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## Highlights Of State Convention



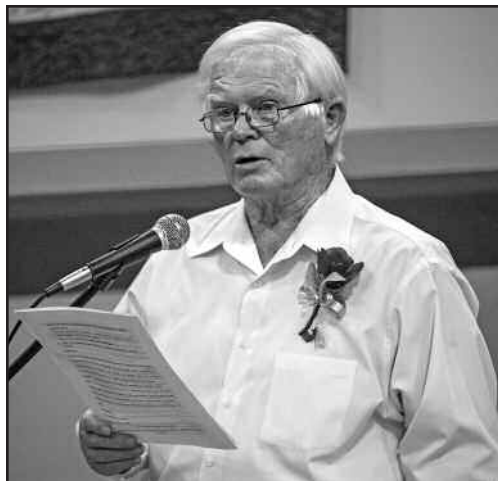
National Representatives Bill and Welina Schufeldt.

The 149th convention of the Colorado State Grange is history. The meeting at the Good Shepherd United Methodist church was filled with educational and informative speakers, great food provided by the United Methodist Women, fellowship with Grangers from across the state and Oklahoma, discussions about issues, awards, fun, Quilts of Valor presentations and abundant thank yous for the hard work everyone has extended this year.

The Memorial Service, led by State Chaplain Loeda Westphal, was held Thursday evening. The pianist was Ruth Wilson Francisco. The Charter was draped in memory of those who passed away. Eulogies for Clarence Hunter and James Russell Kennedy were read. Loeda shared special memories of Clarence, and Sheryl Ayers shared special memories of Russell Kennedy.

Following the Memorial service ice cream and toppings were served to the group. Everyone enjoyed the social time and table games.

The CSG alumni met for breakfast with 21 in attendance. Idella Lewis, Vice President moved up to President, Lisa Mittan, Secretary moved up to



State President Gary Wardle giving his report.

Vice President and the group elected Larry Corman, the incoming secretary. Idella Lewis gave a program on money and then had the group write down interesting questions about their first paying job, favorite job, worst job, longest job. She picked up the paper and passed them out to different people and the group had to guess who the individual was. For some it was an easy guess, others were more challenging. We all learned something new about our fellow Grangers.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Roger Ayers was elected to serve on the executive committee for three years, Elizabeth Hiner was elected Lecturer, Kendall Spoor was elected Steward.



Quilt of Valor recipients Shirley Greener and Norm Union.

## Raffle Winners

Joyce Loss of Colona Grange was the winner of the quilt. She was very excited to learn that she had won the quilt.

Richard Ellis of Sunflower Grange was the winner of the wheel barrow. Darcy Wardle of Wheat Ridge Grange won a table runner, and Mount Lookout Grange won a table runner. The raffle brought in a total of \$887. We had a few expenses with postage and having tickets printed and numbered. These funds are available to help individuals attend Conferences such as the National Convention or the Great Plains Regional Leadership conference. The funds are not limited to these events, as other events would also be eligible for consideration. Special thanks to the members who donated the items for the raffle: Karen Baxter, Roger Ayers, and the National Grange.



Joyce Loss displaying the quilt won from the raffle.

## Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

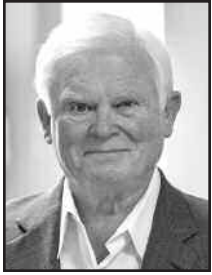
- Nov. 9 Enterprise – Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Florissant – Basket Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Pleasant Park Grange – Regular Meeting, 10 a. m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 13 Mount Lookout Grange – Community Supper, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Florissant with Me Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Enterprise – Pre-Stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nov. 22 Mount Lookout Grange – Officers’ Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 23 Florissant – Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 26 Enterprise – Stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Dec. 1 Golden Gate Grange – Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Marvel Grange – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program volunteer needed
- Dec. 3 Golden Gate Grange – Wreath Making, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Florissant – Christmas Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Golden Gate Grange – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 10 Darden Pomona – Christmas Party at Enterprise Grange, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Pleasant Park Grange – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- Dec. 10 Florissant – Christmas Party with Santa, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Sunflower Grange – Sedalia Winterfest
- Dec. 11 Mount Lookout Grange – Community Supper, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Marvel Grange Potluck and Program TBD, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27 Mount Lookout Grange Officers’ Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 Marvel Grange – Community Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
- Dec. 31 Marvel Grange – New Year’s Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5, 2023 Golden Gate Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6 Marvel Grange – Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Program: Roger Ayers
- Jan. 8 Golden Gate Grange – Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 11 Enterprise – Potluck at 6:30 pm.
- Jan. 14 Pleasant Park Grange – Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. followed with Potluck
- Jan. 14 Sunflower Grange – Seed Swap, Installation of officers with Gary Wardle
- March 4 Progressive Pomona Meeting – Hosted by Sunflower Grange at BMan’s B.B.Q
- Florissant – Every Thursday, Potluck and Music, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Florissant – Quilts of Valor meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Yoga – Wednesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Couples Dancing Class – 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – Line Dancing Class - 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange – AA – Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

# Master's Message

**Gary Wardle, State Master**

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I would like to thank all the officers, directors, and members who worked to make the 149th annual convention of the Colorado State Grange a success. Without all your diligent work the Grange would not succeed at all levels. Congratulation to all the contest winners. Keep up the good work and I hope see all the entries again next year.

During the budget approval it was decided to look at ways to reduce the cost of providing the Grange paper. It was discussed to have the paper as a digital paper. I know we have several members that do not have internet connections and we cannot lose our communication with those members. We are inviting members who would like to participate in this discussion to email me or call me to be a part of the committee to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the delegate body on how to reduce the cost of providing the paper. Please email me at [cograngepresident@gmail.com](mailto:cograngepresident@gmail.com) or call at 303-349-7390. I will put together a committee to discuss the issue. We will begin meeting in December via zoom. For those who do not have an internet connection we will provide other options.

We had a presentation from the Colorado Broadband Commission, and they are beginning work on developing a plan to provide broadband to the rural areas of Colorado. To participate in the process please go to [oit\\_broadband@state.co.us](mailto:oit_broadband@state.co.us). The first step is for the commission to develop a roadmap. They are taking public comment until November 22, 2022.

I will be attending the National Grange Convention, November 13-19, 2022, in Reno, Nevada. I will report on the National Convention next issue.

I hope all have a happy Thanksgiving.

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

# Chaplain's Corner

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It has been nearly a month since our State Convention was held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, and we have had time to reflect on its success, sharing in business and social fellowship time. We were all thrilled to have new state members and rejoice in the 94 new members of subordinate Granges across the state.

Together we celebrated the lives of Clarence Hunter, long-time member of Florida Grange and the state, and James Russell Kennedy of Marvel Grange and his state service. Memories were shared during informal times of past members no longer with us and how much we miss them. With our losses life continues. We are now working within a new Grange year and looking forward to increased Grange activity.

How do we increase involvement in an ever-changing society where there is a shift from convergent to a divergent culture? Remember when we had only three television channels. Now modern technology gives us so many choices, we sometimes get lost in the communication. We have, to some degree, also shifted from the communal situation to a more individual thought.

We need to ask ourselves how the

Grange can serve in the more modern society. We need to seek new solutions to serve in our communities. Problems do create opportunities to serve in different ways, and I believe we are finding those opportunities.

As we share in another year, let us unite in the fellowship of the Grange in community, state, and world. Social interaction with each other in our grassroots format gives us a light to shine in a hurting world. With your help, we can spread the light of service, dedication, direction of leadership, and improved life.

## COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

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

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

**Aleta Khlare, Florida Grange #306**

# Notes From The Secretary

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**November to December – First dues notice should be sent to members for 2023.**

**December 15 – Articles for The Colorado Granger due.**

**December 31 – ends the fourth quarter.**

**January 30 – Fourth quarterly report for 2022 due.**

I can now say that I have survived my first year as the Colorado State Grange Secretary. There were a few bumps along the way and I'm sure there will be a few more, but with God's help and guidance we will get through those bumps.

At this time of year, (yes, I know the holidays are coming up, and everyone is busy) it is time to start sending out dues notices to your members, so that they can have time to send in their dues to you in a timely manner. If you are using the dues reminder envelopes, be very careful that the post office knows which side to

look at for mailing as they are confusing. Some Granges have moved to accepting credit card payments for dues. The National Grange has provided some instructions on how to set that up if your Grange is interested in going that direction. Unfortunately, we live in a society that pays with plastic more and more every day.

We want to welcome any new secretaries to the position. Your job does entail more than just taking minutes at the meeting. Most of the time the secretary is responsible for reminding members to pay their dues, tracking the dues that are paid and not paid, notifying members a minimum of three times that they need to pay their dues or be dropped from the membership. Our Granges don't want to pay dues on individuals that are no longer interested.

As secretary you are the one who should know when a member joined, so that you can find out when they have reached a membership milestone

# Junior Grange Contest Results From State Session

## CRAFTS

### Holiday Crafts

#### Ages 5-9

First: Millie Peine – Marvel JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

### Recycled Crafts

#### Under 5

First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Second: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

### Nature Craft

#### Under 5

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Second: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG

Second: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

### Textiles

#### Under 5

First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Leo Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Jason Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

### Miscellaneous

#### Ages 5-9

First: Sophie Dannels - Enterprise Grange

Second: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG

Second: Emmet Greer – Marvel JG

### Special Gifts

#### Under 5

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG

### Patriotic

#### Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Second: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Millie Peine – Marvel JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Lila Peine – Marvel JG

Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

### Agriculture Craft

#### Under 5 years old

First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 5-7

First: Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Second: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Third: Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

### Woodworking

#### Under 5

First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Leo Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Second: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG

Second: Jason Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Third: Lila Peine – Marvel JG

### Grow

#### Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

### Creative Art

#### Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

First: Millie Peine – Marvel JG

Second: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Cayden Simons – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG

Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

Second: Lila Peine – Marvel JG

Third: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

### Creative Art National

#### Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

### Watercolor

#### Under 5

First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

#### Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

First: Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

#### Ages 10-14

First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

**Deadline for the January-February 2023 Issue of The Colorado Granger is December 15, 2022.**

so that the Grange can recognize those members for their longevity. If you have need for membership seals for 30, 35, 40, 45, and 60 year awards I do have some in the office that you can purchase for \$3 each. You can also order these from National but will have to pay postage on them.

The charge in the installation of officers says that the secretaries' duties are the most arduous of all requiring judgment, promptness, and efficiency. You become the organ of the Grange, and through you communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land. Let your correspondence at all times be courteous, brief, yet comprehensive.

If you need assistance in anyway, please call me or email me. I don't have all the answers but I can probably find out.

# P.I.C.K.

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PICK held its annual meeting on September 23 at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church following the Gala.

We had 16 items in the silent auction this year. The silent auction brought in \$259 which included a couple of donations from individuals.

Pleasant Park donated a red, white, and blue crocheted afghan which was auctioned off at the final banquet for \$125. Billy Schufeldt, Oklahoma, donated a Colorado Rockies hat from the silent auction to be auctioned off and it brought in an additional \$40. Total income for these two events was \$462.

PICK is currently working with Animas Valley Grange on a Grant proposal to replace their roof. We plan to apply to the Coors Family Foundation. Any Granges who have capital improvement projects that are not in the Denver Metro area or on the Front Range should contact me to find out if you too might be included in the grant application before January 1.

2023 we have election of officers, if you are interested in becoming involved in PICK please let us know and we can share information.

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I am happy to be serving as your Lecturer, I am working on an idea to get more of the Subordinate Granges involved. Please stay tuned for more information. Thank you, Kathy Wardle, for taking on the Gala this year, I hear the Hawaiian Theme was fun. I hope you all enjoyed the fresh pineapple, and the macadamia nuts I sent for the Gala as I was unable to attend in person.

Thank you to the Granges that sent their Star Report. Well done. I had 10 Granges of the 41 Subordinate Granges send reports, which included from the west side of the state: Animas Valley, #194, Florida #306, Mt. Allison #308, and Marvel #479. From the east side of the state, I received reports from Darden Pomona #1, Enterprise #25, Florissant #42. Golden Gate #451, Maple Grove #154 and Wheat Ridge #155.

Each Grange was presented a certificate and a framed copy for each of the Star Categories completed: eight Granges completed all, and two Granges were missing one. Each of these Granges was also presented with an Outstanding Grange Certificate for an outstanding program presented during the year. An example is Animas Valley's ongoing Speaker series throughout the year or Enterprise's Easter egg hunt with a partnership with House2Home Realty.

Thank you one and all for the wonderful submissions to the Lecturer's Contests as outlined in the Handbook; we had lots of arts and crafts and some really nice pictures. Thanks, Kathy, for handling the judging. Congratulations to all our winners. I hope to see more of your creativity next year.

### Lecturer Contests Results 2022 Session

#### GRANGE YEARBOOK/ SCRAPBOOK

First: Enterprise Grange  
Second: Marvel Grange  
Third: Florissant Grange

#### FINE ART

**Painting**  
First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange  
Second: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange  
Third: Marlys Halbeisen – Maple Grove Grange

#### HOBBY CORNER

**Holiday Items**  
First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange  
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange  
Third: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange

## Mandy Project

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Helping children to hear is what the Mandy Project is all about. How do we do that? Many times, when a family learns that their child has a hearing loss, they are devastated. Then they find out how much hearing aids cost, along with constant upgrading of ear molds as the child grows, and keeping the hearing aid working with fresh batteries. Hearing is essential to a child's learning.

How do people find out about the Mandy project? When we first began the project we did several mass mailings to schools, audiologists, and other hearing specialists. Now we mostly depend on Grange members to share the project at various events, internet searches, and knowing that Children Hospital audiologists will direct families in need to us.

Legislation that was passed a few years ago has made the needs less as insurance companies in Colorado are required to cover hearing loss and all

**Jewelry**  
First: Marcia Phillips – Florissant Grange  
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

**Miscellaneous**  
First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange  
Second: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange

**Third: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange**

**Special Gifts**  
First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange  
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

**Third: Trudy Michneiwc – Florissant Grange**

#### WORK BENCH

**Woodworking**  
First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange  
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

**Third: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange**

**Metal Craft**  
First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange  
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

**Third: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange**

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

**Landscapes and Seascapes**  
First: Mark Harter – Florissant Grange  
Second: Mark Harter – Florissant Grange

**Third: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange**

**People**  
First: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange  
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

**Animals and Other Creatures**  
First: Kirk Ramstetter – Golden Gate Grange  
Second: Kirk Ramstetter – Golden Gate Grange

**Third: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange**

**Photo Collage or Story**  
First: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange  
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

**WITH PEN IN HAND**  
**Short Story or Essay**  
First: Isaac Greer – Marvel Grange

**Best of Show: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange**

**Lecturer Participation Award:** Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange  
**Sweepstakes Award:** Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

**PERFORMING ARTS**  
**Junior**  
First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge Junior Grange

**Adult**  
First: Ruth Wilson-Francisco – Lewis Grange

the things associated with it. That does not mean they cover 100% of those needs. And the people who live in Colorado but are employed outside of Colorado may not have the same legislation for their insurance company and find that they don't have coverage. These days with people working from home on computers and telephones, we can be employed in most any state and live in another.

Donations for the Mandy project can be sent to the state office or to PICK (our 501c3). For now the address for both is the same — 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Please make check out to Colorado State Grange or PICK with a notation that the \$ are for the Mandy Project. Checks made out to the Mandy project will have to be returned and rewritten — the bank will not accept them that way as we don't have a separate account for it.



## Family Activities

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, State Activities Co-Directors

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The Family Activities Department had a successful year with over 80 entries in the baking and needlework events with the following Granges participating:

Golden Gate – 22 entries  
Marvel – 18 entries  
Maple Grove – 8 entries  
Mt. Allison – 17 entries  
Enterprise – 5 entries  
Florissant – 5 entries  
Fountain Valley – 2 entries  
Lewis – 2 entries  
Florida – 1 entry

Following the judging a bake sale was held with the proceeds going to the Family Activities Department.

It is not an easy job to judge the entries because everyone who entered something was a winner, but the following were the winners in the baking and needlework events;

#### BAKING

**Class A Cakes**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise  
**Class B Altered Cake Mix**

1st Sandy Valencia, Marvel  
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate  
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

**Class C Yeast Bread**  
1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley  
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class D Sweet Rolls**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class E Bar Cookies**  
1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise  
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class F Dropped, Rolled, Shaped Cookies**  
1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley  
2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise  
3rd Sandy Valencia, Marvel

**Class G Quick Breads**  
1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove  
2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise  
3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

**Class H Fudge**  
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison  
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class I Other Candy**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate  
**Class J Gluten free cookies**  
1st Louetta Phelps, Mt. Allison  
**Class 1 Canned Foods**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison  
3rd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel

**Class 2 Jams, Jellies**  
1ST Sandy Valencia, Marvel  
2nd Tom Campion, Marvel  
3rd Carol Thompson, Mt. Allison

**Class 3 Juices**  
1st Tom Campion, Marvel  
2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel  
**Class 4 Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes**  
1st Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison  
2nd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison  
3rd Marily Lane, Maple Grove

**Class 5 Pickles**  
1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison  
2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison  
3rd Sandy Valencia, Marvel

**Class 6 Dried Foods**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**NEEDLEWORK**  
**Class A Crocheted/Knit Afghan**  
1st Pauline Ford, Florida  
2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class B Crocheted/Knit Sweater**  
1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant  
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class C Crochet (Miscellaneous)**  
1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant  
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class D Embroidery, Cross Stitch,**  
1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate  
**Class F Machine Quilted Quilt**  
1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison  
2nd Cindy Greer, Mt. Allison  
3rd Douglas Phillips, Florissant

**Class H Quilted Table Runner**  
1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate  
2nd Marcia Phillips, Florissant  
3rd Stacey Street, Florissant

**Class I Wall Hanging**  
1st Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis  
**Class K Child's Garment**  
1st Alyn Sue Hansen

**Class L Apron**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
**Class N Quilt Block**  
1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison  
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel  
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

**Class O Miscellaneous**  
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel  
2nd Marcia Phillips, Florissant

## Legislative Activity

Mike Lackey, State Director

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An estimated 3.3 million people in Colorado are affected by drought, with 2022 being the driest year to date over the past 128 years. In response to the ongoing drought in Colorado, the General Assembly passed House Bill 22-1151 to promote the efficient and maximum utilization of Colorado's water resources by decreasing the amount of irrigated turf within the state. The bill requires the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources to create a turf replacement program that incentivizes the voluntary replacement of nonessential irrigated turf across the state.

#### Definition Of Turf

In Colorado's semi-arid climate, many grasses need supplemental irrigation to stay healthy and green. Examples of turf that require more irrigation compared to others include Kentucky Bluegrass, turf-type tall fescue, and perennial ryegrass. Beyond the typical lawn, there are many uses for irrigated turf, including parks, sports fields, and playgrounds. However, much of the irrigated turf in Colorado is nonessential and located in areas that receive little to no use.

#### Statewide

#### Turf Replacement Program

The General Assembly allocated \$2.0 million for CWCB to administer a statewide Turf Replacement Program beginning in July 2023. CWCB is currently working to develop guidelines and details on the application process, which are expected to become available in Spring 2023.

**Eligibility and funding.** The bill specifies the types of entities that are eligible to apply for funding from CWCB. These eligible entities include: local governments; special districts (including water districts, metropolitan districts, and water conservancy or conservation districts); nonprofit organizations; and Native American tribes. Any applicant must provide up to 50 percent of the costs to develop and implement a local program.

**Individual program development.** CWCB, and any partnering contractors, may use money from the program to cover any direct and indi-

rect costs associated with developing turf replacement programs. These individual, local programs must be designed to require that removed turf is replaced with a minimum percentage of living, lower water-use, native, and pollinator-friendly plant species. The program must also emphasize the creation and maintenance of defensible space to reduce wildfire risk. Local programs may also offer rebates or in-kind or subsidized goods or services to property owners as a way to incentivize the voluntary participation in the program.

**Restrictions.** Money from the program may not be used to replace existing turf with impermeable concrete, artificial turf, water features, invasive plant species, or new turf. The bill also does not allow individual homeowners to apply for funding to replace their home's turf. Local entities that receive funding from CWCB to develop a turf replacement program may allow homeowners and other property owners to apply for money to replace turf on their property.

**Allowable uses of funding.** The bill specifies how grant recipients may use money received through the program. Those receiving funds from the program may use money for the cost of all design materials, plantings, and labor required for any landscaping and irrigation system modifications and to update existing irrigation systems to provide more efficient irrigation.

#### Existing

#### Turf Replacement Funding

There are currently other opportunities to seek funding for turf replacement.

**Colorado Water Plan Grant Program.** Eligible entities can apply for turf replacement funding through the Water Plan Grant Program. More information about the program can be found here: Cities and local water providers, including Castle Rock, Greeley, and Aurora Water, currently provide incentives for the conversion of turf to water-wise landscapes. Individuals may wish to contact their local government or water provider to determine if these types of resources are available in their area.

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# Highlights Of 2022 Colorado State Grange Convention



Dorothy Dannels and Karen Baxter.



Birgit Landin, Colorado Spring Utilities.



National Rep. Bill and Welina Schufeldt presiding over the Installation Ceremony at State Convention.



New candidates receiving 5th degree from Harry Greer.



AIL Representative, Matthew, making his presentation.



Idella Lewis making an announcement while Harlee Miller and Norm Union look on.



Michael Murphy



Lisa Mittan



Ruth Wilson Francisco, Adult Talent entry.



Sheryl and Roger Ayers playing cards.



Kathy Wardle and Emi Jacobs.



David and Kay McCord.



Bill and Welina Schufeldt with clock made by Roger Ayers.



Sunflower Grange, Cherry Ellis.



J Kelley and Marlys Halbeisen.



Kathy Wardle and Alan Caldwell.



Kara Jacobs and Loeda Westphal.



New 6th Degree candidates.



Part of the cooking crew.



Nancy Yoshimura and Terri Huitt



Past State Master Cindy Greer receiving gift from State Master Gary Wardle.



Nancy Yoshimura and Terri Huitt entertaining at the Gala.



Emi Jacobs, Junior Talent entry.



National Representatives Billy and Welina Schufeldt at the Gala.



Prize winner Yvonne Chapman receiving prize from Marlys Halbeisen.

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

#### Upcoming Events:

November 12 — Basket Class, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

November 23 — Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner 6 p.m.

November 15 — Paint with Me Class, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

December 3 — Christmas Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

December 10 — Christmas Party with Santa — 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Every Thursday, Potluck and Music, 6 to 8 p.m.

Quilts of Valor meets the 2nd and

4th Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fall is wrapping up. We have leaves everywhere. It looks like gold all over the ground. It is really beautiful.

We had another huge crowd at our weekly Potluck and Music night. We awarded two quilts of valor and people came to see the event. We have had lots of newspaper coverage with our Quilts of Valor and people are coming to help us celebrate our Veterans. It is a heartwarming event to watch.

Harvest Host camping at the Grange has slowed way down. Surprisingly we have had campers during October ... they just don't know that normally it is already snowing up here. This year, so far... no snow.

In addition to the monthly Pine Needle Basket Classes, and the Paint

with Me Class, we had a gourd class in October. We are also adding a Saturday Sewing Class once a month, starting in January as requested by several people.

We held our first Annual Art Show, which was a huge success. It may have been the most well attended event, other than Heritage Day, that we have had. The event was to promote local artists. We had a theme of "Colorado" and the artists entered one piece of art into a contest that the public voted on. The first place artist sold

her piece, the second place was a tie, and both artists sold their art, and the third place artist's piece is in our Gift Shop. All artists brought several pieces to sell and display.

Our Annual Halloween Party included a potato hunt, crafts for the kiddos, a costume contest and parade, a maze, and lots of pumpkins to decorate provided by the BrightCoGroup.

We had five members attend the Colorado State Grange Session this year. It was great to see everyone and nice to have our Grangers come

and participate.

Coming in November we have our Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, so we are gearing up for that. I think this year we will have larger crowd since the fear of COVID has died down.

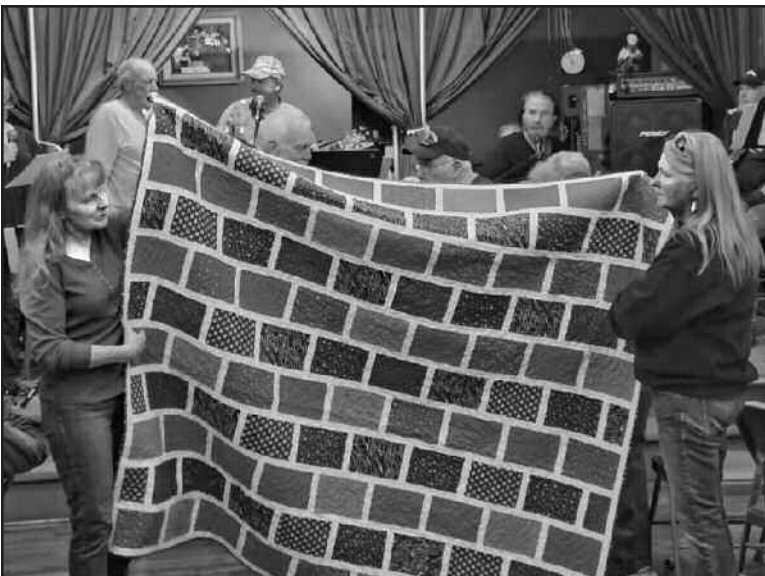
In December we will have our Annual Christmas Craft Show and our Annual Christmas Party with Santa. So there is a lot to do and plan in the next months.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone.

Renee Caldwell



Florissant awarded two Quilt of Valor during their weekly Potluck and Music night, celebrating our Veterans.



Florissant Grange's first Annual Art Show, themed "Colorado" was a huge success.



### Colona

Contact Cara Miller, caramiller613@gmail.com or 970-249-5024, for further information.

After a long period of our hall being closed for extended restoration followed by COVID, we are now able to use our building again. The restoration project is not fully completed but

the building is improved and welcomes use again.

We welcome Jennifer McDonald, daughter of members Joan and Richard Collin, to our Grange. Jennifer will serve as our public information officer.

Congratulations to member Joyce Loss for winning the quilt from the raffle at state Grange convention.

On October 11, 12 participants of Montrose Recreation District's 50+ Program visited our hall for a talk on history, building tour and refreshments.

We will discuss our meeting schedule for winter and the holiday season at next meeting.

Cara Miller



Montrose Recreation District 50+ Program participants visited Colona Grange hall for a history program.

**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

Nov. 5 — Darden Pomona meeting at Enterprise Grange, 4 p.m.

Dec. 10 — Darden Pomona Christmas party at Enterprise Grange 5 p.m.

The quarterly Darden Pomona meeting was held at Maple Grove Grange Sept. 10 with Marlys Halbeisen leading the meeting. She reported that all reports had been turned in to the State Grange. Amy McClure gave the Treasurer's report.

A thank you card was read from Joe and Mary Lamers. Joe was the recipient of the Darden Pomona Community Service Award in May. He said that it was a true honor to receive the award and learn about the history of the Grange doing good things in the community for so many years.

The program was given by Lecturer Idella Lewis on early day farming in Wheat Ridge. Pictures were shown of early day farming, plowing in the fields with horses, and pascal celery being grown. Maple Grove Grange received the outstanding display at the fair in 1911, and received a sterling silver cup which was shown, along with the framed picture of the display of fruits and vegetables grown in the area. Wheat Ridge was also known as the Carnation Capitol, raising many carnations in greenhouses, and sending a fresh bouquet of carnations to the White House every day. Today urban farming is happening in Wheat Ridge.

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise**

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

November 9, Wednesday — 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 a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Enterprise Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. Hope to see you all there!

November 19, Saturday — 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!

November 26, Saturday — 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.

December 10, Saturday — 5 to 8 p.m. The Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner starts with a potluck for Friends and Family

of 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, children's 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.

January 11, Wednesday — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Enterprise Grange members that attended the Colorado State Grange convention in Severance this year were Dorothy Dannels, Lisa Mittan, Carol and Mike Lackey. We all had such a wonderful time.

At the banquet on Saturday night, we had a surprise guest, Charlene Porter. She has been a longtime Granger of Wheat Ridge Grange but moved to Pueblo due to health concerns. It was fun seeing our old friend!

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.

**Items Needed to Stuff Stockings**

- Left-over Halloween Candy
- Men's and women's crew socks/gloves or mittens
- Men and women's stocking hats
- Decks of Cards
- Non-perishable food and snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese & crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Small packets of facial tissues
- Chap stick/lip balm
- Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words, Christmas pins, or fun jewelry, watches, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e., shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, hair conditioner, body lotion, etc....
- Regular sized toothpaste
- 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:

- Lap blankets
- Regular sized Shampoo/Conditioner combination
- Note pads
- Antiperspirant

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. We very much appreciate your



Ken Spoor replaced the front porch at Pleasant Park.



DeeDee Ramstetter, Judy Madison, Granger of 2022 Susan Vincent, and Terri Costeldia.

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

**Pleasant Park**

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

November 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner.

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

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

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be after the meeting on November 12. All Grangers are invited to attend. Please RSVP to make sure we have enough food for everyone

David Gray, longtime member passed away in August. He was a very active member until health issues took over. He will be deeply missed. The charter was draped in his honor at the September meeting.

The Bicycle Rest Stop has been very busy and will remain open until mother nature says stop.

Ken Spoor replaced the front porch with lumber from his mill. The next project is to take down the dead trees on the property. Two new trees from the Tree Farm grace the property.

A Christmas Party will follow the December meeting and we will exchange White Elephant gifts. It is always a lot of fun to see who receives the best/worst gift.

We look forward to 2023 and will start having speakers at the meetings again.

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**

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

November 3 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

November 5 — Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 6 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. NEW DATE.

December 1 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

December 3 — Wreath Making from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

December 4 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

January 5 — Grange Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

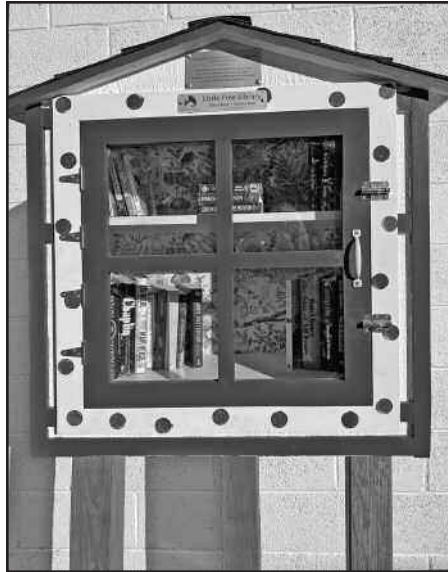
January 8 — Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Couples Dancing Class — 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

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

AA — Every Tuesday from 7 p.m. We held our Autumn Community



Golden Gate Grange Little Free Library.

Brunch on Sunday, October 9. It was a great way to thank our current Grange members and welcome all community members to experience the camaraderie and spirit of our Grange. We feel that the best way to keep our Grange vibrant and growing is to show our non-Grange members in the community who we are an what we have to offer.

At the Community Brunch we honored our Granger of the Year, Susan Vincent. Susan, who hails originally from Tasmania, Australia, has been our Treasurer and a yoga teacher at the Grange for many years. Her detailed monthly and yearly reports have been vital to the stewardship of the financial health of our Grange and were particularly critical in steering us through the difficulty period of the COVID crisis. In addition, Susan is the administrator of our website, and has been a Craft Fair participant, and huge help with the Annual Rummage Sale.

In addition, we dedicated our New Little Free Library which was built by Kirk and decorated by DeeDee Ramstetter. Kirk donated this wonderful addition to the Grange in loving memory of his late mother, Andrea "Andy" Ramstetter and her extraordinary love of books and reading. The Little Free Library is located by the back door of the Grange for the use of the whole community or even visitors passing through. If you have books for adults or children that you would like to donate, email DeeDee Ramstetter at DKMHH1@gmail.com.

Another planned event is our "Trunk or Treat" Halloween party, which is great way for the Canyon kids to celebrate the holiday in a safe environment. Folks decorated their car trunks or truck beds and distributed candy. Roger Potzak provided the wonderful decorations for the Grange with help from Janet and Dave Primmer.

The regular Pancake Breakfasts return on Sunday, November 6, and December 4, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. In January Pancake Breakfasts will go back to the second Sunday of each month. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice, \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under — 2 and under are free.

Our Craft Fair will be held on No-



Edrie Jeanne Ramstetter Hostetler

November 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every year we have an incredible array of art, crafts, and jewelry from local artisans, most from the Golden Gate Canyon area. Admission is free and lunch and baked goods will be sold. The wonderful group of crafters and artisans will amaze you with their talent and wares. Check our Facebook page for a sneak peak of some of the offerings.

Wreath Making will be on December 3 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Each year we gather local greenery and join together to make holiday wreaths. We will have crafts for the youngsters at this event. If you would like to join us you can bring your own wire wreath base or buy one from us for \$5. Please email Jayne jayruesch@aol.com if you want us to provide the base or have any questions. Walk-ins are welcome but it is best to let us know in advance if you will need a wreath base. We can always use help gathering greens!

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. It is now being held in person at the Grange. If you haven't been to a class before, Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels. Please send your email address to jayruesch@aol.com if you would like to be added to the yoga email list.

We lost a beloved member of our Grange family in October. Edrie Jeanne Ramstetter Hostetler passed away on September 27. Jeanne exemplified everything that the Grange stands for in our community. She was a member of the homesteading Ramstetter family with deep roots in our Canyon, making her a great source of historical context as we remembered and honored our heritage and history. Even more importantly, Jeanne's warmth and loving demeanor made everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. We will miss her wonderful smile, kind words, and bright spirit. Our deepest condolences to Jeanne's daughter, Terri Costeldia, our Grange President, and the entire family.

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

Jayne Ruesch  
jayruesch@aol.com



Dorothy, Carol, Marlys, and surprise guest Charlene Porter.

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, 303-598-4330, for further information.

March 4, 2023 — Pomona Meeting.

Progressive Pomona met Dec. 3, 2022, at Garden Home Grange Hall. We held our business meeting after a delicious potluck lunch. We collected non-perishable items for those in need.

Our next meeting will be March 4, 2023, hosted by Sunflower Grange at BMan's B.B.Q. Members will be purchasing lunch from BMan's and Sunflower will be providing drinks and dessert.

Judy Harrison

## Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com, or 303-688-1997 for further information. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pumpkin Weigh-in at Bud's Bar at 5 p.m. the first Friday after the first frost.

Sedalia Book Club reading *I Shouldn't Say This* by Chet Hier.

Dec. 10 — Sedalia Winterfest.

Jan. 14 — Seed Swap, Installation of officers with Gary Wardle.



Terry Thompson, Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Sunflower Grange's Award for Outstanding Citizen 2022 is Terry Thompson, who will be retiring as Fire Chief, a position he has held for many years. Margaret Ellis said, "When we were the Fire Lookouts on Devil's Head we could always count on him when there was a fire in the area. Terry has always been there for the community to help wherever help was needed. He always gives tours of the Fire Station to groups, especially kids. He's an all-around good person who loves his community." Under Terry's leadership, Sedalia's volunteer fire department has acquired top-of-the-line equipment and training. Terry also schedules the fire-house training room, the only public meeting room in town, and sees to it that all groups get fair consideration.

Longtime Sedalia residents Kay and Fred LaPerriere were named Community Heroes for 2022 by Bobbie Elder, their neighbor of 47 years. Kay and Fred met while both serving in the military in Europe, married and moved back to Fred's hometown. They participate in every town activity. Kay loves to bake and share all that she creates, and she loves to do crafts with kids at holiday functions. Fred is always in the parades with his many vintage military vehicles and gives rides in his jeep or amphibious assault vehicle. If you need a tool, a part, or help with anything electronic, Fred is the go-to guy. Fred's brother, Marcel, published a book with their stories of Sedalia.

The 10th Annual Tomato Tasting was rained out! John and Lindsey Rominsky, Sue and Pat Wilson, Dick and Cherry, brought 25 varieties of tomatoes for the few tomato connoisseurs. Next year, we'll add the Garden-to-Table potluck and a cookbook to attract more gardeners. We're saving seeds for the January Seed Swap.

Sunflower sponsored The Vintage People band at BMan's in July, August, and September, and only chilly weather in September dampened the crowd's spirits. Band members are



Vintage People band playing at BMan's joined by McKenna.



Band member Terry Schriener's son Mackenzie, and his 5-year-old grandson, playing with Vintage People.

locals known to the audience: Bruce Hier, Brook Elder, Terry Schriener, Roger Kline, with McKenna Coe vocals, and Jay Jensma sound. McKenna, a very accomplished 12-year-old singer, sang a few songs with the band. Four generations of Schriners came in August, including Terry's 5-year-old grandson who played harmonica, and his son Mackenzie, a professional musician visiting from Nashville, who wowed the crowd. For all three music nights, cars lined Plum Avenue. The Deckers came by golf cart, and the roof of the stretch limo from Jack's Garage provided a bird's eye view for agile younger folks. Sandi Hier and the line dancers had some fancy moves to teach the rest of us before next summer. As soon as our website is open, you'll be able to see videos of the band and hear Terry's fiddle-playing. We are looking for an indoor venue for the band so we won't have to wait till next spring to hear them again. The band is now an "Associate Member" of Sunflower Grange!

Dick, Cherry, and son Jared Ellis attended the State Session in Fountain on Saturday for the Spotlight on Sunflower Grange, where I talked about how we get new members. I have no new methods, but our re-organized Grange has benefitted most from partnerships, communication, activities in the community. We enjoyed meeting members from around the state and were able to experience the community feeling of a fraternal organization. We thank the Grangers for being so gracious and welcoming.

Bigfoot Story Night on October 10 had 12 attendees. Wesley Watts had some new stories about Bigfoot, and Dennis Ellis first showed a video of 20 Bigfoot sightings, then showed "The Monster of Plum Creek," a video reenactment of a 1950s Sedalia "sighting" of a Bigfoot-like creature. "Over 2,000 monster-hunting enthusiasts (and one airplane) crowded Plum Creek, searching for evidence and hoping to

catch a glimpse of the green-faced monster. A second sighting in which a woman spotted the creature in her headlights near the City Ditch Bridge on Plum Creek Road only fueled more interest... As skeptical as he felt, [Sheriff] Hammond admitted in a news interview that the 1954 appearance of the Plum Creek Monster, hoax or not, had not been the first. In the interview, he alluded to another sighting of a green monster in 1924." No Monster has been found — yet, though Wesley is pretty sure he found a footprint on his property outside Sedalia. (<https://dclblog.org/archives/177-2/>) Next year's Bigfoot night will expand to include stories of the many bear encounters and videos from security cameras like John Rominsky's fox-in-the-henhouse melodrama and Linda Reffel's chicken thief caught in the act. Security cams—a new form of story-telling.

In November, our Sedalia book-club will read and discuss Chet Hier's book *I Shouldn't Say This*, "[m]emories, stories, and laughter from 75 years of gatherings inside Bud's Bar, a notorious watering hole and hang-out for ranchers, cowboys, friends, and the curious along the Front Range of Colorado's Rocky Mountains; written by Chet Hier, one of the best known and most infamous ranchers, whose family homesteaded the lovely hills southwest of Denver." What Chet didn't mention about Bud's is that it's the best place in Sedalia to be if you're ill because several EMTs work there. Chet went in one day in September feeling congested and tired; Cheri Stephens, an EMT working there told him to get to the hospital. He had pneumonia, then a heart attack. After 22 days in the hospital, he's recovering and checking in at Bud's. ([https://gazette.com/life/time-stands-still-at-this-bar-south-of-denver-and-the-burgers-fly-craving-colorado/article\\_d692440c-e3c1-11ea-91ea-5f948a4725d0.html](https://gazette.com/life/time-stands-still-at-this-bar-south-of-denver-and-the-burgers-fly-craving-colorado/article_d692440c-e3c1-11ea-91ea-5f948a4725d0.html)),  
Cherry Ellis



Margaret and Bill Ellis listening to the band.

## La Plata

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

## Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or [hcrdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:hcrdgreer@frontier.net), for further information.

December 2 — Business Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Program volunteer needed.

December 16 — Potluck and program TBD, 6:30 p.m.

December 31 — Community Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party, 6:30 p.m.

January 6 - Business Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Program: Roger Ayers

In September Billy Greer presented a program on Falconry after a potluck supper. We had 16 in attendance and Billy did a wonderful job on the program. He brought his American Kestrel but she was in a bad mood.

Several members submitted items for judging at the La Plata Pomona Grange exhibit day and at the State Contest. Marvel Grange ended up with the most entries in the Lecturers department. Congratulations to our participants.

At our October meeting we learned about the happenings at the State convention and voted to sign up for Mr. Max for propane through Basin CO-OP again.

In October we had our Luau and a Community breakfast.

Cindy Greer



Billy Greer giving Falconry presentation with his American Kestrel at Marvel Grange.

## Marvel JG

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

We met on Monday September 26 — there was no school, the kids received their awards from the Pomona Exhibit Day and the State Grange convention. We learned that our National craft entries were due September 1, so we missed the deadline for sending those on. We worked on clay creations with some air dry clay that the Florida Grange gave us. We will paint them sometime in the future.

We met October 24 as there was no school that day also.

Cindy Greer



Mount Lookout Grange hosted their annual Pig Roast on October 8.

## Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

## Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 970-238-6097, for further information.

November 13 — 6 p.m. Community Supper.

November 22 — 5:30 p.m. Officers' meeting.

December 11 — 6 p.m. Community Supper.

December 27 — 5:30 p.m. Officers' meeting.

On Saturday, October 8, Mount Lookout Grange hosted our annual Pig Roast, one of our two major fundraisers for the year. This year's event was well attended and rather joyous, as we were able to hold most of the festivities outside in the beautiful backyard. The moist summer we have enjoyed in Mancos this year, and relaxation of COVID restrictions and concerns allowed for a beautiful return to our traditional fall celebration. We enjoyed listening to golden oldies from a local band while dining on roasted pork, coleslaw, roast potatoes, beans, cider, and beer, all locally sourced in our valley. Rolls and whoopie pies rounded out the menu. Our State Secretary, Cindy Greer and husband Harry, attended and presented a beautiful quilted table runner raf-



Mount Lookout Grange Pig Roast. fled at the State Grange Convention to our own Kathryn Fulton.

Our monthly Community Suppers are once again resuming every second Sunday. The potluck format and community inclusivity make for a perfect venue to enjoy delicious food in the company of old friends and new community members alike. Our food share activities continue and are a vital service to our Mancos residents.

Looking forward, Mount Lookout Grange is collaborating with a variety of community organizations on upcoming projects which will involve children and adults, newcomers, and long-time residents. More details will follow soon.

Carol van der Harten

## 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](http://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.

# Real Estate Management

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## Winter is coming. Is your Grange building prepared?

I have five top tips to prepare your Grange building for the coming cold. Keep in mind that no two Grange buildings are the same, and the needs of each will change according to size, age, location, and a variety of other factors. These tips, however, I've found to be applicable to most buildings:

### 1. Check your HVAC system.

Your HVAC system works hard all year long, but it pulls extra weight in the winter. And because the HVAC system affects the air quality throughout the building, it's critical to service and inspect it before winter sets in. Here's what I recommend:

- Check and change air filters.
- Inspect and repair broken parts.
- Inspect vent work for leaks or holes that might be damaging efficiency.
- Cover all outdoor air-conditioning units that will go unused during the winter.
- Inspect the ventilation system to ensure exhaust gasses are being ventilated out of the building.

- Hire a professional for a full inspection of the HVAC equipment before you run the heat for the first time this season.

### 2. Inspect the insulation.

To ensure efficiency, inspect your building's insulation for holes or compromised areas that could cause heat loss. Pay special attention to roofs, weather stripping, and unheated areas, such as attics. It's often said that a poorly insulated attic can result in a 25% heat loss during the fall and winter.

I also recommend checking the quality of your building's insulation. Is the insulation level sufficient? Are there places that could use more insulation, or does the entire building need an insulation update?

Insulation methods have advanced in leaps and bounds in recent years. It's now possible to get blanket-style insulation, rigid insulation, foam insulation, and a variety of other efficient, easy-to-use technologies that will help you save on heating and cooling costs.

### 3. Prepare your plumbing.

Frozen pipes and subsequent flood-

ing are some of the most common reasons my team provides water damage remediation services in the winter.

In addition to being frustrating and causing unnecessary downtime for a business, fixing frozen pipes is also expensive. In fact, the average claim for water damage because of frozen pipes is currently about \$10,800.

When it comes to frozen pipes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Avoid flooding and burst pipes by making sure all of your existing freeze-protection devices and alarms are in good working order. Test freeze stats and valves before the weather gets cold, wrap pipes and faucets in unheated or minimally heated areas of the building, and seal cracks and openings around exposed pipes.

To help prevent freezing, keep the building's internal thermostat set to at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.

### 4. Check your roofing.

The roof is a critically important part of a Grange building. To prevent leaks and other expensive issues, inspect the roof for holes or damage that could cause leaks during snowmelt. You should also check for loose shingles and repair damage to existing seals and flashing to ensure the roof is structurally sound and capable of withstanding another winter.

### 5. Have a disaster plan in place.

If the worst does happen, how will your Grange cope? Make a plan for a variety of disasters, including fire, flooding, and gas leaks. Keep all new and current members and tenants up-to-date on the protocols, and ensure everyone has a copy of the various escape plans.

I also recommend researching con-

tractors in your area so that you're prepared if your building experiences a problem this winter. Burst pipes and other water damage disasters are common during cold weather, and knowing who you plan to turn to in an emergency can help minimize destruction and speed up repairs.

You can prevent cold-weather disasters with some simple preparation.



# Publicity/ Communications

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I will be keeping my position as your Publicity Director for the next year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and inform our members. This year we presented a certificate to Marlys Halbeisen for her continuing work with the Christmas Card signing for the Troops; we did this as a Lecturer's project last year and again this year. The certificate was given from the Lecturer's Department. However, for the Publicity Department it is great; she adds an insert into the card which has information about the Grange. Great Job Marlys. I will be starting a new publicity contest in the next issue of the

Granger, stay tuned.

If you missed the Rural Suicide Awareness and Prevention webinar presented by Rural Minds and the National Grange on September 13, 2022, the webinar is now available to view online. You will hear from Nathan Lawson, a Kentucky farmer and rural suicide advocate, and Monica Kramer McConkey, Minnesota agricultural/rural mental health counselor, plus Rural Minds Founder and Chairman Jeff Winton, and more. You will be able to watch on YouTube at the following address: Rural Suicide Awareness And Prevention Webinar Video - Rural Minds and the National Grange.

# Resolutions Passed At The 2022 State Convention

Here are the resolutions that were passed at the State Convention. These resolutions include the changes that were made by the delegates.

## GOTO-101-CO

### GOLDEN SHEAF DUES CLARIFICATION

1. WHEREAS: The Colorado State Grange By-laws states: Section 8. The Colorado State Grange authorizes the Golden Sheaf Class of Membership (50 years). Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status prior to December 31, 2000, are relieved from payment of dues at all levels of Grange. **Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status after January 1, 2001, will pay one half the dues that other regular members pay to their Subordinate Grange.** Those dues will then be forwarded to the State Grange to then be forwarded to the National Grange.
2. WHEREAS: National Grange requires full payment of National dues for those who have obtained their Golden Sheaf membership after January 1, 2001 and
3. WHEREAS: The intent of the Colorado State Grange By -laws was to apply to only the dues paid to Colorado State Grange and
4. WHEREAS the current language of the CSG by-laws could be interpreted as applying to all dues at all levels, now therefore be it
5. RESOLVED that the Colorado State Grange by-laws be clarified with the following language: "Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status after December 31, 2000, will pay one half of the dues for the Colorado State Grange and pay the full amount of National dues."

## GOTO-102-CO

### GRANGE IRS COMPLIANCE

1. WHEREAS; The Grange has tax status of 501-c 5, 501-c 8, and 501-c10 because we are in the Lodge classification, and
2. WHEREAS; The Lodge classification is dependent on the Granges following an accepted ritual, and
3. WHEREAS; Officer titles, are part of the prescribed ritual, and
4. WHEREAS; Following an accepted meeting format, are also part of the Ritual and
5. WHEREAS; The Grange ritual and officer titles (Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Sec, Treas, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee – as in the 1957 digest) were accepted by the IRS prior to the Granges receiving the tax status, therefor be it
6. RESOLVED; All Granges follow the IRS accepted ritual for their meetings, including: National Grange, State Granges, Pomona Granges, Subordinate Granges, and Junior Granges, and be it further
7. RESOLVED; All Granges must use the titles of officers that have been accepted by the IRS, (Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Sec, Treas, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee – as in the 1957 digest) in their formal meetings, and all internal communications, until the time that new titles are accepted by the IRS, and be it further
8. RESOLVED; The National Grange, and all State Granges provide information to the members of their respective Granges advising subordinate Granges which officer titles, and which meeting formats have been accepted by the IRS, in complying with the classification of a "Lodge" for tax classification purposes.

## GOTO-103-CO

### CSG INVESTMENT POLICY

1. WHEREAS; The Colorado State Grange has invested monies that are custodial accounts for Granges who have sold building or banks funds from Granges who have relinquished their charter or funds donated for special activities and monies from the sale of the Colorado State Grange Building, and
2. WHEREAS; The current Executive Committee feels the monies should be protected in the future as they currently are protected, and
3. WHEREAS; the executive committee has crafted a written policy that can be changed by the delegates of the Colorado State Grange by a majority of voting delegates attending the Colorado State Session when the changes are presented in the form of a resolution, therefore be it
4. RESOLVED; The Colorado State Grange supports the introduction of an Investment Committee, and be it further
5. RESOLVED; the investment committee shall consist of the Master, Overseer, Executive Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, and be it further
6. RESOLVED; the Colorado State Grange accepts the following policy to be followed by the Investment Committee when making decisions concerning the Colorado State Grange invested funds.

### Investment Policy of the Colorado State Grange

#### Purpose:

The investments of the Colorado State Grange (CSG) are to support the operations and policy efforts of the Grange and the Subordinate Granges of the State of Colorado and to hold in escrow(custodial) funds that are turned over to CSG by Subordinate Granges from whatever

source according to the applicable rules of CSG and the National Grange. This policy shall remain in place until changed by action of the CSG at a state convention after approval by the Executive Committee (Ex Com) of the CSG.

#### Delegation of Responsibilities:

Per Section 4 of the CSG Constitution,

*It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Colorado State Grange to oversee the invested funds (in conjunction with the Executive Committee).*

The Executive Committee has the ultimate responsibility for all investments, and will review all investments once a year at a minimum.

#### Management of Accounts:

A professional financial management firm (**Investment Manager**) will manage all aspects of the CSG invested funds. Any withdrawals/deposits will be by approval of the CSG Executive Committee. The CSG Executive Committee along with the secretary and treasurer have "read only" online access to the funds.

#### Guidelines for Investment:

The CSG Executive Committee defers to the Investment Manager in day-to-day investment decisions. The Investment Manager should invest in a diversified manner that reduces risk while generating income to support CSG's operational needs.

#### Performance Measurement Standards:

Investments will be compared with commonly used investment benchmarks such as Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Index.

#### Expenditures of Funds:

Non-escrowed or otherwise earmarked funds may be used as needed for the operation of the CSG.

#### Donor Restrictions:

Donors may restrict the uses of their donated funds. Donations may be made to any of the special funds that are maintained by the CSG (e.g., Mandy Project, Youth Fund, etc.). These restricted funds shall be tracked by the secretary/treasurer with guidance from the Ex-Com.

#### Reserve Fund Expenditures:

The Ex Com may use income from non-escrowed funds or return on investment from restricted funds as needed for the ongoing operation of the CSG.

#### Real Property:

The CSG does not currently own any real property. In the event that this should change any real property will be considered as part of the investment portfolio.

## GOTO - 104-CO

### SECRETARY'S MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

1. WHEREAS: it is important that the membership records in each Grange be kept up to date, and
2. WHEREAS: when a Granger passes away or leaves the Grange that information is not always passed on to the Pomona, therefore be it
3. RESOLVED, when a community Grange secretary removes a name from their membership roles that information is communicated to the Pomona Grange in that area.

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES 1

### STATE SESSION THANK YOU

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange has many members and others who have done things to make the 2022 Colorado State Grange session successful, and

WHEREAS, many volunteer hours have been spent making the 2022 Colorado State Grange session successful, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the following be recognized:

- Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for providing a beautiful facility to have the session in and for providing delicious meals.
- Christopher Cleary for serving as session photographer.
- Elizabeth Hiner for serving as state Lecturer remotely from Hawaii and providing fresh pineapple and Macadamia nuts for the Gala.
- Kathy Wardle for being the leader of the wonderful Hawaiian Gala and providing Hawaiian dancers and music for entertainment.
- Ruth Wilson Francisco for serving as pianist and providing beautiful music during the session.
- National representative, Welina Shufeldt and Bill from Oklahoma.
- 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 and Kara Jacobs for organizing the Jr. Display.
- Kacey Wardle for her help with the Jr. and Lecturer exhibits and hospitality room.