly one to be raffled and one as a quilt of valor to be presented to a veteran.

GA-2 • THANK YOU

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange has many members and others who have done things to make the 2023 Colorado State Grange session successful, and

WHEREAS, many volunteer hours have been spent making the 2023 Colorado State Grange session successful, **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following be recognized:

Holiday Inn Express for providing the facility to have the session in and for providing delicious breakfasts.

Elizabeth Hiner for serving as state Lecturer.

Gary and Kathy Wardle for being the leaders of the 150th Anniversary kickoff celebration and arranging the Program, refreshments, and entertainment.

Ruth Wilson Francisco for serving as pianist and providing beautiful music during the session.

National representatives, Roger and Melanie Bostwick, from Kansas.

Loeda Westphal for a meaningful memorial service.

Yvonne Chapman for her work on the 6th degree.

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter for their work on the family activities event.

Cindy Greer for all her work as Secretary at the session and through the year.

Kathy Wardle for organizing the Jr. Display.