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# GRANGE MONTH IS ON THE WAY

**BETSY HUBER**  
National Master

In only two weeks Grange Month 2017 will be here! You should be finalizing your plans to celebrate this special time in our 150th year. If you're not ready for April, don't give up! You can celebrate Grange in every month of the year.

Many Granges have Facebook pages to promote their special activities. If you "like" these Granges

you can get many ideas for your Grange to do during Grange Month or throughout the year. The National Grange Community Service Facebook page re-posts many of these ideas, so if you "like" this page you won't need to search out and like the many Granges' individual pages.

*Here are some good ideas from this week:*

- Ware Grange, MA – speaker from local Animal Shelter

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## 2017 NATIONAL GRANGE OFFICERS

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# GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

## **BROADBAND HELPS RURAL AMERICANS CONNECT – ONLINE AND IN REAL LIFE**

BURTON ELLER  
Legislative Director

A recent study by Bryan Whitacre, Professor and Extension Economist at Oklahoma State University, found that rural communities' access to broadband internet services is changing rapidly as more and more people are accessing mobile internet on their smart phone. A major problem is that most mobile connections aren't fast enough to meet the official Federal Communications Commission definition of broadband. Therefore, download speeds are almost as important as connectivity. Then, once connectivity and adequate speed are established, the next challenge is to get our neighbors to adopt and actually use the technology; this last step is a critical component to benefit rural America. These are the issues the National Grange works on every week.

Whitacre's research revealed a benefit of rural broadband he hadn't planned on: increased levels of civic engagement even among those rural users who normally more engaged than their urban counterparts anyway.

*As a demographic population, rural vs. urban residents historically:*

- Vote more often than their urban counterparts
- Are more likely to volunteer
- Work with community members to fix a local problem
- Are more aware of what their neighbors are doing
- Believe they have a larger stake in their local community

However a clear and consistent pattern emerged in the study. States with high percentages of rural residents who subscribed to broadband showed even higher levels of civic activity. Residents of states like Massachusetts and Connecticut where about 80 percent of rural households are connected were even more likely to join an organization, discuss politics with family and friends, or other civic engagement.

## **151<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION**

### **SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

**NOVEMBER 7-11, 2017**  
RED LION AT THE PARK HOTEL

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"IF YOU'RE NOT READY FOR APRIL, DON'T GIVE UP! YOU CAN CELEBRATE GRANGE IN EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR."

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- Stone Church Grange, NY – membership supper
- Stevenson Grange, WA – Preserving Your Garden Bounty workshop
- Marvel Grange, CO – Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction
- Milwaukie Grange, OR – Clear the Clutter sale
- Wolcott Grange, CT – picture painting party
- Chetco Grange, OR – Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Dinner
- Five Mile Prairie Grange, WA – Family fun night & baked potato bar
- Enterprise Grange, ME – Art in the Schools exhibit

Another great addition to your Grange Month program is giving a Public Service Award or Community Citizen Award to a deserving person in your community. Beautiful plaques or certificates and paperweights are available from the Grange Supply Store (order now!) Part of the award could be one year's membership in your Grange. Then be sure to personally invite them to your meetings and activities throughout the year. You may gain an active member and family!

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### APRIL BRINGS SECOND EDITION OF GOOD DAY! MAGAZINE

Next month the second edition of the National Grange's quarterly publication, Good Day! Magazine, will debut. As always, the product will include content for all ages as well as content not exclusive to the Grange. Subscribe today!



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**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

**Join us in  
Washington, D.C.,  
April 23 - 26, 2017  
for the National  
Grange Legislative  
Fly-In**

Arrive Sunday or Monday morning

Get issue briefings and attend agency appointments on Monday

Go to the Hill to speak to your Representative or Senator about issues of importance to you and the Grange

Stick around Wednesday and spend some more time on the Hill

Depart Tuesday evening or Wednesday

# 2017 EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

CHRISTINE E. HAMP  
National Grange Lecturer

**THE 2017 EVENING OF EXCELLENCE WILL BE A PERFORMER'S (AND AUDIENCE'S) DREAM!**

The site of the 2017 National Grange Evening of Excellence will be the INB Performing Arts Center in Spokane. This beautiful facility has hosted Broadway shows and so much more over the last 40+ years. Our Evening of Excellence will benefit from professional lighting and sound technicians and plenty of comfortable auditorium seating.

The 2017 Evening of Excellence will be Friday, November 10, 2017 and is a showcase for Grange talent. I strongly encourage each State Grange to host a contest from which to select a Best of Show winner that will be eligible to participate in the 2017 Evening of Excellence. The State Granges are entitled to select their Best of Show winner as they choose. Evening of Excellence participation is limited to one act per state.

Each State Grange Best of Show entry will receive \$100 from the National Grange. The State Lecturer is responsible for certifying their state's participant to the National Lecturer by October 31, 2017.

The Youth Department's regional sign-

a-song and public speaking contest winners will present their award winning entries as part of the Evening of Excellence. In addition, the Horizon Youth Leadership Ambassadors and the Outstanding Young Patrons will also be recognized that evening.

Once again, the audience will vote for their favorite vocal, instrumental and variety acts as well as public speech by using a live-voting app. The sign-a-song acts will be judged by a panel selected for their knowledge of sign language. Winning acts in each category will receive an additional \$100 and a certificate.

For additional information please contact your State Grange Lecturer or I can be reached by Email at [lecturer@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lecturer@nationalgrange.org) or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Thanks for all you do!  
Esto Perpetua!

Fraternally yours,

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer  
National Grange

## **DO YOU FARM OR WORK WITH FARMERS OR RANCHERS? PLEASE SHARE THIS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT AN IMPORTANT HEALTH-INSURANCE SURVEY!**

This study is a joint effort with the NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Policy, and the four USDA Rural Development Centers. The survey is a chance for farmers and ranchers to make their voices heard about their experiences with health insurance and how that affects both their economic development and family's quality of life.

Take the survey by typing this URL into your web browser: <http://bit.ly/2kWuJws>

*Results of the survey will be kept confidential.*

# GOOD DAY! MAGAZINE AD RATES

The first edition of Good Day! magazine has been out and enjoyed by many members since last month and issue 2 is well underway. We are thankful to each of you who have subscribed so far.

In order to keep the subscription price low, we are offsetting costs for the magazine through advertising. Do you, one of your members, family or friends, have a business that would benefit from sharing information about products or services to Grangers and friends across the country?

Is your Grange holding a fundraiser, like a t-shirt sale, or an event you hope to draw people to from neighboring states? Do you have excess gavel or need a new sash for Flora? Consider placing a classified ad in our magazine. Business card size ads (3 1/2" wide by 2" high) start at just \$50.

Please review the rate sheet and contact Communications Director Amanda Leigh Brozana by email at [communications@nationalgrange.org](mailto:communications@nationalgrange.org) or phone at (301) 943-1090 with any questions.

*Below are the sizes and rates available.*

<b>Size</b> <i>These are listed as finished sizes. Please add 1/8" bleed on all sides.</i>	<b>Single issue/ad</b>	<b>2-3 issues/ad</b>	<b>4 or more issues (preferred pricing)/ad</b>
<b>Full Page, interior</b> (full color, full bleed)	\$1,000	\$900	\$750
<b>Full Page, inside cover</b> (full color, full bleed)	\$1,500	\$1,375	\$1,250
<i>Up to :20 second Grange Radio Sponsor Spot*</i>	<i>+\$200</i>	<i>+\$175</i>	<i>+\$150</i>
<b>Half Page horizontal</b> (full color, full bleed)	\$500	\$425	\$350
<b>Half Page vertical</b> (full color, full bleed)	\$600	\$500	\$400
<i>Up to :15 second Grange Radio Sponsor Spot* (for either vertical or horizontal)</i>	<i>+\$150</i>	<i>+\$125</i>	<i>+\$100</i>
<b>Quarter Page vertical</b> (full color, full bleed)	\$300	\$250	\$200
<i>Up to :10 second Grange Radio Sponsor Spot*</i>	<i>+\$75</i>	<i>+\$60</i>	<i>+\$50</i>
<b>Business Card</b> (3.5" wide x 2" tall – a color, scanned copy of your business card or a designed ad of this size with no bleed)	\$75	\$60	\$50



## Good Day! Magazine Advertiser Payment Form

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### Payment Information

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# 150 YEARS OF GRANGE: A HISTORY

JEANNE DAVIES  
Historian  
Colorado State Grange

In the 1860's a Minnesota farmer named Oliver H. Kelley worked for the Federal Agriculture department in Washington, D.C. during the winter months.

Isaac Newton, who was Commissioner of Agriculture at that time, called Mr. Kelly back to Washington, D.C. in the winter of 1866 for a special assignment.

Isaac Newton wanted information on the condition of the farms in the south following the Civil War. Oliver Kelley knew the problems the northern farmers were having and wondered about the southern farmers. Oliver Kelly was a Yankee and wondered how he would be received in the south.

The farms in the south were "a pitiful site" according to Mr. Kelley. Some were almost completely destroyed. Mr. Kelley was concerned about the farmers and farm families. He found he was able to talk with many of them because he was a Mason and many of them were Masons and he showed concern for them and their families.

Mr. Kelley could see that farmers across the nation needed help but he didn't know how he could get them together to talk over problems and solutions. Up to that time there had not been much communication between farmers. Most farmers did not read the few farm publications that were printed.

Mr. Kelly thought that a Farm Agriculture Organization might bring the farmers together. He naturally thought of a fraternity when he thought of an organization. That way the farmers would be thought of as Fraternal brothers and could talk with each other and help each other. When he went back to Washington D. C. he contacted some of his friends about an agriculture organization.

Farmers tended to farm as it had been done

generations before them. Mr. Kelley was a progressive farmer and wanted to share his success with other farmers. He wanted the organization to help farmers actively progress in the art of agriculture. He wanted to bring in new methods of advancing agriculture, encourage education and the reading of agriculture publications, etc.

Oliver Kelley had friends in Washington, D.C. that encouraged him in his plan for an agriculture organization. One such friend was William Saunders, a horticulturist and botanist, who worked for the Agriculture Department and was busy beautifying the city of Washington, D.C. with parks and malls and lawns on the Capitol grounds. He was Superintendent of Propagating Gardens appointed by the Federal Agriculture Department and worked at that for 38 years. Mr. Saunders was on the stage when President Abe Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address. Such was the quality of friends of Oliver Kelley.

Mr. Kelley quit the Agriculture Department and went to work for the Post Office Department but did not give up his idea of an agricultural organization. He met William Ireland in the Post Office department who was also a Mason and encouraged Oliver Kelley in his plan for a fraternal agricultural organization.

Oliver Kelley wrote to his niece about his ideas for an organization and she encouraged him to include women if the organization was to last. Oliver Kelley started organizing his plan on paper and wanted it right from the beginning so not many changes would need to be made. He had his niece help him do some of the paper work. Kelley, Saunders and Ireland worked on the organization plans so they had the fraternal aspect, the agriculture and educational part and a social part. They needed degrees for a fraternity based on agriculture and they needed a name. They needed a design for the meetings and they needed names for the officers that meant something. The name that was decided upon was

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## A GRANGE HISTORY

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the Patrons of Husbandry.

The local meetings would be called GRANGES. The word Grange comes from English farms which are referred to as Granges. Kelley spent every waking hour working on the organization. He quit his Post Office Department job and worked full time on the organization.

Oliver Kelley's niece, Carolyn Hall, moved to Washington, D.C. to help with paper work. Kelley, Saunders, and Ireland put every penny they had to spare into organizing the Patrons of Husbandry.

The first meeting was held In William Saunders' Office on December 4, 1867. William Saunders was the first Master and O. H. Kelley the first Secretary. They were trying to build a foundation for the whole country and wanted it to last.

There is more to come on the History of National Grange, including the founders, legislative achievement and development throughout the early years around the nation.

Material taken from:  
Grange - Friend Of The Farmer  
By Charles Gardner, High Priest  
1913 - 1947

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# 2016 - 17 DISTINGUISHED GRANGE PROGRAM APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

The Distinguished Grange program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in areas of membership, fundraising and service to their communities.

The award for being named a Distinguished Grange is presented annually at the National Grange Convention. The 2016-17 Distinguished Granges will be honored for their work done from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The postmark deadline to submit your materials to be considered for Distinguished Grange is August 13, 2017 for paper submissions and August 17, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST for electronic submissions via our website at [www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished](http://www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished). Applications received after this deadline will not be awarded Distinguished Grange.

Distinguished Granges will be honored at a special reception and will be recognized in the annual convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their Hall.

Please complete the application attached and submit online at [www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished](http://www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished) or send paper copy to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Distinguished Grange.

**Subordinate Grange Distinguished Grange Application begins on next page. Please follow instructions carefully when filling out forms.**

**SUBORDINATE GRANGE**

Grange & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position held in Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Awarded Distinguished Grange prior: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required**

\_\_\_ **Submit completed Grange Profile and Census Forms.**

\_\_\_ **Submit all quarterly reports on time to your State Grange (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you).**

\_\_\_ **Remit all dues to your State Grange on time (State Grange must provide verification email or letter to you).**

\_\_\_ **Send Delegate(s) to State Grange Convention,**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Send at least two Subordinate Grange Officers or Members to another National Grange, State Grange or regional event.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Submit a community service report to your state.**

\_\_\_ **Hold a Grange DOers Event.**

*Attached Description (including date, etc.)*

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**In addition to completing all the requirements above, you must complete some or all of the following, with points adding to 125 or more in order to qualify as a Distinguished Grange.**

\_\_\_ **ADDITIONAL 5 POINTS:** Submit your application online and receive extra credit. (5 pts.)

\_\_\_ **Attend a public meeting as a Grange or host a forum with public officials for your community to attend or hold a legislative event, candidate forum, Grangers Organized to Vote event or make at least one legislative issue contact with a public official on the local, state or national level. (10 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Provide plan for your 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration event planned for Dec 1-4, 2017, (15 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Provide at least two brief updates by email per year to the National Grange Communications Department for possible inclusion in the National Grange newsletter or magazine, Good Day! (10 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Ensure at least one member from your Grange submits a quality digital photo by email to the National Grange Communications Department for potential inclusion in the National Grange newsletter, social media or magazine, Good Day! Make sure you include a release form. (10 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Submit at least one recording for Grange Radio. (10 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Host at least one Youth and/or Young Adult event/community service event. (10 pts.)**

*Attach information about the event(s).*

\_\_\_ **Host a State Junior Event or Junior 1+ event or community service event, (10 pts.)**

*Attach information about the event(s).*

\_\_\_ **Present a Lecturer's Program in a Box and submit a LPIAB Recognition Form. (10 pts.)**

\_\_\_ **Net gain in membership. (15 pts.)**

- \_\_\_ Net gain in affiliated Junior Grange or Junior 1+ members. (15 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Invite a Youth from another Grange to speak at a meeting or an FFA or 4-H member to present. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Provide at least one press clip showing you are publicizing your Grange, Grange events or have a good relationship with your local press. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Host/organize at least three community service or educational events. (10 pts.)  
Provide information on each event.
- \_\_\_ Hold an open house/public Grange event to introduce the organization to your community, engage in conversation about what the loss of organizations like ours or lack of civic engagement means for the community and participate in the DO-ers campaign. (15 pts.)  
*Provide a description about the event and community attendance/reactions.*
- \_\_\_ Get the local government officials to recognize the Grange for Grange Month. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Present a resolution to your State Grange on something other than Grange Growth or Grange Law. (5 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Update your grange.org website with at least meeting time, day and location and contact information for at least one officer OR contact the National Grange to have your grange.org website forward to your present website, Site must also include at least a few paragraphs about your Grange's mission or service to the community/relevance, You are encouraged to connect it to your social media accounts, pictures of your Grange in action and messages from your Grange officers or committee chairs, (If you have done this in previous years, thanks! You can count it again.) (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Honor veterans with a Patriot's Program or nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor and host the award ceremony. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Ensure that at least three members of your Grange have subscriptions to the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Sponsor or host an event that focuses on health, such as a health fair, 5K, blood drive, etc. (10 pts.)
- \_\_\_ Participate in at least one State or National Grange contest, program or educational activity on food security or civic engagement/citizenship before Aug. 1, 2017, (15 pts.)

\_\_\_ Contribute at least \$100 to the National Grange Building Fund (make checks payable to National Grange) or to any fund in the National Grange Foundation (make checks payable to Grange Foundation). (10 pts.)

\_\_\_ Provide to membership information on planned giving through programming, workshop/lecturer's event, guest speaker, etc., or have at least one member of your Grange attend a State Grange planned giving workshop/lecture. (10 pts.)

\_\_\_ Invite a State or National Grange Officer (other than one who is a member of your Grange) to attend one of your activities or meetings – and have them attend. (10 pts.)

*Provide details along with this application about event, attendance and involvement of the officer.*