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SAFETY IS KEY FOR YOUTH

BETSY HUBER

National Master

Today I attended the National Steering Committee meeting for SAY, Safety in Agriculture for Youth, a program funded by USDA – NIFA (National Institute of Food & Agriculture). I was appointed to this committee representing National Grange last year and participated in several conference calls, but this was the first face-to-face meeting.

The Grange has a rich history of supporting agriculture as a family business and on-farm training of our children and youth as “apprentices”. Tragically, many children and youth are killed or disabled each year in farm safety incidents that could be prevented. SAY is an educational program to increase awareness of unsafe conditions and to provide resources to teachers, 4-H leaders, and other trainers who can teach youth the importance of constant safety

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What are the first lessons parents teach a child? Safety. How many times did you say to your toddlers “NO—that’s hot,” or “Don’t do that, you’ll fall!”? Our first lessons in safety come from our parents. But as our children grow and mature, most families do not have farm or home businesses so children are not taught mechanical skills or how to operate machinery. Even lawn-mowing, a standard task for teenagers, may not be possible, as many families live in apartments or condos or hire a lawn service. It was mentioned at the meeting that few young men or women qualify for the Marines because they are not physically fit enough to get through basic training without injury.

If youth have not had any work experience before their first “real” job, they have not developed the culture of safety that comes from working alongside a parent through their formative years. Part of the mission of SAY is to develop this culture of safety in high school, in FFA, 4-H, agriculture classes etc. As citizens concerned about agriculture, we need to police ourselves, to stress safety and reduce the number of farm accidents, or we will face more government regulations or even lose our ag exemptions for farm labor.

The best way to impress safety on our youth is through other youth. I challenge our Grange youth to be aware of their work surroundings, suggest safety improvements, and talk to their peers about staying safe. Our future food and fiber production depends on

There are many resources available to help you teach safety. Check out the Clearinghouse at www.extension.org/SAY or the YouTube channel [AgSafety4u](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq33333333333333333333). The National Grange has endorsed the SAY Belief Statements

- Creating and promoting a culture of safety among youth working in agriculture is a primary goal for all stakeholders.
- All youth working in agriculture deserve protection from workplace hazards and risks that may be associated with agricultural worksites.
- Youth developmental principles are the basis for determining if and when a youth should participate in agricultural work.
- Supervision of youth performing jobs or tasks should be guided by professionally recognized best practices based on developmental stages of growth.
- Research and evaluation should guide development of safety and health best practice recommendations and guidelines.
- Evidence-based, culturally appropriate models should be utilized to educate about agricultural safety and health.
- Hired youth working on farms subject to Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) enforcement should be informed of applicable rights to a safe workplace, training, personal protective equipment, and to ask questions or raise concerns about their safety.

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.

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VOTERS FAVORABLE TO AGRICULTURE

BURTON ELLER
Legislative Director
National Grange

Sustainability.

It's a word that means widely different things to different people. Sustainable agriculture is defined by the 1977 and 1990 farm bills as a system that will satisfy human food and fiber needs, enhance environmental quality, use resources efficiently, sustain the economic viability of farmers, and benefit society as a whole. How confident is the public about agriculture's commitment to sustainability?

The Morning Consult (public policy newsletter) recently asked 1,917 registered voters to give their opinions regarding agriculture and sustainability based on the farm bill definition. Mostly, Americans think agriculture and farming are among the nation's most sustainable sectors. Here are some interesting responses from those polled:

- Agriculture is sustainable. Among Republicans 80 percent say yes and 76 percent of Democrats agree that agriculture is sustainable
- Incentives are best. Cooperative incentives that allow government and farmers to work together to address issues is preferred over farm regulation
- Respondents said they trust farmers to make the right decisions about sustainability
- Respondent's favorability ratings for several major U.S. business sectors were, agriculture 78 percent, technology 76 percent, hospitality industry 73 percent, manufacturing 67 percent, energy 60 percent, airlines 54 percent and pharmaceuticals 43 percent.
- A huge majority of respondents agreed with the statement that "the true success of environmentally sustainable farming depends on whether that practice also leads to economic opportunity for the farmer."

NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTED TO FCC COMMITTEE

The National Grange is pleased to announce that National President Betsy Huber has been appointed a member of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. FCC Chairman Ajit Varadaraj Pai made the announcement Thursday, April 6, 2017.

The Committee "will provide advice and recommendations for the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access," according to the Federal Communications Commission. The first meeting will take place this month at the FCC headquarters.

We are excited to be involved in the FCC's efforts to bring broadband access to rural areas on this level.

NEW PROGRAM HONORS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

CHRISTINE E. HAMP
National Grange Lecturer

Images of what the certificates
look like are attached at the end
of the Patron's Chain

PETE POMPPER
National Community Service Director

One of the resolutions sent to the 150th Session of the National Grange this past November asked that Granges honor Police Officers in their communities.

During the committee discussions it was decided to include the concept in their policy statement as the committee recognized that the National Grange Community Service Department already has a national contest to honor a Teacher, Firefighter/EMT and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. The committee and the delegate body as a whole believe that each Grange should honor those who serve their local communities.

Those who serve our communities in law enforcement and the fire service, whether volunteer or paid, have been under greater pressure and scrutiny recently with all that is going on in our country. The delegates to the National Grange felt that as a community based organization, the Grange at all levels needs to step up and honor/recognize those who serve and help us in our local communities. This is another way to open our halls to our communities and to say thank you, "job well done" to those who make a difference every day as well as showing our communities that Grangers realize and appreciate the importance of those who serve our communities.

We have had conversations over the past three months about putting together a collaborative program addressing this idea. We both believe that

the idea of Grange committees working together on programs is one excellent way to strengthen a Grange and we are excited to announce the **Blue Line and Red Line Honor Program**. The Blue Line and Red Line Honor Program is one way the Lecturer and the Community Service chairperson can work together to recognize community members that serve in law enforcement and the fire service. The successful collaboration between Lecturers and Community Service chairpersons is paramount to an active, relevant and healthy local Grange.

To support the Blue Line and Red Line Honor Program the National Grange will provide certificates upon request to Granges who will be honoring those in either law enforcement and/or the fire service.

The Blue Line and Red Line Honor Program is not meant to supersede the current "of the Year" program used by Granges in many states and communities, but to enhance this program by getting more local law enforcement and fire service members recognized and thanked for their service.

We encourage each State Grange to have an "of the Year" program - you don't have to honor all of the categories each year, NJ does one category a year which works well for them. We both believe this is a way of increasing participation throughout

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the Grange as well as increasing recognition of our Granges.

Some ideas we would like to share with you for program/community service ideas are:

Lecturer: Kuna Grange (ID) has a program where they honor their “of the Year” recipients at an open house meeting where they invite the community to attend. Last year they recognized Firefighter, Teacher and Law Enforcement of the Year winners. They invite the local newspaper and make it a very special evening and have a special cake made. This is just one example of many Lecturer programs of this type we have seen throughout the nation.

Community Service: Elmer Grange (NJ) for several years when they have a dinner at the Grange Hall

they make up some to go containers for the local NJSP barracks. The Grangers then call the barracks and one of the Troopers then picks up the meals. They always appreciate this as it gives them a home cooked meal during their shift. This idea could be expanded to taking meals to the local fire station for the firefighters on a drill night. If there is a local hospital in the area a Grange could take some home cooked meals to the nurses and Doctors working in the ER.

These are just a couple of ideas and we are sure there are Granges out there doing similar things and we would like to hear from you what they are so we can share them with the State Directors of our two departments. We are excited about the idea of our Departments on the National Grange level working on other collaborative projects. We also look forward to working with the other National Grange Departments in the future.

GREAT AMERICAN QUILT + HANDICRAFT EXPO

CHRIS HAMP
Lecturer
National Grange

Brothers and Sisters,

The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo presented by the Grange Foundation will be held November 10-12, 2017 at the Center Place Regional Event Center in Spokane Valley, Washington in conjunction with our upcoming 151st annual convention of the National Grange in Spokane.

The Foundation looks to fulfill two purposes with The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo. First, the Expo will fulfill one of the Foundation's missions,

to educate, by showcasing American handicrafts and their importance in our culture. Secondly, the Expo will raise funds for the Foundation to use to support programs essential to the growth and well-being of our organization and our continued relevance in communities.

There are three great ways that each and every Grange and Grange member can be involved with this historic event. First, we are in need of you – our Grange members and friends from coast to coast and border to border – to make and donate your specialty hand-made crafts and handmade and machine-made quilts and other quilted items to be sold at the Expo. Your donated

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QUILT SHOW

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items will not only help the long term relevance and vitality of the Grange in your community and all across this great country, but will become treasured heirlooms of the proud new owners.

This is a great opportunity for Granges and Grangers to work together for a great cause – our own! I hope you are all up to the challenge. I have already received several beautiful items to be sold at the Expo – Thank you! Each item donated will be catalogued and the maker will be recognized by the Grange Foundation for their donation. See the attached Donation Form with information on submitting your donation.

Second, The Expo is in search of Grange vendors. This is an excellent opportunity for you or your community Grange or a State Grange to fundraise. Granges and/or Grangers can get a table for a \$100 donation to the Grange Foundation. See the attached Grange Vendor Form for more details. You are encouraged to sell items that are handmade of all types – wooden, woven, quilted and sewn as well as soaps, honey, jewelry and jams. You keep all your proceeds.

Finally, the Expo will feature a very special Quilts of Valor memorial display. We are thrilled to have a first-of-its-kind memorial in which we will display Quilts of Valor awarded to Grange veterans and service members and we hope we can further honor your members by having their Quilt of Valor on display

at The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo. Please see the attached information page which has the website on which to request Quilts of Valor. New requests for Quilts of Valor, if intended to be received before National Convention in November, should be made as soon as possible. All displayed Quilts of Valor WILL BE RETURNED. I very much prefer that you bring these priceless keepsakes with you, but should you need to ship it to me I will take the responsibility to give it much respect and care until it can be shipped back to you. If you live in the Western Region and would like your Quilt of Valor Granger to receive their quilt at National Convention in Spokane, please let me know. The Washington State Quilts of Valor Director will be present at convention on Wednesday, November 8th to present individual quilts. There will also be presentations made at the Expo on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th. These presentations are truly heartwarming.

As you can see, The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo is shaping up to be an amazing event. I hope that each and every one of you will join me in building excitement and participation in the Expo within your Grange and your community. Let's support each other and encourage each other to set our hands to do good work.

Attached at the end of the Patron's Chain are the documents mentioned in this article

NATIONAL GRANGE WELCOMES TEAM MEMBER

Hello!

My name is Nelson Drake and I am currently a second year law student at American University's Washington College of Law in Washington, DC and I plan on graduating in the spring of 2018. Prior to law school, I graduated from Georgia College and State University, in the spring of 2015, and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a concentration on International Relations. Prior to attending college I lived with my family in Savannah, Georgia where I attended Benedictine Military School, graduating in 2012.

I will be replacing Darlene Tzou as the Trademark Protection Manager at the National Grange. If you have any questions about the National Grange's trademarks, its licenses, or are just curious about what a trademark is; please do not hesitate to contact me. I can also assist with the creation of a licensing agreement for any businesses wishing to use any of the National Grange's trademarks. I can be reached by phone, at (202)-628-3507 ext. 105 or by email at ndrake@nationalgrange.org.

I look forward to working with you to protect the Trademark rights of the National Grange from now and into the future.





CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

It is with deepest respect and thanks from

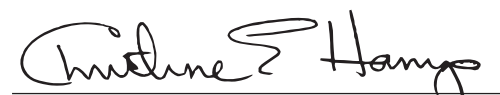
and the National Grange that we present

this certificate for bravely standing as part of the thin red line between order and chaos in our community. May you ever be safe in your work to protect and serve.

Grange President


Betsy E. Huber
President, National Grange

Grange Lecturer


Christine E. Hamp
Lecturer, National Grange





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The Great American Q+ QUILT + HC HANDICRAFT EXPO presented by the Grange Foundation

The Great American Quilt & Craft Expo
November 10-12, 2017
Center Place Regional Event Center
Spokane Valley, Washington
(Free parking)

Hello Grangers!

For 150 years, the Grange has been an organization filled with patriots who wish to share their talents with individuals in their community and world. Last year we encouraged Granges and Grange members to identify veterans or active duty service members of their Grange or community who were deployed during war time and request for them a Quilt of Valor (QoV).

We encourage you to continue to seek out those who are eligible to receive a QoV (as outlined at www.qovf.org), and to contact me if you know of a member who has received or will receive a QoV. Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org or call (509) 953-3533 and provide the name of the veteran/service member, your Grange's name and any other details you may have.

During our Great American Quilt and Handicraft Expo in November, we will have a first-of-its-kind memorial in which we will display QoVs awarded to Grange veterans and service members and we hope we can further honor your members by having their Quilt of Valor displayed at the event.

Please don't forget, certificates are available for FREE from the National Grange to recognize veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the conflicts not classified as wars during the Cold War Era. Certificates will be available in mid-2017 for Gulf War Veterans and in early 2018 for all those serving in the post-9/11 era conflicts/wars. This program is sponsored by Potomac Grange No. 1 (DC). Informational DVDs are available to explain WWII - what led to the war, the war itself, its toll and its impact on our nation - and the Korean War. DVDs on Vietnam and the Cold War conflicts are expected out in 2017 and Gulf War and Post-9/11 in 2018. These can be used to glean information needed for a great lecturer's program or can be an introduction for Junior Grangers and Grange Youth to citizenship and patriotism lessons.



Fraternally,

Christine Hamp
National Lecturer



The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo

DONATION FORM

2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Estimated \$ Value: _____

All donations must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2017. EACH item donated must have a completed Donation Form.

Mail or deliver donations to:

Christine Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026



The Great American Q+ QUILT + HC HANDICRAFT EXPO presented by the Grange Foundation

November 10 - 12, 2017

You/Your Grange is contracting with The National Grange Foundation, for a:

- 10 ft x 10 ft vendor space.
- The use of one 3 ft x 8 ft table with two chairs.
- Electricity, security, wifi, and advertisement.

LOCATION

Center Place Regional Event Center
2426 N. Discovery Place
Spokane Valley, WA 99216
Phone: 509.688.0300

Deposit of \$50.00 secures your spot and is due upon signing of contract.

Balance of \$50.00 is due by October 31, 2017.

Checks should be made out and mailed to The Grange Foundation, 1616 H Street NW #10, Washington, DC 20006. "EXPO" should be written in the subject line.

INSTRUCTIONS & TIMES

Set up: Friday, November 10th, 8am until 12pm. *Show opens to the Public at 12pm.*

Saturday, November 11th, *Veterans Day*. 8 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 12th, 8am to 3pm

Tear down: Sunday, November 12th, 3pm to 5pm.

FOOD

Food is not provided.

INSURANCE

You are responsible for your own insurance for your persons and property. Signing this contract prohibits you from finding fault for any reason with National Grange, all Grangers and Center Place Event Center.

SECURITY

Center Place is a secure facility. Upon closure each night doors are locked and video cameras are on. During the day, the Expo Event Director will have security present.

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GRANGE VENDOR INFORMATION

Grange Name _____

Contact person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Phone (Cell) _____

Brief description of what you are selling.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE