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Get ready to share 'Grange Way' in 2018

BETSY HUBER

National President

Welcome to a brand new year – 2018!

I hope the recent frigid weather has given you time to stay inside and make plans for a great Grange year.

Grange Month, an annual event in April where every member and every Grange is encouraged to engage their communities and share the Grange with others, will be here before we know it, so we should be making plans NOW for an event at your Grange to

attract the attention of your community.

Your State Masters have been challenged to set a goal this year to get the Grange name better recognized and known in your state, and Grange Month gives a good opportunity for press coverage.

"That's the Grange Way!"

What does this mean to you?

It should bring to mind many different things. Family. Service to the community. Respect for others. Honoring our 150 year history and our ancestors who made the Grange the

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great organization it continues to be. Good citizenship. Leadership training. Fun activities. Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity. American Values. Hometown Roots. Traditions. Honesty, trustworthiness. Caring about others, helping others even far away. Civic participation. Interest in legislation and our government, from local to national. Holding leadership positions in your community. Using our hands to make things for others. Teaching others how to make or grow things. Teaching Sunday School or 4-H clubs or Scouts. Trying new things, but staying true to our roots and ritual.

This is our theme for 2018 Grange Month—"That's the Grange Way."

It follows naturally from our theme of 2017—"What will remain when the DO-ers are gone?"—which seemed to resonate with people everywhere I traveled.

I have confidence that the Grange will be sure that DO-ers are still around to serve their communities and keep the traditional events going long into the future. Through our emphasis on community service and by training and mentoring our youth and Juniors, there is bright hope for new generations of DO-ers in our Granges.

It's "the Grange Way" to be DO-ers! To volunteer and give and contribute to life where we live. To be outstanding citizens and be the bridge between two

sides who won't compromise. To teach the world how to get along, what faith, hope, and charity really mean in everyday life. How to love others even if you don't like them or don't agree with them.

We want to tell the world what "the Grange Way" means, and why they should care, why they should want to join us and help with our efforts to improve lives from the grassroots up.

In our nation where people are more sharply divided and combative every day, "the Grange Way" is needed now more than ever. It's up to us to spread "the Grange Way" among our neighbors, friends, strangers, people who don't look like us. I hope you will take time to think about "the Grange Way," discuss it in your meetings, and hold an open house to demonstrate it to others who will want to join the cause.

I really believe people are looking for a group to belong to where discussions can be held on serious issues facing our country; folks can disagree, but still remain friends and fellowship over cake and coffee afterwards. The Grange is that group and can definitely fill that need.

We just need to let people know we are here and invite them to join us.

Let this be the year that you tell everyone about "the Grange Way."

Materials to help you are available on the website www.nationalgrange.org, under Events, or from your State Master

Get ready for Grange Month!

We are all getting so excited for this April - Grange Month.

As announced by National Grange President Betsy E. Huber, the theme this year is "That's the Grange Way."

Just like last year, we hope you use the theme to help prompt discussions in and outside your Grange about the organization you love, what it means to be a Granger and why the Grange is relevant today.

There's more than talk, though, expected of any good Granger.

That's right: It's time to get to work!

It is never too early to plan a Grange event, especially during Grange Month.

During that month, a lot of Granges will have open house/hall and may use the opportunity to recognize a community leader and to recruit new members.

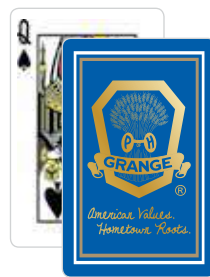
The Grange Month Award form is attached in this newsletter.

There is also material that you can purchase like t-shirt, cups, pens, etc. from The New Grange Store at Monroe Classic. Go to www.promoplace.com/grange

Don't forget to find materials to promote membership in the Grange Store like membership brochures and kits.

You can order a banner with the theme that can be used this April and again and again at fairs, festivals, community events and more.

Here are some ideas for Grange Month events: Blood Drive, Member Appreciation Night, Grange Day at State Capital, Pie/Cookie Night, Defensive Driving Course, Public Forum (Councilman, Board of Supervisors, Mayor, School Board, etc). Make sure to let us know what you're planning! Send an email to Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org



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Order on line or call Monroe Classic, Inc. at 1-800-868-2330 or email sales@monroeclassic.com
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Have you missed us? Special double issue to arrive in mail soon

By Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios

Subscribers better reinforce their mailboxes before the special double issue of Good Day! arrives in late January.

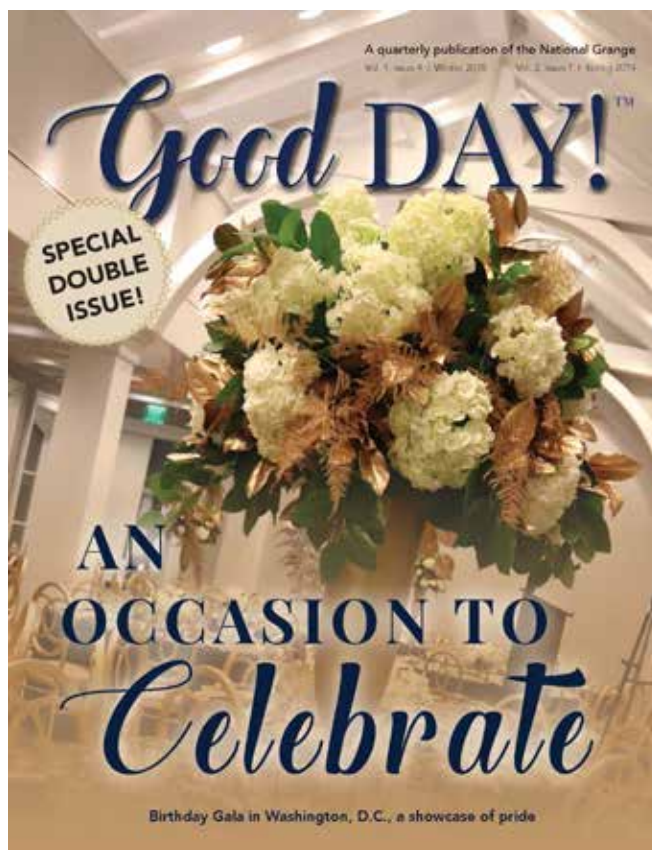
This 180-page issue, which covers the 151st Annual National Grange Convention, the 150th Birthday Gala in Washington, D.C.. and celebrations around the nation, and has its other standard fare features, news from around the nation, new program and contest details and much more, will tip the scales.

From a look at a \$20K fundraiser in Oregon, that you may be inspired to replicate in your own community, to a look at what Granges did to help others and what Grangers were affected by Mother Nature's fury in 2017, there is something for everyone.

There are also a number of pages that are designed to be photocopied or pulled out and passed around, including an update of new policy issues passed by delegates at convention and the 2018 Grange Month poster.

Haven't subscribed yet? It's about time!

Without many more subscribers, the publication may not be able to continue. If you haven't yet purchased a



subscription, do so today. If you have, please share your copy with friends and encourage them to subscribe as well!

Limited copies of the previous three issues are available for \$5 each plus shipping through the Grange Store.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER



Iowa State Grange President and National Grange Treasurer Dwight Baldwin has been appointed to the Farmers, Inc. and Families First Advisory Board.

This board will advocate on behalf of free market-based policies that will be impacting the agriculture community.

"This impressive group of agricultural leaders represents a critical and authoritative voice on market-based policies that help America's farmer and families," said Dan Conston, President of the Farmer and Families First, Inc.

Congrats Dwight!

Youth Focus: Community Service Award

Charlene Shupp Espenshade

Youth/Young Adults Director

Community service is one of the key facets of Grange work. This year the National Grange Youth Department has partnered with the National Grange Community Service Department to offer this new recognition program for Grange youth and young adults. Grange youth and young adults are able to interact and serve the communities where they reside through their community service efforts.

State Masters, state youth committees and/or state community service committees can nominate a Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35 or a group of Grange youth for the National Grange Youth Community Service Award.

State winners will receive a certificate and will be recognized at the 2018 National Grange Session during Youth Leadership Days. The Community Service and Youth Departments will recognize one overall winner with a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

Contact Charlene Shupp Espenshade, National Grange Youth Director or Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director for more information.

The award application is available in the 2018 National Grange Youth Handbook and Contest Guide. Electronic applications can be found at: <https://form.jotform.us/72054863189161>.

Contest Deadline is Sept. 1.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND A REGIONAL CONFERENCE!

Mark your calendars to attend a regional conference this year – there will be six conferences located across the country. Each conference will host the regional youth department speech and sign a song contests as well as the regional Grange Jeopardy qualifier event. Members of the National Grange Youth Team will lead several youth development workshops. The regional hosts will show off the best of their state as well as organize other informative workshops, community service projects and fun activities.

Check into the National Grange Youth website for conference updates.

The dates for this year's conference are as follows.

Eastern: Maryland, March 16 – 18

Great Plains: Nebraska, June 22 – 24

Northeastern: Maine, July 13 – 15

Midwest: Michigan, June 15 – 17

Western: Washington, August 3 – 5

Southeastern: North Carolina, Dates Coming Soon



President Trump signs an Executive Order during his visit to the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee, earlier this month, while members of the Tennessee congressional delegation. This was snapped by National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller, sitting in the VIP section.

Trump, Purdue make rural broadband a priority

Burton Eller

Legislative Director

In April 2017, President Trump established the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. Chaired by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, the task force includes 22 federal agencies as well as local leaders. The Task Force report was released to the public at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in Nashville on January 8.

The task force recommendations for the federal government to consider in order to improve life in rural America centered around these five areas:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Improving Quality of Life
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Developing the Rural Economy

The task force report acknowledged that overarching the actions of all five priority

recommendations was e-connectivity as the fundamental catalyst needed to achieve transformation throughout all of rural America.

The President delivered his first major speech of his presidency about agriculture and rural America later that same day in Nashville around the theme of "Rebuilding Rural America." He accepted the Task Force report from Chairman Perdue and signed two Executive Orders to expedite the expansion of rural broadband.

The first Executive Order established the Administration's priority to "use all viable tools to accelerate the deployment and adoption of affordable, reliable, modern high-speed Broadband connectivity in rural America,

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including rural homes, farms, small businesses, manufacturing and production sites, tribal communities, transportation systems, and healthcare and education facilities.”

The second Executive order directs the Secretary of Interior to “support rural Broadband development and adoption by increasing access to tower facilities and other infrastructure assets” on public lands.

Burton Eller was invited to represent the National Grange as a VIP guest of the White House for the President’s speech and signing of the Executive Orders.

Cash in on member benefits!

As you are planning for tax season and organizing for 2018, the Office Depot/Office Max is a great member discount benefit!

We have partnered with Office Depot/Office Max so that any purchase you make through this program will donate back to the National Grange a portion, a great way to save and support at the same time.

Visit officediscounts.org/grange.html



SUPPLY STORE

Clearance!

Grange Greeting Cards

Various Song Books

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

Purchase online: grangestore.org

Or call Loretta at (202) 628-3507 ext. 109

Membership Matters

Through Zoom teleconferencing, join National Grange President Betsy E. Huber and select staff, officers and other guests on the third Tuesday of each month in 2018 to talk about membership issues and share your successes, ask questions and focus on what it means to be a Grange and a Granger in our 150th year.

Go to **tiny.cc/1867**

or call **(669) 900-6833**.

Use meeting ID **279 165 699**

Programs, possibilities abound from Lecturer

Brothers and Sisters,

The Grange Foundation Mercantile is the new name for The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo going forward. Donations of your beautiful handicraft items are still welcome and highly sought. The 2018 Grange Foundation Mercantile Donation Form is attached. If at all possible, please make arrangements to get your donations delivered directly to Stowe, Vermont this November. If this is not possible, all items shipped to me must be received by October 31, 2018 so I can get them shipped to Stowe in time for the 152nd National Grange convention. Once again, all donations to the Grange Foundation Mercantile will benefit the Grange Foundation.

Evening of Excellence – I have attached the Participant Guidelines for the 2018 Evening of Excellence. The Evening of Excellence Registration Form is completed and submitted by the State Lecturer for each state's Best of Show entry. It is not too early to begin planning to be a part of this event in Stowe, Vermont. The Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe will be a beautiful venue for our 2018 Evening of Excellence.

Quilt Block Contest – I have once again attached the information and Entry Form for the 2018 Quilt Block Contest. Remember, anyone can enter this contest. Please share this information with your members and Granges. Consider having a quilt block sewing day at

Grange Foundation



your Grange. Also, State Granges, you can send all of your quilt block entries, not just the winner – we will put all the blocks to good use!

Photography Showcase – I have attached the Participant Guidelines for the 2018 Photography Showcase. The Photography Showcase Submission Form is completed and submitted by the State Lecturer for each state's Best of Show entry. Last year we had 25 states send their adult Best of Show winners – I would love to see more than that this November.

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,

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange





The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Estimated \$ Value: _____

- EACH item donated must have a completed Donation Form.
- Please bring all donations with you (or send with a friend) to the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- If shipping donations, all donations must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

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





APRIL 15-18, 2018

Plan to take action!

Set your 2018 travel schedule to include a trip to **Washington, D.C.**, for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In during our **sesquicentennial celebration year**.

Join Brothers and Sisters from around the nation to **promote Grange policy priorities and get advocacy training** so you can better present your community's concerns to elected officials and their staff.

Our schedule includes **issues briefings, agency meetings, and Hill appointments** to meet with our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Fly-In is one of the greatest ways members can **engage in our advocacy and remind legislators and regulators of the unique grassroots way in which our policy is developed**. Participants help tell the story of an organization still relevant and vibrant that speaks from America's hometowns.

Event Hotel
Quality Inn Tysons Corner
1587 Spring Hill Rd., Vienna, VA



You're Invited to our Grange Month 2018 event

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

Contact _____

www.nationalgrange.org

**Grange Month Awards
Community Citizen and Public Service Awards
Order Form**
(New pricing goes in effective on March 1, 2017)



<u>Award</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost (each)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pomona Grange Award for Public Service (Come with a walnut finish plaque to put certificate in)	_____	\$22.00	_____
Pomona Grange Award for Public Service (with presentation folder)	_____	\$8.00	_____
Subordinate Community Citizen Award (with presentation folder)	_____	\$8.00	_____
Paperweight	_____	\$8.00	_____
Subordinate Award and Paperweight	_____	\$15.00	_____
Sesquicentennial Celebration Coin	_____	\$25.00	_____

<i>Shipping/Handling Charges:</i>
Orders: Up to \$10.00 = \$4.00
Orders: \$10.01 - \$19.99 = \$5.00
Orders: \$20.00 - \$49.99 = \$7.00
Orders: \$50.00 - \$74.99 = \$9.00
Orders: \$75.00 - \$99.00 = \$10.00
Orders: \$100.00 - \$124.99 = \$12.00
Orders: \$125.00 - \$249.99 = \$15.00
Order: \$250.00 and above = \$20.00

Shipping and Handling: _____

Total: _____

Extra Charge: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

If you order less than 4 weeks out
Before your event, there will be an
***Extra charge for last- minute rush
orders of \$10.00***

Make checks/money orders payable to the National Grange and enclose with this order. Send order and payment to:

National Grange
1616 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
Attention: Grange Month Awards

Please allow 4 weeks for delivery. When is the event? _____

Please print:

Ship to: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grange Name and Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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2018 SUBORDINATE GRANGE SURVEY

This serves as the Grange Month Survey

Grange Name and Number _____ State _____

What is the overall "health" of your Grange?

START WITH 25 POINTS

- We have members from at least a half dozen different families. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have taken in at least two new members in the past few years who have remained active, engaged members of our Grange. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a Junior Grange or at least three Junior +1 members. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have had fairly regular change in leaderships/ officers/directors over the past decade. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- Overall, our membership gets along and enjoys time together. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- Our membership is positive about our Grange's future. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a relationship with our local FFA, 4-H, NJHA, Boy or Girl Scouts, or other youth service, leadership development or agricultural group. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have tried something new in the past two years. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We are known in our community for something positive. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- It is not a struggle to have quorum for at least ten meetings per year. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- If we need to get in touch with our members about something of importance, we can connect with nearly all of them in 48 hours or less. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a mission statement or fairly clear focus. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a hall or regular, public place to meet (not a restaurant). (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have less than 13 members on the roll. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- About half or more of our members live at least 10 miles from the community/area we primarily serve. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- We collect only enough dues (or less) per member to cover our State and National dues. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- The average age of our membership is 75 or greater. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- A majority of our members do not attend meetings anymore and are not active in our events. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We do not have any members under the age of 40 who attend our events or meetings regularly or contribute time/talent to our fundraisers/outreach. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We have talked in the past two years about turning in our charter and not much has changed since then. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- Our Grange doesn't feel connected to State/National Grange and typically does not participate in State Convention/National contests or programs. (If yes, Subtract 5) _____

Your Grange Health is _____.

Poor (30 pts. or less) Fair (35-65 pts.) Good (70-120 pts.) Excellent (125+ pts.)

Your meetings

When does your Grange meet (Time, Day) _____

Where does your Grange meet _____

What elements of a traditional Grange meeting (opening ceremony, open Bible, flag) as outlined in the Subordinate manual do you following strictly and in what ways has your Grange adapted the standard meeting form and ritual? *Please describe why the changes work better for your Grange on an attached paper.*

Who is your "glue?" Some Granges have one or two people/families who hold their local Grange together, without whom their Grange would likely stop meeting or have to give up its charter. We wish to show them that we value their contribution. If this describes your Grange, please provide the following information:

Name(s): _____

Address (or email): _____

Grange Month 2018

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide information about any events/outreach/service your Grange held during April (Grange Month) as well as clippings of any press coverage of the event. *Please note: Did you follow the theme and if so, please describe how you incorporated it.*

Would you like National Grange to continue to offer a theme for Grange Month? ____ YES ____ NO

150th Celebration

On a separate sheet of paper, please detail anything your Grange did to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Grange.

What resource or service does your Grange most need from your State/National Grange?

Submission details

Your name _____ Office/Title _____

Preferred Contact Information _____

Submit your survey to
National Grange, ATTN: Membership
1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006



You may also submit a copy of your survey to your State or Pomona Grange if they have designated a person to receive responses. National Grange plans share responses with State Granges quarterly.

Proclaim Grange's great Legacy in 2018!

In October, National Grange President Betsy Huber issued two proclamations that can be used to celebrate our organization's 150th Anniversary. We encourage EVERY Grange in the Nation to adopt the first proclamation during a regular business meeting in December or anytime in 2018 as a way to excite members and bring them into the celebration. Once you do, email info@nationalgrange.org with your Grange's name and the date of the proclamation so you may be included in our list of entities observing the Grange's sesquicentennial celebration.

The second proclamation can be printed and 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. Once they do, please let us know (and don't forget to invite the media to recognize the Grange Day/Week/Month proclamation event so your whole community can celebrate, too!

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.

Find both proclamations at the back of this newsletter.

FUN-draiser

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, National Lecturer Chris Hamp unveiled challenge coins as a fundraiser for the department, through the Grange Foundation, and a way to celebrate the DO-ers of the Grange.

There are a limited number of the 250 coins remaining to be sold. These beautiful, American-made coins make great thank you gifts for speakers/presenters or awards for Grangers of the year, besides being a must-have for all Patrons. Don't get caught without a challenge coin in your pocket. Get your order in today!

Coins measure 1-1/2" and are \$20, plus shipping.

Order your challenge coins by contacting National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 voice/text or by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.



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[®] 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, 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, 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 _____.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)

Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

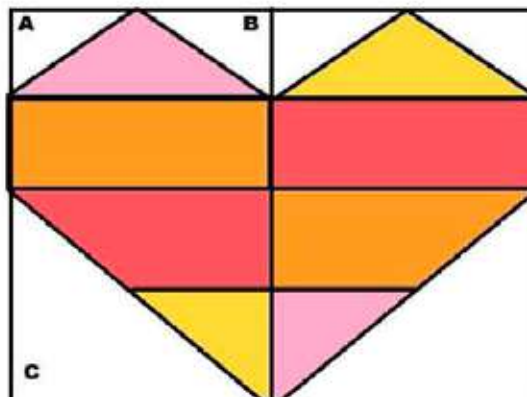
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

White

- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white square on one corner of a 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".





2018 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2018**. Send entries 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 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- F. 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. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- G. A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

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 entries.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY 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 entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

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



2018 National Grange Photography Showcase

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The Best of Show entry from each State Grange (adult division only) 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 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 representing their state.
3. Each participating State Grange is responsible for delivering their Photography Showcase submission to the National Grange convention and for getting them back home.
4. To be exhibited, a *Submission Form* must be received by the National Lecturer by October 31, 2018.
5. To be judged, all Photography Showcase submissions must be received by the National Lecturer by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.
6. Each Photography Showcase submission will receive a participation ribbon. In addition, a first, second and third place will be awarded. 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.



2018 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 and sign-a-song entries will be judged by the audience using a live-voting app. Winning acts in each category will receive \$100, a certificate and a ribbon. All other acts will receive a certificate and a ribbon.
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.



National Grange Building Fund Pledge Form

We are dedicated to the preservation of our place and distinction as the only privately held building in the federal block around the White House. As many of you know, this summer the chiller unit in our headquarters building suffered a complete and catastrophic failure and the price tag to purchase and install a new unit has topped \$1 million. This is the most pressing, but not the only needed renovation or replacements item for our building. Our boiler unit is past its intended lifespan, our windows are not energy efficient and must be replaced and much of our building is dated and unattractive to some potential tenants.

Because rental income from the building makes up a large portion of our organization's operating revenue, it is important that we maintain our headquarters so that we may continue our good work as a national organization. Please show your Grange pride, and make a pledge to donate. All contributions will be recognized. Please complete the form below and send to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Building Fund.

Name _____ Grange Name, # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

SELECT ONE

_____ My check or cash donation is enclosed for \$_____.

_____ Please send me an invoice for my donation of

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

_____ I wish to have my credit card charged for a one-time donation of

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

_____ I wish to have my credit card charged monthly starting _____ a recurring amount of:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

Please list name on card and/or address if different from above.

_____ Card Number

_____ Exp. Date

_____ CVC

_____ I pledge that my Subordinate Grange, _____, will donate before the close of 2018 the below selected amount. *(Only State Masters may make pledges on behalf of their State Grange.)* Please send me an invoice quarterly as a reminder

_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$2,500 _____ \$ 5,000 _____ Other \$_____

1 in 1,000 Club of the Grange Foundation



Only 1,000 numbered lifetime memberships for the 1 in 1,000 Club will be available for a one-time buy-in of \$1,000 each. All funds raised will be used for the good of the Order. Individuals may make a pledge to hold a space (provided the maximum of 1,000 memberships has not already been attained), but will not be provided a member number until their final payment is received. Membership is for individuals and groups. We apologize in advance, however, upon advice of nonprofit professionals and legal advisors, couple and family memberships are not available. Established, autonomous Groups (such as State Grange Foundations or non-Grange organizations) or local or State Granges are eligible for membership with special requirements.

When the member passes away, the membership may be first made available to an individual designated by the late Club member, but will require a "renewal" payment of \$1,000 in order to keep the membership number. Should the designated individual wish not to renew the membership, it will be offered to the person at the top of the waiting list (or general membership if 1,000 are not already assigned). Autonomous Groups, or local and State Granges who wish to hold membership in the Club will require a renewal payment of \$1,000 every 10 years in order to keep their membership.

Members will receive a special pin and certificate and be entitled to invitation-only events throughout the year and during National Convention.

This form reserves your place in the 1 in 1,000 Club. You will be provided full paperwork to complete the full and proper transaction of the donation including documents related to deductibility for your tax profession. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE NONPROFIT, CHARITABLE Grange Foundation.

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME: _____

Address: _____

IF APPLICABLE: My primary membership is held in _____

Grange # _____, _____(state).

Email (and/or phone): _____

I anticipate: _____ Paying one lump sum (net 60 at the time of invoice).

_____ Making payments equaling a total of \$1,000 within 12 months.

SIGNATURE: _____

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE

Final Payment Date: _____

Member #: _____

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