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BETSY HUBER

National Master

While it may seem like the height of summer, fall is not too far away. With fall comes the majority of State Granges' conventions, and what does that mean? Resolutions! You should definitely be thinking about all those things happening in our world that you don't like, that you want to change. As a Grange member, you have a voice. By writing a resolution and enlisting your fellow Grange members to agree, you have much more influence than you have as an individual. Don't think that your idea, written into a

Grange resolution, doesn't have power!

My favorite Grange history story is about the little lady weighing less than one hundred pounds in a Central West state who thought farmers should receive their mail at home, just like the city folks. She wrote a resolution which was adopted at her local Grange meeting, and then at her State Grange, and eventually by the National Grange. This set policy that the National Grange lobbied fiercely for over several years, and resulted in Rural Free Delivery of mail for everyone.

You could be part of history too. Take that issue that bothers you and compose a

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3 more interns join National Office in July

Kennedy Gwin & Mandy Bostwick



Mandy Bostwick

Ferderica Cobb

Kennedy Gwin

The month of July has brought three more interns to work at the National Grange Headquarters, and they are all assets who are ready to take Grange communications department to new heights.

“Each of these interns bring something different to the table,” said National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana Rios, “They have already shown their strengths and have begun work with full force.”

Ferderica Cobb Ferderica Cobb is a recent graduate from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Marketing Communications. This summer she will be working for the National Grange and will pursuing an MBA in the fall. As a recent graduate, Ferderica is excited to use the skills she learned in her magazine and journalism courses. She is excited to gain valuable work experience and learn more about the Grange’s community involvement. Ferderica learned about this internship opportunity from her professor, Dr. Samir Hunsi (a.k.a. Mr. Magazine), who announced it to his class and later went on to host a conference that allows print magazine experts to provide students with networking opportunities as well as a chance to see the power of print magazines.

While at the Amplify Clarify Testify (ACT)

conference, Ferderica met National Grange Director of Communications and Development Amanda Brozana after winning a magazine competition, and they had the chance to talk about the Grange’s Good Day!™ magazine. After talking with Amanda and her then-fiance, Victor Barreto Rios, as well as former intern Kim Stefanick at dinner and getting more details about the Grange internship, Ferderica emailed her resume a few days later and came to stay with Amanda and Victor, along with three other National Grange summer interns, starting in early July.

While in D.C. Ferderica hopes to contribute as much as she can to help benefit the organization while honing her skills and learning new ones.

Kennedy Gwin is a sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA, majoring in politics and government with a possible minor in global studies.

Kennedy will be overseeing students in the International Honors Wing as Resident Assistant this fall. She is also active on campus as a senator in PLU’s Student Government Association and works with professors to create programing for students in International Honors.

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INTERNS

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Our interns, taking time for an outing to the White House, from left to right: Mandy Bostwick, Ferderica Cobb, Benjamin McEvoy, Christopher Sebastian, Cait Katy.

Kennedy grew up in Hoquiam and Humptulips, WA and is an avid member of Humptulips Grange #730. Kennedy served as a delegate for her Grange at this year's Washington State Grange Convention and was a member of the Legislative Committee. She is also currently the National Grange Female Youth Ambassador. With this internship Kennedy is excited for the experience of working in D.C. and learning more about the communications and legislative side of Grange.

Rounding out this group of interns is Mandy Bostwick. Mandy is starting her fifth year as a third-grade teacher at Valley Falls Elementary School in Valley Falls, KS.

She lives in Ozawie and is an active member of Pleasant View Grange #1459. She serves as Kansas State Grange Youth/Young Adults director. Last year she was elected to be State Ceres, a position that both her mother and grandmother served in. She represents Young Adults at the National Level as the National Grange Outstanding Young Patron.

Mandy is looking forward to all new Grange knowledge that she will gain from her time working at the National Headquarters.

While in D.C. she plans to visit Gallaudet University and hopes to get her Masters Degree from there in the near future.

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resolution to address it. You can find resolution-writing help on our website here: nationalgrange.org/writing-a-resolution. Please check first to see if we already have policy on your issue. The National Grange policies are all in the latest National Grange Journal of Proceedings which is found in the Members section of the website. There are hundreds of policies but it is somewhat easier to find because they are divided by committees: Agriculture, Citizenship & Taxation, Conservation, Education & Health, and

Labor, Judiciary & Transportation.

There are many topics going on today that we do not have policy about. If National Grange does not have policy on an issue, we cannot lobby on that issue. We need good resolutions to allow us to act on things you care about. Help us out, and help your fellow citizens, by telling us your wishes through the resolution process. Check with your State Grange to find out the deadline for resolutions to be submitted to your State Session, and start writing!

Fun 150th Birthday T's here

Shirt sales will fund youth program

Kennedy Gwin

The Youth Department is holding two fundraisers this summer. In the last issue, we introduced the Pie in the Face contest and are proud to say as of this printing, Christopher Johnston, National Gatekeeper, is taking a pie to the face for a good cause during convention.

A more public fundraiser that really focuses on the FUN is the sale of a limited edition 150th anniversary t-shirt! This is a one of a kind Grange shirt that will be offered this year only. It proudly displays our seven founders sporting party hats on the front, and Caroline Hall on the back. It comes in six colors, three styles including men's traditional t-cut, women's fitted

t-cut and women's v-neck t, and sizes through 6XL for men's cut and 4XL for both women's styles.

These unique t-shirts are only available online and can be purchased at <http://www.promoplace.com/grange/youth-fund-150th-birthday-celebration-t-shirts.htm>.



For every shirt sold \$10 will go to the Grange Youth Foundation to aid in future youth programming expenses. Shirts are only available to order until August 13th.

When you receive your shirts, the Youth put out a challenge to you: let's see how far the Grange can travel in its 150th year. Take a photo of you in your 150th Birthday T-shirt and post it to social media with a



hashtag of #150yearsofGrange and hashtag the zip code in which you appear in the photo.

Look out for Grange interns and others who will pose in their shirts to get the challenge started later this month.

Help support your youth program and give Grange Youth around the country valuable experiences that will last a lifetime.

\$20*
/shirt
each

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Shipping, each

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Celebrate 150 Years of Grange!

Contact Person _____

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Styles:

Colors:

Men's Regular (S-6XL)

Flash Green, Kelly Green

Women's Regular (S-4XL)

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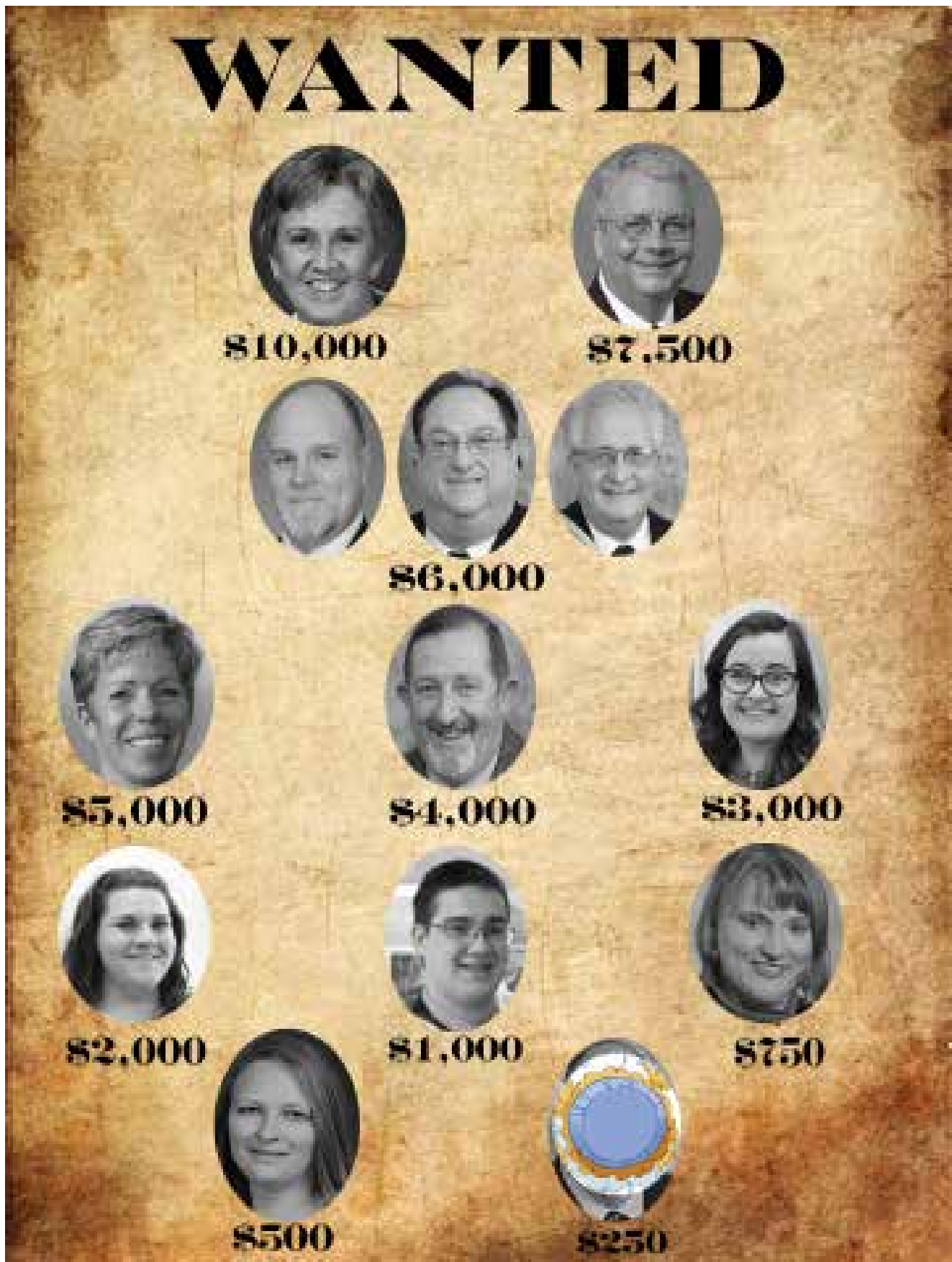
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*For every shirt sold, \$10 goes to the Grange Youth Foundation

Donate so they get pie'd!



Recognition Program Unveiled for Legacy Grange Families

Ferderica Cobb

In honor of the Grange's 150th birthday, the National Grange is starting the Grange Legacy Family Commendation program to honor those families whom have five or more generations involved as Grange members.

National President Besty Huber said it's important to acknowledge those families who have been the backbone of their community Granges, and sometimes their State and National Grange for generations.

"We give recognition to individuals who have been a Grange member for 25, 50, 75, 80, and even 90 years, and we want to recognize families and encourage the next generation to keep up with that and keep that legacy going," said Huber.

Applications for recognition will be sent out to members and an online form will also be available. Applications should be mailed in to the National Grange office. Anyone can nominate family, including family members themselves, but they must include information as to whom of the family was a member in what Grange with clear five-generation or more lineage.

The first honorees will be recognized at National Convention in Spokane, Washington in November. The family will receive a certificate, and each family member can receive a copy upon request.

Loretta Washington, National Grange Sales, Benefits and Programs Director, believes this recognition will mean a lot to the recipients and will increase family pride because they connect dearly to this organization. "They're proud of their heritage. They're proud to say, 'My grandfather was in the Grange.' It's going to be interesting to see how many will come forward to be recognized."

Since family is a core value of the Grange, Washington believes this legacy family recognition is a



Grange Legacy Family Commendation

great way for families "to look back at their legacy and see what's yet to come with the little ones."

Huber also appreciates the family aspect of the Grange.

"Several couples met in the Grange and eventually got married. So it does bring families together," said Huber.

Huber hopes the recognition program will also bring publicity to the Grange. "They will invite their neighbors and friends to join, thus increasing pride, membership, and exposure to the Grange," said Huber.

She believes the Grange is a great legacy to carry on in families. "Grange is such a great organization for building character, building confidence as a young person, leadership training, teaching on how to be good citizens that I don't think there is another organization that has so much to offer at all ages as the Grange," said Huber.

Washington and Huber both believe that the Grange Family Legacy Recognition program will help encourage young members to stay active in the Grange. "It's training the next generation to be DO-ers, to learn how to give back to the community at a young age, and then they continue that as they get to be adult," said Huber.



Online Membership Database, A Step Towards Better Communication

Stephanie Wilkins, IT Director

As many of you may know the National Grange has implemented an online membership database aimed to give local and state Granges quick access to their membership information as well as the ability to add notes, record transactions, manage Grange officers and extract full or filtered rosters. This system, after multiple adjustments and suggestions submitted by those members testing the site, has become a tool that will prove to be useful to every Grange on every level, local, state and national.

The need to identify each and every one of our members and not just include them in the total number of members who are a part of this organization is our goal. It is not enough to continue saying that the National Grange has 160,000 members across the United States if we are not able to identify them, communicate with them or assist them. Having a current mailing address, allows us to identify important and current legislative issues that directly affect your area. While having a working email address allows us to easily communicate those issues to our members.

Quite a few state and local Granges have done a great job with editing and updating their member information. The main objective was to not only make member information available on all levels (local, state

"I just wanted to let you know I am doing fine on the inputs now – I have updated 10 Granges out of 25 yesterday (they were the smallest in membership) but went very smooth and a lot more user-friendly than past programs. This new process is so much easier and quicker to update. "

Jan Krall, Idaho State Grange

and nation) but to also make it easy to use and the reviews we have received are reflecting just that.....easy to use.

If you are interested in becoming a Distinguished Grange this year, updating your membership information within the online membership database is required. The deadline for Distinguished Grange applications is August 13th for paper submission and August 17th for online submissions. Applications for Distinguished Grange can be found on the National Grange website at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/distinguished/>.

If you are a state Grange, feel free to log in with your respective state user credentials provided to you and

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PROMO KIT ON SALE FOR SUMMER FAIRS

Loretta Washington, Sales, Programs and Benefits Director

The Grange Supply Store: Since July is new membership year the store have all your supply needs to the year ranging from Grange minute books, Annual membership card book, Dues Envelopes, Dues Receipt book, Order to the Treasure, Treasurer Receipt Book and more.

The Grange Promotion Kit is a great way to help promoted your grange and recruit new members during the various fairs and other event. The cost of the kit cost \$12 plus shipping The kit comes with the following:

- (25) Declaration of Purpose brochures
- (15) Junior brochures
- (10) Youth brochures
- (25) Adult Members brochures
- (10) E member brochures
- (25) Recruiting brochures
- (25) Rip Card
- (25) A Grange Story Comic book



CLEARANCE:

Grange Greeting Cards

Various songs books

Set of three Grange-themed cookie cutters (with Grange Hall, American Flag and Grange Emblem)

When they sell out, they will not be reordered.

Please visit the Grange Supply Store www.grangestore.org/clearance-items or email sales@nationalgrange.org or call (202) 628-3507 ext. 109



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Check out the Grange Store by Monroe at
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Great American Quilt & Handicraft Expo

By Kennedy Gwin

As a related event to our 151st Annual Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington, the Grange Foundation will be sponsoring the “Great American Quilt and Handicraft Expo.” The Expo, which will be held at the Center Place Regional Event Center in Spokane November 10-12, is the first event of its type for the Foundation in that it has a goal of raising money from an external audience rather than Grangers to support Grange programs and outreach. “We are so often dipping into our own pockets and the pockets of our other members, but the work of Granges positively impacts millions who are not part of our organization. So it’s fitting that we find a way to bring the public to a Grange event which serves as a fundraiser to aid our mission and outreach,” National Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios said. The most important part of the puzzle, however, is still missing: Grange-and member-donated quality handicraft and quilted items that can be sold at the Expo with all proceeds going to support the Grange Foundation. “A critical part of the success of this event will still be member participation,” National Lecturer Chris Hamp said.

“Every item donated by members and sold at the event puts into the Foundation account essential revenue that will allow us, without picking members’ pockets for yet another few dollars, enhance or begin programs that will greatly impact the next generation across America.” Foundation funds help to continue the work of the Grange in areas such as deaf awareness, support of Juniors and Youth, the Kelley Farm, leadership, American arts and culture education and training and so much more. If you spend more than \$100 dollars you can specify which sub-fund within the foundation that you would like to donate to. The different funds to choose from are Junior Grange fund, Youth Leadership fund, Kelley Farm Fund, Deaf Awareness, Community and Leadership Development Fund, American Arts and Culture Fund, and the Trademark Protection Fund. Foundation Board member Joan Smith said the Expo “gives Grangers the chance to leave a mark in the Grange heritage by contributing to the Grange Foundation” whether monetarily or by giving a handmade high-quality craft. “With each donation there is also incentive for the donors: they

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SEEKING TO PROMOTE YOUR SESQUICENTENNIAL ITEMS

By Amanda Brozana Rios, Communications & Development Director

Do you know of any Grange in your state, or perhaps your own state Grange, selling something as a fundraiser? Does your Grange have a Sesquicentennial Celebration event to announce? Do you have some other announcement, congratulations or “thanks” you would like to put in print? Good Day! magazine has a section or sections that you can take advantage of for free or for a deeply discounted price. To have your items included in the third issue (something very important especially for items related to the Sesquicentennial celebration), please remit information requested by no later than JULY 22 to communications@nationalgrange.org. Payment (if applicable) can be made to National Grange for the placement of your announcement.

FREE!* 150th Celebration Specific Items

In the 3rd Issue of Good Day! we are having a special section showcasing items for sale by Granges across the nation to celebrate our 150th birthday. From ornaments in Maryland to necklaces in Oregon, we want to help you market to the widest audience possible across the Grange nation. We would LOVE not only to include the PRICE, DESCRIPTION and HOW TO ORDER information, but also a picture of the item as well as information on when they should expect to receive their item and if there are any bulk purchase discounts on shipping or other considerations.*

In order to have your sales/fundraiser item appear free, you must provide (or promise to provide) ONE of the item to National Grange so we can include it in our artifacts/archives of our 150th Celebration. If you do not wish to send one of the celebration items to National Grange, please remit the full cost you are selling the item(s) for to National Grange (Communications) as payment for inclusion into the listing. Request for Donated Items (for service project) Ex. a few years ago, Maryland State Grange had a project called “Bras for the Cause” where they asked for gently used or new bras to help raise money and awareness for breast cancer.

If your Grange is collecting something like this for a service project, you may advertise for free in the magazine, requesting donations (not monetary contributions) of items. If your Junior, Subordinate or Pomona Grange collects Box Tops for Education, pop tabs or pill bottles,

this does not apply. We will include only the names of State Granges (and their community service coordinator’s information) collecting these items. If your State Grange collects these, please contact me.

SUPER CHEAP!

General Fundraisers/Events Have you ever thought, “Boy, this cookbook we’ve been selling for a few years here in (state) may be of interest to Grangers in other states, but it’s not easy to promote it...”? Now it is! Any item your Grange is selling (or other type of fundraiser you wish to announce, such as a donation to dunk your state master) as a fundraiser, you may advertise in Good Day! for a very low, SPECIAL rate (when you mention this email).

Thank You, Congratulations and other Announcements If you want to congratulate a member on the birth of their child or thank a neighboring Grange for their contribution to your outreach, this is the place for you. You can also make announcements appropriate to our audience, such as “The 7th Generation of the Smith Family from Missouri has now officially joined the Grange. Savannah Hannah, the daughter of Lila Smith Hannah and Chuck Hannah, became a 1+ Junior member at Pawtucket Creek #3333 on Sunday, July 16. Congratulations on continuing the tradition, Savannah!”

***RATE:** Up to 25 words at \$1 per word up to 25 words, and \$2.50 per word thereafter. \$2.50 per website, email address or other link, regardless of word count. \$5 per photo. All photos can be published in color. Ad copy should be in the hand of National Communications Department at least four weeks in advance of expected delivery of magazine (Ex. July 27, 2017 for end of August edition). Special requests (such as increased font size or bold design) can be made and included for additional charge. ALL ads with special requests must be submitted six weeks in advance of the projected delivery date of the magazine (Ex. July 14, 2017 for the end of August edition).*

**The National Grange assumes no liability or responsibility related to these events or fundraisers, nor does the National Grange, by accepting and publishing the ad, verify the quality of that which is advertised. Each submitting entity must comply with local laws related to the advertised event/fundraiser.*

Lecturer's Contest soon to close!



This month I would like to highlight the 2017 Lecturer's Program in a Box contest.

Alone, any Lecturer can only create so much, find so many experts and come up with so many ideas, but with more than 2,000 Lecturers around the country, there are innumerable opportunities for great programs to be shared around the Grange nation.

The Lecturer's Program in a Box contest is open to any Lecturer at any level of the Grange. Lecturers may engage other members or prospective members to assist in the creation of the program but must have contributed to its creation, editing and presentation.

All programs should be presented at a Grange meeting before submission.

Please refer to the Lecturer's Program in a Box contest rules and judging criteria located at the end of this newsletter.

All contest submissions must be received by the

National Grange Lecturer

by October 31, 2017 to be judged. All judged submissions will be displayed at the 151st annual convention in Spokane, will receive a ribbon and monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

There is no limit on the number of entries a person may submit.

See the back of this issue for more information!

Thanks for all you do! Esto Perpetua!
Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine E. Hamp".

Christine E. Hamp
Lecturer
National Grange

Several Lecturer's Program in a Box are available online for your use!
Download them today!

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Visit <http://www.officediscounts.org/grange.html>

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can write off their contribution on taxes and receive a tax break.” Brozana Rios said Granges across the country have taken part in building toward this event for years by participating in the annual quilt block contest unveiled by National Lecturer Pete Pompper in 2012. “The quilt blocks that won at the state level and were sent to national have been made into quilts each year and those will be auctioned at the event,” she said. “We’ve also solicited other quilted items and have revived a focus on one thing many of our Grangers do so well and our Granges can help foster - the American handicraft tradition.” If you are interested in donating your high quality handicraft or quilted item, please contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or at (509) 953-3533. Vendors at

the event will sell artisan soaps, handmade candles, pottery and a wide variety of other high quality crafts. There are a few remaining vendor spaces available at the Expo. If you wish to be part of the event, fill out the application online at www.grangefoundation.org/expo.html. “If you or acquaintances of yours are in the Spokane area in November, make sure to encourage them to check out the Great American Quilt and Handicraft Expo, purchase items and give back to an organization that gives so much to communities across the country,” Hamp said. The expo will be held at the Center Place Regional Event Center located at 2426 N Discovery Pl, Spokane Valley, WA, Spokane, WA

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National Grange Foundation Lecturer Fund



Place your order by September 30, 2017 and receive one of these beautiful 12” wide by 13.75” tall laser-cut, steel, made in America Grange emblems for only \$50.

Emblems will be available for pick up at the 151st annual convention of the National Grange in Spokane, Washington, November 7-11, 2017. Emblems will not be shipped. Each emblem weighs 1.25 pounds and will easily fit in luggage.

Order your Grange emblem today by contacting National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 or by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.

All orders will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.

YOUTH: LEARNING TO SERVE

Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade, National Youth Director

More than 30 Grangers including Grange youth and young adults gathered in Newark, Delaware for the 2017 Eastern Regional Youth Conference. The event was June 9-11. Hosted by the Delaware State Grange, the event brings Grange youth together to connect with fellow youth from other states, participate in workshops, gain leadership skills and participate in a community service project.

The Delaware Special Olympics coincided with the conference. Grange youth supported the event by cheering for the athletes engaged in the track and swimming events at the University of Delaware campus.

"Community service is a longstanding tradition in the Grange and the youth department," said National Grange Youth Development Director Charlene Shupp Espenshade. "Whether your actions are big or small, community service is about making a difference in the community." Espenshade and National Grange Youth Ambassador Asa Houchin of Ohio led a community service-themed workshop. Attendees were broken into groups and asked to develop a new community service project. "It was amazing to see the ideas the groups developed," Houchin said. "Many of the projects focused on giving a 'hand up instead of a hand out.' They focused on a community need and looked to bring other groups along side the Grange to make

a difference." Ideas focused on using a Grange hall as a community action center, working with homeless veterans and talking food insecurity.

National Junior Grange Ambassador Jomni Tarbell showed members how to raise the awareness for honeybees. Honeybee awareness is a Junior Grange project. The youth and young adults competed in several regional contests. Jennifer Nauss of Valley Grange #1360 in Pennsylvania won the Best of Show Award in the prepared public speaking contest. She will present her award-winning speech at the Evening of Excellence during the 151st National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Three Grange youth, Jennifer Nauss, Asa Houchin of Ohio and Cassidy Cheddar of Pennsylvania, won the Grange Jeopardy contest and will represent the Eastern region at the national contest in November.

A regional impromptu public speaking contest rounded out the event. The winners are as follows.

Impromptu Youth division: 1- Sara Benzio 2- Asa Houchin 3- Casey Kerschner

Young adult division: 1- Jenn Nauss 2- Cassidy Cheddar 3- Phillip Vonada

Adult division: 1- Ellen Wadsworth 2- Anna May Nauss

For photos from the event, go to the National Grange Youth Facebook page.

150th Grange Anniversary Items Now Available



15 oz. White Ceramic Mugs printed in full color

55 Word Message Magnets printed in full color

16 oz. Mason Jar with Handle & Screw-On Lid

Navy Blue Silk Touch Polo Shirts

Heather Navy T-Shirts with Got Grange printed on the front and the Anniversary Logo on the back

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JUNIOR AMBASSADOR AN ASSET

Samantha Wilkins

We have been hard at work in the Junior Grange Department and everyone should be celebrating! The 2017 National Junior Grange Ambassador, Alexandria 'Jomni' Tarbell, has been a busy little bee. She has taken the new 'Awareness Award Project' and absolutely ran with it.

She has created workshops about the Awareness Project, as well as a Sign-A-Song workshop, that she has been presenting to many Grangers across New York, at the Rhode Island Grange Fair, Pennsylvania Junior Grange Camp, and at the Eastern, North Eastern, and Great Plains Regional Conferences.

I am very proud of the work that Jomni has been doing and I hope you all are as well. She has been an asset to the Junior Grange Program, bringing her ideas and thoughts and running with any task that I have given her! Thank you Jomni Tarbell for all of your hard work and dedication to the Junior Grange Program!

AS A REMINDER: The DEADLINE to apply for



the Ambassador Program is fast approaching... Each state is now eligible to send a Junior Granger to National Session for the opportunity to serve as the National Grange Junior Grange Ambassador. For more information about the Ambassador program visit WWW.NATIONALJUNIORGRANGE.ORG or contact Samantha Wilkins at junior@nationalgrange.org.

2017 AWARENESS AWARD



Have you heard of the new 'Awareness Award' for the Junior Grange program?

The 2017 Award is focused around 'Honeybee Awareness' is utilized to have Juniors look into agricultural needs around their communities and states. Each year we plan to bring focus to one agricultural issue.

The deadline to earn the 2017 Awareness Award is fast approaching. So if you would still like to participate and earn the award here is what you can do:

- *Talk to a local beekeeper about why honeybees are good for us
- *Create a flyer to raise awareness about honeybees. And place the flyer up at your Grange Hall, local businesses, or grocery stores.
- *Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to not use toxic chemical pesticides
- *Find out what plants honey bees are drawn to and plant a small(or large) garden. Or help a local gardener or small group plant a garden.
- *Speak at your Junior Grange and/or Subordinate Grange about the importance of honeybees!

For more information about the Awareness Award visit nationaljuniorgrange.org/awareness-project/

Send your ideas or questions to junior@nationalgrange.org



HEALTHCARE: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Taking a Long, Hard Look at Current Healthcare Proposals and Where Politicians Stand

Christopher Sebastian

With the news cycle bringing stories of the American healthcare debate on an hourly basis, it's easy to get lost in the thick of policy. While some Americans have been able to follow every ounce of news on the current healthcare debate, the issue is as confusing as it is complicated and many haven't had the time to catch up. Here is a quick overview of the most important parts and what these mean for Grange.

THE BILLS

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), often called Obamacare, has struggled to retain insurance providers within its marketplace. Humana has announced their withdrawal from the system next year, a move which will leave some markets - especially in rural America- with no available providers. By restricting cross-state markets and increasing regulations, critics claim that the ACA will continue to lose providers no matter the circumstances. Supporters of the ACA contend that it is not the fault of the ACA that these companies are leaving. Insurance companies thrive in stable and consistent environments, and proponents of the ACA argue that it is the repeal and replace

movement that is pushing insurance providers out of the currently volatile market. Regardless, the ACA currently remains the law of the land.

The American Healthcare Act (AHCA), often called Ryancare, Trumpcare, or Republicare, passed the House on May 4, 2017. The AHCA was a budget reconciliation bill, which means that it could only truly affect the budgetary aspects of the ACA. After weeks of intense debate and a slim passage in the house, Senate Republicans have unveiled their thorough overhaul of the AHCA and are hoping to draw additional public support with the newer, more moderate, approach to their repeal and replace strategy.

The Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA), often called SenateCare or the Senate Healthcare Bill, was unveiled on June 22nd after being prepared in secrecy by a group of thirteen Republican Senators. Criticized for a lack of openness in the drafting process, the BCRA includes deeper and more gradual Medicaid reductions than the AHCA and an amendment to the individual mandate replacement found in the AHCA. Instead, under the BCRA, Americans who went for more than 63 days without coverage would incur a six month wait-

ing period before they could obtain new healthcare coverage. The bill has become unpopular among many Republican Senators. It is unlikely that the current incarnation of the bill will pass and, as such, Republicans have already begun to plan ahead in the likely scenario that they cannot pass healthcare policy in 2017.

THE PARTIES

The Republican Party remains fractured on healthcare. More conservative members have fought for immediate repeal of the ACA should the BCRA fail, arguing that the economic impact of continuing to fund the ACA would be drastic and irreversible. More moderate Republicans are discussing the possibility of working with Democrats to reform the ACA. With midterm elections on the

horizon, many within the party fear that backing Republican healthcare bills will offer Democratic congressional hopefuls ammunition in the 2018 race.

The Democrats have voted along party lines against Republican healthcare proposals and have overwhelmingly voiced their disapproval with the AHCA and BCRA. Criticizing a lack of bipartisan openness in the bills' construction, the use of budget reconciliation rules to theoretically increase the odds of their passage, and the projected rise in uninsured Americans, the party has continued to denounce Republican proposals. It is uncertain how open the party will be to renegotiation of ACA policy should the BCRA fail.

DATABASE

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manage your membership records and submit your quarterly report information. If you are a local Grange, you must request the login credentials for your Grange by submitting the name and email address of the person responsible for editing your membership records to Stephanie Wilkins via email to swilkins@nationalgrange.org. In most cases, this person will be the local grange secretary but not always which is why we are

requesting that information prior to creating the login.

In addition, states are submitting their quarterly reports directly through the database system. If you have question or concerns on how to input your quarterly report information or anything regarding the online membership database, please do not hesitate to email your query to swilkins@nationalgrange.org or call (202) 628-3507 ext. 101 for assistance.

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November 10-12, 2017
Center Place Regional Event Center
Spokane, Washington
(Free parking)

The Grange Foundation is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable arm of the Grange, which supports many programs and projects dear to Grangers' hearts and allows them an avenue for donations that can be tax deductible.

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- Junior Grange Fund
- Youth Leadership Fund
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- Deaf Awareness Fund
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- American Arts and Culture Fund
- Trademark Protection Fund

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So why is the Grange Foundation hosting a Quilt and Handicraft Expo and why should I donate my quality hand-made craft or quilt for sale?

The Foundation looks to fulfill two purposes with the Great American Quilt & Handicraft Expo. First, the Expo will showcase American handicrafts, their importance and imaginative expressions that allow artistry and functionality to come together. As such, we fulfill one mission of the foundation – to educate – in this case, in the area of American Arts and Culture. Secondly, the Expo will allow us to raise funds for the Foundation to be used to support programs essential to the growth and well-being of our organization and our continued relevance in communities. Funds can help youth leaders develop their skills at regional conferences and national conventions, provide Junior Grangers new opportunities to develop to their fullest potential and provide communities support in enhancing the experience and quality of life of their residents.

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Free parking!

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Quilting supply vendors will be on hand to provide the latest fabrics, staples and accessories.

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Learn more at www.grangefoundation.org/expo.html

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

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Christine Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange
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Nine Mile Falls WA 99026



2017

The National Grange in conjunction with the National Grange Sesquicentennial Committee is proud to announce the 2017 150th Anniversary

Four-Minute Movie Contest

Break out your video cameras or even your smart phones and help us tell your Grange story through the medium of film! We want to commemorate our members and our stories through the production of four-minute movies that can be used to tell the world how amazing Grangers and the Grange are! Get creative as you or a group of participants put together your own four-minute-movie celebrating Grange! And here's the best part: The prizes sponsored by the National Grange Foundation!

The top three finalist submissions will receive up-to a \$200 travel stipend, Friday and Saturday night accommodations (one room per submission finalist) at the 151st Annual Session of the National Grange in Spokane, Washington and two tickets to the Celebration banquet where the winning movies will be shown and first, second, and third place awards announced!

1st

\$1000 CASH
PRIZE

2nd

\$500 CASH
PRIZE

3rd

\$250 CASH
PRIZE

All entries will be judged on content, quality, and creativity following a designated grading rubric (See attached). The top seven videos will be part of a social media popularity vote August 15 - August 31, 2017, with the top three favorites moving on to the finalist round at National Session in Spokane, Washington on November 11, 2017.

DEADLINES:

June 1, 2017: SUBMISSIONS OPEN

August 4, 2017: SUBMISSIONS CLOSE, midnight PST

August 15 – August 31, 2017: Top seven finalist popularity voting contest

September 1, 2017: Top three finalist announced

November 11, 2017: Prizes awarded at National Grange Celebration Banquet

Four-Minute Movie Contest

RULES AND DETAILS:

- This contest is open to all Grange members!
- Videos must not exceed four minutes in length (not counting credits).
- Individuals may only enter one submission, but may also be included in an additional group submission.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed submission form and waiver no later than MIDNIGHT (PST) on AUGUST 4, 2017.
- **Late entries will not be accepted.**
- The Sesquicentennial Committee reserves the right to close the Four-Minute Movie Contest at any time due to lack of interest or less than twelve quality submissions by close of submission deadline on Friday, August 4, 2017.
- All entries remain the property of the creator, but to qualify for any prizes, a waiver allowing the Grange to use the video for promotional purposes must be signed at time of submission.
- Members of Sesquicentennial Committee will qualify the top seven videos to move onto the public voting round. The top three videos will be judged by a qualified judge outside of the organization's membership.
- Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee reserve the right to remove any entries from judging due to quality, themes, language, or violence deemed inappropriate for an all-ages audience.
- Due to large file sizes, submissions should be uploaded to DropBox, Google Drive, or similar program. Submissions will be considered complete upon receipt of sharing link emailed with entry form to 150videocontest@nationalgrange.org

WHAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR:

- Slide shows or PowerPoints of still images/photos with voice over narration
- A broad history of the Grange
- An internal critique of the Grange
- A "How to" video for current Granges, i.e. "How to Grow Membership," or "Successful Lecturer's Programs"
- Negative or critical views of the Grange, Grangers or aspects of Grange History
- Quickly produced movies/low quality



Sesquicentennial National Grange Membership Census

Please complete and return by June 30, 2017 to
National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Year of Birth: _____ Year Joining Grange: _____ Zip Code: _____

Were you a member of a Junior/Juvenile Grange? (Circle one) Yes No

Are you a member of more than one Subordinate/Community Grange? (Circle one) Yes No

Is farming/agriculture your primary occupation? (Circle one) Yes No

Are you self-employed? (Circle one) Yes No

What was your primary reason for joining the Grange? (Circle one)

Community Involvement Discount Programs Educational Opportunities Legislative Advocacy

Family Connection Family Centered Activities Other (Please specify) _____

How likely are you to recommend Grange membership to others? (Circle one)

Very Likely Likely Not Sure Unlikely Very Unlikely

If you responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely", please give a short explanation:

How likely are you to remain a Grange member over the next five (5) years? (Circle one)

Very Likely Likely Not Sure Unlikely Very Unlikely

If you responded "unlikely" or "very unlikely", please give a short explanation:

OPTIONAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL LECTURER

2017 Lecturer's Program in a Box

Alone, any Lecturer can only create so much, find so many experts and come up with so many ideas, but with more than 2,000 Lecturers around the country, there are innumerable opportunities for great programs to be shared around the Grange nation.

This program is open to any Lecturer at any level of the Grange. Lecturers may engage other members or non-members to assist in the creation of the program but must have contributed to its creation, editing and presentation. All programs should be presented at a Grange meeting before submission.

Rules

1. The Lecturer's Program in a Box (Program) entry must be submitted as a .ppt file by email to lecturer@nationalgrange.org by **October 31, 2017** for judging. *You may choose to create this program on any presentation software, including Keynote, Prezi or others, but please convert and save to .ppt.*
2. Program must have a title slide.
3. Program must have at least 10 content slides.
4. The last slide of the Program must include the name of the Lecturer who is submitting the program, the date and Grange information (name, number and state) where the program was presented and names of any contributors to the program.
5. Submission must include sample notice to the community (flyer, media alert) on how to promote the program to the broader public.
6. Program must include in the .ppt file, or as a stand-alone document at least two of the following:
 - Suggested activity (during Grange meeting or directly following)
 - Suggested further reading/viewing list
 - Word search or crossword (saved as PDF)
 - Song lyrics, Poem or other creative work to engage audience
 - Video or audio clip
 - Fact Sheet (saved as PDF)
 - Game suggestion
 - Sample letter to elected official (as PDF)
 - Other tool or idea to engage audience with the presentation during the meeting or as a Grange thereafter



FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL *L*ECTURER

2017 Lecturer's Program in a Box

Submissions & Uses

All programs submitted by the deadline will be blind-judged by a panel. All Lecturers who submit a program will receive a certificate of participation. All submissions given a "Quality" or "Outstanding" or "Exceptional" rating will be compiled into a document and distributed electronically to Grange Lecturers as well as placed on the National Grange website.

Ratings

- To receive a **Quality** rating, your program must have a 70 points or higher average across all judges.
- To receive an **Outstanding** rating, your program must have an 85 points or higher average across all judges.
- To receive an **Exceptional** rating, your program must have a 95 points or higher average across all judges.

Judging

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| • Informative and factual | 40 points |
| • Professionalism (grammar, language, approach, etc.) | 15 points |
| • Interest factor (would it attract non-members to come to listen?) | 10 points |
| • Interactivity / Engagement potential | 15 points |
| • Creativity in concept | 10 points |
| • Reflective of Grange principles/values/issues of interest | <u>10 points</u> |
| TOTAL | 100 points |

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