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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE



October 2017

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150TH ANNIVERSARY



Donations loans pour in, but still needed for chiller repair

BETSY E. HUBER

National Master

Destruction and construction is going on in our subbasement on the chiller replacement and boiler repair project.

Unfortunately the big question - if we will have any insurance coverage - is still unanswered. One more pressure test to determine the cause of the

problem will be conducted soon and the insurance company will make the final decision if we are covered or not, depending if it was accidental or wear-and-tear damage.

The great news is, we have received a \$400,000 donation

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2017 NATIONAL GRANGE OFFICERS

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Members in California face losses from wildfires, see fraternal outpouring

By Lillian Booth, California State Grange Secretary

The devastating fires in California have affected many of the California State Grange members. Fortunately, so far, no Grange halls have been lost. But that can change at the whim of the winds driving the fires.

Many members have lost their homes, ranches, vineyards, crops, pastures and animals. In most cases, all that is standing is a chimney and a burned out shell of a vehicle.

This firestorm has consumed acres and acres of land, thousands of houses and caused more than 30 deaths. Hospitals have been evacuated. Whole neighborhoods, hotels, shopping centers and restaurants have burned to the ground. People had to literally run for their lives at a moment's notice with just the clothes on their back. Years and years of memories are gone.

Granges in Butte, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, and Contra Costa Counties have stepped up to help. They are hosting evacuees, helping with pets, preparing meals, hosting benefits, and serving as Public Safety command posts.

Some miracles have occurred – Sarah Nielson, a third-generation Grange member of Redwood

Valley Grange boarded her horses at a Grange member's house. As the members were running for their lives, they let the horses out of the corral. Unfortunately, the horses ran directly into the fire. Sarah and her husband, heartbroken at the loss, were escorted back to the area by Animal Services to see what, if anything, could be done. They searched the area and eventually located the horses, together and alive, in a small patch of green grass surrounded by charred vegetation. Sarah and her husband walked the horses three miles to where the California Highway Patrol helped them obtain a horse trailer, transporting the animals to the vet. After being checked out, the vet advised the horses were remarkably unharmed. But now, Sarah faces the issue of where to hold her horses and how to feed them since her winter hay was also lost in the fire.

Many Grange members find themselves in immediate need. Insurance may cover some losses, but that process takes time in this type of a disaster. And there are many things that insurance will not cover.

Fund created for CA wildfire support

A special fund to assist those who have been affected by the wildfires in California has been created in the Grange Foundation.

The foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) entity, so donations may be tax deductible. Contact your financial advisor.

All donations will be acknowledged. For each donation of \$25, or more, you will receive a free t-shirt like that shown below.

You may use the grangefoundation.org for any donations, but to request a shirt to acknowledge your gift, please instead use the direct giving link provided.



DIRECT GIVING LINK:
tinyurl.com/CAFiresGrange



Juniors still welcome to participate at session

By Samantha Wilkins

A big thank you to all of the Junior Grangers that submitted entries for the National Contests! Judging will take place over the next week and the winners will be displayed at National Session.

ATTN: State Masters

If you had a Junior from your state submit entries, I will be sending back their entries and awards with you from National Session. You **MUST** pick those up from me after the Junior Grange Breakfast!

Reminder

If you have a Junior participating in the Speech or Sign-A-Song contests from your state please send their information to me by email at junior@nationalgrange.org or arrive to me by mail at 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264, no later than NOVEMBER 1.

Participants will be broken into three age groups:

Group 1: Ages 5-7



Group 2: Ages 8-10

Group 3: Ages 11-14

Participants must have achieved First Place in their State Junior Competition, or Best of Show at their Regional Competition. One participant from each age category may represent their state at National Convention. And the Best of Show winner may represent from their region.

Public Speaking and Sign A Song contestants must have submitted their name, song/speech title, age and state through email no later than Nov. 1

MASTER'S ADDRESS

From page 2

from a Grange-affiliated group in Washington state! Along with \$225,000 in loans received from Grange Foundation, Grange Advocacy, and Red Lion Grange #1781 in Pennsylvania, we are well on our way to covering the \$900,000 cost of the project.

I am very grateful to all of the Granges and individuals who are sending donations large and small. This shows us how much the National Grange and its headquarters building mean to

Grange members everywhere. Thank you so much!

Other repairs are needed besides this big emergency, so keep those donations coming!

With our extended summer weather, the temporary chiller is still needed in DC, but soon the temperature will start to drop. I'm hoping for a very long Fall, when we don't need cooling or heating so the contractors can work on the permanent replacement without worrying about temporary fixes.

National holding huge merit badge sale

By Samantha Wilkins

During the week of National Convention, November 7 through 11, you will be able to order all Junior Merit Badges for a deep discount! Now is the time to stock up!

At this time, as many of you have noticed we have several Merit Badges out of stock. We are in the process of 'revamping' the Merit Badge Program. So at this time the current Merit Badges that are in stock are going to be the only Merit Badges available.

The out of stock badges will be temporarily retired:

If your Junior has been working on one of the retired badges, please send me an email at junior@nationalgrange.org so I can get you a certificate for their achievement.

There are some really exciting changes coming! However, we encourage you to order your any and all Badges you think you may need now before they are all out of stock!

Each month for the next year we will be spotlighting a badge on Patrons Chain! If your Junior earns that badge within the month it is spotlighted they will receive special recognition from the National Grange!

OCTOBER MERIT BADGE SPOTLIGHT

Juniors: get ready for nationals by learning about the host state and earn the **Team Up America: Host State** badge.

To earn the badge you must:

- 1) Find out where National Session is being held this year... *hint, hint* it's Spokane, Washington.
- 2) Next find out a little bit about the state and write a report.
- 3) Tell a little bit about that state and what you would like to do if you were to visit that state!
- 4) Share the report with your Junior Grange! It's that simple!

Hey Junior Leaders

These are also badges your Juniors can earn during a meeting! If you have a Junior complete these badges within September or October or November order your badge and send an email to junior@nationalgrange.org (recognitions cannot be given before badge purchase).

The second badge we are featuring this month is the **Team Up America: Travel the United States** badge.

To earn the badge you must:

- 1) Draw a Map of the United States
 - 2) Pretend you are a train engineer and make a route across the United States
 - 3) Stop at 5 places on your map that you would like to see and tell a reason why you want to see that place.
 - 4) Share your map with your Junior Grange
- If you complete these badges in September or October or November you will receive a special recognition from The National Grange!

4 selected as 2017 Communication Fellows

In late September, four members were notified that they had made the cut to become 2017 Communication Fellows at the 151st Annual National Grange Convention. The program, sponsored this year by the Colorado State Grange, allows members to learn basic principles of public relations, communications, membership and programming and practice their skills in a hands-on, deadline driven environment.

Josh Bethany, Florida; Tacy Curry, California; and Lurae Benzio, Pennsylvania, were named as first-time fellows. Elizabeth Hiner, who was a fellow at the 150th Annual Convention, is the returning senior fellow for the group.

"This small group is power-packed," National Commu-

nications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios said. "They are diverse in age, skill, length of time with Grange, where they hail from geographically - basically in all the ways you can imagine."

Brozana said there were other applicants who did not make the program this year but she is hopeful that many will apply again.

"Our National leadership has made a commitment to see this training continue, despite our financial constraints, because they believe it is helping the organization overall. Unfortunately that means we weren't able to accept all the qualified applicants, but I hope they will apply again in coming years because we have seen the benefit to our Order when people get training



like this and put it to work for the Grange."

As in previous years, Fellows will compile information throughout the week and produce an on-site newsletter for the convention that will be distributed there and by email to our membership each day. They will also produce material for our quarterly Good Day! magazine and content for Grange Radio.

275 donations of \$25 will get youth to \$10K goal

By Charlene Shupp Espenshade

We just reached our goal of putting a pie in the face of National Youth Ambassador Kennedy Gwin and are closing in on reaching our goal to pie National Grange Steward Chip Narvel of Delaware, yet we are still short on our ultimate goal of \$10,000.

The funds will be used to cover the costs of the state youth ambassadors, outstanding young patrons, legislative experience and national youth officer team at the 2017 National Grange Convention.

Every donation makes a difference. We can reach our \$10,000 goal with about 275 donations of \$25. These donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be made online at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/pie-in-your-face/> or they can be sent to the Grange Foundation at 1616 H Street NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20006. Make sure to mark the check and envelope ATTN: Pie.

National President issues Sesquicentennial proclamations

In October, National Grange President Betsy Huber issued two proclamations that can be used to celebrate our organization's 150th Anniversary.

The first, on page 9, can be adopted by Granges as a way to excite members and bring them into the celebration.

The second, on page 10, can be provided to local municipal leaders, state leaders or other governing bodies so that they may declare a Grange Day, Week or Month or otherwise recognize 150 years of service by the Grange to their community and our nation.

We encourage every Grange to take part in the sesquicentennial celebration in numerous ways, but especially by providing resources to their government leaders so that the Grange may be recognized around the country during this milestone anniversary.

Department seeks to gather, display Youth photos through decades

By Charlene Shupp Espenshade

To mark 150 years of Grange, the National Grange Youth Department is seeking photos of youth in action through the decades. They can be photos of youth at camps, state sessions, serving the community and assisting in different youth-sponsored activities.

The photos can be sent to youth@nationalgrange.org. They can be color or black and white photos, should be sent in a jpg format. Please include a caption describing the photo and if possible the Grangers in the photo.

We'd like to display as many photos as possible representing the Grange youth legacy.



GRANGERYOUTH

REGISTER ON-SITE FOR THE 151ST CONVENTION

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

NOVEMBER 7-11, 2017

Come to fellowship with your Grange friends and family. We look forward to seeing all of you there and celebrating with you our 150th Anniversary Year!



Celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary Of Our Order

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150th birthday throughout the years 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the year beginning December 4, 2017 as the Grange Sesquicentennial Celebration, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange history and legacy by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.



President, National Grange

Celebration of the National Grange's Sesquicentennial Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Grange, founded on December 4, 1867, is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017-18; and

WHEREAS, the Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America over the course of three centuries,

WHEREAS the outcomes of Grange advocacy are felt by nearly every American today, from the protections afforded consumers that grew out of the Granger Laws to the establishment of Rural Free Delivery of mail and expansion of electricity to rural areas, the creation of the cooperative extension service and land grant colleges to the widening access to broadband internet service; and

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WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that _____, in recognition of the legacy and service of the Grange and Grange members across the nation and the world over a century and a half, proclaims _____
Grange _____.

Lecturer's contest entries welcome through Oct. 31

Brothers and Sisters,

The 151st session of the National Grange is less than a month away! I am looking forward to receiving the final push of your contest entries, showcase items and handmade donations to The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo.

Final reminder - the Evening of Excellence entries and the Photography Showcase entries from each State Grange as well as the Lecturer's Program in a Box and Quilt Block Contest entries are all due to me by October 31, 2017.

For those of you who still have state sessions occurring before you travel to Spokane, please share this information with your members and encourage their participation.

Once again, you will find all the necessary information and forms for all of the National Lecturer programs and contests attached to this newsletter.

Please remember to bring your Dresden Plate quilt raffle ticket stubs and the checks/cash with you to Spokane. Also, please bring any unsold tickets so we can get them sold during the week of session. You can check in the unsold tickets,



stubs and money at the staffed table in The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo area of the Showcase room.

The Showcase room is also the place to bring your Photography

Showcase entries, donations for The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo and quilts for the Quilts of Valor display.

For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Be a DOer!

Fraternally yours,

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

Christine E. Hamp
Lecturer, National Grange



NEW & EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS! Proud Buttons & Grave Markers / Flags

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
February 11	Galveston, TX (embark)		4:00 PM
February 12	"Fun Day" at Sea™		
February 13	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
February 14	Belize	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
February 15	Mahogany Bay, Isla Roatan	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
February 16	"Fun Day" at Sea™		
February 17	"Fun Day" at Sea™		
February 18	Galveston, TX (disembark)	8:00 AM	

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- 7 days on board the *Carnival Breeze*®
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- \$75 per stateroom shipboard credit
- Taxes, fees and port expenses

Airfare, pre-cruise hotel packages and transfer rates available on request.

A valid passport is required for this cruise. Passport must be valid for 6 months after the return date.

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person due at time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due no later than November 17, 2017.
For bookings made after this date, full payment is due at time of booking.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel protection is recommended. Carnival offers cruise vacation protection plans at an additional cost. Options and rates will be advised at time of booking; protection payments are nonrefundable. Travel Guard insurance is also available. Coverage takes effect only upon payment.

Don't Delay Book Now!



Contact: Lori Schneider

(509) 468-1134

LoriSchneider@aaawa.com

Toll Free: (800) 439-9290



*Call for best available rates. All prices quoted will be per person based on double occupancy and subject to change without notice. Taxes fees and port expenses are additional, and are assessed on a per guest basis for all guests. Refer to Carnival's online website for deck plans, general information, cruise conditions and responsibility statement. Itinerary and ports of call are subject to change. Pre- or post-cruise hotel stays, transfers, gratuities, shore excursions and optional packages are not included in cruise pricing. Other restrictions may apply. © 2017 Carnival Corporation. All rights reserved. Ship's Registry: Panama. Ask Lori Schneider for details. Agency #178-018-521 Job#2429

BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION



Show your enthusiasm for our milestone Sesquicentennial Celebration by helping sponsor our 150th Birthday Gala at a Member Celebratory Sponsor (\$25) or Grange Celebratory Sponsor (\$50).

The Gala, which will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 4, 2017, is a fundraiser that will allow us to gather leaders across organizations and businesses and influential policymakers to celebrate the Grange's 150 years of advocacy and service for rural America. We wish to use this opportunity show the groundswell of support from our grassroots organization for our 150th birthday. Doing so will greatly enhance the interest of potential high dollar donors to become or remain partners and fiscal supporters of the Grange because the value of our network is made very visible.

MEMBER CELEBRATORY SPONSOR

For \$25, each member/family is welcome to have their name added to our program under the heading:

We are proud to hold membership in America's oldest agricultural fraternity and greatest advocate for rural communities... (REWORD AS YOU WOULD LIKE)

GRANGE CELEBRATORY SPONSOR

For a donation of \$50 to the National Grange, we welcome your Grange to have your name listed in the program under the following:

"Together with the National Grange, we celebrate 150 years of elevating the interests of rural America and bettering communities like ours..."

TO CELEBRATE WITH US, PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THIS FORM.

Your Name _____

Preferred phone number/email _____

_____ **I wish to be a MEMBER CELEBRATORY SPONSOR (\$25)**

(Ex. of acceptable submissions: Tina L. Little, Tulane, LA; Jackson & Jeffrey Little, Ozie, AZ; The Little Family, Wilson, UT; Benjamin Wright, Tina Little & Family, Boris, MS.)

NAME as you wish it to appear.* _____

(If you would like to sponsor for more than one individual, please list additional names as you wish them to appear on individual lines on a paper and attach to this form)

_____ **Our Grange wishes to be a GRANGE CELEBRATORY SPONSOR (\$50)**

(Ex. submission: Walker Grange #321, Winston, MO)

GRANGE name, number, town and state. _____

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP

\$25 x _____ MEMBER CELEBRATORY SPONSORSHIPS = \$ _____

+ \$50 x _____ GRANGE CELEBRATORY SPONSORSHIPS = \$ _____

= \$ _____ TOTAL DONATION

PAYMENT OPTIONS

_____ Paid by Check, Enclosed
(Make Payable to NATIONAL GRANGE)

_____ Please Charge to my credit card for the total amount listed above.

Name on Card _____

Card Type _____ MC _____ Visa (We do not accept American Express)

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CVC (on back of card) _____

SIGNATURE _____

_____ Contact me at the above number/email so I may pay with my credit card by phone.

RETURN TO: National Grange (Attn: Gala), 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 by November 15.

** If we suggest changes to the way in which your name will appear in the program, we will contact you in advance of the event. Failure to return call/email will result in the printing of the information as we advise.*

THE GRANGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE FIRST
**GREAT AMERICAN QUILT AND
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Quilters and craft lovers unite for this one-of-a-kind expo showcasing American Handicrafts at their finest. **FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING.**

Expo will feature a very special Quilts of Valor Memorial display.

The RL (Red Lion) Hotel at the Park
303 W. North River Dr., Spokane, WA

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 from 8 a.m. to noon

Items for sale include homemade crafts and quilted items, art and more. All proceeds will benefit the Grange Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting the Grange mission.

Learn more at www.grangefoundation/expo.html

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November 10,
2017 at the INB
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Center during
the Evening of
Excellence at the
151st Annual
National Grange
Convention.

Need not be
present or a
member of
Grange to win.

**To purchase tickets, contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp
at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by calling (509) 953-3533
or your State Grange president.**

**Grange Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Donations may be tax deductible. Contact your financial adviser.**





FROM THE DESK OF THE
NATIONAL LECTURER

2017 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2017**. Send submissions to:
Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 151st National Grange convention in Spokane, Washington.
- D. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. Upon submission, you will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit.
- F. A 2017 Quilt Block Contest Submission Form must be completed for each block.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all submissions.



FROM THE DESK OF THE
NATIONAL *L*ECTURER

2017 Quilt Block Contest

SUBMISSION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

☐ - Group I (Age 14+)

☐ - Group II (Age 13 and under)

All contest submissions must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2017.
EACH submission must have a completed Submission Form.

Mail submissions to:

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



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



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2017 National Grange Photography Showcase

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The Best of Show entry from each State Grange (adult and junior divisions) will be eligible to be exhibited and judged as part of the Photography Showcase at the National Grange convention. States are entitled to select their Best of Show winners as they choose. Photography Showcase participation is limited to one entry, per division, per state.
2. State Lecturers are responsible for overseeing the photography contest within their respective states. State Lecturers shall complete, sign and return the *Submission Form* as verification of eligibility for the photograph/s representing their state.
3. Each participating State Grange is responsible for delivering their Photography Showcase submission/s to the National Grange convention and for getting them back home.
4. To be exhibited, a *Submission Form* for each Photography Showcase submission must be received by the National Lecturer by October 31, 2017.
5. To be judged, all Photography Showcase submissions must be received by the National Lecturer by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.
6. Each Photography Showcase submission will receive a participation ribbon. In addition, a first, second and third place will be awarded in each division. First place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$50; second place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$30; and third place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$20.
7. Remember that all photographs are representing their State Grange. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be exhibited in the National Grange Photography Showcase.



FROM THE DESK OF THE
NATIONAL *L*ECTURER

2017 National Grange Photography Showcase

SUBMISSION FORM

STATE: _____ DATE: _____

Division: ☐ Adult ☐ Junior (5-13)

Name of Photographer: _____

Grange Name and #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

I hereby certify that the person listed above is eligible to represent the _____
State Grange in the 2017 National Grange Photography Showcase.

State Lecturer (Print Name)

Signature

Email a scanned copy, with signature to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or
Mail to:

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

Submission Form MUST be received by National Lecturer by October 31, 2017.

2017



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



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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

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| • 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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2017 Evening of Excellence

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

1. The Best of Show entry from each State Grange will be eligible to perform at the Evening of Excellence held at the National Grange Convention. States are entitled to select their Best of Show winner as they choose. Best of Show participation is limited to one act per state.
2. State Lecturers are responsible for overseeing the talent competition within their respective states. State Lecturers shall complete, sign and return the *Registration Form* as verification of eligibility for the act representing their state.
3. State Lecturers are also responsible for returning signed *Permission, Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification* forms from each participant. If any member of an act does not complete and sign this form prior to the start of the Evening of Excellence, the entire act will not be allowed to perform. Any participants under the age of 18 must have a parent's signature on this form.
4. Each state entry at the Evening of Excellence will receive \$100 toward expenses. If the act is a group, the check will be written to the leader and it is the responsibility of the group members to determine how the funds are distributed.
5. **All acts will be held to a 5:00 minute time limit.** This includes time to set up and take down any props necessary for the act. There is no minimum time limit.
6. If the act is using accompanying music on CD, both the CD and the CD case must be labeled with the participant's name or name of the act so that it can be easily identified and returned after the program.
7. Once again, the vocal, instrumental and variety acts as well as the public speeches will be judged by the audience using a live-voting app. The sign-a-song acts will be judged by a panel selected because of their knowledge of ASL/Pidgin Sign Language. Winning acts in each category will receive \$50 and a certificate. All other acts will receive certificates.
8. Remember that all acts are representing their State Grange, and presentation is a major component of any performance, so please dress and act appropriately. Any act deemed inappropriate will be stopped immediately.



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REGISTRATION FORM

STATE: _____ DATE: _____

☐ Vocal

☐ Instrumental

☐ Variety

Participant(s), if more than one, **List group leader first:**

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

Participant/Leader Email: _____ Phone: _____

Participant/Leader Grange Name: _____ No.: _____

TITLE of selection being presented: _____

Special name or title of act: _____

Special requirements: _____

Accompaniment: ☐ Live music ☐ CD

I hereby certify that the person(s) listed above is/are eligible to represent the _____
State Grange in the 2017 Evening of Excellence.

State Lecturer (Print Name)

Signature

Email a scanned copy, with signature to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or
Mail to:

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

Registration Form MUST be received by National Lecturer by October 31, 2017.

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2017 Evening of Excellence

PERMISSION, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM

Participant: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if Participant under 18): _____

City / STATE / ZIP: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (mobile): _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

Permission, Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification

I/We, recognize the Evening of Excellence requires time, energy and supervision of members and volunteers of the Grange in order to be a success. After having fully considered the possibilities of harm and injury, I/We do accept any responsibility for any and all injury as a result of participating in the Evening of Excellence and any other time involved in the activity.

I/We certify that I/our child is in good health, free from physical disability, which would make my/our child's participation in this activity inadvisable. I/We will advise the moderator of any information I/We may acquire in the future which would render me/our child incapable for health or other reasons from full participation in this activity. By this Permission Form, I/We hereby expressly authorize the person in charge of the activity or their designee the authority **to permit emergency medical treatment** if it becomes necessary and I/we accept personal responsibility for the results and costs of such treatment. *This permission, release, hold harmless and indemnification* is given so that the Grange will grant my/my child's participation in the aforementioned activity.

I/We hereby release, hold harmless, and will indemnify the National Grange, any hosting State Grange, and their officers, directors, staff, volunteers and moderators from all responsibility for claims for personal injury to myself/my child, which may occur as a result of participation in the Evening of Excellence.

Signature

Date

Email a scanned copy, with signature to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or
Mail to:

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

One of these forms must be completed, signed and returned by October 31, 2017 for every participant or they/the entire act will not be able to participate.

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