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Save The Dates — September 29-October 1 For State Session

The State Grange convention will be at Castlewood Grange in Centennial. All meetings will be at the Grange Hall.

MOTEL INFORMATION: Arrangements have been made with Days Inn Englewood Motel, 9719 E. Geddes, Englewood. It is about 1-1/2 miles from the Grange Hall. They are offering a special rate of \$84.99 plus tax per night. All rooms have a sofa sleeper, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron, and free WIFI. Laundry facilities are also available. The motel serves a Continental Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. of Danish, muffins, toast and bagels, cereal, fruit, juice and coffee.

Directions To Days Inn Motel And Castlewood Grange Hall

Days Inn – Englewood, 9719 E. Geddes Ave. is just off S. Clinton St. which runs parallel on the east side of I-25 between Dry Creek and Arapahoe Roads.

From the south: Take I-25 and get off at Exit 196, Dry Creek Rd. Go east and take the first left on S. Clinton St. Geddes is the second right and the motel is on the left.

From the north: Take I-25 and get off at Exit 197. Go east on Arapahoe Rd., right on S. Clinton St. and go south to Geddes (just past Landry's Restaurant) and turn left to the motel.

Castlewood Grange Hall: Take Exit 197, Arapahoe Road, off I-25 and go east to South Lima St. Turn right/south and the Grange Hall is one mile on the right.

2016 Great Plains Leadership Conference



The Great Plains Leadership Conference

by Cindy Greer

Harry and I attended the Great Plains leadership conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 17-19. There were approximately 90 in attendance. Workshops for Membership, Lecturers, Youth and Juniors were held along with Junior and Youth public speaking and sign a song contest.

The youth learned about reading the Grange code book and had to solve puzzles to get out of a locked room at a safe house. Juniors made

Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program Accepting Applications For Next Class

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) is accepting applications from emerging leaders looking to further develop both their skills and their commitment to the future of Colorado's agricultural and

lots of crafts and played lots of games.

There were three sign a song entries this year, which is a big increase in participation over the last few years. Two juniors signed the alphabet. We didn't keep track of all the speeches as several participated.

National Master Betsy Huber was in attendance and it was good to visit with her. Next year's conference will be hosted by Kansas in Lawrence. Great Plains Leadership conference is always the third weekend in June.

rural communities.

Participants in the program travel the state, learning about agriculture in every region, while also honing their personal leadership skills. As a culmination to the two-year program, the group also participates in an international trip to learn about agriculture in a foreign country and trade between that country and the U.S.

Sept. 30 is the deadline to apply for the next CALP class — which will consist of 12 seminars, running from February 2017 through February 2019.

Applications can be downloaded at www.coloagleaders.co.

Throughout the state's history, agricultural and rural people have significantly contributed to Colorado's tapestry, and CALP strives to enrich this culture through a hands-on, interactive program dedicated to producing graduates with the vision and commitment to lead change and ensure the sustainability of Colorado's agricultural economy and rural communities.

CALP — currently working with its 12th class — aims to strengthen effective agricultural leaders who reflect Colorado's diverse population, by developing leaders in areas such as communication and technology, social is-

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tax per night. All rooms have a sofa sleeper, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron, and free WIFI. Laundry facilities are also available. The motel serves a Continental Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. of Danish, muffins, toast and bagels, cereal, fruit, juice and coffee.

Each person is to call to make their own reservations at 303-768-9400 but be sure to ask for the convention rate for the Colorado State Grange. Confirmation number is 65365111.

See the meal reservation form on the back page of this *Granger* and make your room and meal reservations today.

Train Tickets, Quilt And Table Runner Raffle

by Cindy Greer, Raffle Manager

Most every Grange has received raffle tickets. There are a few questions that have come up that I will answer.

The train tickets are round trip tickets and they are good for one year from the drawing date October 1. As stated in the letter sent with the tickets, if someone wins the tickets from out of town, I'm sure that we can provide them with a bed for one or two nights with local Grangers. Most of the Grangers don't live in the city limits of Durango.

The quilt is being constructed with the quilt blocks from last year's contest which was in patriotic colors (Red, White, and Blue). A picture of the Christmas Table runner is located in this edition of the *Granger* and you can see a color photo on the State Grange Web site.

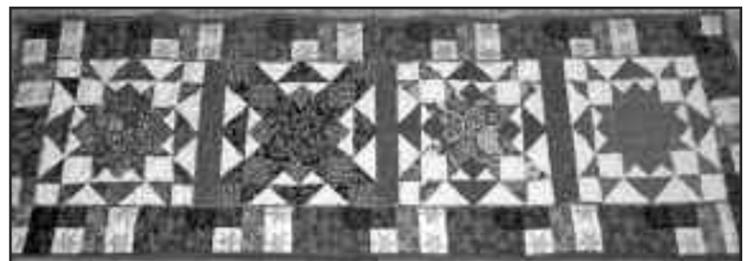
Don't forget to get your raffle tickets turned in for the train tickets, quilt or table runner. The proceeds will help Colorado Grangers attend the National Convention in Washington, D.C., this November. Thank you to everyone who has already sold tickets and returned them. We appreciate your support. The drawing for the prizes will be held on October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Castlewood Grange Hall, during the Final Banquet of State Session. Mailed tickets need to be received by September 27.

Plan to Attend
the 2016 Colorado State Grange
Sesquicentennial
Gala
and Awards Celebration

Happy Birthday
National Grange

An evening as American as:
Ice cream, Apple pie, Ragtime Piano
and the Grange

Castlewood Grange, 6:30 pm, Friday, Sept. 30



I want to thank Grandview Grange Secretary Teresa M. for her efforts. She checked with several of their members and requested an additional \$200 worth of tickets. I was very excited when I received her email. If you wish to have additional tickets please contact me (Cindy Greer) and I will get some more in the mail to you ASAP.

The proceeds will be used to help

Colorado Grange members who want to attend the National Grange convention in Washington, D.C., in November for the 150th Annual session, which is the kick off of the 150th year of the National Grange.

When you have sold the tickets please make your checks out to "Colorado State Grange Raffle" and send them to 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Tickets mailed in must be received at this address by September 27. Otherwise send them with your delegates to the State Grange convention September 28-October 1. The drawing is scheduled for October 1 at 7:30 p.m.



Important Dates

The following are dates of STATE AND POMONA activities that we have received in the State Office. If there are others, please let us know so we can add them to the list.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 State Session at Castlewood Grange.

Nov. 15-19 150th Annual National Grange Convention.

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Master's Message

Cindy Greer, State Master

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State Session is just around the corner and I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual convention. It's a time to share ideas with other Grangers, toot our own horns a little bit, and perhaps get motivated and renewed to face the coming year. The annual convention also gives those who attend an opportunity to see or take the Fifth and Sixth Degrees.

As I have been reviewing the Sixth Degree I've wondered what can we say to our newer members who have never seen the first Four Degrees about them that would get the members interested in participating in the degrees. I can't say that I have come up with anything great, but the Sixth Degree states that the first Four Degrees are "inspiring."

The first Four Degrees give us insights into our salutation of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity. Faith animates all worthy effort. Hope is our greatest incentive to achievement. The teaching of the Third Degree is expressed in the distribution of charity. Fidelity is a virtue of personal integrity that underlies all the teachings of our fraternity. The Fifth Degree teaches perseverance by triumphing over obstacles in our pathway.

One way to gain insights to the first Four Degrees is just to read through them, not just once because sometime one will get stuck on a word and miss the meaning. When trying to memorize a part the words have to fit together for me to be able to remember them. Therefore, I have to understand the meaning of the words. So my challenge to you is to read through the first Four Degrees before taking the Fifth and Sixth Degrees. The degrees are in the Subordinate Grange Manual.

The National Grange will be celebrating its 150th year beginning in November. All Granges should be making some special plans to celebrate. It's a great opportunity to talk about the Grange all year long.

Colorado voters will be faced with several ballot issues this fall. I encourage you to take the time to become familiar with the content of each of the ballot issues before voting. One of major concern is Amendment 69. This amendment deals with Colorado Care, a health system. "This new system would absorb the medical costs now provided by worker's comp. That would lead to the loss of myriad insurer services that help manage costs and the specialized care that can speed an injured employee's return to work. The market would destabilize as a result, and costs could rise — demolishing Colorado's stable workers' comp system.

But that's just the beginning. Amendment 69 would eliminate our ability to recover damages from the third parties that are responsible for your workers' injuries, which could have implications for your premium.

Currently, when a workplace injury is caused by a negligent third party, workers' comp insurers can seek to recover funds from that third party through a process called subrogation. Subrogation entitles a workers' comp carrier to recoup damages from the responsible party accountable for the claim. When a subrogation claim is successfully recovered, the payments are credited to you — which can positively affect your premium. For example, if one of your employees fell off a ladder at work, Pinnacol would pay for the injuries associated with the accident. However, if we determined the accident was caused by a defect in the ladder itself, then the manufacturer may be liable for the worker's injuries. In this case, Pinnacol would seek reimbursement from the manufacturer or its insurance company on your behalf."

Taken from *CLA weekly*.

Grange 150th Anniversary Four-Minute-Movie Contest!

Get out your cameras or even your phones and put together your own amazing four-minute-movie celebrating Grange! And here's the best part: the prizes are sponsored by the National Grange Foundation!

The top three finalists will receive up to a \$200 travel stipend, Friday and Saturday night accommodations at the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange in Washington, D.C., and two tickets to the celebration banquet where the winning movies will be shown and first, second, and third place awards announced!

First Place: \$1,000 Cash Prize! Second Place: \$500 Cash Prize! Third Place: \$250 Cash Prize!

All entries will be judged on content, quality, and creativity. The top

seven videos will be part of a social media popularity vote September 1-15, 2016, with the top three favorites moving on to the finalist round at National Session in Washington, D.C., on November 19, 2016.

There are no limits to the themes of your four-minute-movie as long as it showcases Grange! Suggestions to get your wheels turning include — but are not limited to:

- How Grange has impacted my life.
- The Grange Story: Our history and heritage.
- Why I love Grange!
- Grange accomplishments, wins, and successes.
- Why I joined the Grange, why I stay.

DEADLINES

July 1, 2016: SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Notes From The Secretary

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A Positive Point Of View

One minute summer is beginning and the next it is winding down. I personally hope for a long Indian Summer because I love the fall as much as I love summer.

I have not received all your Meal Reservations or your Delegate forms ... Please get those to me right away. There is a lot of prep work that goes into the planning of State Session, and YOU can make it easier by getting your forms filled out and sent in quickly.

As stated in the last *Granger*, State Session is being held at the Castle-

wood Grange in Centennial and it is approaching fast. Please check the hotel information in your *Granger*. Each person attending needs to make their own hotel reservations. Also in the *Granger*, on the back page, is the Meal Reservation Form (mailed to Secretaries, Directors and Officers). Be sure to fill yours out and send it with your check to the State Office, and don't forget to fill out your Delegate forms and committee choices and your Officers and Chairman reports. Getting those in on time really helps things run smoothly.

Here is a reminder to take a look at

Probable Ballot Issues For 2016 Fall Election

by David H. McCord

Per the Secretary of State Website, we may be seeing the following measures (pending verification of signatures due by September 7). I could not find that petitions for proposed amendment 69, Colorado health care, were turned in. Any of the measures could be the subject of CSG resolutions for consideration at our State Session.

Proposed constitutional amendment No. 101 "State Minimum Wage" to raise the minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020 will be on the ballot based on the Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams' report that the needed signatures have been approved.

Seven other possible ballot measures are under review for signature counts. Two others were referred by the Colorado General Assembly.

- **No. 75** — Local government authority to regulate oil-and-gas development.
- **No. 78** — Mandatory setback for oil/gas development. (Approval of this one would almost make drilling

impossible in Colorado due to the generous setbacks from streams leaving only small areas of the eastern prairie available.)

- **No. 143** — New cigarette and tobacco taxes.
- **No. 98** — Primary elections, unaffiliated elector to vote in the primary election of a political party without declaring an affiliation with that party and permitting a political party in specific circumstances to select all of its candidates by assembly or convention instead of by primary election.
- **No. 140** — Presidential primary election, presidential primary election to be held before the end of March in each presidential election year in which unaffiliated electors may vote without declaring an affiliation with a political party.
- **No. 145** — Medical aid in dying. Any mentally capable adult Colorado resident who has a medical prognosis of death by terminal illness within six months to receive a prescription from a willing licensed physician for medication that can be self-administered to bring about death.
- **No. 96** — Requirements for constitutional amendments. (The CSG Executive Committee approves/supports this amendment led by the "Raise the Bar" proponents.) An amendment to the Colorado constitution making it more difficult to amend the Colorado constitution by requiring that any petition for a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment be signed by at least two percent of the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the amendment to be placed on the ballot and increasing the percentage of votes needed to pass any proposed constitutional amendment from a majority to at least 55 percent of the votes cast, unless the proposed constitutional amendment only repeals, in whole or in part, any provision of the constitution. The amendment would expand signature gathering for constitutional amendments by requiring signatures to be gathered from all parts of the state. Present rules allow petitioners to work in populous areas ignoring rural Colorado.

Two measures referred by the Colorado General Assembly are Amendment T, regarding servitude, an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the removal of the exception to the prohibition of slavery and involuntary servitude when used as punishment for persons duly convicted of a crime and Amendment U, regarding property taxes.

In Denver the Metro Scientific and Cultural Facilities Board put Ballot Issue 4B, a sales-and-use tax measure, for metro area voters (would extend the present 0.1 percent tax to 2030).

State Session In Centennial September 29-October 1!

August 15, 2016: SUBMISSIONS CLOSE, midnight PST

September 1-15, 2016: Top seven finalists popularity voting contest

September 16, 2016: Top three finalists announced

November 19, 2016: Prizes awarded at National Grange Celebration Banquet

Late entries will not be accepted.

RULES AND DETAILS

This contest is open to all Grange members!

Videos must not exceed four minutes in length (not counting credits).

Individuals may only enter one submission, but may also be included in an additional group submission.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed submission form and waiver no later than MIDNIGHT (PST) on AUGUST 15, 2016.

All entries remain the property of the creator, but to qualify for any prizes, a waiver allowing the Grange to use the video for promotional purposes must be signed at time of submission.

Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee will qualify the top seven videos to move onto the public voting round. The top three videos will be judged by a qualified judge outside of the organization's membership.

Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee reserve the right to remove any entries from judging due to themes, language, or violence deemed inappropriate for an all-ages audience.

Due to large file sizes, submissions should be uploaded to DropBox, Google Drive, or similar program. Submissions will be considered complete upon receipt of sharing link emailed with entry form to 150videocontest@nationalgrange.org.

the State Session Schedule in the *Granger* as well, and don't forget to pull out your *Handbooks* (mailed at the beginning of the year) and let your Grangers know about entering all the great contests we have at State Session.

Join us at State Session for a Great time.

Every day may not be a good day, but there is something good in every day.

Scholarship Letter

Dear Jim Miller,

I would like to thank you and the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation for choosing me as a recipient of the Grange Scholarship. I received this scholarship the last three years, and it is an honor to be receiving it again. With the help of you and the Colorado State Grange, I can further my studies in the engineering field at the University of Colorado Boulder. With the financial burden of college being so much, this scholarship will help me greatly.

This summer I had a software engineering internship at Seagate Technology, where I was working on a lab equipment reservation system. It has given me a lot of knowledge and insight into the field of computer science and has given me a lot of experience as I look to get a full-time software engineering job. Additionally, I will be working part-time during the school year at Seagate with the hopes of getting a full time job when I graduate.

Thank you and the Colorado State Grange very much for awarding me with this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Bryan Hawthorne

Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program

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sues and cultural diversity, coalition building, resource management and government policy, just to name a few.

CALP and its supporters recruit enthusiastic Coloradans who are recognized as emerging leaders and are directly involved in ag, agribusiness, rural industries, rural communities or natural resource management. Individuals may be in the early or middle phase of their leadership careers, and looking for that next level of training or experience.

Those interested can learn more at www.coloradoleaders.co, or can contact Cathy Calderwood at cathy@coloradoleaders.org or at 303-547-5963.

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Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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The National Grange website is full of fun suggestions, contests and resources for lecturers. Check it out. Three items earned my attention this fall.

National Grange has released a new logo celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of The National Grange. You can download the 150th year celebration logo on the National Grange website. It is hoped that every Granger and Grange will utilize this approved logo.

National Grange will be releasing merchandise with the logo and Granges may use it on their own merchandise such as t-shirts and bags and pamphlets or other items as they choose. December 4, 2017, is the anniversary date. The celebration will continue throughout 2018.

Next, National Grange will again

Claudia's Corner



by Claudia the Skunk from the National Grange Herd

I've been having a good time visiting Granges this summer. We went to Pleasant Park's meeting and celebration of Bob Kuehster's 90th Birthday and 75th (actually 76th) year as a Grange Member. Way to go Bob, you inspire all of us. Yvonne Ludwig led the meeting very well. I especially liked the inclusion of prayer, pledge of allegiance and the salutation!

The Grange was looking into getting a QR code that could be used through their website to receive donations from the bicyclers. Their property is used by bicyclers as a rest stop. They accommodate them by providing coolers full of water during the summer months, every day of the week and on weekends they even provide cookies. Some people would look at the bicyclers as a problem, but this group of Grangers welcomes them onto their property. Sometimes it's better to join them if you can't beat them.

We enjoyed breakfast at Golden Gate Grange before heading home. They tucked everyone out the day before with a big concert in the heat of the day at which they had a great turnout.

The next weekend we went to Grandview Grange's Meet and Greet Potluck. It was a great turnout with lots of families with youngsters and young adults. The floor in the main hall looks great and we look forward to seeing the improvements they have planned for the building. We also learned that the New Grange hall sign is a pokémon stop (whatever that is).

Family Camp was wonderful. The juniors were impressed with Bishop's Castle and really enjoyed the game room at the Hermit Basin Conference Center. The food was excellent and plentiful (as usual) and we were entertained by the workshops. The story teller was fantastic!!! Those who went hiking had a good 7-mile hike, unfortunately they did get rained on and hailed on and couldn't complete the hike, but they had a good time. Thank you Charlene Porter for all your efforts to organize the Family Camp.

I'm looking forward to going to State Session September 28-October 1. Hope to see many of you there.

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sponsor its own Photo Contest. Remember the Colorado State Grange also holds a photo contest with entries due at the Convention Center at Castlewood Grange on Thursday of State Session. If you are a Subordinate or Pomona lecturer, please make sure to help all members get their contest entries to the State Session. Entries for the National Grange Photo Contest should be mailed by the photographer before October 15, 2016, to:

National Grange
ATTN: Lecturer Amanda Brozana
1616 H St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

There are two divisions, Junior and Adult. Only one photo per member is allowed. Photos should be 8 x 10 or 8 x 12 and matted on a 11 x 14 white board. Categories are Faith, Community, Family, Tractors, Young Love, Rural Scenes and Democracy in Action.

Photos will be displayed at the National Session in Washington, D.C., and must be picked up Saturday afternoon at the session. Photographers will need to make arrangements for the photo to be picked up. Complete details can be found on the website.

Finally, I wish to remind you of the Lecturer Program in a Box. Entries must be emailed by October 31, 2016, to lecturer@nationalgrange.org. Note: Colorado has adopted this as a state program also, so be sure to enter your entry at the state level too.

The concept behind this National program is to create a resource created by the 2,000 Grange lecturers across the nation. Programs will receive a quality rating and will be electronically distributed to these Grange lecturers as an "Idea Book." Full details can be found on the National website.



Family & Women's Activities

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It is time to be thinking about bringing your items to enter at the State Convention. Entries are accepted between 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at Castlewood Grange. The needlework, quilting and sewing contest is open to non-Grangers. It may be a way to interest a non-Granger to join our organization! To enter the baking and food preservation contest you must be a Grange member in good standing.

We will also be collecting items for Blue Star Mothers to distribute to those who are active and serving our country in the military. Any small items are appreciated — chapstick, lotions, sunscreen, tissues, pens/pencils, notepads, writing paper, reading materials etc. Bring any donations to the State Convention and they will be given to the Blue Star Mothers for distribution.

2016 And 2017 Quilted Item Contest

The National Grange Quilt block contest is one key to help us share the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange in 2017. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members and those who have not yet joined the Grange to share their creative talents. Small monetary prizes will be awarded. Please check back with your State Lecturer or the National Lecturer for more details.

Rules

A. The period of the contest runs from January 1, 2016 (2017), until September 15, 2016 (2017), deadline for submissions is September 30, 2016 (2017) to the National Lecturer Amanda Leigh Brozana, c/o National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

B. Judging will be done prior to National Grange Session.

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged, however, they will be exhibited at the National Grange Session in Washington, D.C.

D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be displayed at the Quilt Show associated with the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, Wash., in November 2017. All items will be on display and for sale during the event to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledg-

ing your donation and encouraging you to provide it to your tax adviser or to use IRS Publication 561: Determining the Value of Donated Property to understand what you may be able to claim as a tax-deductible contribution. All entries will be given proper credit and awards.

Group I – Adult

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block

2016 – Dresden Plate pattern, blues and golds, 16" x 16"

* The 2016 Quilt Block Pattern is the DRESDEN PLATE in Blues and Golds to represent the Grange. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8040>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 16" x 16".

2017 – Spiderweb Star, greens and browns, 12" x 12"

The 2017 Quilt Block Pattern is the SPIDERWEB STAR in Greens and Browns with accent colors reminiscent of the earth and agriculture. The pattern to use can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=8325>. The block must come UNFINISHED and measure 12" x 12".

Section 2 – Finished Fabric Quilted Items

Class A – Finished table runner – no larger than 18" x 60"

Class B – Finished Quilted Pillow – no larger than 18" x 18"

Class C – Quilted Wall Hanging – no

larger than 48" x 48"

Class D – Quilted Coffee Cozy (Suggestion: <http://stitchwerx.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/S304BascupCozy.pdf>)

Class E – Quilted Crib/Baby Quilt – no larger than 45" x 54"

Group II –

Junior Grange Member

2016 – Log Cabin – red, white and black. Pattern can be found at <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=12662>

2017 – Garden Path – green, gold and white (accents of blue may also be used) Pattern may be found at: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

Section 1 – Fabric Unfinished Quilt Block 12" x 12"

Section 2 – Quilted Potholder
<http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?idx=15047>

NOTE: Finished means batted and backed.

Submission Form Information

Name _____
Address _____
Email (if applicable) _____

Grange Name, Number, State you are representing (if applicable) _____

Total Years of Grange Membership (if applicable) _____

What is special about your Grange/hometown? _____



Mandy Project

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The Mandy Project has just faced another challenging request. Last year we decided that we would accept applications from out of state citizens or legal immigrants for the Mandy Project. We recently received a request from the Iowa Ear Center to assist a family that works for the U.S. Embassy Juba, in South Sudan. The committee did decide to assist the family with \$500.

Awok "Paulina" Kokding (Nyikango) age 3, is the child of a U.S. Embassy Juba, South Sudan, employee. The family has two children, Awok who is three and Sarah who is one.

Awok's parents noticed that she was not responding to verbal communication at one year of age. At the age of two she was still not able to speak any words, except some indeterminate babbling sounds. There are no audiologists speech pathologists or ENT specialists in South Sudan.

When Awok was two-years-old her father took her to a hearing clinic in

Uganda, but they were unable to conduct a hearing test and didn't have equipment for other tests. When she was 2-1/2 her father took her to Khartoum, Sudan, for an evaluation with an ENT doctor, who conducted an ABR test under sedation. He recommended hearing aids and cochlear implants. Since surgery for cochlear implants cannot be done in either Sudan or South Sudan, Awok's parents sought further diagnostics and medical care in the United States.

In May 2016, Awok was seen for an ABR evaluation at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The previous testing had indicated a severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss. An ABR test conducted under reliable conditions was needed to confirm cochlear implant candidacy. Awok had hearing aids that she wears inconsistently, and there are no audiologists in South Sudan who can provide train-



Awok "Paulina" Kokding

ing to Awok and her parents to use hearing aids and sign language.

The ABR indicated that hearing aids will be ineffective for Awok because of the type of hearing loss. A retired Foreign Service officer living in Ames, Iowa, is assisting the family to find medical specialists to aid Awok. Awok and her parents attended three one-hour sessions with a speech/language pathologist in Ames in May to learn how to build communication with a deaf toddler.

The family hopes that Awok will lead a normal life, communicating with family, friends and outsiders through speech (primarily) and sign language. They hope she will be able

to attend public school in Juba, South Sudan, and will be able to actively participate in classroom learning activities. They hope she will be able to attend university and pursue a field of study and a career of her choosing. They hope she will be able to learn to hear and associate sounds with symbols of communication and that she will catch up her speech and language skills by six years of age. They hope she will learn to play with other children and interact using appropriate and normal behavior and that with her growing communication skills, Awok's frustrations will subside and she will grow to be a happy productive well-behaved child.

The family will be receiving services in Iowa and living there for six months for follow-up medical care and speech therapy.

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Chaplain's Corner

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There's a saying, perhaps in a song: "God is good all the time; all the time God is good." I was wondering about the juxtaposition of phrases and if it's just redundant. I decided it's not!

"God is good all the time" indicates that there's no time when God is not good. It is an integral part of His unrivaled character. "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever..." (Psalm 100:5). "The Lord is good to all..." (Psalm 145:9). "There is only One who is good" (Jesus, in Matthew 19:17). The meanness, selfishness, bigotry, cheating, bullying — everything we see that we know is not good in this world — is not God's doing because "He is good all the time."

"All the time God is good" sounds similar, but to me it is reassurance that when circumstances or people are not being what I would desire, when I'm disappointed or angry over something, God is still good. When children are abused, when I see horrific terrorist activity, when illness devastates a "good person," it is not that God has decided to do evil. He cannot and He will not! All the time He is good. Psalm 119:68 says, "You are good, and what you do is good." "You are forgiving and good, O Lord,

abounding in love to all who call to you" (Psalm 86:5). He allows humans to make choices, and we know some make the choice to do evil. That is not God's will.

I hope to see many of you at the memorial service at State Session. We will remember those who have passed from this life and praise our good God. In the meantime, as David said (Psalm 34:8), "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

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

Thelma Huntington	Breen
Walter Strippgen	Golden Gate
William Suvada	Pleasant Park
Mike Olsen	Pleasant Park

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Being semi-active on Facebook, I thought it'd be appropriate to devote this article to social media. I have again "borrowed" material from the *Grange Communication Handbook* — Chapter 11 that is titled "Social Media for Social Organizations."

As defined by the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, social media is a "form of electronic communication (as websites for social networking and micro-blogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (as videos)."

Social media grants Internet users the opportunity to interact with each other using a dedicated forum or site. Popular social media outlets include: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Blogger and LinkedIn. Using one or all of these sites, users can send out notices, chat, upload video and pictures, update personal information, share their views and opinions, and many other things.

Although initially intended for social interaction, in recent years, social media has become a vital tool used by businesses and companies worldwide to communicate with consumers and help maintain a positive image for their

brand. Social media is now the preferred marketing outlet for businesses and organizations everywhere. If used properly, social media can be an excellent tool to help grow your Grange and stay connected with members.

Again, I encourage each of you to go online (I have the link posted on the State's homepage . . . to the left of the officers' picture) to access the complete handbook. And, by request, all of the appendices are included in this handbook. As a word of caution, this file is large 19mb+ so you'll need a fast Internet connection to access this file.

As an aside, one facet of social media that is not included in the National Handbook is the use of Instagram. I've watched my kids and others flock to this outlet for posting pictures. Just another instrument that I encourage each of you to use.

I follow a few Granges on Facebook. Can each of you that use Facebook for your Grange send me a link and I will publish it in the next *Granger* issue? This will give each of you an idea on how each Grange is using Facebook to spread the word. Thanks and I hope to see each of you at State Session.

Health Awareness

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Fall is in the air! Are you ready? What health changes have you made this year; are you drinking more water, moving more, eating healthier? How is your stress level and sleep? Remember to take small steps! Most people try to make too many changes at one time and then give up because it is too hard.

If you are ready, let's focus on less stress over the next few weeks. Commit to setting aside 5 minutes once a day, morning, noon or night; your choice! Set a timer or have a clock in front of you and just totally relax and take deep breaths. Don't

think about anything but breathing! Once you are in the habit of doing this then you can increase to 10 or 15 minutes each day. Or if it you'd rather, you can do 5 minute breaks 2-3 times a day! You may be surprised what a difference this can make.

If you are the Health Chairman for your Grange, remember to include your activities in your Grange's Community Service report. Have you learned of any new health challenges in your Grange or community? As always if you need ideas or have suggestions, please let me know. Did you know?

Agriculture Report

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Are Colorado's Chokecherries The Country's Next Cranberry?



by **David H. McCord,
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Chokecherries are native to Colorado, found along streams, ditches, and moist areas where knowledgeable pickers gather them for tart jelly and juice. The jelly is often submitted to county fairs for food judging. I have never tasted them but their future has my interest based on recent informative commentaries and interest by growers. Their flowers are attractive and yield a pleasant aroma. Chokecherries were long used by native Coloradans before fur trappers, gold seekers, farmers, and ranchers came here.

In contrast, years ago cranberries were at most a Thanksgiving menu addition but little used at other times. Today, with promotion coupled with product availability, cranberry fruit, juices, and the traditional canned and fresh Thanksgiving servings are common. Cranberry juice has reputed health benefits. I see a similar potential for chokecherries.

Chokecherry is also known as aronia. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: commonly found wild in woodlands and swamps, aronia is also known as chokeberry, due to its astringent flavor. The berries come naturally in three colors — red, purple and black-purple. One source gives the scientific name "Padus virginiana, subsp. melanocarpa and another says Prunus melanocarpa). Who cares, the botanists and nursery vendors will

figure it out. Plants are available from Colorado nurseries.

Per a recent report on National Public Radio, an interest in chokecherry/aronia is taking place in Iowa, with this berry seeking to be established as an organic crop with appeal for both health and commercial benefits. The proponents liken aronia to cranberries (also tart).

In Denver Sprouts stores chokecherries are sold as Superberries® products. They are also touted as "nature's healer and protector." Maybe. The following claims are made at <http://aroniaberrynews.com>:

1. Antioxidant source
2. Urinary tract health
3. Improve blood circulation and strengthens blood
4. Balance of blood pressure levels
5. Prevention and help in treatment of diabetes
6. "Gastro protective" effect (claimed due to its antioxidant benefit)
7. Anti-carcinogenic effect
8. Anti-inflammatory properties, suppress viruses
9. Eyes protection (contains carotene)
10. Weight control: help prevent the body from storing fat around the abdomen, a problem which many people are constantly facing. An added benefit from having aronia berries included in your diet is that it can also improve your cholesterol and lipid levels, by helping the body to produce good cholesterol. The potential for growing chokecherries is present. Colorado's wine grape production has been steadily



Tune In To Junior Grange

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Well, summer break for the kids has come and gone. We hope that you had a great time, and did some fun activities with the Junior Grangers in your area. As we start another school year there are some things that we would like to ask of each and every Granger within our state. One is to be cautious as you drive past those schools, sometimes kids aren't paying as much attention to their surroundings as they should, but don't just limit it to the school's zones be cautious around any and all residential zones as well.

Don't let school starting discourage your Jr. Grange growth efforts though. Have you thought about asking your local school if you might be able to utilize some of their wall space within the school to promote Jr. Grange? That is a great place with the right age audience where the kids and parents have the opportunity to look at it every day and encourage them to join.

State Grange is right around the corner, and National Session is just after that. Do you have all of your Jr. Grange crafts and entries ready for State Session? How about a Jr. Grange talent show entry? Please encourage all of your Jr. Grangers to participate



at the State Session in some way.

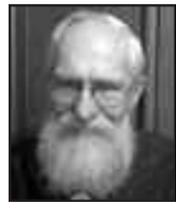
We would like to make a deal with the Jr. Grangers of our state, if there are at least three talent entries from Jr. Grangers at the State Session I promise that I, Daniel Greer, will get up on stage and do something really embarrassing. But the only way to get me up there is to get at least three Jr. Grange talent entries at the State Session talent show.

Jenna and I are looking forward to seeing all of your hard work as well as the kids' hard work at State Session this year!! Don't forget to support the Jr. Grange by handing out compliments to all of the Juniors you see on their hard work throughout the year and especially at the State Session.

Let's GROW our state Jr. Grange.

Membership

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A few secretaries have sent membership reports to me, though not nearly as many as I had hoped. Remember that we have cash awards coming!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the lunch at State Session, where I will be recognizing membership "ask!" stars and giving out rewards.

Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments. He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.
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increasing over the recent decades and a product that can easily go forth with an "organic" description with possible health benefits has potential. The Iowa growers are well into production. Organic farmers and, for that matter, home landscaping can include chokecherries the same as we grow pie cherries, apples, grapes, peaches, etc. in our yards.

CALP

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program seeks applications for leaders looking to further develop their skills and their commitment to the future of Colorado's agricultural and rural communities. CALP participants travel the state, learn about agriculture in every region and hone their personal leadership skills. At the end of the two-year program, the class participates in an international trip to learn about agriculture in a foreign country and trade between that country and the U.S. Sept. 30 is the deadline for the next class which will consist of 12 seminars February 2017 through February 2019.

Applications can be downloaded at www.coloradoagleaders.org. Those wanting to learn more can contact Cathy Calderwood at cathy@coloagleaders.org or at 303-547-5963. Colorado State Grange supports this program as a policy and last year contributed to the CALP scholarship fund.

by John Hagen, CSG Agriculture Co-Director

Harvest time is in full swing, with wheat and barley done, corn growing well. Cantaloupe are in the local stores, and chile coming soon. Grain prices are down considerably from 2015. Cattle prices are holding up at profitable levels. The new kid in the neighborhood, hemp, is growing well in a few fields. Most of the hemp is reserved for use in experiments for beneficial products, and textiles.

Farmers in Colorado are under fire due to low prices on wheat and corn in 2016, and ballot items that will attempt to set standards for hydraulic fracturing (fracking) that will curtail the practice in most of the lucrative energy producing areas of Colorado. These ballot items will take the property rights of farmers and landowners without any recourse to remedy the "taking."

Educate yourself on the many ballot items this general election; our wallets and property rights are under attack.

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**Sept. 29-Oct. 1 — Silent Auction
at Colorado State Grange Annual
Session at Castlewood Grange Hall.**

**Oct. 2 — 8 a.m. Annual Meeting
at Castlewood Grange Hall.**

We will once again be having a silent Auction at State Session. We would appreciate any donations for the auction and of course we appreciate all those who participate in the silent auction. I wonder what the "Hot" item will be this year?

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m. we will have our annual meeting to discuss this past year's activities, set the budget and discuss the coming year's activities. Please join us. We'll try to have a pot of coffee and hot water available.

Granges whom the IRS has their year ending August 31, need to remember to file their 990N postcard in order to keep their tax exempt status. Most Subordinate Granges are 501c5, although we do know that a few are listed as a 501c8. The process is simple but if you need help please let us know and we'll do our best to help you out. Unfortunately for those of you not comfortable with the computer you can only file these reports online.



Youth News

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Family Summer Camp July 22-24, 2016, was a blast! Good times and lots of fun were had by all. A special thanks to our workshop leaders. Cindy Greer led the Junior Grange Workshop with painting galore! Harry Greer facilitated the Men's Workshop doing leather crafts, Kathy Wardle taught the Women's Workshop and made beautiful tiles of all colors and designs. The women were delighted.

The worship service was directed by Vicky Gallegos. Heidi Donat, our storyteller, told several short stories and an animated story of Brer Rabbit. Dominick Breton and Kay McCord led an adventurous youth hike for four hours, which included a hail storm. Talk about exciting!

Another added adventure was a flashlight hike after dinner around the local area led by Dominick and Darcy St. Aubin. We socialized to the wee hours, soaked in the hot tub, played a wide variety of games, ate delicious food at the Hermit's Basin Lodge and had a memorable time touring Bishop's Castle. Thank you all for coming!

This year is passing so quickly. Now the focus is on State Session. We need youth 15-35 year-olds to march in. Please all Youth Grangers come to the State Session and learn what the Grange has to offer you.

The Youth Department has the responsibility of the Hospitality Room for State Session this year. All of your food donations are greatly appreciated! We could use help in set-up, serving and clean-up. Please call me soon if you can help or would like to march in. Thank you!

Thank You Letters From Charlene:
August 5, 2016

Dear . . . :

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. This is a big **Thank You** to all that attended Family Summer Camp! You make my job easier each year with all your help. I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as I did. It is always a great time to gather together and see old friends and meet new ones. Thank you again for everything you do! . . .

Dear Cindy and Harry Greer:

Cindy — I wanted to give you a special thank you for doing the J.G. Workshop, maybe more importantly — getting all the people from your side of the mountain. Thank you for being Master and ALL the "hats" you wear.

Harry — Thank you for doing the leather workshop. It was great!

Thank you for bringing the grandkids.



Family Summer Camp 2016

Dear Kay and David McCord:

Kay — Your friendship and skills on the "survival hike" was amazing. Later we will laugh at all the fun you had. We truly appreciate everything you and Dave have done for the Grange. You are appreciated in so many ways!

Dear Darcy Albin:

Thank you for bringing the kids!

Dear Vicky and David Gallegos:

Vicky — We all are truly blessed with your help leading the worship service. Thank you for helping. What a great job and uplifting songs.

Dear Kathy and Gary Wardle;

Kathy — You are so creative! You

raise the living standards of housewives. She gave lectures on "A Higher Standard of Culture for Housekeepers" to the Grange and to the Institute of Agriculture and the Chautauquas. In her capacity as chair of the State Grange committee on women's work she also organized a program which provided summer outings for urban women and children to Grange farms. The Michigan State University noted Mary Mayo's work in agriculture by dedicating a women's dormitory in her name.

The first Wyoming State Grange Lecturer was Reverend Minnie Fenwick. She maintained an active ministry while helping her husband to establish a farm and raise four children. She was licensed in 1888 and ordained in 1900; she had three preaching circuits around their farming area after she moved there in 1907. She founded several Sunday schools and was President of the Wyoming WCTU of her religious denomination for five years.

Colorado State Grange had an early woman Grange leader as well. Agnes Riddle had been born in Silesia in 1865 and came to America when she was 16. Agnes Riddle had studied nursing and domestic science in St. Louis. She came to Colorado to work in a hospital. She met and married a dairy farmer in the late 1990s, taught Sunday school, preached in the area and became Secretary of the Colorado State Grange. She was a member of the advisory board of the Colorado agricultural college and was state Senator in the Colorado legislature in 1911. She often did agriculture chores before going to Senate meetings. In her legislative term she was interested in agriculture education and she was credited for helping to win appropriations for extension programs serving remote areas of the state. When she won her Senate seat most women in the country could not vote. She was the first woman legislator in Colorado. Her Grange membership was unusual because immigrants and nurses were rarities in the Grange.

More information about Colorado and up-to-date Grange history in the next installment.

Information from Donald B. Marti's book *WOMEN OF THE GRANGE: Mutuality and Sisterhood in Rural America, 1886-1920* and David H. Howard's book *PEOPLE, PRIDE and PROGRESS 125 years in the Grange in America* and personal research.



Thank you again for everything you do and always supporting me.

Dear Councilwoman Duran:

Thank you very much for your support in our Wheat Ridge Grange's activities. This year's Family Summer Camp was held in Westcliffe, Colorado. Your generous financial support enabled six of our Junior and Youth Grange members (ages 5-15) to attend this educational and recreational fun-filled weekend which included several creative workshops, swimming, hiking, storytelling, and many family and community-minded experiences.

Again, thank you. You have made many happy faces with your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

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Women In The Grange, Continued

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In the first article I wrote about women in the Grange I spoke about Caroline Hall, the niece of Oliver H. Kelley, one of the founders of the Grange. It was she who said that the founders should include women in this new agriculture organization or it would not last. Caroline Hall was the first woman to be admitted to National Grange as a member and did many tasks to help the new organization to become a reality. For instance, she wrote the first songs and song book for the Grange and sewed the first regalia used in the National Grange meetings. She worked very hard to keep minutes and notes and continued to offer ideas for the new organization. There were many who said she should have been named one of the founders but that didn't happen and her name was not associated as a founder.

At first the women's participation in the meetings consisted of sitting in the Graces' chairs and being the Lady Assistant Steward. These were mostly ceremonial, not significant policy positions or speaking officers of the Grange. Some of the women were not entirely happy with this situation and thought they could contribute more. Some had been teachers and writers and good thinkers. Some women began writing and giving reports from the offices of the Graces. Many times these would be on women's household subjects but sometimes on education and other matters of their interest. Sometimes they would add to the Lecturers' time and after a while they were considered assistant Lecturers. In the beginning the Lecturers, who were men, tended to think they had to lecture. Because the women were showing they were interested in participating in the meetings some were being elected as Lecturer and also Secretary. Both of these offices took on considerable time and are responsible positions. The women Lecturers would do more programming and try to involve other members who had experience and expertise in subjects that would be of interest to the members.

Those women Grangers who would seek the higher offices were very capable women and helped to guide the activities and goals of their Granges. By 1901 a report said that most subordinate or local Grange Lecturers were women.

I would like to tell you about a few women who were early Grange leaders. Not that you will remember their names or need to but I believe they are worth mentioning. A woman Master of Minnesota State Grange was elected in 1895 and held a lengthy term of 17 years. Her name was Sarah G. Baird. At that time there were still very few other state offices held by women other than the Graces and Lady Assistant Steward.

Michigan had several women Grangers who were leaders in the 1800s and early 1900s. These women had some impact on their state Grange and hence, National Grange in those days. Jennie Buell was Michigan's first State Grange Lecturer and became more of a teacher than a lecturer. She authored Lecturer's columns in the National Grange Monthly and later compiled the information in a book for Lecturers and Masters. Another outstanding Grange woman was Dora Stockman.

The information about these women is from David Howard's book *PEOPLE, PRIDE AND PROGRESS* and Don Marti's book *WOMEN OF GRANGE, Mutuality and Sisterhood in Rural America, 1866-1920*. They state that the Grange service was the school which prepared many women for public service. Dora Stockman served on the Board of Agriculture in Michigan for 24 years. She was the first woman in Michigan's history to hold an elective office.

Dora was the first woman to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Michigan State. She also served in the Michigan House of Representatives for 8 years and championed school lunch programs, and changes in education to allow more high school years which was the precursor of the community colleges. As an active Grange officer she was interested in organized activities for the children and brought children together in units called Four Leaf Clover Clubs. Out of these efforts grew the 4-H movement.

One more Michigan Grange lady of note was Mary Mayo. She was a city gal and her city friends snubbed her when she married a farmer. This bothered her and she and her husband began reading and studying and learning and attending the Chautauquas which were learning centers and attending Grange. She became well versed and was especially interested in women's education. She wanted to

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September 17 — Exhibit Day (Entries accepted from 11:30 a.m. til 1 p.m., Planning Meeting at 5 p.m., Potluck at 6 p.m.)

September 28–October 1 — State Session at Castlewood Grange in Centennial, Colo.

La Plata Pomona met July 11 for their quarterly meeting. At this meeting, we elected the following officers (for 2016-2018):

- Master – Harry Greer
- Overseer – Amy Peterson
- Lecturer – Liz Hiner
- Steward – Larry Corman
- A.S. – Tom Champion
- L.A.S. – Mary Hunter
- Chaplain – Roger Ayers
- GK – Dean Hiner
- Treasurer – Sheryl Ayers
- Secretary – Cindy Greer
- Ceres – Yvonne Chapman
- Pomona – Karen Baxter
- Flora – Shirley Engler

We voted to allocate \$600 for the upcoming Exhibit Day. This is a great incentive to get everyone to get their crafts and food items going in anticipation of the upcoming State Session. It's amazing the talent that is brought to this Day by our local Grangers (and Juniors).

We also voted to provide travel/motel money for the La Plata Pomona state delegates along with the local subordinate delegates.

Thanks to Cindy Greer for co-managing the Fair Kitchen again this year. Without this fundraiser, it'd be challenging for the Pomona to be as financially supportive that they are for the local subordinate Granges.

Larry Corman

Mt. Allison

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You Are Invited

The following are Subordinate Grange activities you are invited to.

Sept. 14 — Community Harvest Supper in Mancos on Grand Ave.

Sept. 25 — Celebrate Colona Building Centennial. Contact *Wanda Miller* at 970-249-5024.

Sept. 29–Oct. 1 — State Session at Castlewood Grange.

October (TBD) — First Annual Pig Roast at Mt. Lookout Grange. Contact *Carol van der Harten* at 970-533-9955.

October 15 — Fall Craft Show at the Florissant Grange. Contact *Ed Oppermann* at 719-748-5004.

October 29 — Annual Halloween Party at the Florissant Grange. Contact *Ed Oppermann* at 719-748-5004.

October 17 — Monthly Grange Meeting at Grange Hall, 7 p.m.

October 22 — Harvest Supper, 5-7 p.m. at Grange Hall.

I am writing this as I recuperate from working a couple of days at the La Plata County Fair Kitchen as part of the crew from La Plata Pomona. Kudos to our State Master Cindy Greer for co-coordinating (staffing, ordering, scheduling, etc.) this major fundraiser for La Plata Pomona. I don't know how many hours Cindy puts in on this event but I know how I feel after putting in just under 10 hours of my time over a couple of days. Thanks also go out to Karen Baxter, Trish Corman, Brad Corman and Elizabeth Simons for their time in the kitchen. In addition, Skyla and Sara Ruybal; Felicity and Teagan DeWeese also put in long hours in the kitchen.

Hopefully it's not too late a reminder but Exhibit Day (see the times above) will be held at the Florida Grange Hall on Sept. 17. You can go online at <http://coloradogranger.org/handbook.html> for copies of the rules for the different departments. If you don't have access, you can always contact me and I will get you a copy of the handbook.

If you want to get entries to State, please get them either to Shirley Engler or myself prior to Wednesday, Sept 28.

Larry Corman
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Marvel

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September 16 — Potluck/Planning meeting 6:30 p.m.

September 17 — Pomona Exhibit Day 7:30 p.m. Florida Grange Hall

September 24 — Dryside Quilters 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

October 7 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program: *June Spriggs*

October 14 — Community Activity to be decided.

October 29 — Free Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

We had over 100 attend our homemade ice cream social in July at which we honored veterans. We had 10 veterans in attendance.

In August several of our members were involved in the County Fair. Some served as Superintendents, some are Fair Board members, some volunteered in the Pomona Grange concession, some managed the concession, and some were employed for the concession. Some of the younger junior members showed animals, and some entered items in the fair for judging. Regardless of what they did they were involved.

Marvel Grange hosted the Pomona Picnic and combined it with their annual community picnic in August.

At our August meeting we elected officers and enjoyed a program on Root Beer floats and for refreshments we had root beer floats. Most officers remained the same. New overseer is Chris Nobes, new L.A.S. is Ange Nobes, new G.K. is Kathy Hogan, new Ex Com. Member is Jane Westgaard, and new Flora is Christy Martinez.

We voted on two new member Christy Martinez and Rick Elblo. Our

delegates for State Session are Roger and Sheryl Ayers. We had a good discussion about amendment 69. We have two possible fundraising catering events in September, our bids have been submitted, just waiting for confirmation.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JGs

Contact: Cindy Greer herdgreer@frontier.net, or Jenna Greer djbngrer@live.com, or 970-588-3386 for further information.

Our garden is growing that we planted at the Grange Hall. Not as well as last year, but this year we have a variety of items planted.

Our summer meetings have ended up being on Tuesdays and we have painted clay pots and then we planted items in them and made miniature gardens out of them with succulents. We also worked on our Nature craft and are again learning the salutation and pledge. We always enjoy the games we get to play when we meet.

When school starts we will have to see when we can meet as our oldest member will be going to middle school and he will get home at a different time. So we may have to meet in the evening or on a Saturday morning.

Cindy Greer



Marvel Junior Grange



Marvel Grange



Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Ed Oppermann, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

August 30 — The third in a series of Quilting Classes will be held at the Florissant Grange from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are making a fence rail quilt.

September — Florissant Grangers are getting ready for State Session. Planning menus for two breakfasts and the banquet.

October 15 — Join us for the Fall Craft Show. This is a great time to start Christmas Shopping and you can always find those perfect one of a kind gifts at our Craft Show.

October 29 — The Annual Halloween Party at the Florissant Grange. This is a popular event where the old school house (the Grange Hall) is transformed into a fun spook house. The party is from 6 to 8 p.m.

Heritage Day on July 30 was successful again this year. Many community members came out to enjoy the music, historic talks, crafters and vendors, food, ice cream and games for the kids.

August 9 was the second in a series of Quilting Classes at the Florissant Grange from 9 to 12 p.m. We began putting together the squares and it is looking good.

On August 12 the Florissant Grange hosted a wedding for two long distance Grangers. John and Nola Bramwell were married at 4 p.m. at the Florissant Grange Hall with many Grangers and community members in attendance. After the ceremony we had a good old fashioned Bar-B-Que with burgers, brats, hotdogs, Cowboy beans, fresh from the garden salad, chips and a delicious carrot cake. It was a day to remember.

Every Thursday, all year long, the Florissant Grange welcomes the Florissant Jammers to Jam until they can't play anymore. A potluck begins at 6 p.m. and music begins at 6:30.

Renee Caldwell

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

October 15, 2016, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 2016 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

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

Name of Grange

Contact person (with a phone number)

Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES

Community Service Projects

In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)

Thinking of You (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)

Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)

You're Invited (activities open to non-members and visiting Grangers)



Heritage Day at Florissant Grange



John and Nola's wedding at Florissant Grange.



Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

September 14 — Community (Harvest) Supper Downtown Mancos Grand Ave.

September 23 — MLG Officers meeting 6 p.m.

October 9 — Community Supper 5:30 p.m.

October 18 — MLG Officers meeting 6 p.m.

October, date tbd — First Annual Pig Roast.

The summer months at Mount Lookout Grange have brought agriculture related meetings and work-

shops, classes and workshops on a variety of other topics, scrumptious and plentiful pot luck get together at our monthly community dinners, and of course, music from our Acoustic Jam group. Several yard projects have also been accomplished — trimming elms and bushes, and planting heritage fruit trees and raspberry bushes in the back of the property.

Looking forward, we will again participate in the annual Town of Mancos Harvest block party, held on Grand Avenue the second Sunday in September. We are planning a Pig Roast in October with music and wonderful food and drink for all to enjoy. An ambitious potential kitchen expansion, with food pantry addition for use by the community is under consideration— more details to follow as the project gets underway.

Carol van der Harten

Colona

Contact Wanda Miller, chevilyady5@aol.com or 970-249-5024, for further information.

September 25 — You are invited to help celebrate our building's centennial.

September 28 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.

October 26 — Potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting.

We extend invitations to Grange members and the public to join us on September 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. in celebrating the centennial of the first full school year taught in our building. In an effort to honor the teachers, students, community and multitude of activities during the first 100 years, we will follow the school theme in dec-

orations and refreshments.

It is encouraged that people attend the centennial and see our building before extensive restoration/rehabilitation/renovation work begins on both exterior and interior of our building.

During the coming months our building will be closed while work is underway. The work will be financed by a grant from History Colorado and matching funds supported by the sale of Riverside Grange Hall. We will be working closely with Colorado Preservation Inc., who will be administrators of the contract and grant. Due to the amount of work to be done we are not planning activities at the building until work is completed. Our meeting location while work is underway will be determined at future dates.

Cara Miller

Darden

Jefferson County

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

December 3 — Darden Pomona meets at Enterprise Grange, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Potluck, Christmas Party to follow.

Darden Pomona Grange met September 10 at Maple Grove Grange.

Discussion was held on the Christmas party to be held December 3 at Enterprise Grange. It will again be a combined Christmas Party with Enterprise Grange. All members and friends are invited to come and join in having a fun time with Santa as a special guest.

New officers were installed by installing officers, Gary and Kathy Wardle.

Idella Lewis

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met at the lovely home of Marlys Halbeisen for a picnic in July. Other Granges in Darden Pomona also attended. It was a nice evening of good food and fellowship.

The last week of July was a major cleanup of Maple Grove Grange Hall. The walls were painted upstairs and down. The trophy case was cleaned, curtains vacuumed, a chair rail was installed, cupboards cleaned and tables and chairs washed, stove and refrigerator cleaned, and curtains washed downstairs. Members of the dance groups that rent the hall pitched in to help. Now the hall will be sparkling clean for a new Grange year. Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor!

Happy birthday was sung to Ernie Sandoval, Elaine Kolstad, and Marlys Halbeisen who have birthdays in August.

It was voted to give \$25 to all state committees again this year.

An Agriculture report was given by Idella Lewis. She told of the new Artisan Market in Wheat Ridge which has locally grown produce for sale. It is like an indoor Farmer's Market. Many people have plots in the local community gardens.

Election of officers was held with most keeping their same office.

Our sympathy to the family of Martha Larsen who passed away in July. She had been a member for many years and held the office of Pomona.

J. Kelly and John Cruz were selected to be delegates from Maple Grove at the State Convention.

We are wishing Dean Jessop a speedy recovery after spending some time in Mountain Vista Rehab Center.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

Contact Charlene Porter, 720-434-7161 or charspino@hotmail.com for further information.

September 1 — Grange Recognition Night — Potluck 6:30 p.m.

September 12 — Join us for Game Day. Potluck 12 p.m., followed by Bunco.

September 15 — Election of Officers 6:30 p.m.

September 21 — Casino Bus Trip. Bus will pickup at 9 a.m. at Safeway parking lot, 44th & Lowell.

October — Halloween Party

We have had a busy year so far! In June, we joined Maple Grove and Enterprise at Marlys' house for the Annual Picnic. July was highlighted with the Family Summer Camp and an enjoyable tour of Bishop's Castle near Westcliffe, Colo. August 13 was our ever popular Carnation Festival Annual Pancake Breakfast. Each year this event is well attended by many families in the community. We are excited about our new Grange website — www.Grange.org/wheatridge co155. Like us on Facebook and come join us in our many activities.

Charlene Porter

Pleasant Park

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

October 8 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Potluck Lunch.

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

December 10 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Christmas Party and gift exchange.

On July 31 we lost another long-time dedicated member Mike Olson from a tragic accident at his home. His memorial was held on August 13, so we cancelled the meeting to attend the service. The Charter will be draped in his honor at the September meeting. He will be deeply missed by everyone.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after the regular meeting on November 12. Abe Lincoln (John Vohl) will be our guest speaker. He looks just like Abe and you think you are actually listening to President Lincoln. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Yvonne at 303-838-4805 to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

The summer has gone by so quickly and we are already thinking of how we can help others at Christmas time. We always look forward to the Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange. We decided not to participate in the local Winter Celebration and watch the parade instead.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is keeping many of us in shape as we fill the coolers with water and Gatorade. The bicyclists are so appreciative for a place to stop, rest and hydrate and grab a cookie or two. Many riders have said they would turn around except they kept thinking about that cookie at top of the hill. Our members have really pulled together as a team to fill the coolers and welcome our guests.

Everyone is invited to come and join us at any of our meetings! Our Lecturer has more interesting speakers scheduled.

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The Pleasant Park Grange Hall continues to be a busy place hosting meetings and special events. All Grange members can use the facility

for a donation. Contact Sharon Bonomo at 303-838-2394 if you want to plan an event there.

Yvonne Ludwig

Boulder County

Boulder County

Left Hand

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

Business Meetings at 6 p.m., September 14, October 12, November 9.

4th of July — The Left Hand Grange #9 participated in the Niwot 4th of July Parade. This year Cub Scouts from Troop 161 carried the Left Hand Grange #9 banner. Left Hand Grange sponsors both the Scout Troop 161 and the Cub Scout Pack 161. Sue Wilson, Grange Treasurer, pulled our model replica of our Grange building mounted on an antique wagon (see picture.) The model was constructed by Grange member Dick Hicks.

Music Open Stage — Our month-

ly Sunday music Open Stage will start up again on October 2 and run through April 2017. These events are hosted by Bruce and Marcia Johnson. All musical styles are welcome: folk, country, bluegrass, blues, jazz, pop, light rock. Performers must be high school age or older. Refreshments are provided by the Grange. Performers will sign up at 1:15p.m. and the shows will run from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (please note the new time). Performers and listeners are invited!

Used Book Sale — The Grange semi-annual used book sale fundraiser is planned for Friday, November 4, from 2-8 p.m., and Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Grange welcomes you to donate books prior to the sale by contacting leftbandgrange@gmail.com. If you have any questions also contact the same email address, or call Bruce Johnson at 720-301-6367.

Bruce Johnson



Members of Cub Scout Pack 161 help carry the Left Hand Grange #9 banner in the Niwot 4th of July Parade. Grange Secretary Sue Wilson is shown pulling the model of our Grange building.

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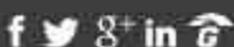
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Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

143rd State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE

All State Session Meetings
and Exhibits Will Be Held
at Castlewood Grange Hall.

All meetings of the State Session
of the Colorado State Grange will be held
in the Fourth Degree and members
of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their
credential cards if the Secretary of
their Grange has not already mailed them
to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange
prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Loeda Westphal
Photographers: Sue Zaba and Ed Opperman

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2016

6:00 P.M.
Officers and Directors Dinner.

7:00 P.M.
Sixth Degree Practice:
State Officers and Rose Drill Team.

Practice for Memorial Service to follow.

THURSDAY, September 29, 2016

8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Set up designated areas.
Registration.
Check-in time for Lecturer,
Family & Women's Activities,
Junior Grange Contest Entries for judging.

9:00-9:30 A.M.
State Session Committee Chairmen
meet with the State Master.

10:00 A.M.
All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

11:30 A.M.
Recess for Lunch.

12:00 P.M.
Lunch.

1:30 P.M.
Opening of the Colorado State Grange
in full form in the Sixth Degree.
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.
Roll Call of Officers/Directors.
Adopting Convention Agenda.
Partial Report of Credentials Committee.
Annual Address by State Master Cindy Greer.
Report of Treasurer and Secretary.
Report of Executive Committee Chairman.
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order.
Report of Grange Museum.
Report of Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.
Committee Reports.
Report of Lobbist and Ag Committee.

3:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker: Tom McKinnon
"The Business Case for Drones in Agriculture."
Recess of Session.
Family & Women's Activities Bake Sale.

6:30 P.M.
Memorial Service under the direction
of State Chaplain Sheryl Ayers.

7:00 P.M.
Fifth Degree — Degree of Pomona
presented by Darden Pomona (tentative).

7:45 P.M.
Sixth Degree Conferred by State Grange Officers.

FRIDAY, September 30, 2016

6:45 A.M.
Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast —
Karen Yack presiding.

8:30 A.M.
Lecturers' Conference.

9:00 A.M.
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.
Report of Credentials Committee.
Election of one
Member of the Executive Committee
for a term of three years.
Continuation of Committee Reports.

10:00 A.M.
National Representative William "Chip" Narvel.
Continuation of Committee Reports.

12:30 P.M.
Recess for lunch.

1:00 P.M.
Membership Lunch at Family Rec Center —
Roger Ayers presiding.

2:30 P.M.
Reconvene Session.
Continuation of Committee Reports.

3:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker: Cathy Calderwood,
Colorado Ag Leadership Program.

6:30 P.M.
Grange Gala.

9:00 P.M.
Youth Officers Practice.

SATURDAY, October 1, 2016

6:45 A.M.
Colorado State Grange Past Masters Breakfast —
Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

8:30 A.M.
Family & Women's Activities Conference.

9:00 A.M.
Youth and Junior Officers
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree.
Continuation of Committee Reports.

10:00 A.M.
Spotlight on Grange — Westminster Grange.

11:00 A.M.
Report of Grange Insurance Association.
Continuation of Committee Reports.

12:00 P.M.
JG Lunch at Family Rec Center.

2:15 P.M.
Installation of one Executive Committee Member.
Gary Wardle Installing Officer.
Reconvene Session.
Completion of Committee Reports.
2017 Convention Site.
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree.

6:00 P.M.
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange.
Executive Committee Chairman
Larry Corman, presiding.
Presentation of Outstanding Granger.
Talent Show.

7:30 P.M.
Raffle Drawing.

SUNDAY, October 2, 2016

8:00 A.M.
Annual Meeting of P.I.C.K. Everyone invited.

MEAL FUNCTIONS

There will be a presale of meal tickets
through the State Grange Office
2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816.

September 30, Friday, 6:45 a.m.
Alumni Breakfast **\$7.00**
Past State Officers/Directors and Spouses invited.

September 30, Friday, 1:00 p.m.
Membership Lunch **Adults \$9.50**
(10 & under) \$4.50
Everyone invited.

October 1, Saturday, 6:45 a.m.
Past Masters Breakfast **\$7.00**
Past Masters and Spouses invited.

October 1, Saturday, Noon
JG Luncheon **\$9.00**
— Family Sports Center **(10 & under) \$3.00**
Everyone invited.

October 1, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
Annual Banquet **Adults \$15.00**
— Castlewood Grange Hall **(10 & under) \$7.00**
Everyone invited.

Meal prices supplemented by GIA.

Meal Function Menus

Both Alumni Breakfast and Past Master's Breakfast:
oven baked bacon, scrambled eggs, hashbrown pota-
toes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea and OJ.

JG Lunch: assorted pizzas, tossed salad and brown-
ies, lemonade and iced tea.

Membership Lunch: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy,
corn, butter, brownies, lemonade and tea.

Annual Banquet: Chicken Marsales with pasta, tossed
salad, bread sticks, cheese cake, apple pie, brownies,
coffee, tea, water.

Fifth Degree Fee	\$1.00
Sixth Degree Fee	\$5.00
(Purchase tickets from State Secretary)		

Lecturers, Family & Women's Activities,
and Junior Grange Exhibits
will be on display throughout the Convention.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION Deadline For Ticket Orders Is Monday, September 19, 2016.

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to Colorado State Grange, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table. Include reservations for the breakfasts.

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	Alumni Breakfast — Fri., Sept. 30, 6:45 a.m. • Castlewood Grange <i>For Past State Officers & Directors & Spouses</i>	@ \$7.00 _____
_____	A Lunch — Fri., Sept. 30, 1:00 p.m. • Family Rec. Center	@ \$9.50 _____
_____	C <i>Everyone invited</i>	(10 & under) @ \$4.50 _____
_____	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Oct. 1, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past Masters & Spouses • Castlewood Grange</i>	@ \$7.00 _____
_____	A JG Lunch — Sat., Oct. 1, Noon • Family Rec. Center	@ \$9.00 _____
_____	C <i>Everyone invited</i>	(10 & under) @ \$3.00 _____
_____	A Annual Banquet — Sat., Oct. 1, 6:00 p.m. • Family Rec. Center	@ \$15.00 _____
_____	C <i>Everyone invited</i>	(10 & under) @ \$7.00 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

The meal prices are being supplemented by a donation from GIA.