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## Colorado State Grange Capitol Improvement Grange Program

The Colorado State Grange (CSG) may grant financial assistance to any Colorado Subordinate Grange in need of support for a specific capital improvement project, provided that CSG Capital Improvement Project Funds are available. The CSG has designated that proceeds from the sale of real estate belonging to closed Granges will be made available to active Colorado Granges as Capital Improvement Project Grants.

The CSG Executive Committee will determine the amount of funding available for Capital Improvement Project Grants each year. All applications will be considered as they are received by the CSG office, by the CSG Executive Committee.

Note: When a Grange relinquishes its charter and its Hall property is sold, the proceeds are placed by the CSG treasury into an custodial account for seven years, in accordance with the National Grange Digest of Laws. This allows the inactive Grange the opportunity to reactivate and use those funds to purchase or construct a new Grange Hall. If, after seven years, the Grange has not reactivated, the funds become available to the CSG and may be added to the "Capital Improvement Project Grant Funds."

Any Grange requesting Capital Improvement Project Grant funds must complete the Capital Improvement Project Grant Application and submit it to the CSG Executive Committee through the CSG office. Requests may be considered and approved at any Executive Committee meeting throughout the year. Each application must include a detailed "Scope of Work" summary containing, at minimum:

- Specific, detailed project plans
- Project start date
- Project location
- Detailed project budget
- Grange financial status, including all accounts (checking, savings, investments) and the availability of those funds for the project.
- Required funding date
- Grange matching funds and their source
- Expected project completion date
- Partner organizations involved in the project
- Project Completion Report

The CSG Executive Committee will review all grant requests and has final authority over approval and funding decisions.

To qualify, each Grange must provide at least one-third of the total project cost. The Colorado State Grange may fund up to two-thirds

of the project cost, with a maximum award of \$20,000 within any five-year period, beginning on the date the original grant is awarded (as recorded by the CSG Office).

All funded projects must be completed within one year of receiving grant funds.

A Project Completion Report must be submitted to the CSG Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of the project's completion, or within thirty (30) days of one year from the date funds were received — whichever occurs first.

Applications are available upon request from the state Grange office.

## — Change Of Date — Colorado State Grange Convention October 1-3

The Colorado State Grange Convention has been moved to October 1-3 and will be held at the Lewis-Arriola Community Building near Cortez, CO. 21176 Road S, Cortez, CO 81321.

<http://lewisarriolacommunitycenter.com>

Lewis Arriola Community Center is a 6000 Square foot facility with ample parking. There is a 4000 square foot main event room with a stage and seating up to 250 people including 29 tables.

A meeting room that can accommodate up to 25 people. Sound system, Wi-Fi, podium, and a full kitchen.

In addition, outside facilities include a ball field, horseshoe pits, basketball hoops, sand volleyball, and a gazebo for seating up to 120 with 8 tables. Outside bathrooms available upon request.

There are two charcoal BBQs as well as a propane grill available upon request, a playground, and one quarter mile of walking paths.

## Great Plains Leadership Conference 2026

A block of rooms has been reserved at Sleep Inn & Suites, located at 302 E. Wall Street, Fort Scott, KS 66701. The room rate is \$149 per night, and this rate will also apply for those arriving early or staying after the conference dates.

Rooms should be booked directly with the hotel either by using the reservation link provided on the National Grange website or by calling 620-223-2555. Breakfast is included with your stay. If you have any special room needs or food-related

requirements, it is recommended that you contact the hotel directly during the booking process to ensure accommodation can be made.

All workshops and conference activities will be held at the Empress Event Center, located at 7 N. Main Street, Fort Scott, KS 66701. The event center is within walking distance of the hotel, and ample parking is also available nearby.

Additional conference details and registration information will be

sent at a later date. Please note that hotel rooms should be reserved no later than May 11. While attendees may still be able to book after that date using the information above, availability may be limited.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kansas and hope you will plan to attend.

If you are interested let the state office know and as soon as additional information is available we will forward it to you.

## Seeds Of Community: How Granges Can Lead Seed Sharing In Colorado

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Across Colorado, as spring approaches and gardeners begin planning their plots, one of the oldest agricultural traditions quietly returns — sharing seeds.

For generations, neighbors have exchanged seeds that performed well in their local soils and climates. These small envelopes of promise represent much more than plants. They carry stories, knowledge, resilience, and the spirit of community agriculture that organizations like the Grange have championed since their founding.

While modern "seed swap" events are a familiar sight at some Grange halls today, the spirit behind them reaches back to the earliest days of the organization. From its founding, the Grange encouraged farmers to work together — sharing knowledge, pooling resources for equipment, and exchanging farming techniques. Within those practices was the natural exchange of seeds and plant materials that helped rural communities thrive.

Today's seed swaps are simply a modern reflection of those founding principles: cooperation, knowledge sharing, and mutual support among neighbors who work the land.

### Why Seed Sharing Matters

Seed sharing encourages gardeners to grow plants that are adapted to their local environment. Over time, seeds saved from successful harvests become better suited to the climate, soil, and weather patterns of a particular region.

For Colorado gardeners, this can make a tremendous difference. Seeds that have been grown and saved locally often perform better than varieties developed in very different climates.

Just as importantly, seed sharing helps keep agricultural knowledge alive — passing gardening traditions from one generation to the next.

### Ideas For Grange Seed Sharing Programs

Many Granges across the country are finding creative ways to bring their communities together around seeds. Here are a few simple ideas that can make a big impact.

### Community Seed Swaps

Host a spring seed swap at your Grange Hall. Members and community gardeners can bring seeds they have saved or extra seed packets to exchange. These events often attract both experienced gardeners and be-

ginners eager to learn.

Adding refreshments, short demonstrations on seed saving, or guest speakers from local extension offices can turn a simple swap into a lively community gathering.

### Seed Libraries

Some Granges are creating small "seed libraries," where community members can check out seeds in the spring and return seeds from their harvest in the fall. This encourages continued sharing while building a collection of locally adapted varieties.

A seed library can be as simple as a labeled cabinet or small display in the Grange Hall.

### Youth Education And Gardening Programs

Seed programs provide wonderful opportunities to teach young people about agriculture. Granges can partner with local schools, 4-H clubs, or youth organizations to distribute seed packets and teach children how to grow their own food.

Watching a seed grow into a thriving plant can spark a lifelong appreciation for agriculture.

### Fundraising Opportunities Through Seeds

Seed sharing can also become a creative way for Granges to raise funds while supporting local gardening.

### Grange Seed Packets

Members can collect seeds from their gardens — flowers, herbs, vegetables — and package them into simple envelopes labeled with planting instructions. These can be sold at local farmers markets, spring festivals, or Grange events.

Even small donations per packet can add up while encouraging more people to start gardens.

### Spring Garden Days

Host a community "Garden Kick-off Day" at the Grange Hall. Offer

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
April through June  
on the Back Page

CSG Scholarship Leadership Foundation

# Scholarship Program

Empowering the Leaders of Tomorrow

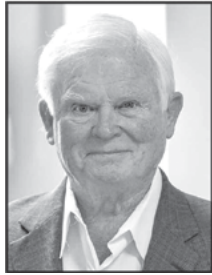
**Applications due April 15**

Applications can be found at  
[coloradogranger.org](http://coloradogranger.org)  
applicants must be a member or a relative of  
a Grange member.  
No restrictions on college location.

# Master's Message

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Brothers and Sisters, I hope all Granges have made plans for 2026. These plans should include involving the community in a 250th anniversary celebration of the founding of America: A good opportunity to build Grange relations in your community. An idea booklet is available on the National Grange website.

You should receive a letter from American Income Life insurance. The State Grange is providing \$4,000 in accidental death and injury insurance at no cost to members. They have a new program this year that includes assistance in developing a will. This is also at

no cost. If you want additional insurance, you can contact them. They should not be calling you. Let me know if they are a problem.

The National Grange has developed a new program, the Grange Improvement Plan. The first part of the program is to identify ways the state Grange can be improved. I would solicit input from all Grangers on ways we can improve the state Grange. How can the State Grange be improved and how can we assist the local Granges? The second part of the program is to assist local Granges to develop a plan for improvement. If your Grange would like to develop a Grange Improvement Plan, please contact me and we can assist you. Either call me at 303-349-7390 or email me at garwardle@gmail.com. The executive committee and myself would like to hear from many Granges.

I hope all Granges submitted your property tax report by April 15th. If your Grange is paying property taxes and you earn less than \$25,000/year and you do not allow a user to use a portion of your hall permanently, you may be eligible to have your property taxes waived. Your Grange will need to submit a form to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to have your status reviewed. This review will cost \$200. Let me know if we can be of assistance.

Thanks to each of you for everything your Grange does to improve your community.

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

# Legislative Activity

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The 2026 Colorado legislative session is focused on addressing a significant budget shortfall, public safety, housing affordability, and rising living costs. Key debates include AI regulation, energy utility policy, behavior health, and potential changes to TABOR revenue limits. The session concludes May 13th, with a focus on bipartisan solutions for economic stability.

Major issues being considered in the 2026 Colorado Legislature:

- **Budgetary Challenges:** Lawmakers are navigating a structural deficit and addressing budget issues following a period of high spending on Medicaid provider rates and other programs.
- **Housing and Affordability:** A major focus is reducing Colorado's cost of living — ranked fourth highest in the U.S. — by increasing housing supply, protecting renters, and reducing housing barriers.
- **Public Safety Justice:** Key areas include reducing crime and addressing competency reform for individuals in the criminal justice system.
- **Energy and Environmental Policy:** Discussions include utility

regulation, carbon management projects, and potential tax incentives for businesses and consumers regarding climate change.

- **AI Regulation:** Legislators are navigating potential regulation of artificial intelligence, balancing innovation with consumer protection while considering potential federal preemption.
- **TABOR and Tax Policy:** Serious discussions are occurring regarding potential changes to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) due to limitations on state revenue, particularly given inflationary pressures.
- **Business Regulations:** Lawmakers are reviewing legislation to support small businesses and potentially cap prices for "captive consumers" (e.g., event venue pricing).
- **Healthcare and Social Policy:** On-going debates include expanding mental health support, protecting reproductive freedoms, and expanding Medicaid eligibility for certain groups.

The legislature faces a challenging, fast-paced session, with lawmakers aiming to find common ground on the critical issues before the May 12 deadline.

**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 **59¢ per address change** the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

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

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

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# Notes From The Secretary

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**March 31 end of First Quarter. April 15 — Scholarship applications due.**

**April 30 — Deadline for first quarterly report and payment due.**

**May 1-3 — National Grange Leaders Conference, Sparks, Nevada.**

**Great Plains Leadership Conference will be held June 12-14 in Fort Scott, Kansas.**

**October 1-3 — State Grange Convention near Cortez at the Lewis-Ariolla community building.**

**November 11-15 — National Grange Convention, Sparks, Nevada.**

What is the purpose of a quarterly report besides submitting dues payments? Quarterly reports are how the Grange maintains its membership database. Each report asks how many members have been added and how many have been dropped, regardless of the reason. Members' names, contact information, and join dates are all important so that the information is recorded in two places in case one copy is lost.

Members receive *The Colorado Granger* (quarterly newspaper) and can see what other Granges are doing and keep up with what's happening in the state and sometimes the nation. I realize that not every-

# Chaplain's Corner

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Happy Easter! Christ has risen! What a gift we have been given if we choose to accept it; all we have to do is believe. As Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26 (NIV)

Springtime has arrived, and the earth is waking up from its long winter rest. With spring comes the season to work the land and plant new crops-getting our hands in soil and sowing seeds that will provide nourishment at harvest. This year, we have experienced an unusually warm and dry winter. The ground is thirsty and yearning for water, and the danger of fires we face this summer is already extreme. It reminds us how important it is to bring our needs before God, including praying

for rain. As Zechariah 10:1 reminds us, "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime, it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms..." Perhaps we can pray for gentle, steady rain-without the lightning and thunder.

As spring transitions into Summer, take time to reflect on God's glory and the beauty around you. Soon the roses will bloom. Pause long enough to smell them before the moment passes. The same is true for life itself. Take time to appreciate the people around you. Do not take for granted that they will always be there. Cherish the moments you share.

The world can feel uncertain and troubled at times. When I find myself feeling anxious, I turn to two passages that bring me great comfort: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be

# Publicity

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Hello fellow Grangers, I want to let you all know that the calendar on the State Grange page is active. I would like to add your meetings and Grange sponsored events to it. Please send any information that you would like to share with the rest of us.

I was able to go to the Darden Pomona Christmas Dinner in December. I had a great time, caught up with friends that I hadn't seen since moving to Hawaii. It was great, fun and the special guests were the families from currently living at Shannon's Hope. Shannon's Hope is a charitable organization that provides physical

and spiritual resources to families facing crisis situations. Their mission is to empower these families to overcome challenges and build a brighter future.

Dinner was delicious and the then there were carols, a visit from Santa and the a pinata in the shape of a house. It was very well constructed and took a few whacks to break open. I enjoyed the event very much.

I would like to add your events to our calendar on the State Grange webpage, so please forward me any information and allowing I will stop by.

## Granger Deadline And Guidelines

**June 15, 2026**, is the deadline for articles for the Summer 2026 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)

## The Colorado Granger Available Online

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

one is interested in this aspect of the Grange. As the secretary reporting your members you may not know what they are interested in either, so please don't deny them the opportunity. Most every issue of the paper has an opt-in form, so let them make that decision on how or if they want to receive the paper.

Check out your Member benefits on the National Grange Web site which include:

- **Health care:** Life line screening, comfort keepers, Singlecare/GoodRx, Start Hearing, Tru hearing
- **Insurance:** Aflac, American Income, Bob Clouse Insurance Services, Nationwide
- **Shopping:** Member deals, Office Depot, UPS Savings Program, TSYS Merchant Solutions Flyer, Travel Hotel/car rental choice hotels, Harvest Hosts, Worldwide hotels, Wyndham Hotels, Lands End.

Also available on the National Grange website is "America 250 Guidebook for Granges."

troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 (NIV), and "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you..." Isaiah 41:10 (NIV). I have been speaking these words out loud a lot lately, and they bring peace to my heart. My prayer is that they bring the same comfort to you.

As we celebrate Easter, let us not forget the true reason for this day. Gathering with family, friends, and children brings joy and creates beautiful memories, at the center of it all is the miracle of Christ's resurrection. May the glory and the promise of this joyous season bring peace and happiness to you and those you love most. May Christ, our risen Savior, walk beside you and bless you 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.

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Greetings Grangers! Hopefully 2026 has brought you many opportunities to be a light in your communities! Keeping focus on “Grange Strong” offers a wide range of ways we can be Rooted, Resilient, and United!

As we roll into Grange Month (April), find ways to utilize resources from the National Grange Website. President Hamp has provided the Grange Month Proclamation in a PDF document to share with our community and community leaders. The Proclamation reflects on the strong history of The National Grange as well as looks to the future with programs, activities, and events that promote growth.

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month/>

Find ways to implement the quality Grange Month graphics for creating posters, flyers, and online promotion of your events as you focus on weekly targets. The theme “Growing From the Ground Up” is enhanced with these weekly targets and thoughtful action prompts throughout Grange Month.

**Week One is SERVICE.**

Prompt: What is your Grange doing this month to serve the people in your community?

**Week Two is LEADERSHIP.**

Prompt: How is your Grange helping to grow leadership or welcome new members this month?

**Week Three is AGRICULTURE and RURAL AMERICA.**

Prompt: How is your Grange helping to support agriculture or raise awareness about rural life in your community this month?

**Week Four is STRONGER COMMUNITIES.**

Prompt: What is your Grange do-

ing this month to ensure a strong future for your community?

What great topics and weekly prompts to spur us into action surrounding these themes!

The National Grange National Lecturer has instituted a shift in programming back to our roots and focus on education. The National Lecturer Program Guide states: Education may take many forms, such as guest speakers, workshops, demonstrations, discussions, hands-on activities, cultural programs, or collaborative learning experiences.

The Colorado State Grange Lecturer Program will be taking steps to align with the National Grange goals and programming. More information will be provided as we make this transition. Please refer to the National Lecturer’s Program Guide for programming direction.

Monthly target themes are: February – Civic Education; March – Agricultural Literacy & Education; April – Environment, Conservation & Stewardship; May – Food Systems & Local Agriculture; June – Rural Life & Community Resilience; July – History, Heritage & Storytelling; August – Youth, Leadership & Mentorship; September – Education & Lifelong Learning; October – Health, Wellness & Safety; November – Service, Gratitude & Community Impact; December – Reflection & Vision for the Future.

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-programs/>

Please continue to positively impact your communities, keep track, and document your community service hours, and strive to improve local programming. Through all these efforts stay Grange Strong!



## Family Activities

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Potatoes are a versatile food that can be used in a number of different ways. They were originally grown in Peru and when Spanish conquistadors came, potatoes were taken back to Europe. Many people relied on potatoes as a filling food source. A serious virus came to Ireland about 1850 resulting in many Irish immigrants coming to the US. Since potatoes were a main staple, they didn’t have much to eat.

Potatoes contain many nutrients such as potassium, Vitamin C, and fiber, which is in the peel. The calories are in the toppings or the way they are prepared. Potatoes can be served in a variety of ways: baked, fried, boiled, and used as a

main dish, vegetable, salad, or even as an ingredient in desserts, when mashed.

A way to use potatoes in a main dish is to have a variety of toppings and have a “Potato Bar” dinner. Toppings could include chili, cheese,

sour cream, onions, jalapenos, or broccoli. Cook the broccoli florets in the microwave about a minute to soften them a bit.

This might be something you could have at your next potluck! The possibilities are endless! Enjoy!

## 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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## Disappearing Rail Fence Block

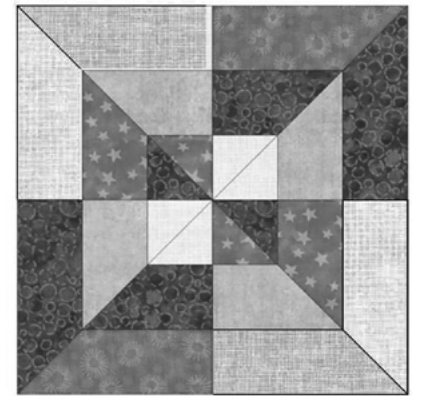
### Finished Sizes

- Individual block: 7” x 7”
- Combined block (4 units): 13” x 13” unfinished (12½” x 12½” finished)

### Fabrics

Use three fabrics:

- White – Anchor color
- Medium color - Red
- Dark color - Blue



### Cutting (per combined block)

- Cut one strip each of:
  - White
  - Medium
  - Dark
- All strips: 3” wide x at least 24” long

### Step 1 – Make the Strip Set

1. Sew the three strips together in this order:
  - White (anchor)
  - Medium
  - Dark
2. Press all seams toward the darker fabric.
3. Strip set should measure 8” wide.
4. To make a more interesting block (like the picture above) when sewing the strips together switch the medium and dark strips in half of your blocks. If you don’t switch the order of the medium and dark strips your block will not look like the picture above.

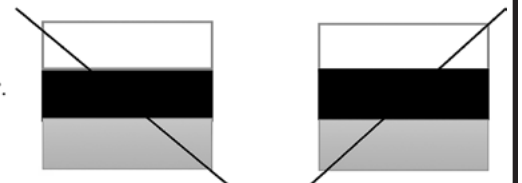


### Step 2 – Cut Squares

1. Cut the strip set into four (4) squares, each 8” x 8”.

### Step 3 – Cut on the Diagonal

1. Cut each square diagonally from corner to corner.
2. You will have eight triangles.



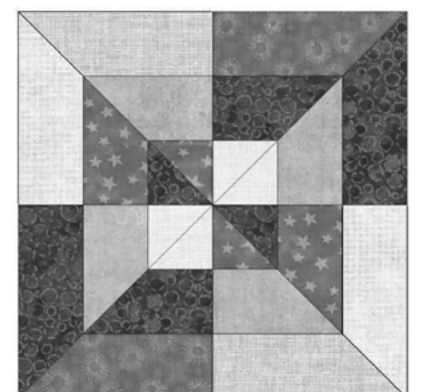
### Step 4 – Mix & Match

1. Mix the triangles.
2. Pair triangles so the white (anchor) fabric lines up.
3. Sew matched triangles together along the diagonal.
4. Press the diagonal seam open.

### Step 5 – Arrange the Combined Block

You will have two block orientations:

- Two blocks with the anchor color on the long side
- Two blocks with the anchor color as the small square



1. Lay out the four blocks in a pleasing arrangement.
2. Sew the blocks together to complete the combined block.
3. Trim block to 13” x 13”

## Mandy Project

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### Hearing Loss Quiz

1. T/F Most Deaf Children are born to hearing families.
2. T/F The percentage of accuracy for persons who lip-read is between 30% – 40%.
3. T/F Hearing aids make speech sounds clear and understandable.
4. T/F American Sign Language (ASL) is the universal language used by persons who are Deaf.
5. T/F Michigan law prohibits people who are deaf from driving.
6. T/F People who are Deaf read Braille.
7. T/F A person with partial hearing experiences fewer communication difficulties than a person who is deaf.
8. T/F The term “hearing impaired” implies that one is hard of hearing.
9. T/F A person with a profound hearing loss can still enjoy music.
10. T/F Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing have below average intelligence.

to members of your family?

- Yes No
3. Do you have difficulty hearing or understanding co-workers, clients, or customers?  
Yes No
4. Do you feel slowed down by a hearing problem?  
Yes No
5. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?  
Yes No
6. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty in the movies or in the theater?  
Yes No
7. Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?  
Yes No
8. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?  
Yes No
9. Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?  
Yes No
10. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?  
Yes No

Hearing Loss Quiz Answers: 1. T, 2. T, 3. F, 4.F, 5. F, 6. F, 7. F, 8. F, 9. T, 10. F

**Do You Need A Hearing Test**

If you are 18 to 64 years old, the following questions will help you determine if you need to have your hearing evaluated by a health professional. Answer YES or NO.

1. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when you meet new people?  
Yes No
2. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking

If you answered “yes” to three or more of these questions, you might want to see an audiologist for a hearing evaluation.

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## Agriculture Report

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Ban on the sale of animal furs. By a 6 – 4 vote the Parks and Wildlife Commission approved a state-wide ban on the sale of furs overriding staff recommendations to deny and opposed by a majority of public comments at the March 4 hearing; a response to a petition submitted by the animal activist organization Center for Biological Diversity. Their head is Samantha Miller who previously led efforts to ban lion and cat hunting and trapping via initiative 127 and led initiative 308 to ban fur sales in Denver.

Voters defeated both but the Center found success before a highly flawed Commission whose members, all are Gov. Polis appointees, exhibit apparent an animal rights attitude and show little respect for scientific wildlife management.

CPW staff will generate ban rules for later review by the Commission. Fur animals may still be trapped but no sale of furs. Ranchers, farmers, professional trappers, etc. can harvest pest coyotes, beaver, skunks, etc. but no fur sales. The approval was a slap-in-the face to the just hired CPW Director Clellan.

Certain Commission members seem to be anti-hunters, others don't hunt, one a vegan, another a parks representative had not been in a state park when appointed. Three nominees to fill vacancies on the Commission will appear on the Senate floor for review. Wildlife organizations submitted names of actual big game hunter candidates to the Governor but he ignored them and chose another direction.

John Emerick, a candidate is a pro-wolf advocate and his wife

heads a pro-wolf organization. Chris Tishko, candidate to replace a vacated sportsmen position has not hunted big game. Francis Silva Blayne, fishing guide and fly-fishing store owner, is to represent guide servicers but has no hunting guide experience (she has reached out though).

Note that the sale of hunting and fishing licenses generates over \$150 million to CPW and the overall economic impact of fishing and hunting is over \$5 billion to the Colorado economy, much of that in rural Colorado on licenses, hotels, motels, fuel, restaurants, private land access, equipment, and guide services.

Fur bearers include bobcats, beavers, coyotes, marten, mink, muskrats, badgers, skunks, and red, gray, and swift foxes. By resolutions Colorado State Grange opposed initiative 127 and Denver initiative 308. The Commission is horribly out of balance reflecting animal rights activism vs. CPW's professional management by well-educated game biologist staff with long field expertise.

### John Stulp Passes

A true friend of Colorado agriculture has left us. John Stulp, former Commissioner of Agriculture and Colorado's "Water Czar" and friend of the Grange, is gone. He was on Governor Hickenlooper's cabinet and became the first "Water Czar" in implementing the state water plan. His family roots in SE Colorado, dryland agriculture in Washington and Prowers Counties, date to covered wagon days. He was a featured speaker at one of our Annual Sessions in Denver. A CSU alum, he was educated and trained in veterinary medicine.

## Real Estate Management

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### Reverse Mortgages: Lifeline For Retirees Or Risky Financial Move?

As housing prices continue to rise and retirees search for ways to fund their later years, reverse mortgages have become an increasingly discussed financial tool. While they can provide relief for homeowners with limited income, financial experts caution that the product comes with both significant benefits and notable drawbacks.

#### What Is A Reverse Mortgage?

A reverse mortgage allows homeowners — typically age 62 or older — to convert part of their home equity into cash without selling the home or making monthly mortgage payments. Instead of the homeowner paying the lender, the lender pays the homeowner. The loan is usually repaid when the homeowner sells the house, moves out permanently,

or passes away.

#### The Advantages

##### 1. Supplemental Retirement Income

For many retirees, a reverse mortgage can serve as an additional source of income. Payments can be received as a lump sum, monthly installments, or a line of credit, helping cover daily living expenses, health care costs, or home repairs.

##### 2. No Monthly Mortgage Payments

Unlike traditional mortgages, borrowers are not required to make monthly payments toward the loan balance. This can reduce financial pressure for retirees living on fixed incomes.

##### 3. Ability to Stay in the Home

A reverse mortgage allows homeowners to remain in their homes while accessing their home equity. As long as they continue paying property taxes, insurance, and maintenance costs, they can typically live there for the rest of their lives.

##### 4. Flexible Payment Options

Borrowers can choose how they receive the funds — monthly payments, lump sum, or a credit line —

allowing them to tailor the loan to their financial needs.

#### The Disadvantages

##### High Fees And Closing Costs

Reverse mortgages often involve higher upfront costs than traditional loans. Origination fees, mortgage insurance premiums, and closing costs can significantly reduce the amount of money received.

##### Decreasing Home Equity

Because interest accumulates over time, the loan balance grows. This reduces the amount of equity remaining in the home and may leave less inheritance for heirs.

##### Impact On Heirs

When the homeowner dies or permanently leaves the home, the loan must be repaid — usually by selling the house. Family members who wish to keep the home may need to pay off the loan balance.

##### Ongoing Financial Responsibilities

Borrowers must still pay property taxes, home-owners insurance, and maintenance costs. Failure to keep up with these obligations could lead to foreclosure.

##### The Bottom Line

Financial advisors often stress that reverse mortgages are not one-size-fits-all solutions. For some retirees, they can provide valuable financial flexibility and security. For others, the long-term costs and impact on family inheritance may outweigh the benefits.



John Stulp — From the Dust of the Thirties to the Halls of Power



## Community Service

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Hello Grangers! I'm sure your 2026 programs and events are well-planned and underway. With the general economy not doing great, and the job markets generally not strong either, more and more people are struggling and need help. This is happening for people who have never needed help from their community before.

Fortunately, even with a lot of disagreement many of us have about a lot of different things, one thing we do all agree on is helping those who are struggling. We have community meals and fund-raising events, we teach others skills they can use, we grow and share extra food, and we give our time and efforts to help others in countless ways.

Other Grangers in the state of Colorado would love to learn what you're doing and how you're having successes with these ways to provide service to our communities. If you would like to share what your Grange is doing, please use the combined reporting form in the format with the Lecturer Stars in the front of the form and the Community Service and Membership reports in the back.

The details of each program/event, along with some pictures — please limit pictures to 4 per event — can be put under one of the Lecturer's colored stars and simply ref-

erenced by program name in any other star colors that may fit, as well as in the Community Service section of the report. Additional instructions are in the report form, and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need help with how to use the form. mittan42@man.com or 720-413-4106.

As a reminder, National Grange changed how they are doing recognition for our Granges' Community Service events and activities. They are interested in hearing from your local and Pomona Granges directly, for one program/event at a time, and one per their online form. Although they had stopped having a National-level Community Service contest, at last year's convention, they reinstated the ability for a State Grange to bring a "Brag Book" or what we have in the past called a "One Book" to be displayed at the National Grange annual convention.

There is no monetary prize for a winning book from National, but your Grange will have bragging rights if your book is chosen as the winner at the Colorado State Grange convention. For details on the brag book and also the form for you to directly submit one of your programs to National, that website is [www.nationalgrange.org/community-service-programs](http://www.nationalgrange.org/community-service-programs). Have a great year everyone!

# Additional Member Benefit at No Cost!

Through a partnership with American Income Life Insurance Company, an AD&D benefit and other no-cost offers are being provided to all members of Colorado State Grange.

### Included:

- Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefit
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## Boulder County

Boulder County

### Crescent

Tuesday, April 21: Broomfield 2026! Lecture 4 — The History of the Zang Family, 6:30-8 p.m. See ad on Page 7.

ONGOING WEEKLY CLASSES:  
Monday Morning Yoga — 9-11 a.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays:  
Okinawan Go-ju Ryu Karate, 6-7 p.m.

#### Garden News

The garden is picking up steam as

we head into the growing season — we've been starting seeds indoors under grow lights, planning this year's planting layout, and making sure the garden area is in good shape to get started. We repaired our rabbit fencing, which had been blown down over the winter, in order to protect our newly sprouting garlic. We're also discussing how to expand the garden footprint this year, and what we could plant outside the fencing.

We're always eager for new members — if you're interested in being a part of the excitement, reach out to [garden-info@crescentgrange.org](mailto:garden-info@crescentgrange.org) to see how you can join in!

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**Darden**  
Jefferson County

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

May 2 Darden Pomona Meeting & Potluck at Enterprise Grange 3:30 p.m. with Kentucky Derby Party following at 5 p.m.

The February quarterly meeting was held at Wheat Ridge Grange with Marlys Halbeisen presiding.

Granges reported on their recent activities. Enterprise will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt March 28th.

Maple Grove held a fall food drive. Wheat Ridge had a chili dinner.

Members shared their hobbies. Several members play cards. Idel-

la Lewis shared her hobby of folk dancing and led members in "Chair Hokey Pokey," an American folk dance, and demonstrated several other folk dances.

Enterprise Grange is hosting the annual Kentucky Derby Party May 2nd at 3:30 p.m. with the meeting and potluck following and watching the Kentucky Derby and placing fake bets at 5 p.m. Remember to dress up and wear your fancy hats!

Idella Lewis

**Enterprise Grange**

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

April 8th, Wednesday — The honoring celebration will begin at 6 p.m. with the potluck to follow. This is our Community Service night

and we are proud to honor Cheryl Norton as this year's Community Citizen Award recipient. Members and guests are invited to attend the celebrate of this extraordinary woman whose lifelong commitment to education and community service has touched many lives. Cheryl's career in education began as a teacher and grew into leadership roles at several universities. She served as President of Southern Connecticut University and later Slippery Rock University in PA. In 1976 she moved to Colorado to teach at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she eventually served as Provost to the President until retiring in 2004.

Since retiring, Cheryl has devoted much of her time to community service. As an active member of Kiwanis, she helps support programs such as Sweet Dreams in a Bag, which provides bedding and comfort items to children in need, and she volunteers weekly packing backpacks of food for students to take home over the weekend.

Cheryl also participates in local highway cleanups, the annual Postal Food Drive benefiting Community Table, and community service projects that assist nonprofits with needed improvements. One of her favorite projects is the Santa House program serving eight Title I schools in Arvada, where children from families in need receive books, games, and gifts during the holidays.

In addition, Cheryl serves on the Red Rocks Community Advisory Board and works with the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, collecting funds and essential hygiene supplies for families with limited resources.

Cheryl Norton's compassion, generosity, and dedication to helping others make her a truly deserving recipient of the Community Citizen Award. We look forward to celebrating her and her remarkable service to the community.

May 2nd, Saturday — Pomona



Enterprise Grange, right to left: Lisa Mittan, Joe Koontz, Debbie Koontz, Pam Campbell, Carol Lackey, Gary Wardle, Kathy Wardle, and Mike Lackey.



St. Patrick's Day décor at Enterprise Grange.

meeting at the Enterprise Grange. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. Potluck and games to follow at 4 p.m. The Kentucky Derby post time will be 4:57 p.m playing on our TV. Our theme, of course, is the

Kentucky Derby. Ladies come with your special derby hats and men get spruced up in your Fedora, Bowler, or any other dress hat you can find. Other details can be found under (Continued on Page 6)



**Membership**

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Hello again fellow Grangers, I am going to continue with my article on Membership, but first I want to remind you that the Grange was founded on the principle of Grangers helping each other and others of the community so everyone could be successful in their endeavors. But we seem to have forgotten our roots. Our Granges will only survive in the future if we can get back to our roots but also embrace the changes that need to be made to move forward with new generations.

We are one of the few family-oriented organizations. However, without collaborative participation, several of our Granges are in danger of closing. I understand that change is difficult and that many of us want to hang on to the old ways. The sad part of that is that the old ways will die out when the old guard does.

Without change to include the ideas and ways of the younger generations the Grange could cease to exist, so I am asking for your cooperation in keeping our Granges strong and healthy. I cannot do this on my own, I need your aid. I need to know what you need from me to help you grow your Granges. Enough of my soap box for this article, and on to the continuation of the earlier article.

**Get Focused.**

Taken in part from a publication by Amanda Brozana.

It is not a successful strategy, trying to be everything to everyone whether for recruitment or retention plans. Your Grange must have an identity and a purpose.

First, each Grange must know and understand the fundamental ideals of the organization and commit to them. Read over the Declaration of Purposes and lessons you can find in the first four Degrees, the New Member Welcoming Ceremony, the Installation Ceremony, and the Opening and Closing rituals. You can use the National Grange's Heirloom Program for a brief primer.

Then, assess the needs and interests of your members, as well as the activities for which you are known. Do your current activities fulfill the

social and philanthropic desires of your membership? If not, consider what will enrich the lives of your members and improve the larger community you serve.

Don't just stick to what you know if that's not what excites your members and the people in your community, who you wish to see be part of your Grange. Feeling good about doing good is a member benefit that improves the overall membership experience. When service projects, educational programs, member experiences, and advocacy align with the interests of members, enthusiastic members who take part and build richer bonds with the organization are the result.

As you develop your identity and purpose, often in the form of a mission statement, you will also more clearly see who Grange is "for" and those people, when asked to join, will have a clearer understanding of where they fit and why and how they should participate. Don't ignore those who care about your mission, but who come from a population that may not be represented within your membership.

The next article will cover the topic of "Carry the Message" on your membership, to be followed up with "Have Fun," and "Embrace Esto Perpetua." If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at the number above. I am always looking for current ideas and suggestions to make our Grange/s strong and more relevant in today's world.



Highlighting a couple of community activities hosted by Enterprise Granges — Chili Dinner and Christmas wishes with Santa.

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**Awards:** 1st Place – \$25; 2nd Place – \$15; 3rd Place – \$10 in each age division

Each Entry must be labeled with Name of individual, mailing address, Email, Phone, Age division and contest category.

Entries must be postmarked by **June 1, 2026** and emailed to: [peopleimprovingcommunitiesandkids@gmail.com](mailto:peopleimprovingcommunitiesandkids@gmail.com) or mailed or delivered to 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326

Help us honor America's story—its past, present, and future—  
by sharing your creativity and your pride.





**Enterprise Grange**

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Idella Lewis' article under the Pomona in this *Granger*.

**May 13th, Wednesday — At 6 p.m., we will have our Cinco de Mayo themed Potluck.** Mexican dishes, sides, salad, and desserts will be on the menu. Bring your favorite dishes. A business meeting will follow potluck where we will discuss the possibility of off-campus activities for the summer. We will also vote on 2025-2026 officers and choose delegates for the 2026 State Grange Convention.

At our January meeting we focused on planning and community ideas. We started with a potluck. During the evening, members discussed and began planning the remaining activities for the 2026 Grange year while also exploring ideas for future community service projects. Members shared ideas for fundraising activities, discussed how funds could best be designated, and offered suggestions for possible group outings.

The outcome of the recent Chili Dinner fundraiser was also reviewed, and members considered whether to continue the event in the future or explore other fundraising options. Plans for the April Community Service Night were also discussed, including suggestions for a community member to honor at the event. The meeting provided a productive start to the year, with many thoughtful ideas shared for future activities and community involvement.

On February 11th, we gathered for our annual Valentine Party, potluck, and meeting. We exchanged Valentines with each other adding a thoughtful touch to the evening. The hall was decorated with Valentine-themed decorations done by our amazing decorating team of Dorothy Dannels, Pam Campbell, and Paul Dannels, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere for the celebration.

Most attendees embraced the theme by wearing red, pink, and other Valentine colors. A wonderful potluck meal was shared, featuring a variety of delicious entrees, salads, and desserts. As always, the Valentine Party provided a special opportunity for members to connect, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate

the friendships that make Enterprise Grange such a meaningful part of our lives.

Enterprise Grange members gathered on Wednesday evening, March 11th, for their monthly meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. We began the evening with a St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck. Members brought dishes that were green or inspired by Irish cuisine, creating a table full of delicious and creative offerings. Traditional favorites such as corned beef and cabbage and soda bread were joined by a variety of sides and desserts, many with a fun green or Irish-themed twist. Carol Lackey brought shimmering Shamrocks for everyone to take home.

Following the potluck, the meeting focused on planning several important upcoming activities. Members discussed preparations for the Community Service Award program, continued organizing the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and reviewed plans for the Community Garden project. We decided to change the date for the Chili Dinner to October 17th so more members would be available to help. Debbie Kuntz did a draft of a flyer for the Chili Dinner and will continue to refine it.

Carol Lackey

**Maple Grove**

Contact Idella Lewis, [idellamlewis@gmail.com](mailto:idellamlewis@gmail.com), 303-233-3393, for further information.

April 1 meeting at 1 p.m., at Maple Grove Grange.

The February meeting was held February 4th with Marlys Halbeisen presiding. Welcome to new members: Jenny Childester, Chris and Dianne Parson, and Ron Mann.

The front door lock on the building was changed to a keyless entry so now everyone can use their code to enter.

Twenty pair of eyeglasses were taken to Lens Crafters to be recycled. The collection bin is downstairs for anyone to bring their used glasses to be repurposed. Thank you to all who have donated to this worthy cause!

Idella showed some of the new tomatoes on the market called "Little Ones." They are the size of a marble and grown in Mexico. Our member, Ken Salinas, has also grown them. They taste just like any tomato!

The March meeting was held March 5th with Marlys Halbeisen presiding. A discussion was held on

replacing the blinds on the windows in the hall. Several possibilities will be investigated and the blinds will be replaced. Square dance renters are helping to provide funds for this.

A food truck featuring fish tacos will be renting space in the north parking lot, featuring a variety of fish tacos and grilled food. If you are in the area, and need a good meal, stop in sometime and support it!

Idella Lewis presented some facts about potatoes and provided stuffed potatoes for everyone to try and also showed some of the new "gourmet" tiny potatoes that are appearing in grocery stores.

The Colorado state Muzzle Loaders Association held their winter Conference & Trade event at Maple Grove Grange in March. It featured many items that members and the public could buy, sell, and trade. It was a key gathering for Black Powder enthusiasts to promote muzzle loading, black powder hunting, and competitive shooting throughout the state.

On display were guns, knives, mountain man clothing, jewelry, and more. Dave McCord had a table with many items in his collection.

Idella Lewis

**Pleasant Park**

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

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

June 13 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

July 11 —Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Pomona Picnic.

August 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

The bicycle Rest Stop will open as soon as Mother Nature allows in April or May. There have been rid-

ers all winter because of the fabulous weather.

The Journey Through Books book club continues to meet at the Grange Hall the last Monday of every month. The energetic group brings a lot of happiness to the Grange Hall!

The annual Chili Dinner was held on April 11.

Mark your calendars for the Pomona Picnic on July 11. There will be lots of food, fun, games, prizes and fellowship.

We continue to look for new members and ways to educate locals of the advantages to become a member.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

**Golden Gate**

Contact Terri Costeldia, [terricosteldia@hotmail.com](mailto:terricosteldia@hotmail.com), 970-640-7185, for further information.

Eggmania — Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Grange Meeting — Thursday April 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Community Brunch — April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Hydration Drive — May 9 to May 17.

Grange Meeting — May 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Canyon Clean Up — May 17.

Slash Collection Event — Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, July 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale — Friday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, August 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3-4 p.m.

AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.



Birthday girls at Pleasant Park Grange.

Starting off with some interesting news! We found documentation from a research group supported by the Geological Society of America, Colorado School of Mines, and others informing us that the outcropping of rock in the back of our parking lot represents part of the 1,780-million-year-old Colorado Accretionary Complex, where Colorado was formed and became part of the North American Continent! Who knew!

Eggmania is a great event for the whole family. Everyone brings their hard-boiled eggs to decorate for Easter. We will provide all the materials for dying and decorating your eggs. Some plastic eggs will be available for a small fee, but it is best if you call or email us in advance so we have enough on hand. There will be an indoor Easter Egg Hunt for kids by age group. If you would like to donate small wrapped candies before the event, please contact Terri Costeldia 970-640-7185 or [terricosteldia@hotmail.com](mailto:terricosteldia@hotmail.com) at least a week beforehand.

The Community Brunch on Sunday, April 19 is a free event (though donations are happily accepted) open to the whole community. Bring a neighbor or friend who has never attended an event at the Grange before. New faces are always welcome! Pancakes, sausages, yogurt, fruit, bagels, and cream cheese will be served. We will be honoring two Richard Ramstetters (Butch and Dick) for 70 years as Grange Members and four others for 25 years as Members.

During the Hydration Drive residents bring bottled water and sports drinks for our wonderful Fire Fighters and First Responders. Looks like this will be a hot summer, so the support the community has always shown for this event will be particularly vital this year. Donations can be left on the Grange patio. Please sign the sheet so we know who to thank.

On April 17 we will once again clean the Golden Gate Canyon roadside from Crawford Gulch to just below Galbraith Open Space. Volunteer to be part of the team! You must be at least 18 years of age to participate. We will supply bags and other equipment to make the job easier, but remember to bring garden or work gloves and be sure to wear closed toe shoes.

On June 6 the GGFPD will hold a Slash Collection Event at the Grange. This is one of three such events that they will hold at different locations in the summer months. Mitigation on your property is an important way to keep your home and the entire community safer. Details on the cost will be provided by email.

The Canyon favorite Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, August 7th, and Saturday, August 8th. Your donation of gently used but no longer needed items is greatly appreciated. More information about drop-off dates will be available closer to the sale. Last year DeeDee Ramstetter and her team did an outstanding job earning around \$9,000 for the Grange. These funds enabled us to make much needed repairs and updates to the building. We are still facing the need for a new roof soon, so your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

If you have been in the Grange lately, you have seen the amazing transformation of our kitchen area. Two residents, who wish to remain anonymous, volunteered to do all the prep and painting of our cabinets and walls. The was a huge undertaking totaling about 100-man hours of work. We are so grateful for this wonderful gesture of community spirit!

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

Website: [www.GoldenGateGrange.com](http://www.GoldenGateGrange.com)/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Grange phone: 303-273-9516.  
Grange Rentals: DeeDee Ramstetter 225-603-2705 or [DKMHH1@gmail.com](mailto:DKMHH1@gmail.com).

Jayne Ruesch

**Colorado Granger OPTIONS form**

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

## La Plata

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

### Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-749-8108 or hcrdgreer@gmail.com for further information.

April 25 — Annual Luau dinner and program, 6 p.m.

May 1 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May 30 — Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

June 5 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 27 — Fort Lewis Mesa Reunion Breakfast, hosted by Marvel Grange, 8-10 a.m.

July 3 — Business Meeting cancelled.

July 19 — Ice Cream Social honoring Veterans, 2:30 p.m.

On January 17 we hosted a Chili cook-off and dessert auction. We

had 10 entries in chili, five red, five green. Frances Horvath placed first in Green Chili, and Ernie Army placed first in Red Chili. We had 50 in attendance. The dessert auction brought in \$1,965. Twelve people brought items to be auctioned — 12 people bid — \$1,695. \$1,875 was collected. We utilize these funds to help people in the community struggling to pay their electric bill or water bill this time of year.



A rare photo of Cindy Greer serving. She is usually on the other side of the camera.



Pioneer 4-H club dessert auction March 14 at Marvel Grange.

## Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

### Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-581-7672, cherrylis5@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information. Diana Bates, dianahornerbates@gmail.com.

Meetings and Potlucks — 2nd Saturday, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Firehouse in Sedalia.

Local History Book Club — 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. at BMan's BBQ in Sedalia.

May 9 — Community/Grange Plant Sale, Craft Sale, and Farmers Market at BMan's BBQ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Plants needed!

May 16 — Tour of Louviers with Jim Wiegler 10 a.m.-noon. Sign up.

June 6 — Bruce Hier and the Sideways 7 at BMan's from 6 to 9 p.m.

June 24 — Greeley Stampede https://www.greeleystampede.org/p/concerts1/superstars Wayne Eads.

July TBD — Community Potluck Picnic sponsored by Grange — need picnic spot and partners.

Welcome 2026! Sunflower's calendar includes several repeat projects and events — plant growing and selling, local history book club, speakers, community music nights in the summer, a fall Tomato-Tasting, and community events. We are trying a new meeting time at the Firehouse in Sedalia, 3 to 6 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, and including potlucks to promote meeting attendance. No new officers volunteered; membership includes 24 individual and 6 Associate members. We are happy to welcome Leanna Weston and Sedalia Country Store as our newest Associate Member!



Kay and Fred LaPerriere's Jeep in the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

January 31 — We had 71 in attendance with an additional four take-out boxes going to people. One of our members had been at Manna the day before and they had lots of bread to get rid of, so they brought some and acquired a gallon of milk and we had French Toast for the first time, in addition to our regular menu. It was a hit! We received \$335 in donations.

February 13 we held a Pal-valentine Dinner as a fundraiser. We served Prime Rib or cranberry chicken with salad, baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Reservations were required for this event. We had 25 reservations, mostly for the 6 p.m. seating with only two groups at the 7 p.m. seating. Special thanks to those who helped set up and decorate, cook, and serve. Our profit was around \$550.

In February we draped our charter in memory of Goldie Jane Westgaard, and in March we sent a donation to the Leadership Scholarship Foundation in her memory. The Marvel Methodist Church held their



Junior members Henry Greer and Taven Koleske serving breakfast.

pressed gratitude for the information. The book is available on Amazon.

Progressive Pomona met March 7 at BMan's BBQ in Sedalia. Joan and Skip Hill and grandson William of Castlewood Grange, Judy Harrison of Cherry Creek Grange, Rob Northway of Garden Home Grange, Cherry and Dick Ellis of Sunflower Grange attended. The group discussed Colorado Senate and House Bills on AI Data Centers, and Judy Harrison volunteered to write a Resolution favoring the limitations and regulations on AI in the Colorado Senate bill. We all signed a card for Jeanne Davies, who was ill and could not attend. Rob invited everyone to the Garden Home Spaghetti Dinner on April 9; Pokeno to follow.

O'Brien's St. Patrick's Parade went on as scheduled March 15 despite the surprise snow. Animals were in short supply, George Melvin was the lone Legionnaire, but Donna Ingman and the all-green O'Brien's/Sedalia Bakery crew kept the Sedalia tradition! O'Brien's float, Reffel family float, huge fire engines with musical sirens, an ancient Shamrock Oil truck, and a squad of motor bikes made the circuit, throwing candy and necklaces to the bundled-up watchers.

Danelle Klaasen, Grange member and president of a Mom's Club, invited our members to a Seed Planting play date with 10 young moms and 14 children on March 18. What fun it will be to see the new gardeners plant their seeds!

February 28, at Kay LaPerriere's Celebration of Life, Sedalia's Firehouse overflowed with her family and friends. Kay was never one for the limelight, but she would have liked that day. Her husband Fred, daughter Jenny, son Lee and his wife Carolyn, and friends told many loving and funny stories, and Jenny

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Kay LaPerriere

45th Annual Ground Hog supper at the Grange Hall, serving over 200 people. Eight Marvel quilters met at the hall for three days of sewing fun Feb 27-March 1. A local ditch company held their meeting at the hall on March 3.

Our Grange supported the Pioneer 4-H Club baked potato bar dinner and dessert auction on March 14.

March 28 we participated in "Won't you be My neighbor" day at the Fort Lewis Mesa Library. Special thanks to Sheryl Ayers and Kathy Hogan for setting up and manning the display and talking to participants. We applied to the National Grange Rural Life Initiative Grant for funding for our Ice Cream Social in July and to the Methodist



Goldie Jane Westgaard

Thrift shop for some funding for building improvements.

Cindy Greer

## Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

### Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Every Tuesday the Florissant Grange Quilters meet from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Business meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

April 4 — Easter Party with the Easter Bunny.

April 18 — Art Show.

April 20 — Pine Needle Basket Class at the Gallery.

April 25 — Souper Supper.

May 9 — Art Class.

May 16 — Craft Show and Flea Market.

May 18 — Pine Needle Basket Class at the Gallery.

June 13 — Art Class.

The Florissant Grange Quilts for Veterans group awarded two beautiful patriotic quilts in January and March. We have four more ready to award and will hopefully get those handed out soon. We made one Purple Heart Quilt for the Veterans Biker Group in March.

Harvest Host has started up again. We have had four campers since January and June is filling up fast. It is so good for our Grange to have these campers visiting and enjoying our events.

We had a successful Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Party with Santa last year.

The Hilltop 4-H group held a chili

Renee Caldwell

## BROOMFIELD'S 2026! LECTURE SERIES #4

# Beer and Horses:

An Unexpected Broomfield Origin Story  
of The Zang Family

with  
Fred Martin

Tuesday April 21st  
6:30-8 pm

At the Broomfield Crescent Grange  
7901 W 120th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020

Free!

Donations gratefully accepted.

Beer provided by 4 Noses Brewing Company

Few know that the founding of Broomfield was built on beer and horses. Originally called Zang's Spur by the early rail-road, a large swath of Broomfield was once the ranch owned by the Zang family that supported their vast brewery, mining and horse breeding empire.

BROOMFIELD 2026!

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## Sunflower

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shared Kay's own story: *When I am an old woman I will have my memories and my stories and be an activist and travel.* It begins, "When I am an old woman I will make cookies. Anyone who knows me well knows cookie making is one of my favorite things. Cookies are somehow whimsical, somehow a playful food." And there were cookies — vegan, frosted cut outs, sugar and brownies — at the Celebration. Everyone in Sedalia will miss Kay's homemade cookies.

"When I am an old woman, I will

make toys as I do now...I will be delighted in little children." Children always received a small car or a stuffed animal when Kay saw them. Fred said Kay loved Christmas, so she spent her last two making dozens of woven stars, stuffed dolls, and clothespin angels that were shared with all at the Celebration.

Fred met Kay when they were both in the military in Paris, and she wanted to "...go back to Paris even if I have to find someone to push me in my wheelchair through a Paris art gallery or through a park."

"When I am an old woman, I will continue to be an activist in social and political areas. I will probably still swear at and about politicians...I will continue to be angry and sad, maybe

grieve over more personal losses but I will also continue to rejoice in the beauty and fun things of life. I will always have something to look forward to." Thank you, Kay.

Cherry Ellis

## Garden Home

Contact Renee Hackett, 303-565-9494, rhackett@hotmail.com, for further information.

**Monthly Meeting Dates — 7 p.m., April 9, May 14, June 11, 2026. ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**WHO:** All Are Welcome!

**WHAT:** Garden Home Grange Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Garden Home Grange, 1120 S. Irving St.,

Denver, CO 80219

**WHY:** Because we are Grangers, of course! Food, Fun, Fellowship and Pokemo with Prizes.

**R.S.V.P. REQUIRED:**

**ROB NORTHWAY** by April 6,

**2026, 303-935-2833 or email: r.a.northway@juno.com**

We are collecting non-perishable food items for donation. Thank you!!

Renee Hackett

## Seeds Of Community

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As we prepare our gardens this spring, perhaps the most important seeds we can plant are the ones we share with neighbors, children, and future generations of gardeners.

Because when seeds are shared, communities grow.

### Author Bio

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more than a decade and holds the *Seventh Degree in the Order. She currently serves in the office of Flora, the Goddess of Flowers, representing the beauty found in everyday cultivation and the role gardens play in enriching the natural cycle of life. Through her work with the Grange and her local community, she enjoys encouraging gardening, agriculture, and the traditions that connect people to the land.*

# Upcoming Events

## April Through June

Call individual Granges for more information.

**1 Apr, Wed.** – 1-2 p.m. Florissant AA  
 3-4 p.m. Maple Grove Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**2 Apr, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lambert Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
 7-8 p.m. Empire Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Pleasant View Grange Meeting  
**3 Apr, Fri.** – 7:30-9 p.m. Marvel Grange Business Meeting  
**4 Apr, Sat.** – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Easter Party with Easter Bunny  
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Eggmania  
**6 Apr, Mon.** – Garden Home RSVP for Spaghetti dinner  
 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**7 Apr, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 12-1 p.m. Green Valley Grange Meeting  
 6:30-8 p.m. Florida Grange Monthly Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Lewis Grange Meeting  
**8 Apr, Wed.** – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Left Hand Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Enterprise Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Altona Grange Meeting  
**9 Apr, Thu.** – 2:30-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Monthly Meeting  
 5:30-8 p.m. Garden Home Grange Monthly Meeting  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Garden Home Grange Spaghetti Dinner  
 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wheat Ridge Grange Meeting  
**11 Apr, Sat.** – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pleasant Park Grange Business Meeting & Potluck  
 10-11 a.m. Sunflower Grange Meeting  
 1-4 p.m. Florida Grange #306 Easter Luncheon  
 3-6 p.m. Sunflower Grange Meeting & Potluck  
**12 Apr, Sun.** – 2-3 p.m. Castlewood Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Mount Lookout Community Dinner  
**13 Apr, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 5:30-7 p.m. Florissant Monthly Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Animas Valley Grange Meeting  
**14 Apr, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
**15 Apr, Wed.** – Scholarship Applications Due  
 12:30-1:30 p.m. Florissant Meet the Artist at the Gallery  
 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**16 Apr, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**18 Apr, Sat.** – Florissant Grange Art Show  
**19 Apr, Sun.** – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Community Brunch  
**20 Apr, Mon.** – 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Pine Needle Basket Class at the Gallery  
 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mt. Allison Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**21 Apr, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 6-7 p.m. Cache La Poudre Grange Meeting  
 6:30-8 p.m. Crescent Grange Beer and Horses Lecture  
 7-8 p.m. Oxford Grange Meeting  
**22 Apr, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**23 Apr, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**25 Apr, Sat.** – Florissant Grange Souper Supper  
 8-10 a.m. Florida Grange Free Breakfast  
 1-2 p.m. Colona Grange Meeting  
 6-8:30 p.m. Marvel Grange Luau  
**27 Apr, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**28 Apr, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mount Lookout Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Crescent Grange Meeting  
**29 Apr, Wed.** – 1-2 p.m. Florissant Basket Class Cripple Creek 1-3

3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**30 Apr, Thu.** – 2026 First Quarter Due Report Due  
 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**1 May, Fri.** – 7:30-9 p.m. Marvel Grange Business Meeting  
**2 May, Sat.** – 3:30-6:30 p.m. Darden Pomona Meeting, Kentucky Derby Party at Enterprise  
**4 May, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**5 May, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 12-1 p.m. Green Valley Grange Meeting  
 6:30-8 p.m. Florida Grange Monthly Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Lewis Grange Meeting  
**6 May, Wed.** – 1-2 p.m. Maple Grove Grange meeting  
 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**7 May, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lambert Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
 7-8 p.m. Empire Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Pleasant View Grange Meeting  
**9 May, Sat.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 1/9)  
 Florissant Grange Art Class  
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunflower Grange Community Plant Sale  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pleasant Park Grange Business meeting & Potluck  
 10-11 a.m. Sunflower Grange meeting  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Business Meeting  
**10 May, Sun.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 2/9)  
 2-3 p.m. Castlewood Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Mount Lookout Community Dinner  
**11 May, Mon.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 3/9)  
 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6-7 p.m. Florissant Grange Business Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Animas Valley Grange Meeting  
**12 May, Tue.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 4/9)  
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
**13 May, Wed.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 5/9)  
 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Left Hand Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6-7 p.m. Enterprise Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Altona Grange Meeting  
**14 May, Thu.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 6/9)  
 2:30-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Monthly Meeting  
 5:30-8 p.m. Garden Home Grange Monthly Meeting  
 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wheat Ridge Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
 7-8 p.m. Garden Home Grange Meeting  
**15 May, Fri.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 7/9)  
**16 May, Sat.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 8/9)  
 Florissant Grange Craft Show and Flea Market  
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunflower Grange Tour of Louviers  
**17 May, Sun.** – Golden Gate Grange Hydration Drive (Day 9/9)  
 Golden Gate Grange Canyon Clean Up  
**18 May, Mon.** – Florissant Grange Pine Needle Basket Class  
 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 3-5 p.m. Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mt. Allison Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**19 May, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 6-7 p.m. Cache La Poudre Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Oxford Grange meeting  
**20 May, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**21 May, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**23 May, Sat.** – 8-10 a.m. Florida Grange Free Breakfast  
 1-2 p.m. Colona Grange Meeting  
**25 May, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**26 May, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mount Lookout Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Crescent Grange Meeting  
**27 May, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga

6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**28 May, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**30 May, Sat.** – 8-10 a.m. Marvel Grange Community Breakfast  
**1 Jun, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 PICK Contest entries due  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**2 Jun, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 12-1 p.m. Green Valley Grange Meeting  
 6:30-8 p.m. Florida Grange Monthly Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Lewis Grange Meeting  
**3 Jun, Wed.** – 1-2 p.m. Maple Grove Grange Meeting  
 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**4 Jun, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lambert Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
 7-8 p.m. Empire Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Pleasant View Grange Meeting  
**5 Jun, Fri.** – 7:30-9 p.m. Marvel Grange Business Meeting  
**6 Jun, Sat.** – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Slash Collection Event  
**8 Jun, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 5:30-7 p.m. Florissant Monthly Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Animas Valley Grange Meeting  
**9 Jun, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
**10 Jun, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Left Hand Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
 6-7 p.m. Enterprise Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Altona Grange Meeting  
**11 Jun, Thu.** – 2:30-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Monthly Meeting  
 5:30-8 p.m. Garden Home Grange Monthly Meeting  
 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wheat Ridge Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**12-13 June,** Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference, Kansas  
**13 Jun, Sat.** – Florissant Grange Art Class  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pleasant Park Grange Business Meeting & Potluck  
 10-11 a.m. Sunflower Grange Meeting  
**14 Jun, Sun.** – 2-3 p.m. Castlewood Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Mount Lookout Community Dinner  
**15 Jun, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mt. Allison Grange Meeting  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**16 Jun, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 6-7 p.m. Cache La Poudre Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Oxford Grange Meeting  
**17 Jun, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**18 Jun, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**22 Jun, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**23 Jun, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mount Lookout Grange Meeting  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Crescent Grange Meeting  
**24 Jun, Wed.** – 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**25 Jun, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
**27 Jun, Sat.** – 8-10 a.m. Marvel Grange Fort Lewis Mesa Reunion Breakfast  
 8-10 a.m. Florida Grange Free Breakfast  
 1-2 p.m. Colona Grange Meeting  
**29 Jun, Mon.** – 9-11 a.m. Crescent Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**30 Jun, Tue.** – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Florissant Grange Quilters  
 End of Second quarter.  
**1 Jul, Wed.** – 1-2 p.m. Maple Grove Grange Meeting  
 3-4 p.m. Golden Gate Grange Yoga  
 6-7 p.m. Crescent Grange Okinawan Go-Ju Ryu Karate  
**2 Jul, Thu.** – 6-9 p.m. Florissant Community Potluck and Music  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lambert Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. AA at Golden Gate Grange  
 7-8 p.m. Empire Grange Meeting  
 7-8 p.m. Pleasant View Grange Meeting  
**3 Jul, Fri.** – Marvel Grange Business Meeting Cancelled