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2024 National Grange Convention - Bettendorf, Iowa

## 2024 National Grange Convention

The National Grange is excited for you to join us at the 158th National Grange Convention:

**November 12-16, 2024**

**Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf**

1777 Isle Parkway  
Bettendorf, IA 52722  
563-441-7000

**Make your Hotel Reservations:**

Please use the Group Code NGC24 / 158th Annual National Grange Convention. Online or Call 1-800-843-4753. National Grange rate is available for reservations between 11/10-11/16. The room rate is \$109 + 12% tax = \$122.08 per night for 1-King or 2-Queen room depending on availability. The resort fee will be waived.

If you have booked your room and have questions about your reservation, please contact the Reservation Coordinator Ann Klundt at 563-441-7115.

**Convention Registration, for all ages:** General Registration (8/1-9/30) \$45; Late Registration (10/1-11/1) \$50; Onsite Registration, *no meals available* (11/11-11/16); Seventh Degree Conferred \$30.

**Meal Tickets — Adult/Child:**

11/11 — Host Banquet Riverboat Cruise (open to all), \$50/\$35

11/11 — Welcome Reception, \$20/\$10

11/12 — Advocacy Luncheon, \$25/\$12.50

11/13 — Salute to Agriculture Luncheon, \$25/\$12.50

11/14 — Lunch Buffet, \$25/\$12.50

11/15 — Past Voting Delegates Luncheon, \$25/\$12.50

11/15 — GROW Club Social & Meeting, \$20/\$10

11/15 — Ice Cream Social, \$10/\$5

11/16 — Celebration Banquet (Adult/Veg.), \$50/\$40, \$25

**Tours & Activities:**

11/12 — **Lagomarcino's Confectionery**, turn of the century ice cream parlor, chocolate sales and confectionary, \$35.

11/12 — **Rock Island Arsenal**, an active military base, history, world's largest roller dam, U.S. Army Museum, National and Confederate cemetery, \$10.

11/13 — **Off the Grid at the Figg Art Museum**, each team member creates a piece of art that is part of a larger gridded image, Go Team!, \$25.

11/13 — **Quad Cities Quilt Shop Hop**, visit local quilt shops, Moda fabric vendor, \$10.

11/14 — **John Deere Harvester Works** (options: 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m.), tours, manufacturing, gift shop. Must be 13 years of age or older and must wear closed-toed shoes, \$10.

11/14 — **John Deere Pavilion**, museum, (open to all ages), \$10.

11/14 — **Davenport Distillery**, Craft Cocktail Class, demonstration. No registrants under the age of 21. \$25.

11/15 — **Cinnamon Ridge Farms**, Robotic Dairy Farm and Lunch, barn tour, cheese tasting, farm to table lunch. Not handicap accessible. \$25.

11/15 — **Junior Activities Day**, includes lunch. Adult registration for this lunch is ONLY for adults who are planning to stay and work with Juniors during the day. Child rate: \$20; Adult rate: \$10.

**Community Service Project:**

The host region selects a local organization to highlight for community service. This year, the Midwest Host Region selected Wreaths Across America.

## Meet Our New Grangers

On August 12, 2024, we meet in Sterling, Colorado, to initiate seven new members for the Platte Valley Grange. They are working to have 13 members in the next few months. The president is Brian Peterson. His contact is btp4052@gmail.com, 307-578-7752. The secretary is David Castoe. His contact is dave.castoe@gmail.com, 970-571-2762. Please welcome them to Colorado State Grange.



Platte Valley Initiates



Platte Valley Secretary David Castoe and President Brian Peterson.

Every December, Wreaths Across America honors all fallen heroes by placing a wreath at their grave markers. This endeavor started out small in 1992 when Worcester Wreath Company found themselves with a surplus of wreaths. The company was able to place them on markers in one of the older sections of Arlington. It became an annual event and has now grown to placing 2.7 million sponsored wreaths at 3,702 locations in 2022.

“Of course, this is no easy feat, as cost and labor have an impact each year,” says Connie Johnston, chair of the community service project. “We would like to be a part of the 2.7 million sponsored wreath placements this year, and this is where you can help.”

Each wreath costs \$17 to sponsor. The host committee is encouraging Granges to make a donation in any

amount to go toward one (or more) wreaths. The 2024 National Wreaths Across America Day is December 14, with the theme “Live with Purpose.” Besides sponsoring a wreath, Grange members can join the service project by helping to lay wreaths at any of the participating locations. “To follow the mission statement, as you place the wreath, you will say their name to remember them so they are never forgotten, honor them for their service and sacrifice, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Additionally, during the National Grange convention, attendees can learn more about the program by visiting their table in the Showcase or attending their workshop session. Learn more at wreathscrossamerica.org.

## Upcoming Events

*Call individual Granges for more information.*

- Sept. 7** La Plata Pomona — Exhibit Day at Florida Grange — Entries, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Planning Meeting, 5 p.m.; Potluck Supper, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 8** Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 11** Enterprise Grange — Potluck and Meeting 6 p.m.
- Sept. 12** Golden Gate Grange — Meeting, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 14** Golden Gate — Auxiliary Pig Roast, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 17** Mt. Allison — Pine River Shares (PRS), 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 20** Meal Reservations for State Grange Convention Due.
- Sept. 20** Marvel Grange — Potluck and Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Sept. 24** Mount Lookout — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26-28** State Grange Convention in Durango, CO.
- Sept. 26** Mt. Allison Grange — Field To Fork Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 28** Mount Lookout — 8th Annual Pig Roast, 3-6 p.m.
- Sept. 30** Report of Newly/Re-elected Officers and Committee Chairs Due for Roster
- Sept. 30** End of Third Quarter
- Oct. 4** Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5** Maple Grove Grange — Pancake and Burrito Breakfast Fundraiser, 9-11 a.m.
- Oct. 6** Golden Gate Grange — Community Brunch, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Oct. 9** Enterprise Grange — Potluck and Meeting, 6 p.m. Halloween and Pumpkins Theme.
- Oct. 10** Golden Gate Grange — Meeting, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 13** Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Marvel Grange — Tentative Date for Luau, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Golden Gate Grange — Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 20** Enterprise — Annual Chili Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21** Mt. Allison Grange — Business Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22** Mt. Allison Grange — Pine River Shares, 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 22** Mount Lookout — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24** Mt. Allison Grange — Field To Fork Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 27** Golden Gate Grange — Trunk or Treat, 5-7 p.m.
- Oct. 31** Third Quarter Reports Due to State Office with Payment.
- Nov. 1** Bonding Insurance Payment Due to the State Officer.
- Nov. 12-16** National Grange Convention in Iowa.
- Nov. 13** Enterprise Grange — Thanksgiving Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 14** Golden Gate Grange — Meeting 3 p.m.
- Nov. 22** Enterprise Grange — Pre-stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 22-Dec. 2** Golden Gate Grange — Jeffco CASA Giving Tree Holiday Gift Donations.
- Dec. 2** Enterprise Grange — Stocking Stuffing Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dec. 7** Enterprise Grange — Santa Picture Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Dec. 7** Golden Gate Grange — Wreath Making 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dec. 14** Darden Pomona — Christmas Dinner and Santa at Enterprise, 5-8 p.m.
- Marvel Grange — Line Dancing on Monday, 9-10 a.m.
- Golden Gate Grange — AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.
- Golden Gate Grange — Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3-4 p.m.
- Florissant — Gift Shop is Open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday weekly.
- Florissant — Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
- Sunflower — Third Thursdays — Local History Book Club Meets at BMan's BBQ at 1 p.m.



# Master's Message

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Brothers and Sisters, we have moved into fall and the State Convention is just around the corner. I hope all the Granges will be sending delegates to Durango for the convention. The State Grange convention will be held in Durango September 26 through 28. We will meet at the Masonic Lodge this year. As you prepare for the convention, please consider resolutions. If you have an idea of a resolution you would like to submit but are having trouble with the wording there is a program on the internet, chagpt.com, that can help.

Just enter your issue and the program will provide a resolution. You can change the information on the proposed resolution to meet your desires. You can bring resolutions to the convention or send them to Cindy.

The State Grange has been awarded a grant from the “Rural Life Initiative” in the amount of \$7,000 to host a booth at the Colorado State fair. We have purchased monitors to stream a video promoting the Granges in the state and promoting the Rural Life initiative. The video is available to any Grange that wants to show it for a program or at an event. Please contact me for a copy. We will show the video at the convention.

Kathy and I will be attending the National Grange convention to be held in Bettendorf, Iowa, in November. I hope others will consider attending.

Good news, Kathy and I went to Sterling, Colorado, on August 12 and initiated seven new members for a new Grange. They have named the Grange “Platte Valley Grange.” We obligated a president and a secretary. They hope to have 13 members in the next few months so they can get their charter. We welcome a new Grange to Colorado.

Kathy and I have moved into our new home. Our address is 8606 Holman Circle, Arvada, Colorado 80005. Please use my cell phone, 303-349-7390. I hope to see you all at the state convention.

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



From left to right: State President Gary Wardle, Platte Valley Secretary David Castoe, Platte Valley President Brian Peterson, and State First Lady Kathy Wardle.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**August 15, 2024**, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 2024 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com).

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

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

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

Visit the Colorado Grange website  
at [www.coloradogranger.org](http://www.coloradogranger.org)

### Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged  
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# Notes From The Secretary

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Schools are back in session and it's almost time for our annual state convention. We always hope that each Grange will send delegates to the

convention to represent their Grange and help the state Grange pass resolutions for our own use and to be sent to National for consideration.

We recently received the information about Bonding Insurance from the National Grange. We have to have the information collected and sent to National by December 1. Therefore we are setting our deadline as November 1. Only those Granges who applied for insurance for 2024 are eligible to apply for insurance in 2025. Those who did not will have to find their own insurance and will be eligible in 2025 to apply for 2026. Some of you may have taken advantage of an extended deadline for 2024. Please do not expect that to happen again for 2025.

Officers and chairmen reports are

## 150 Activities, Events And Programs For Fellowship, Fun, Food, Improvement

1. FAA meeting at Local Grange
2. Alzheimer's disease presentation
3. Art Show
4. Art Classes
5. Avian Restoration
6. Backpacks for Kids
7. Barn Fire Prevention speaker
8. Beading Classes
9. Birthday Parties
10. Bingo games
11. Birds of Prey demonstration and program
12. Baked Potato Bar dinner
13. Breakfast with Santa event
14. Cake decorating classes
15. Canyon Clean-up
16. Cider Pressing — bring apple and make cider
17. Cheese making demonstrations
18. Celebration local Heritage Days
19. Celebration of 150 years of Grange in Colorado
20. Chili Cookoff
21. Church services
22. Clogging classes
23. Commercial Kitchens available for community use
24. Community music jams/nights
25. Community Picnics
26. Community Potlucks
27. Contra Dances
28. County Fair concession or food booth
29. County Fair Displays
30. County Fair participation
31. County Commissioners On the Road meetings
32. Cooking Demonstrations
33. CPR classes
34. Creating Your Own Website
35. Crocheting classes
36. Locations for Anniversary Parties
37. Dessert Auction
38. Easter egg Hunt
39. Easter photos with Easter Bunny
40. Easter Services
41. Educational scholarship opportunities
42. Exhibit Day for Grangers
43. Fiber Arts Demonstrations
44. Farmers Markets
45. Farm Box Tour
46. Felting Classes
47. Fabric Landscape Classes
48. Firefighter Hydration Drive
49. First Aid Classes
50. Four-H Meetings
51. Geological evolution presentation
52. Gingerbread decorating event
53. Grange Gift Shop
54. Provide opportunities for Fellowship, Food and Fun
55. Halloween Haunted House
56. Halloween Trunk or Treat
57. Harvest Hosts
58. Hearing Dog demonstrations
59. High Tea Party
60. Historical displays
61. Honoring a Firefighter of the year
62. Honoring a Police Officer of the year
63. Honoring a Teacher of the Year
64. Honoring Veterans
65. Hosting benefits for someone in need
66. Hosting Craft show

67. Hosting Financial Advisors to present information
68. Ice Cream social
69. Junior Grange meetings and activities
70. Karate demonstrations
71. Kentucky Derby Party
72. Knitting classes\Locations for Anniversary Parties
73. Leadership opportunities
74. Locations for Birthday Parties
75. Locations for wedding
76. Locations for wedding receptions
77. Location for Funerals
78. Location of Baby Shower
79. Local History Book Club meeting
80. Local History Night
81. Local issues informational meetings
82. Mane Mission Equine Therapy Speaker
83. Making Green Chili class
84. Mandy Project — helping kids who have hearing loss
85. Maximizing the benefits of rain in your home landscaping
86. Master Gardener Outreach to schools
87. Meet your local farmers
88. Memorial Day program
89. New Year's Eve Party
90. Opportunities to learn more about the media
91. Opportunities to learn more about membership promotion
92. Orchard Restoration
93. Paint and sip classes
94. Pancake/Community Breakfasts
95. Peak to Peak Chorale Presentation
96. Photos with Santa
97. Pine needle basket classes
98. Presenting Quilts of Valor
99. Presenting videos for those aging to prevent falls
100. Presenting videos for those facing surgery
101. Planning for the future video presentation
102. Potluck suppers
103. Public speaking contests and opportunities
104. Quilt block making classes
105. Raffles
106. Rico Depot presentation
107. RV hosts
108. Seed Swap
109. Service animal demonstrations
110. Shared Gardens on property
111. Sharing garden produce day
112. Senior Citizen Lunches
113. Sewing classes
114. Sign-a-Song Contest
115. Some Granges have been Red Cross centers in emergencies
116. Soup suppers
117. Sourdough classes
118. Speaker on Winter Vegetable growing
119. Speaker on Making and selling Homemade food
120. Speaker on Fermentation
121. Speaker on Pruning trees
122. Speaker on Native Bees
123. Speaker on Beekeeping
124. Speaker on Herb gardening

needed so that we can try to put together the Roster for the State with the names of key officers and chairmen along with contact information. We appreciate the secretaries who send in the lists as soon as possible. We understand that sometimes there are no changes and in that case you can just drop me an email at [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com) or mail a note stating your Grange name and that there are no changes.

National Grange and other Grange supply businesses no longer have the Secretary Record of minutes book available. National has gone to an electronic download of a minutes template. Each secretary will receive one in the sec packet. Secretaries can go to the National Grange website to download this form along with several other forms if needed. Without the book you should print your minutes and put them in a three-ring binder or something that can be found, just in case the computer version crashes, which they do occasionally.

I am looking forward to seeing many familiar faces at the State convention and hoping that we will see some new faces too.

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125. Speaker on Container gardens
126. Speaker on soil ecosystem
127. Speaker on Ancient art of Jin Shin Jitsu
128. Sponsor Scouts
129. Supports Ag in the Classroom
130. Square dances
131. State Fair Display
132. St. Patrick's Irish potluck
133. Susie Knight concerts
134. Swing Dancing classes
135. Support Ag in the Classroom
136. Sponsor 4-H
137. Sponsor Scouts
138. Tamale making class
139. Tomato Growing opportunities
140. Tomato Plant Sales
141. Thanksgiving Community Meal
142. Theme dinners – Luau, Valentines Day
143. Tai chi classes and demonstrations
144. Trimming Trees
145. Wetlands in the local community talk
146. Working with wool workshop
147. Yard Sale Fundraiser
148. Yoga classes
149. 35 local Granges in Colorado
150. Celebration 150 years of Grange in Colorado

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It is with great anticipation that I await the upcoming Colorado State Grange Convention. Do I have “stars in my eyes?” Maybe — because that would mean that I am hopeful and excited about this upcoming event!

I am anxious to see all the Stars you will enter into the Lecturer’s Contests! What Gold Star opportunities have you created within your communities — those Red Star programs and activities, the Silver Star cooperative ventures, the Blue Star entertainment fun, the Green Star growth, the Orange Star family activities, and the Purple Star media promotions? Whew!

This year has been overflowing

with your creativity and genuine care for your communities. Let us take pleasure in celebrating these accomplishments as we gather in Durango for our State Session.

Do you have a talent on which to shine the spotlight? Great! The Hobby Corner, Workbench, and Photography contests are prime locations for your specialties.

Consider submitting your products to the National Grange Lecturer’s Contest as well — entries due by September 1, 2024. Categories: Quilt Block, Photography, Garden Design, Weather Watcher, and Design a Program. See you in Durango! Grange Strong.



## Family Activities

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We hope to have a good turnout of entries in the Family Activities Events at the State Session in Durango this year. Remember to get your entries ready and read and follow all of the rules that were in the handbook in the January issue

of the *Granger*, or can be viewed on the Grange website. It always is amazing to see the many talents of Grangers who bring their entries to The State Session!

- The entries must be made in the Grange calendar year from Sep-

tember 1, 2023-September 1, 2024.

- Be sure that what you enter is labeled correctly and entered in the correct class.
- There are always some classes that need more entries, such as the sewing classes.



## Agriculture Report

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The following are my comments in response to an article “The Environmental Upside of Modern Farming” *Wall Street Journal*, February 6-7, 2024, by Robert Paarlberg, Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

He does research and consulting in Africa and the developing world with support by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Food Policy Research Institute, and the USAID. His focus is to help farmers, in Africa most of whom are women, to increase productivity to better feed their families and escape poverty.

(I suggest he has an eagle’s eye view of the world’s agriculture. His analysis and comments below are very much on the U.S.)

Low tech methods of the past provided low yields in comparison with the high-tech production of today over the past 70 years with output nearly tripling per the USDA.

Irrigation: careful leveling of fields reduces runoff (but note that return flow is an important component for Colorado’s ag water use).

Farm tractors acquired steering aiding GPS to prevent gaps and overlaps in the fields.

Soils mapping: “smart” farm equipment adjusts chemical applications to match soil needs.

Genetically engineered seeds allow farmers to protect against weeds and insects. (“Roundup” ready sugar beets are planted in Colorado fields — applications of glyphosate will control weeds and not harm the

beets. However, the City of Boulder does not allow this practice for city owned farm lands.)

Corn yields have increased but total acreage planted to corn has decreased.

Water use and energy use have decreased and green-house gas emissions have decreased.

Per USEPA the total fertilizer use is near the same as it was in 1981 though crop production grew 44%. Pesticide use declined 18% with use more than 89% below a 1972 peak.

Meat: “Americans eat too much meat” (his words) at five times as much as in 1940. He sees animal welfare concerns but their environmental footprint is smaller for every pound of meat produced.

Pork: The feed requirement for every added pound of pork produc-

tion has fallen by almost half since the 1990s.

Poultry: The feed requirement per pound of chicken meat has declined by more than a third.

Beef: Each pound of production requires 19% less feed, 12% less water, fewer animals, and less land than in the 1970s.

Milk: each million pounds of milk requires 90% less land compared to 1944 and 79% fewer animals. Means less manure and less methane belched into the atmosphere.

Animal welfare: he asserts that hens exist in cramped pens and sow hogs do not have adequate space. (I believe these conditions are vastly improved over past practices.)

Plant based imitation meat and cell-cultured products: these may replace animal protein. (Well maybe, an “Impossible Burger” is more expensive than real ground beef. I have no plans for a sample.)

He is optimistic for world-wide food with a continued shift to low impact, precision farming and eventual use of (sustainable) substitutes for animal production. (We shall see.)

## Mandy Project

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We have not received any recent applicants and the last few that we approved received checks and never cashed them. I would encourage you to promote the Mandy Project when you see a child wearing hearing aids. Remember they are always in need of new ear molds as they grow, and will eventually need new hearing aids. This is one of our most visible projects and people don’t have to be members to receive assistance.

I was working the concession at our county fair recently and noticed a mom at the window with a child wearing hearing aids. I missed the opportunity to tell her about our project and offer assistance. This is another way to get the Grange out in front of people.

We appreciate the Granges who continually support the project financially. It may be time to once again do more promotion so people know we still exist.

## Chaplain’s Corner

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“The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1 (NIV).

Sometimes it is easy to be anxious and to worry about things, but we are told in the Bible “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6 (NIV).

Things are always coming up in our lives for us to worry about and be anxious over, but worry doesn’t do anything about the situation. When we worry, we are sort of worshipping the problem instead of worshipping the one who can solve it.

Luke tells us “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to

your life?” Luke 12:25 (NIV).

When we turn to the Lord for help with our problems He will give us the inner peace we seek. “I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.” Psalms 34:4 (NIV). Trust in Him always.

### COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Memorial donations to honor members and past members who have passed away should be made payable to **CSG Leadership/Scholarship** and mailed to the State Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Memorial donations are listed in the Book of Memories and included in the Memorial Service at the state convention.

## What’s So Special About A DELEGATE?

*Congratulations on being chosen as your Grange’s Delegate to the State Session! We’re thrilled to have you as part of this special group of people. Let me briefly explain your responsibilities, which fall into three main areas:*

**1. Member of a Committee:** Delegates are typically assigned to the committee they chose on their Committee Choice Form. Committee meetings will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26. Make sure to register, check in contest items, and find your committee meeting location (locations will be posted by the registration desk). Having a notebook and pencil handy is helpful, and it’s a good idea to read the resolutions beforehand. Your committee may also meet during break times, so stay in touch with your Chairman until all work is finished.

**2. Voting Delegate During Session:** As a representative from your Grange, attending the Session meetings is crucial. While all Grange members can speak to a resolution once as they are presented, only Delegates have the final vote. Your participation ensures that your Grange has a voice in policy decisions.

**3. Report Back to Your Grange:** Other members who couldn’t attend the State Session will look to you for information. After you return home, provide a report. Consider jotting down your impressions of the Session — these personal touches will enhance your report beyond routine business and speeches. Be sure to highlight decisions on resolutions that are especially important to your Grange.

*As a Delegate, we hope you’ll not only gather information for your*

*Grange but also gain new enthusiasm for the programs and exchange ideas with fellow Grangers. Most importantly, enjoy your time at the State Session!*

## Colorado Granger OPTIONS form

How would you prefer to receive *The Colorado Granger*? Paper, Email or not at all?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Colorado State Grange, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO. 81326 or email

the information to [costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:costategrange@gmail.com)



# Junior, Youth And Young Adult

**Kathy Wardle, Director**  
 720-354-1196  
 8606 Holman Circle, Arvada, CO 80005  
 artklw@aol.com



It's State Grange time again and it's time to round up all your Junior Grange contest entries and get ready to bring them to state session on Thursday. Remember because of the Junior +1 Program, if you have a junior in your subordinate Grange they can enter these contests. You do not need to have a Junior Grange.

Please note that there are fewer Junior Grange craft and photography categories this year. There will be four age groups: Under 5, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. *Please note; the handbook mistakenly lists three age groups.* There are three photography categories: Scenes, Animals, and People. There are five craft categories: 1. Holiday Decoration; 2. Work of Art (made with paint, pencil, markers, crayons, charcoal, pastels, clay etc.); 3. Nature Craft (any item made from natural materials like rocks, seeds, pinecones, vegetables, etc.); 4. Miscellaneous; and 5. Special Gift.



Framed Diamond Painting made by Karen Ray.

**Deadline for the November-December 2024 Issue Of *The Colorado Granger* Newspaper Is October 15, 2024.**

There is also a Creative Writing Contest which is both a State and National contest. Your entry may be sent via email to National by September 1. Send your national copy to juniors@nationalGrange.org. Bring your state copy to State Session. There are three age categories: 5-7, 5-9, and 10-14. The topic is CORN. Double space your entry which is to be 1-4 pages long.

There is a National and State Hearing Awareness Art Contest. Bring your 8.5 x 11 inch entry to State. The project is to create a work of art using your own hands to create your initials. There is a State Sign-a-Song and a public speaking contest. Please refer to the State and National Program Books on the respective web sites for further information or contact me by email. The National Grange has many programs for enrichment.

Plan on attending the Junior and Youth Luncheon at State Session. Looking forward to seeing you all.



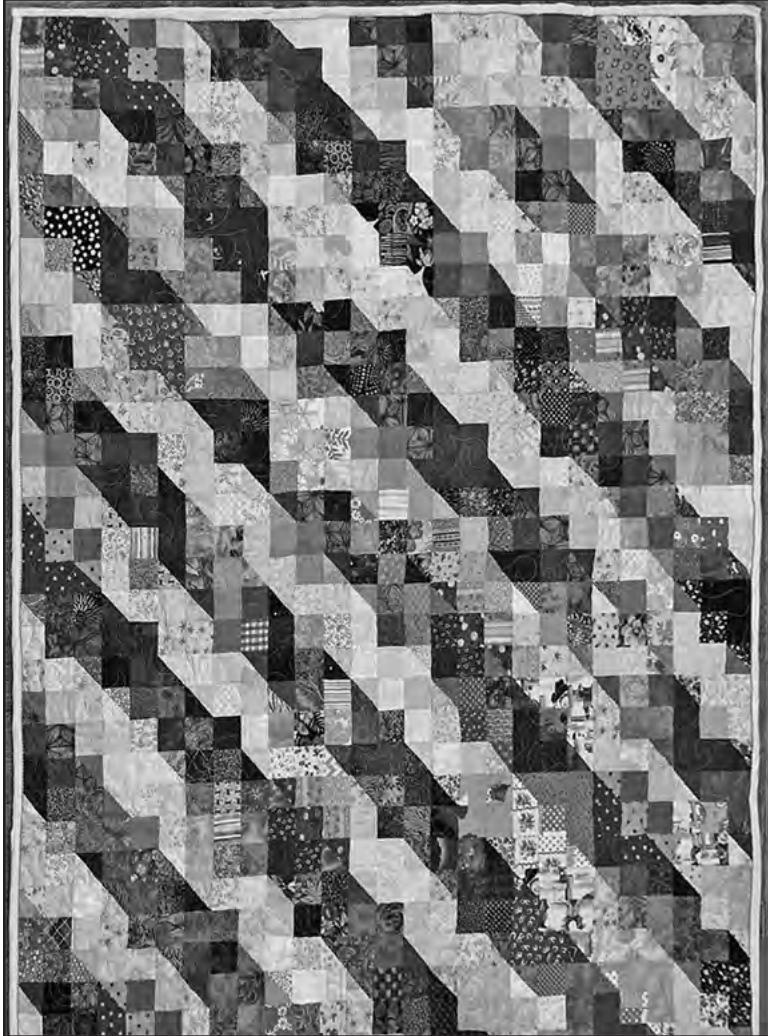
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**Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer**  
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**Annual Meeting Silent Auction**  
 The Annual PICK meeting will be held at State session either on September 26 or 27 after State Grange

events have been completed.  
 PICK agreed to work with the La Plata Water Conservancy District on an EPA grant that they are applying

**Proceeds From The The Colorado State Grange Raffle To Help Members**



54" x 64" Quilt made from donated blocks, finished by Karen Baxter.

for. Our role would have been helping educate the community about various aspects. At this point in time they have found another entity that is set up to do what they need, so PICK is off the hook.  
 Several Granges are looking at seeking grants for capital improvements and I'm sure PICK will be working with them in those endeavors.  
 We will again have a silent auction at the state convention. We appreciate donations as well as bidders.

This year the Colorado State Grange is again holding a raffle and we would appreciate your assistance in selling tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. We have a 54"x64" Quilt made from donated blocks and put together and quilted by Karen Baxter. We also have a small cedar chest hand made by Roger Ayers. It is 10" x 7" x 11" and 13" high. We also have a Framed Diamond painting that was made for a former member Karen Ray that is 10" x 20".

The proceeds of the raffle will be used to help Colorado Grange members with expenses for leadership conferences and other leadership opportunities, and for hosting the 2025 Great Plains Leadership Conference.

If you would like to purchase tickets, check with your subordinate Grange secretary, one of the state officers or directors or the state Grange office. We appreciate your support.



Small Cedar Chest hand made by Roger Ayers.

**Grange Hall Podcast**



**About the Grange Hall Podcast episode released on Wednesday, May 15:** On this episode, hosts Meagan and Phil interview Jessica Horton, a charter member of Ville Worth Grange #1300 in North Carolina. Jessica is also the Communications/PR Director for the North Carolina State Grange.

The Grange Hall releases a new episode every other Wednesday. Listen on **Apple Podcasts**, **Spotify**, **Amazon Music**, or **iHeartRadio**. You can also listen on **PodBean**, the **National Grange website**, or watch on **YouTube**! Be sure to like and subscribe!

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**See You At The Colorado State Grange Convention In Durango, Sept. 25-28, 2024**

# SPIRIT OF THE WEST



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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBR 27, 2024

#### DURANGO MASONIC LODGE

7:00 P.M.

## Featuring - local fiddler

Nacho Bar  
and  
Fruit cobbler with ice cream

Awards  
Line Dancing



# Darden

Jefferson County

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

September 7 — Saturday, 3 p.m. Darden Pomona meets at Maple Grove Grange for quarterly meeting.

The annual Darden Pomona Picnic was hosted by Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer in July. We had a great turnout with plenty of good food. After we ate, entertainer Rex Rideout entertained everyone by singing and playing his guitar.

A special birthday was celebrated by Bob Kuester of Pleasant Park Grange who had his 98th birthday. Everyone sang "Happy birthday" to him. It is always a pleasure to see Bob at all of the events with his big smile and friendly nature!

Pleasant Park Grange provided a large variety of gifts for door prize drawings and almost everyone went home with a special prize!!

It was a perfect day to be in the mountains with everyone at the annual picnic!

August 17 was a fundraiser for Darden Pomona with entertainment provided by Susie Knight. She did her "Best of Broadway" performance, featuring songs from many Broadway plays. Following the performance, a variety of donated baskets were given away in a drawing as door prizes. It was exciting for the lucky winners who received them. Following the program and drawings, refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

Idella Lewis

## Enterprise Grange

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow. Potluck will be a harvest potluck bringing food made from our gardens. We will discuss preparations for the State Grange convention and plan our 2024-2025 Grange year. We will decide on any future outings that may interest the group. Come with your ideas.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow. The potluck theme will be anything "Halloween" and Pumpkins. We will discuss plans for the upcoming chili dinner, our winter community service projects, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Then the delegates to the State Grange Convention will update the members on the outcomes of the convention.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. — Annual Chili



Dorothy Dannels after her fall down the escalator at the museum on August 3, resulting in a broken wrist, stitches in her forehead, and hematoma in her leg. She is doing well and staying as active as she can.



Susie Knight performed her "Best of Broadway" show at the August 17 fundraiser for Darden Pomona.

### Dinner. ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Location: Enterprise Grange #25 Building, 7203 Simms Street, NW Corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms Street in Arvada (you'll be able to see all the upgrades we have done).

Serving: Chili (Meat and bean, Green and Red, in all temperatures from mild to HOT).

Also available: Hot Dogs, Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Dessert, soft drinks and coffee with each meal.

Cost: Adults — \$12; Children — 5 to 12 — \$5; Children Under 5, eat free.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Enterprise Grange or by calling Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. All proceeds benefit our Holiday Senior Stocking Projects. Pre-purchased tickets are not necessary, just easier for planning purposes. Join us if you can! There's always plenty for everyone.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 — Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients (if available) will join us along with any Granger, friends and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, potatoes and gravy, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

Friday, November 22, 2024, Starting at 10 a.m. Pre-Stocking Stuffing Day. We will be gathering at the Enterprise Grange #25. 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 stuff-

ing day. Be sure to add this to your calendars and come join in the fun!

Monday, December 2, 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. Our amazing coordinator, Nancy Sells, organizes the whole process so this day goes pretty quickly.

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa Picture Day, details to follow.

Saturday, December 14, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Pomona Christmas Dinner and Santa. Enterprise Grange #25 will be hosting. The evening starts with a potluck for Friends and Family of the all the Granges and Disadvantaged Children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Grange attendees bring a 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 that 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.

We did not have meetings in June and July.

This summer on Monday, June 24, 2024, we participated in an Election Tour. Ashley Lackey set up the Enterprise Grange for a Jefferson County Election Tour, the day before the Colorado primary voting day. We met at the Laramie Building on The Jefferson County campus. We got a firsthand look at ballot processing, security measures, the technology used in voting systems, and a demonstration of how votes are counted and verified.

Ashley, behind the scenes, even



Enterprise Grange group at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to watch the 3D movie "T-Rex" at the Infinity Theatre.



This Enterprise Grange group went on a very interesting and informative tour on Jefferson County Election ballot processing and security.

set it up for us to see the vote sorting machine in action. The sorting machine can process 50,000 ballots an hour. Each ballot goes through twice. On the first pass, it takes a picture of the signature envelope and then scans the barcode, which is attached to your voter ID.

Here it attempts to make a match to the signature with the voter registration card you filled out. It uses software that's very similar to what banks use for signature matching on checks. About 70% of the ballots scanned are able to be matched with a signature and accepted. The remaining 30% are then forwarded for manual signature verification.

At this point, the ballots have not been opened. They then go to the casting room where they are opened and removed from their envelopes. They then are sent to the voting counting area where there are two people, one from each party to oversee the movement of the ballots and the counting.

A clean ballot, with no anomalies, will spend about 3.5 hours, from start to finish, moving through the county election system. 95% of all ballots in Jefferson County are procured through mail-in ballots. Nobody guessed that it was that high. It was a very interesting tour and we were all glad that we went.

Afterwards, we decided to have lunch at Malone's to discuss what we saw and to enjoy some time together.

On August 3, we had an outing to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to watch the 3D movie "T-Rex" at the Infinity Theatre. As we were going up the escalator, there was a mishap. Dorothy Dannels had a hold of her 4-year-old grandson who missed the step. Dorothy had a hold of him, turned around, and fell face first down the escalator stairs. The EMT's and ambulance came and took her to St. Joseph's hospital.

Carol Lackey met her at the hospital while the rest went to the movie. The movie featured T-Rex and the discovery of the teenage T-Rex.

A couple years ago, three young boys went fossil hunting in the South Dakota badlands. They discovered some unusual ancient dinosaur bones. On June 4, 2024, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science said its scientists later identified the bones as belonging to a rare juvenile Tyrannosaurus rex. The movie was based on this discovery. The movie was fun and interesting.

Now back to Dorothy. Once all the tests were complete, she had five stitches in her forehead, a broken wrist and a hematoma in her leg. She is doing well and is staying as active as she can. This made for an interesting outing for sure, one we'll always remember.

This year we are continuing our Stocking projects for Seniors and Disadvantaged Adults. Below are some of the things that we would appreciate your help getting. Even just one or two items help us fill the 212 stockings. So help if you can.

Starts with a potluck for Friends and Family of the all the Granges and Disadvantaged Children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

The Program after includes Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, 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.

### Items Needed To Stuff Stockings

- Men's and women's socks/gloves or mittens, scarves
- Decks of Cards
- Non-perishable food & snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese & crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words
- Christmas pins or fun jewelry, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e. small packets of facial tissues, shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion etc.
- Individually wrapped candy/chocolates (including sugar free), tea bags and/or instant coffee

If you have any leftover Halloween candy that you need to get out of the house, we are willing to pick it up. (And we will also pick up any items above too.) We include a small bag of candy in each of the stockings and found that so many have leftovers that they are willing to part with.

Call Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111, or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 for pick-up or for any further information.

Carol Lackey



Darden  
Jefferson County

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

**October 5 — Pancake and Burrito Breakfast Fundraiser at Maple Grove Grange, 9-11 a.m.**

Maple Grove members met in August with Marlys Halbeisen presiding. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. Election of officers for the 2024-25 year was held with several members changing to a different office. Idella Lewis will be the delegate from Maple Grove at the 2024 State Convention in Durango.

A brunch picnic was held at the home of Marlys Halbeisen in September. It was a wonderful time to enjoy fellowship together with a variety of delicious food.

Susie Knight performed at Maple Grove Grange in August for a Darden Pomona fundraiser.

There have been several incidents of drivers running into the fence on the northeast side of our north parking lot. Marlys has been dealing with their insurance to make the necessary repairs.

Dean Halbeisen has been hauling

bark mulch to keep the weeds down along the north fence. It has been quite successful although the alfalfa continues to thrive! Marlys has been attacking the curly dock weeds in the north parking lot and Idella has been working on weeds along the front and side of the hall.

Dean Halbeisen trimmed the huge blue spruce tree as per requirement from the insurance company who thought it would be a hazard if a branch would break and fall and damage the roof.

The Beekeepers group who rents the hall installed new lights in the basement. From being rather dark in the basement it is now quite an improvement to have it be so much brighter!

We hope to see everyone in Durango at the State Session!

Idella Lewis

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

**September 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**October 12 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.**

**November 9 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.**



Pleasant Park Grange’s newest member Mark Klobe.

The Quarry Fire affected several of our members and some had to be evacuated. Thankfully everyone is home safe and there were no losses.

Mark Klobe is our newest member. He grew up in Conifer and will be an asset to the group.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after the November 9 meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. The meal is provided by our Grange members. Just need a head-

count to make sure there is enough food for everyone.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is going in full force. The rainy weather and fire have stopped many riders from coming up Deer Creek Road. Thank you to the volunteers who make this fundraiser a success.

The Pomona Picnic was on July 13. Thank you to all the Grange members who attended. There was lots of food, fun, fellowship, and games! Rex Rideout provided his wonderful music.

Bob Kuehster celebrated his 98th birthday on July 10.

Jon Kullmann, Lecturer, has interesting programs planned for the remainder of the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**  
Contact Terri Costeldia, terri.costeldia@hotmail.com, 970-640-7185, for further information.

**Grange Meeting — Thursday, September 12 at 3 p.m.**

**Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast — Saturday, September 14 at 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 6 — Community Brunch from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Grange Meeting — Thursday, October 10 at 3 p.m.**

**Craft Fair — Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Trunk or Treat — Sunday, October 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Grange Meeting — Thursday, November 14 at 3 p.m.**

**Jeffco CASA Giving Tree Holiday Gift Donations — 11/22 through 12/2.**

**Wreath Making — Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.**

Join the Golden Gate Auxiliary (GGA) at the annual Pig Roast on September 14 which supports the Golden Gate Fire Protection District. There will be a Paddle and Silent Auction. The GGA is a 501 C3 organization. Great cause, great food, and great auctions!

We will hold our Autumn Community Brunch on Sunday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This free event is a great way to connect with

friends, neighbors, and other Grange members. A great buffet will include pancakes, sausage, bagel and cream cheese, yogurt, granola, breakfast casseroles, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, and more! This is a good way to introduce the Grange to a friend or neighbor who is interested in learning more about “that little white building on Golden Gate Road”.... and maybe joining!

The Craft Fair is being held earlier than usual on October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. Get a head start on holiday shopping. Great place to find Christmas, Chanukah, birthday, or hostess gifts! We always have a wide variety of crafters, many of them are local residents. Don’t miss this chance to find that one of a kind gift for someone special. For more information contact Deb Curlee (dmcurl@bellsouth.net) or Thirza Kennedy (tamk4407@gmail.com).

The Trunk or Treat party will be held on October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. Both kids and parents always enjoy showing off their costumes. If you are interested in hosting a Trunk and handing out treats call Terri Costeldia at 970-640-7185. More information will be provided closer to the date if weather interferes with our plans!

In late November to early December, we will partner with CASA of Jefferson County’s Giving Tree to donate gifts to children and teens in foster care or in need. We will choose a number of tags from the Giving Tree. Keep an eye out for more information which will be sent by email outlining the tags we will commit to fulfill. CASA was very appreciative of our support for their efforts last year.

Wreath Making is a favorite activity in early December. We will supply the native greens and other supplies for you to make a beautiful wreath. You can bring your own wreath frame or buy one for \$5. This is free (other than the cost of a wreath frame) for Grange members. Non-Grange members will be asked for a \$5 donation for attending. It is best to RSVP if you plan to attend but walk-ins are welcome.

We started collecting old and damaged flags in June. A Friend of the Grange, Bill Frueh, has volunteered to take any flags we receive to the VFW Museum where they will be retired with dignity and honor. We have already collected 46 flags. This will be a year-round project, so bring us any flags that you would like to have retired in a respectful manner.

Our annual Rummage Sale was held in August. A huge thanks to DeeDee Ramstetter for organizing and running this important fundraiser. Thanks to those who donated items and the helpers who hauled, sorted, folded, priced, cooked, and sold food, manned the sales desk, shopped, hauled the leftovers to charities or Goodwill. This is truly a community effort and all those who participated deserve a huge applause.

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

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Grange phone: 303-273-9516. Jayne Ruesch

## 2025 Grange Revival 4.0 — Torrey, Utah

### Lodging Options

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

*Also booking in advance:*  
**Sandcreek RV Park and Campground**  
540 UT-24, Torrey UT 84775  
435-425-3577  
www.sandcreekrv.com  
Harry (owner) – call and say you are with the Grange

*Also know we are coming:*  
**Cowboy Homestead Guest Cabins**  
2100 UT-12, Torrey UT 84775  
435-691-4384 or 888-854-5871  
www.cowboyhomesteadcabins.com

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

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



## Metrum Community Credit Union

Currently The Colorado State Grange has two accounts at the Metrum Community Credit Union in Centennial. Any Grange member who might be interested in opening an account at Metrum can utilize their Grange membership to qualify for an account.

Since 1946, Metrum Community Credit Union, a Centennial, Colorado credit union, has been providing quality financial services to members. We provide savings, checking, and loan services to fit individual member needs. Whether you’re looking to refinance your home, purchase a new car, or build a nest egg for retirement, we can help you reach your goals. We are a local Centennial, Colorado Credit Union and are here to serve our community.

### What Is A Credit Union?

When you search online for a “credit union near me,” what exactly are you searching for? What makes us stand out from other financial institutions? Let’s break down what it means to be a Centennial, Colorado, credit union:

**Not-for-Profit** – While most financial institutions operate to make a profit for their stockholders, your Credit Union operates for the benefit of its membership.

**Member-Owned** – Every Metrum Community Credit Union member is an owner, not just a customer. In fact, membership is one of the key differences between credit unions and other financial institutions. All credit unions are not-for-profit organizations owned by those who save and borrow there. The Credit Union returns surplus funds, in excess of expenses and required reserves, to the membership in the form of better rates, services, and dividend payments.

**Volunteers Make the Difference** – Metrum Community Credit Union is governed by the Supervisory Committee and the Board of Directors, which are comprised of members who are elected democratically and serve without compensation. The Board of Directors sets policies and directs the Credit Union’s efforts to ensure the best interests of the membership are met.

**Safety and Soundness** – Your money is safe at the credit union. We are a state-chartered financial institution that is regulated and administered by the State of Colorado Division of Financial Services.

More information about the Credit Union is available on their website metrumcu.org.

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Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, [larry\\_corman@hotmail.com](mailto:larry_corman@hotmail.com), 970-749-8438, for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- September 7 — Exhibit Day @ Florida Grange Hall — Entries taken from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Planning Meeting — 5 p.m. Potluck supper — 6 p.m.
- September 17 – Pine River Shares (PRS). (Help needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- September 26 @ 6 p.m. — Field to Fork meeting.
- September 26-28 – State Session — Masonic Lodge, Durango, CO.
- October 21 — Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- October 22 — PRS. (Help needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- October 24 @ 6 p.m. — Field to Fork meeting.

We have had a relatively busy summer with a couple of fundraising events to help us cover the cost of a handicap ramp. June 8, we had a combination hamburger dinner and yard sale. We were surprised with the crowd that came out to enjoy hamburgers for lunch versus our traditional evening meals. We followed that up on July 20 with another hamburger dinner and vendors. That fundraiser wasn't quite as successful as the first hamburger dinner but still very much worth our time.

We are still waiting on word for our grow dome. Knowing how things go slow, we will probably have the dome erected sometime next spring (at least that is our hope). The freeze dryer now sits on a heavy-duty table with the electrical connection in place. We just need to schedule training classes so that the local community can start using this wonderful machine.

Our Grange will be serving a couple of meals at State Session. We continue to look for opportunities/grants to raise additional funds to support our ongoing expenses along with improvements on our hall.

We hope to see many of you at state session this year. It should be a wonderful time to come down to southwest Colorado between the weather and the fall foliage.

Larry Corman

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-749-8108 or [hcrdgreer@gmail.com](mailto:hcrdgreer@gmail.com) for further information.

September 20 — Potluck and Planning Meeting.

October 4 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Reaching Surgical Seniors Campaign

There are several documents available to help Seniors facing surgery. If you are interested in any of these documents, please let the state Grange office know and we can send you a copy or email a PDF copy. The topics covered are as follows:

- Planning for my future Guide (Things your family needs to know.)
- Pre-Surgery Guide — Questions Prompt list

There are five videos that were developed for this program and the National Grange You Tube has additional videos with good advice.

- #1 Advocacy and Shared decision making
- #2 Hospitalizations
- #3 Falls
- #4 Talking to Others
- #5 Questions prompt List And a Promotional Video

Visit their web site at: [www.seniorsurgicalguides.com](http://www.seniorsurgicalguides.com).



Three veterans honored with Quilts of Honor at Marvel Grange. October 19 — Tentative date for Luau.

We had rain and around 110 people at the Ice cream social honoring veterans in July. The threat of rain moved the event to the Grange Hall. We honored three veterans by presenting quilts of valor to each of them. We had 10 ice cream freezers of ice cream (Vanilla, Peach, Butter Pecan, Strawberry, Black walnut, Chocolate, Triple Berry, Mint Chocolate Chip, Dairy free Vanilla) along with cookies, cake, ice cream toppings.

There were around 8 or 10 veterans in the audience. We presented three quilts of valor: Kirt A Kinker – Army, 1981-84, E-4 Specialist (MP) served in Germany; Jeremy Vela, Marine Corps, E4 Corporal, 2016 – 2020; Paul Dunegan, Navy, 1986-1990, Served on USS Enterprise CVN 65, E-4 petty Officer Aviation, Boatswain's Mate 3rd class.

Following the event we put together a list of tasks that needed to be accomplished to make this simple event happen; there were 39 tasks. These tasks could be divided up into four or five categories which would help if other members would take on one

of the categories or some of the tasks.

Several of our members were involved in the La Plata County Fair in various activities. Several of our youth and juniors worked in the Pomona concession. We want to congratulate everyone who entered items in the county fair and thank you for your help and support.

Marvel Grange joined the RVOV ERNIGHT group site and have hosted a few overnight campers this summer.

The local quilters used the hall in July to get items ready for the fair or just to sew. They plan to be back in October.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

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

We met in July and made crafts from corn husks and learned a little bit more about Corn. According to the internet Corn is a vegetable, grain, and a fruit.

With school starting we will be continuing to meet on Mondays when there is no school or early release.

Cindy Greer

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Abby Fox, [abbyjfox@gmail.com](mailto:abbyjfox@gmail.com) for further information.

September 8 — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

September 24, Monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m.

September 28, 8th Annual Pig Roast, 3-6 p.m.

October 13, Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

October 22, Monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m.

We are all smiles over here at Mt. Lookout Grange! In May our building saw a new roof installed thanks to generous community donations and support from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). July saw the community garden out front blooming. In August we had a delicious, and well attended community dinner with lots of young families

who spent time playing out on our large lawn. And most recently, we have launched a new website built by our stellar board member, Kelsy. She has done an incredible job making it user friendly, adding lots of history, and building a calendar to help people book the hall and kitchen.

Community dinners have continued to grow, and we are thrilled to be a meeting place for both new and long-time residents. Mancos Creative District has contacted us with an offer to coordinate and pay for live music at these monthly events. Next month we look forward to local bluegrass band, The Dirty Chords, getting our toes tapping.

September will bring our 8th Annual Pig Roast fundraiser. Several local farmers donate produce to this event, local breweries and cideries donate drinks, and baker extraordinaire, Carol, will bring her famous whoopie pies. Local quintet, Goathead, will play live music, and it will be a great event for the whole family.

Abby Fox

THE MT LOOKOUT GRANGE 8TH ANNUAL

TICKETS FOR THE EVENT ARE \$30

KIDS EAT FOR FREE | LIMITED MEALS WHILE THEY LAST | CASH BAR

Pig Roast

Sept 28th

Doors at 3

Meal 3:30-5:30 PM

Featuring a delicious local meal sourced from the Mancos Valley, local drinks from Dolores River Brewery, Mancos Brewing Company and Fenceline Cider and live music from Montezuma Quintet, Goathead!

"Spirit of the West" gala

Friday, September 27. 2024

Nacho Bar

Fruit cobbler & Ice cream

Fiddle Music

Line Dancing

JOIN US FOR AWARDS

7:00 p.m.

Durango Masonic Lodge



# Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

## 151st State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Durango.

All meeting 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: Ruth Wilson Francisco



### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

4:00 p.m. Set up for meeting

6:00 p.m. Officers and Directors Dinner

7:00 p.m. Sixth Degree Practice  
State Officers

Practice for Memorial Service to follow

### THURSDAY, September 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.  
Registration  
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family Activities, & Junior Grange contest entries for judging.

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.  
State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.  
10:00 a.m. New Delegates meet with State Master  
10:30 a.m. All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.



Tom Gwin  
National Grange Lecturer

## National Representative To State Session

Tom Gwin was elected Lecturer of the National Grange in 2023, at the 157th Annual National Grange Convention. Gwin is a member of Humptulips Grange #730, where he is Secretary; Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange #28, where he serves as Lecturer and Family Living Director; and has been State Grange President since 2015. He is a 48-year Grange member.

Tom is a retired manager of the Washington State Fair. He previously served in the Washington State Fair Association board for eight years. He is a 35-year 4-H leader, Junior Grange Leader & Camp Director. He enjoys gardening flowers and produce.

He enjoys spending time with his brother Jerry and his family – Aaron, Jake, and Kennedy, and his mother Davona.

11:45 a.m. – recess for lunch  
12:00 p.m. – Lunch  
1:15 p.m.  
Opening of the Colorado State Grange  
In full form in the Sixth Degree.  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.  
Receiving Honored Guests  
Roll Call of Officers/Directors  
Communications address from National President  
Adopting Convention Agenda  
Partial report of Credentials Committee  
Annual address by State Master, Gary Wardle  
Report of Treasurer and Secretary  
Report of Executive Committee chair  
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order  
Report of Leadership and Scholarship foundation  
Committee Reports  
Guest Speaker: National Representative –  
  
Closing of the Grange  
  
Family Activities Bake Sale  
Conferences for sec, Family Activities and Masters 15 minutes after closing of the Grange.

7:00 p.m.  
Leadership/Scholarship Foundation  
annual meeting  
PICK annual meeting  
Table Games

### FRIDAY, September 27, 2024

6:45 a.m. Colorado State Grange Alumni  
Breakfast – Presiding Lisa Mittan  
  
8:45 a.m.  
Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Elections of officers  
Continuation of Committee Reports

11:15 a.m.  
Recess for Lunch  
  
11:30 p.m.  
Membership Lunch

1:00 p.m. Speaker

2:00 p.m. Reconvene Session

3:30 p.m. Tour of Train museum  
  
6:00 p.m. Memorial Service under the direction of Chaplain, Amy Peterson  
  
7:00 p.m.  
Gala – “Spirit of the West”

8:30 p.m. or ASAP following Gala - Annual meeting of PICK – Everyone invited.

### Saturday, September 28, 2024

6:45 a.m.  
Colorado State Grange Past Master’s  
Breakfast - Presiding: Harry Greer

8:45 a.m.  
Open the Grange  
Continuation of Committee Reports

10:00 a.m.  
Installation of Officer – Tom Gwin

Spotlight on Grange –

12:00 p.m. JG Lunch

1:45 p.m.  
Short Form 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, Harry Greer

2:00 p.m.  
Sixth Degree conferred by State Grange  
Officers  
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree

6:00 p.m.  
Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange  
Executive Committee Chairman:  
John Cruz presiding  
Recognition of National Rep  
Recognition of Outstanding Granger?  
Presentation of Quilts of Valor ?  
Talent Showcase?

7:15 p.m. Raffle Drawing

## RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

### Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 20, 2024

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange: 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	<b>Alumni Breakfast</b> — September 27, 6:45 a.m. <i>Past State Officers and Directors &amp; Spouses</i>	\$10.00 _____
_____	<b>Membership Lunch</b> — Fri, September 27, 12:00 noon catered by Serious Texas BBQ	\$12.00 _____
_____	<i>Everyone invited</i> , 13 and under	@ \$6.00 _____
_____	<b>Past Masters Breakfast</b> — Sat., Sept 28, 6:45 a.m. <i>For Past Masters &amp; Spouses</i>	\$10.00 _____
_____	<b>JG Lunch</b> — Sat., Sept 28, Noon	@10.00 _____
_____	Frito Pie..... <i>Everyone invited</i> 13 and under	@ 5.00 _____
_____	<b>Annual Banquet</b> — Sat., Sept 28, 6 p.m Chicken Marsala or Beef (Roast beef or Brisket) 13 and under	@\$25.00 _____ @\$13.00 _____
{Please mark your choice) _____Chicken _____Beef		

\_\_\_\_ I Plan to take the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degree at State Session  
5<sup>th</sup> degree \$1.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
6<sup>th</sup> Degree \$5.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: Please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL MEALS & Degrees INCLUDED \$ \_\_\_\_\_