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Opioid crisis hits hard; Granges can hit back

BETSY HUBER
National Master

We have seen a lot in the news lately about the Opioid Epidemic and the attempts of various levels of government to address and stop it.

I just read a book, *Dreamland*, by Sam Quinones, that was absolutely terrifying.

Written in 2015, the book traces the history of America's relationship with "the morphine molecule" from the early 1900s to the present—from avoidance of any use of opiates because of fear of

addiction, to the (false) determination by physicians and pharma companies in the 1980s that the drugs had little risk of addiction.

I highly recommend reading this book to get the big picture of how we got to this place in society, how society itself has changed, and what we need to do now. It is very readable, with many stories of how individuals of all levels of society became addicted and how heroin is now sold in our small cities and towns like pizza delivery.

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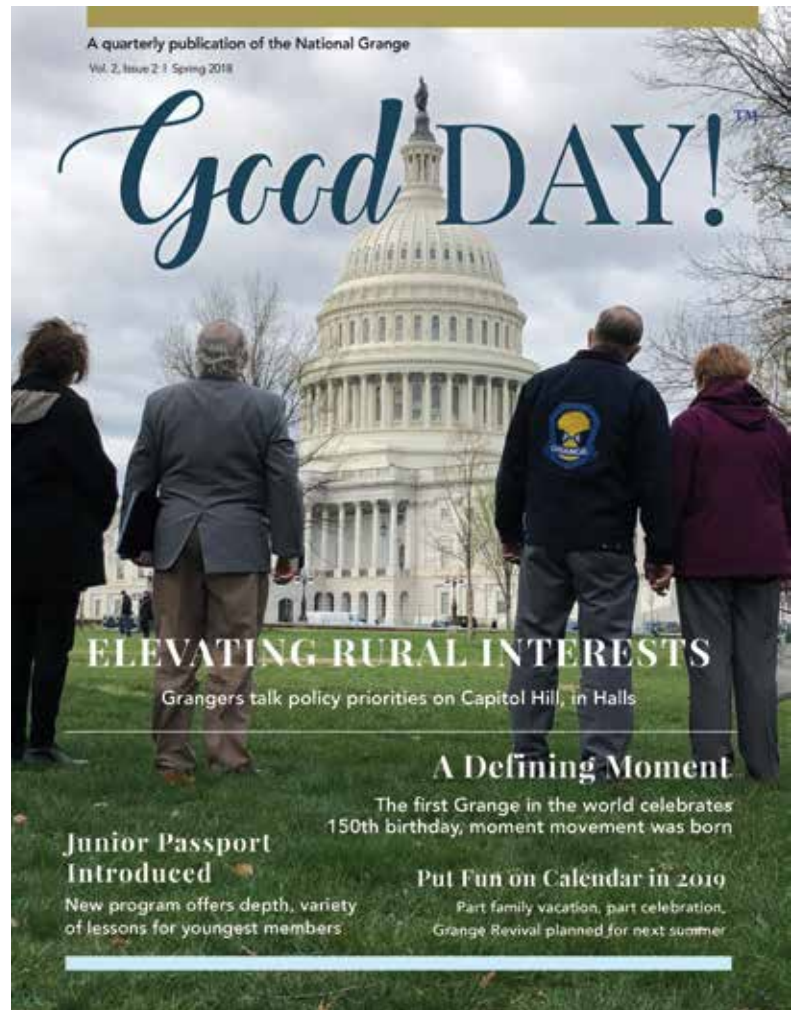
Subscribers should have received their latest issue of Good Day! magazine in the early part of May. The issue focuses on our legislative outreach, covering the Youth involvement in National Ag Day at several events in D.C. as well as the annual Fly-In.

As always, there are great recipes, including one for fresh spring pea soup from National Master Betsy Huber, and a great DIY project to try at your next Grange fun day.

If you have not received your copy, please contact Stephanie Wilkins at (202) 628-3507 ext. 101 to check on your subscription status. If you forgot to renew your subscription, or wish to renew now, contact Loretta Washington at (202) 628-3507 ext. 109.

As of this issue, we have only about 1,100 subscribers, a disheartening number and one that makes sustaining the quality publication difficult. Please urge your friends and fellow Grangers to purchase their subscription today. Any subscriptions purchased before the end of May will remain at the \$14 introductory price. As of June 1, a \$2 processing fee will be added to all new or renewed subscriptions.

If you have moved, you must let Stephanie or Loretta know your new address in order to receive your copies. If you have missed this or any other issue, and you are a subscriber, please let us know so we can work with the mailhouse to ensure prompt delivery in the future.



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MASTER'S ADDRESS

From page 2

Recently the Maryland State Grange joined the RALI (Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative) coalition at the kickoff event for its anti-drug campaign in Maryland. Congratulations to State Master Allen Stiles and MD State Grange for participating in this press conference with Speaker of the Maryland House Michael Busch and other leaders. Three TV stations and the participants were very interested to hear what "the farmer" had to say.

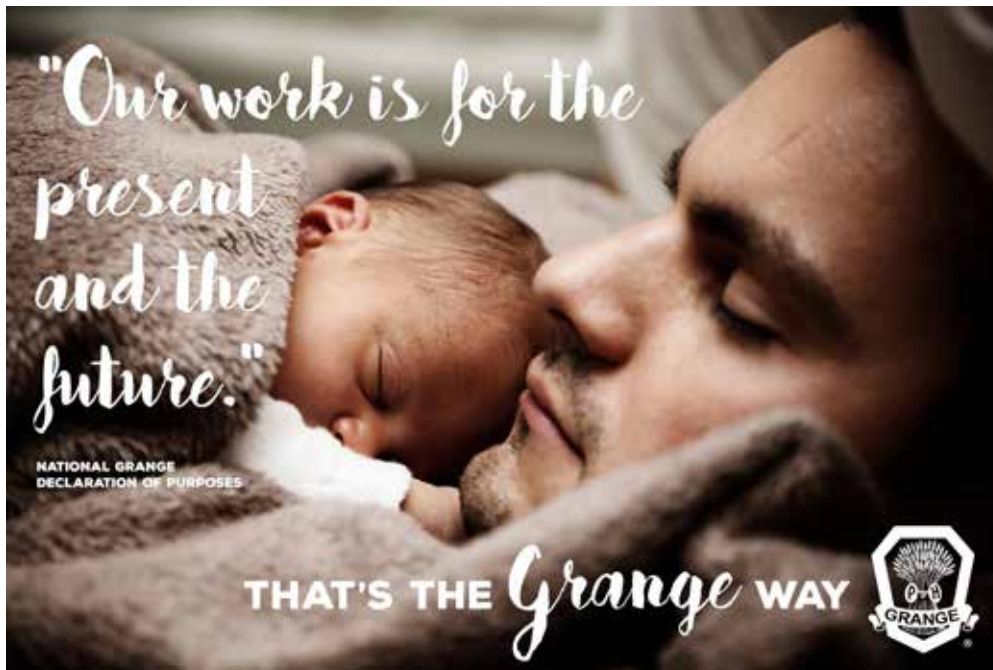
RALI Maryland is a coalition of community leaders, health care stakeholders, and business representatives working to address the opioid crisis in Maryland. RALI Maryland will "engage stakeholders, including anti-addiction groups, caregivers, patients, law enforcement, first responders, EMTs, labor unions, employers, health care providers, veterans and civic organizations [Granges], among others to help implement programs that save lives and prevent the

misuse of prescription opioids."

April 28 was National Prescription Drug Takeback Day and RALI is distributing kits to neutralize opioid prescription drugs. However, you can also use cat litter or used coffee grounds to do the same thing. Many pharmacies and police stations also accept unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal. Is there some way your Grange could help with this? I'm sure other states have similar campaigns that the Grange could assist with.

Maryland State Grange has also offered to dedicate its booth at the MD State Fair in late summer to the opioid issue. One simple thing Granges can do is encourage safe disposal of prescription drugs so they are not sitting in our medicine cabinets, available for abuse. This sounds like a great topic for a Lecturer's program and discussion at your next meeting.

Pre-order your "That's the Grange Way" 2019 Calendar



tiny.cc/GrangeCalendar19

You can pre-order your 2019 calendar today and never miss a major Grange date! This is a fundraiser of the Grange Foundation for the Communications Interns program.

Calendars, priced at \$20, will be mailed in November for a small fee, or available for pick-up at the 152nd National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT.

If you have a major event you think should be included in the calendar, email communications@national-grange.org today.

Reservations coming in fast for 152nd Session



Stowe, VT · November 13-17, 2018

Stephanie Tiller

Operations/Convention Director

Please join your fellow Grangers at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention, which will be held on November 13-17, 2018 at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa.

Since on-line registration opened the second week in April, registrations have been pouring in! Many members are taking advantage of the early-bird \$5 discount off of the registration fee. The early-bird discount ends September 7 at 5 p.m. Eastern. Be sure to register soon to get your discount.

You won't be disappointed at

this year's location.

Nestled within the heart of Stowe, Vermont, the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa beckons year round with upscale accommodations, generous amenities and a wealth of activities, on-property and nearby.

Steeped in natural beauty, the idyllic setting on 60 acres will inspire every moment of your day. Challenge yourself with outdoor adventures such as skiing (hotel has a free shuttle to Stowe Ski area), hiking, biking, shopping and eating at the great restaurants in the area. Recharge at the sports and wellness center or indulge in quieter pursuits at the world-class, full-service spa. As a guest of the hotel,

you'll be delighted by the many complimentary resort activities available, making Stoweflake the perfect destination to reconnect with your Grange family and regroup with friends.

There are wonderful tours planned to the Vermont State House and Vermont History Museum, as well as the Cabot (cheese) Creamery.

Make sure to register and get your tickets before they're all sold out!

Grange challenge: Crack the code

Charlene Shupp Espenshade

Youth Director

The National Grange Youth Department and Assembly of Demeter would like to encourage Grangers to "crack the code" at the 2018 National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont. The Code Reading contest is open to all Grangers and will be on Thursday Nov. 15. The judges for the contest will be the Assembly of Demeter.

Participants will be judged in their oral presentation of the code.

There will be two categories:

The Novice Contest is for beginners learning the code. Grangers can compete in this contest for up to two years. Novice contest winners will

advance to the Patron Contest next year.

The Patron contest is for members with two or more years' experience.

The judge(s) will be selected by the High Priest, Assembly of Demeter, certified and able to issue the Award of Merit code reading card to qualifying members.

For Grangers looking for assistance, they can obtain a copy of the code book and the cipher by request from the Assembly of Demeter, High Priest Bruce Croucher, 2514 County Road 25, Clifton Springs, NY 14432, (315) 462-3067, or croubr@fltg.net. Or, you can contact your state master or state youth director for additional information.

Partner offers tips to protect Halls

We started our Grange Hall insurance program in 2015, when one of the regional insurance companies began their campaign to non-renew all the halls in the west. It was a natural fit to pair our decades of insurance knowledge with our Grange heritage. Today, we write Granges across the United States. We are committed to helping 1,000 Granges by 2020.

Every Grange reflects their community, and every Grange is unique. No one Grange hall looks the same as the next. Some are converted schools or churches, others may be old army buildings taken down stick by stick and relocated to property donated to the Grange.

Most insurance carriers have a problem with anything that can be out of the norm. This individualism coupled the fact that most Granges were built during the turn of the 20th century, and most Granges rent their halls to



the public just to cover monthly expenses, we knew our hard work lay before us.

Today we have a stable of insurance companies available who writes Granges. Having more than one carrier is key as we are not locked into one mode of thinking.

Protecting your hall and its membership is our top priority. We want our Grange member clients to thrive and to continue to be assets in their communities. Here are a few tips to help protect your Grange:

- Have all renters sign a rental agreement
- Keep up on maintenance of your premises
- Audit your bank accounts

regularly

- Have written contracts with property managers
- Hire licensed and insured contractors, if you decide a contractor is needed for the job
- Be proud of your hall and its long history in the community. If you value it, so will others.

In future articles, I will go into detail for each of the bullet points above. Until then, keep up the great work you are doing. America needs Granges now more than ever.

Kind regards,

Mitch Clouse,

Clouse Insurance Agency, Inc
& Bob Clouse Insurance Services

Membership Matters

Through Zoom teleconferencing, join National Grange President Betsy E. Huber and select staff, officers and other guests at **8:30 p.m. EST 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**

Lecturer's round-up and preview

Brothers and Sisters,

What an amazing time of the year – everything is green and growing! I encourage you to build on the momentum gained from all of your fantastic programs during Grange month and watch your membership grow as well.

2018 Grange Foundation Raffle

This is a reminder to make certain that your State Grange's allotment of the 2018 National Grange Foundation raffle tickets are out of the envelope and have been distributed to your team. Please make it a priority to sell these tickets throughout your state and at your coming events – regional conferences, meetings, state convention, fairs and more. See the flyer attached for photos of the three raffle prizes. Remember, all proceeds from the sale of these \$5 tickets go to support the Grange Foundation. How awesome it will be to have all 5,000 tickets sold!

Quilts of Valor / Under Our Wings Partnership

As I have shared before, the National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities, Grange members or not, and to teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service. All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation.

Our Grange labels to be sewn onto each Quilt of Valor are now available. Please contact me via contact information below.



Thanks to all of you who have been making Quilts of Valor or who have just started one for the first time. You are an inspiration!

STILL Wanted: Grange Quilters

Yes, I am still looking for Grange quilters who would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor to be presented to a Grange veteran - especially 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 helping with this amazing project please contact me for details. Come on Northeast quilters I know you are out there!

I appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you to share this information and these documents with your Granges, fellow Grange members, friends, neighbors and family. It is the work each of you do at the local level that makes these programs a success and I thank you for your efforts!

For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text). Or, if you prefer, you can send me mail at: 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

Be a DOer!

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine E. Hamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christine" and last name "Hamp" clearly legible.

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
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For more information, call toll free 855-533-1776 or email our representative, Mark Blocker at mark@nationalaffinity.net

June is...

National Dairy Month

Maybe your Grange would like an event around dairy products. From making butter or ice cream to hosting a community event and serving up the cold treat, there are lots of ways to celebrate and help your local dairy farmers in the process.

National Safety Month

Your Grange can host an Emergency Preparedness event focusing on home safety, pool safety and/or community safety. For more ideas, visit

goo.gl/Cw7sqp

Visitors welcome!

Sharon Minick of Pleasant View Grange # 156 – CO stopped by recently to visit the National Grange building and meet with staff members along with visiting the Grange beehives. If you are in the Washington D.C. area, please feel free to stop and visit your National Grange Building.



Congratulations to all the graduates ranging from pre-kindergartener students to college students. Your education is just the beginning and the world is your oyster. Best of luck in everything you do.

Junior Grange ROCKS because of supporters like ... you?

Are you a proud Junior Grange member, Junior Alumni member or just wish you were part of the Junior Grange when you were a child?

Junior Grange is important for individuals, families and our organization, and for it to continue well beyond its proud 130-year legacy, we've rolled out a new fundraising t-shirt thanks to our partnership with Monroe Classic.

The colorful "Rockin' the Grange" tee will certainly make people take notice and show your great support for our youngest members.

Colorfully cool, this groovy tee is a sure fire way to stand out at camps, fairs and other various Grange and community events.

This limited edition tee must be ordered by MAY 31. Please see the flyer on the following page and use the order form on the back to collect bulk orders or contact Mike and Monroe Classic to order your shirt today!



SUPPLY STORE

Please visit the Grange Supply Store as we have many items on the clearance ranging from Greeting cards, Cookie Cutters to Songbooks. Also have all your Grange supplies ranging from Subordinate Manual, various Dues Envelopes, and Annual Membership Card Book.

SEEKING INTERNS

The National Grange is seeking interns for fall and beyond. Most of our interns work from home on projects with a scope of work determined with their staff mentor and their school/professional advisor. Interns do serious work that helps to advance the organization and build their portfolios in the process. Interns need not be members and may be in their transition year before college/after high school through early career. If you are interested to learn more, contact Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org.

2018 COMMUNICATION FELLOWS

We are seeking applicants for the Communication Fellows program. Application material will be posted on our website in the last week of May. Any Subordinate Grange member in good standing may apply for the program. Those under 18 must do so with parent permission. Fellows will arrive at the National Convention in Stowe before noon on Saturday, November 10 and will depart Sunday, November 18. Please check our website for more details in late May.

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There are 3 types of pollinators in this drawing. Can you find them? Color and submit your artwork to Samantha Wilkins for display at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention. (Open to any age. Submit with name, age and contact info.)

American Handicraft Raffle

to benefit Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)3 organization



Win one of three hand-made items.

- 1) Queen-size (77"x90" Garden Path quilt made from blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer's Contest)
- 2) Spiderweb Star quilted table runner (16"x63")
- 3) Hand-painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade)

\$5 donation per ticket.



Raffle will be held during the Evening of Excellence at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT. Need not be present or a member of Grange to win.



To purchase tickets, contact YOUR STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

Or National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or (509) 953-3533.

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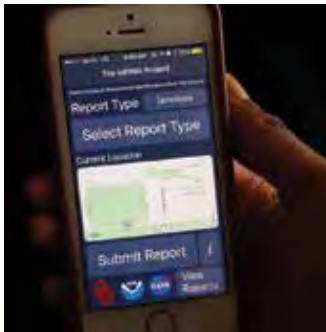
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<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/>



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<http://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/>



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CoCoRaHS sells low cost equipment to help volunteers get started. Observers enter their observations onto a website. Data is used by a wide variety of users ranging from meteorologists and hydrologists to insurance adjusters and engineers.

<http://www.cocorahs.org/>

NOAA Citizen Science

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NOAA also supports Citizen Science projects studying marine biology, satellite data verification, water quality, and more!

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For more information, contact National Grange Lecturer Christine Hamp by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by voice/text at (509) 953-3533.



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

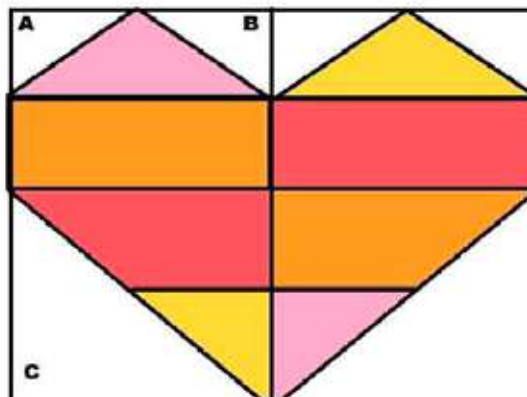
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should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

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Call 800.253.2232 and mention you are with the Grange.

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Questions or inquiries?

Contact National Grange

Lecturer Christine Hamp at

lecturer@nationalgrange.org

or by phone at (509) 953-3533.



The Grange Foundation Mercantile is seeking donations of **high-quality handcrafted items** (quilted items, embroidered items, hand-sewn aprons, doll clothes, handmade jewelry, baskets, etc.).

Donations may be hand-delivered to the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention or sent to the Grange Foundation.

If delivering to the Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa, in Stowe, Vermont, donations must be received by Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Donations sent must be received by no later than November 1 at the National Grange Headquarters. Packages should be addressed **GRANGE FOUNDATION, Attn: Mercantile, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.**

Once received, the items will be prepared for sale at the Mercantile and all profits will go to the Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations will receive a thank you letter recognizing the item(s) donated by the Foundation.



The Grange Foundation Mercantile

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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 at the National Grange Headquarters by October 31, 2018.

Ship donations to: Christine Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange
1616 H Street NW
Washington DC 20006





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WWW.QOVF.ORG/WINGS

Partners in the Mission

The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities or in the organization, and teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service.

All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Labels are available through the National Lecturer to be sewn onto the quilt indicating the name of the recipient and Grange/member who made the quilt.

For more, contact National Lecturer Christine Hamp at 509.953.3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org or send mail to 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

Make

FINISHED QUILTS

Ideal size: 60" x 80"

QUILT TOPS

Follow QOV guidelines. Patriotic theme desired.

PRESENTATION CASES

See QOVF website for requirements.

Not a quilter? Donate!

SPACE

Offer your hall for "sew days"

RESOURCES

Give batting, fabric, longarm services

FUNDS

Raise money for purchase of supplies

Learn more about Quilts of Valor® Foundation at www.qovf.org.



Popcorn Box, 250- \$1.15 ea 500- .53 ea
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 Stack-A-Ribbons, 1- .40¢ ea 100- .32¢ ea
 Anniversary Pen, \$1.50 ea
 12 Can Cooler/Lunch Tote, \$12 ea
 Insulated Stainless Youth Tumbler, \$12 ea
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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.





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 _____



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 #: _____



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 \$_____

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Ensure the *Grange* future in 4 easy steps

Contribute to the National Grange Building Fund or Other Worthy Projects

With necessary repairs like the chiller unit, the National Grange is in need of your help. You can make a difference by donating directly to the National Grange. Donations to Grange Foundation help in many ways to strengthen our organization and ensure it truly lives on forever.

STEP 1. SELECT FUNDS OR PROGRAM(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT.

Please indicate the amount you wish to donate to each fund or project. Choose as many as you wish to support and indicate the percentage or amount of your total donation you wish to go to each fund or project selected. If you do not indicate amounts, an equal distribution of your donation will be made to each. Unspecified donations will be credited to the Grange Foundation Endowment/General Fund.

NATIONAL GRANGE

A nonprofit, agricultural fraternity designated as a 501(c)(5) by the IRS.

\$_____ National Headquarters Building Fund

\$_____ Internship Program

\$_____ Legal Protection Fund

GRANGE FOUNDATION

A nonprofit organization, focused on the betterment of rural America and agriculture based on education and leadership development, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. Donations to the Grange Foundation may be tax deductible. Consult your financial advisor.

\$_____ Endowment/General Fund

\$_____ Junior Grange Fund

\$_____ Grange Youth Fund

\$_____ Community & Leadership Development Fund

\$_____ American Arts and Culture Fund

\$_____ Kelley Farm Fund

\$_____ Communication Fellows Program

\$_____ Grange Radio Project

STEP 2. CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL DONATION.

100% of all proceeds go to the programs you wish to support.

I am making a \$_____ donation to National Grange.

I am making a \$_____ donation to Grange Foundation.

STEP 3. PROVIDE YOUR PAYMENT DETAILS.

Check one.

_____ I have enclosed checks made payable to National Grange and/or Grange Foundation.

_____ I wish for my donation to be made via credit card.
(Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted)

Name on card _____

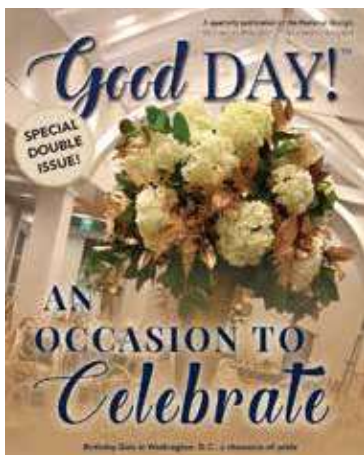
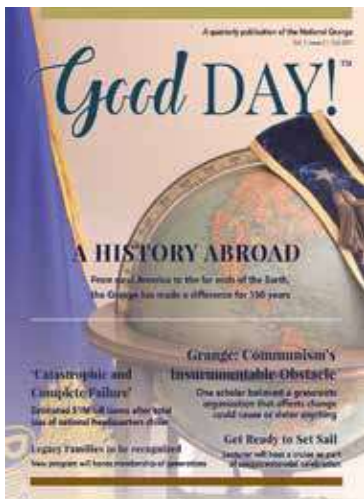
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Expiration Date ____/____ CVC _____

Signature _____

You may also go online to www.nationalgrange.org/give or call Amanda Brozana Rios (202) 628-3507 ext. 102 to make your contribution today.

STEP 4. SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM to the National Grange at 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 and relax, knowing you have honored our past and helped to secure our future.



Make it a Good Day!™

Members around the country are feeling informed and engaged thanks to the new National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™ Even those outside our membership have taken note, including world magazine expert, Samir Husni, AKA Mr. Magazine™.

In May 2018, our 80-page fifth issue arrived in subscribers' mailboxes. Previously, we've had a 180-page special double issue (Jan 2018), a 118-page September 2017 issue, an 84-page May issue, and the 96-page February debut edition. The double issue is sold out and there are few copies remaining of the first three issues that can be ordered individually through the Grange Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping.

If you subscribed in 2017, renew now to ensure you continue receiving this highly reviewed publication. You can do so online at tinyurl.com/BuyGoodDay or by phone with National Grange Sales Director Loretta Washington at 202-628-3507 ext. 109.

Help facilitate orders for those without the internet or who are less comfortable with online payments by having your members/friends fill out their order information on the back of this sheet, then go to our website to enter. This helps significantly cut down on the staff time and potential confusion as it enters the subscription directly into our database and gets them enrolled right away.

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You can collect checks or cash and pay together online through your credit or debit card or you can send the separate payments into the National Grange headquarters at 1616 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 ATTN: Good Day!™ after entering your order online.

**Next deadline to subscribe is July 15
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Have something to say?

We'd love to hear from our readers. Tell us what you like, what you'd change, what you wish to see!

We also welcome reader submissions. We always look forward to details about what your Grange is doing. Or, get creative! Send us your short story, poetry or photo essay. Feel free to write your Grange news tips and enclose them or provide short poems in your envelope, but all photos and longer written pieces must be submitted electronically to communications@nationalgrange.org (under 5MB; or albrozana@gmail.com up to 25MB) or by thumb drive.
