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National, regional events add to Grange experience

BETSY HUBER National President

One of the greatest benefits of Grange membership is the education and training members can receive from attending workshops, legislative Fly-ins, state and national conventions, and many other events and opportunities available to them.

Each year National Grange sponsors a Legislative Fly-in at our headquarters in Washington, DC to give our members the opportunity to meet with their legislators face to

face. Legislative Director Burton Eller tries hard to arrange for speakers who can provide information to the attendees about issues on which the Grange has policy and that are current topics of discussion in Congress. This year's Fly-in will be April 15-18; registration information is included in this issue of Patrons Chain as well as on our website www.nationalgrange.org. Springtime is the best time to visit our Nation's Capitol so why not plan to combine education with pleasure and sign up

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MASTER'S ADDRESS

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for the Fly-in? It's open to Grangers of all ages, from Juniors to seniors!

Each Grange region of the country plans a regional leadership conference each year for the benefit of members in various leadership roles.

The dates for the 2018 conferences are listed on the website under Events. These provide great opportunities for Grangers to meet with their counterparts in nearby states to discuss programs they do that are successful in involving members and attracting new members.

The conferences also provide workshops of interest as well as great entertainment, as the youth and Juniors conduct their sign-a-song, public speaking, and Grange Jeopardy contest eliminations here. The host states try hard to keep the costs down so members are able to attend affordably. I want to encourage all members to make the effort to attend your regional conference this year and see for yourself the many benefits you can gain.

ORDER NOW!

We hope everyone is getting ready to celebrate Grange Month — April 2018.

As part of your preparation, get your limited edition T-shirt with the Grange Month slogan on it.

The slogan "That's The Grange Way" is not just for Grange Month but can be used through the year at camps, fairs, and other grange events. Show your Grange Pride.

Visit the link to purchase all your Grange Month items from the New Grange Store at Monroe Classic by March 1.

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Your option for information via paper is in jeopardy

By Burton Eller

It's not shocking that politics in Washington, D.C. are often detached from the real-world needs of Americans outside the Beltway. There's a campaign by federal agencies to quietly force citizens to go paperless before they're ready. Never mind that the digital divide is real. Never mind that 40 percent of seniors don't even use a computer, or that over 23 million rural and small town citizens lack Broadband access.

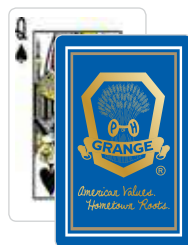
The Social Security Administration stopped mailing earnings statements forcing workers to enter sensitive data online to see their earnings, all the while hoping they're on the right site. Now the Securities and Exchange

Commission wants to allow mutual funds to force e-delivery of fund performance reports, potentially exposing unsuspecting shareholders to scammers. These examples run on and on.

The digital transition of our economy will not be reversed, yet we need to ensure that government facilitates it without forcing it on millions of Americans who may not be equipped to manage it. Citizens should be able to retain the choice of managing their affairs in a way that makes sense to them. That means allowing folks to automatically keep their paper preferences and opt-in to electronic delivery if they want to, not the other way around. That's the Grange message in Washington.



Retractable Grip Pen - \$.75 ea
Anniversary Mug - \$6.00 ea
Decal - \$3.50 ea
Playing Cards - \$8.00 ea
Scarf - \$10 ea (clearance price)
Full Zipper Hoodie Sweat - \$35 ea
Stress Phone Holder - \$3.00 ea
Stuffed Cow or Duck - \$12.00 ea



See These Items And More On Our Website Today!

Grange Store™ by Monroe Classic - www.promoplace.com/grange or www.monroeclassic.com
Order on line or call Monroe Classic, Inc. at 1-800-868-2330 or email sales@monroeclassic.com

APPAREL | PROMOTIONAL ITEMS | JEWELRY | REGALIA | FUND RAISING PROGRAMS

Grange enters new partnership for Vets

National Grange is now a partner with Veterans Health Council.

The goal of the Council is to improve veterans' health through information and education.

As part of the Council, we will soon be able to provide information that you can use to educate members and veterans in your community.

Did you know Almost 70% of veterans don't use the VA for their health care.

Also, most veterans do not belong to a Veterans Service Organization.

If you have any question please contact Loretta Washington.

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.

Mid-Atlantic: Maryland, March 16 – 18

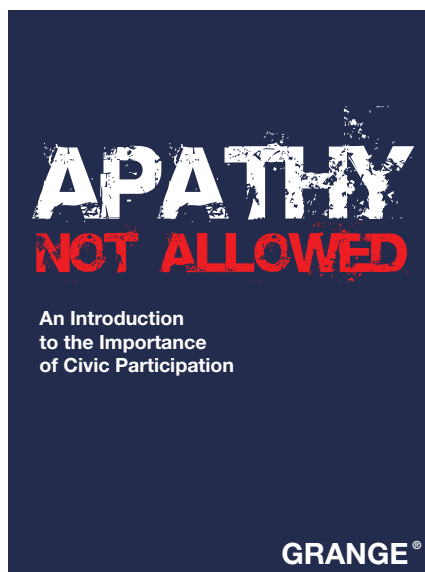
Great Plains: Nebraska, June 22 – 24

Northeastern: Maine, July 13 – 15

Midwest: Michigan, June 15 – 17

Western: Washington, August 3 – 5

Southeastern: North Carolina, Dates TBA



Grange civics booklet available

The Grange is now offering the Apathy Not Allowed booklet free -- you only pay shipping on what you order.

The booklet introduces the importance of civic participation. Your Grange could give out the booklet when offering a program about government at their Hall or work with a local school studying civics or government.

You can order a box of 265 or any other quantity you would like.

If interested, contact Loretta Washington.



On Medicare? New card arriving in April will protect your identity

New Medicare cards protect your personal information

Starting in April 2018, Medicare will mail new Medicare cards to all people with Medicare, to help protect you from identity fraud. Fraudsters are always looking for ways to get your Social Security Number so we're removing Social Security Numbers from all Medicare cards to make them safer.

Your new card will have a new Medicare number that's unique to you. The new card will help protect your identity and keep your personal information more secure. Your Medicare coverage and benefits stay the same.

And there's more good news—Medicare will automatically mail your new card at no cost to the address you have on file with Social Security. There's nothing you need to do! If you need to update your official mailing address, visit your online my Social Security account.

Once you get your new Medicare card, take

these three steps to make it harder for someone to steal your information and identity:

1. Destroy your old Medicare card right away.
2. Use your new card. Doctors, other health care providers, and plans approved by Medicare know that Medicare is replacing the old cards. They are ready to accept your new card when you need care.
3. Beware of people contacting you about your new Medicare card and asking you for your Medicare Number, personal information, or to pay a fee for your new card. Treat your Medicare Number like you treat your Social Security or credit card numbers. Remember, Medicare will never contact you uninvited to ask for your personal information.

For more information about your new Medicare card, visit go.medicare.gov/newcard. You can also visit Medicare.gov for tips to prevent Medicare fraud.



Cash in on member benefits!

HEAR IN AMERICA

This program offers free annual hearing screening for Grange members and their extended family.

You can let your membership benefit your parent, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles etc. who may not live with you.

Hear in America has a full line of high quality hearing aids available from manufactures with prices from 30% to 75% off manufacturer's suggested retail prices.

To take advantage of this benefit, please call 1-800-286-6149 or hearinamerica.com



SUPPLY STORE

Clearance!

JUNIOR SONG BOOKS BY THE BOX!

Boxes of 42 or 44 books free – all you pay is shipping! The cost will be determined by the weight and delivery area. Get your books in time for Grange camps and other Junior events.

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**

Quilt blocks, makers sought



Brothers and Sisters,

I am thrilled to see the sew days, activity nights and all sorts of great events highlighting the 2018 National Grange Quilt Block Contest. Please send me photos of your quilting.

On February 6th I stopped by Green Bluff Grange #300 outside Spokane, Washington to see how their Quilt Block Party was doing – they were doing great!

I am also excited to already have received the first of the Tender Heart quilt blocks in the mail. Thanks Kathryn Smith of Beaver Valley Grange #306 in Oregon for these two beauties.



The Quilts of Valor Foundation

I am looking for Grange quilters who would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor to be presented to a Grange veteran. I am especially interested in identifying quilt makers in the 2018 National Grange Convention host states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. If you are interested in joining in this amazing project please contact me for details.

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 DO·er!

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine E. Hamp".

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange



Kathryn Smith of Beaver Valley Grange #306 in Oregon submitted the first two blocks by mail for the 2018 Quilt Block Contest. National Lecturer Christine Hamp hopes to get yours soon!

Chill Out!

The new chiller for the National Headquarters building was delivered in late January and will be installed over the next few weeks. While engaged in this project, it was determined that we also need a new boiler. Donations are still needed for our building fund.



Correction

The picture used in the recent Good Day! magazine of Ellsworth Beecher was actually of his brother, Kingsley. Ellsworth Beecher is pictured above. We apologize for the error.



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, 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

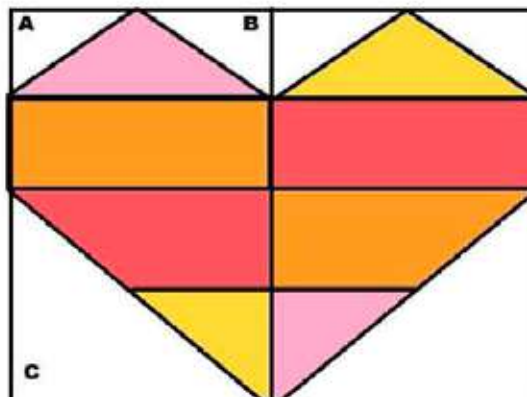
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should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

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_____ 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 \$_____

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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).

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