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Grange membership may indeed be fountain of youth

B E T S Y H U B E R

National Master

My article in the June issue of Patrons Chain discussed the Penn State research study that pointed out today's generations don't know how to talk with each other anymore. I stated the Grange is the solution to this problem, since we have no generation gap in the Grange—all generations talk, meet, work and play together and always have. Grangers have no problem relating to all ages of members, and this is great training for both young and old

to advance in employment and society.

This week I saw another article pointing out another reason to join the Grange. Bill Frist And Donato Tramuto had An Op-Ed Printed In TheHill.com on July 27 titled "Loneliness Kills: A new public health crisis (and what we can do about it.)"

"Social isolation raises the risk of premature death by up to 50 percent—making it a health

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National Grange unveils new public service announcement (PSA) series

The National Grange Communications Department has launched a new service: Grange Values, a public service announcement series that will provide members with print pieces that provide information and are aimed at informing and advocating on issues important to Grangers.

"This year I had wanted to create outreach pieces our Granges could use as handouts at fairs, posters in their halls, handouts for their members, etc., related to some of our policy concerns or focused areas of outreach," National Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios said. "Some of this was done through informative advertorials included in the Good Day! magazine about issues like Lifeline and Medicare, however, these are produced by outside companies or organizations and address very specific issues, leaving many gaps in what Granges have on hand as resources that our

members care most about."

"I felt that it was important we were able to produce our own ads that would carry our brand through to their advocacy/awareness raising efforts. In this issue, a full-page and a half-page PSA both focus on issues related to food security.

The first two PSAs focus on issues related to food security. The half-page ad, which appears in this issue of the Patron's Chain as well as the upcoming issue of Good Day! informs of hunger in rural America while the full page gives people ways to curb food waste in their homes.

Brozana Rios said the ads will be available to all members and Granges as PDFs and will be sent to all State Grange communication directors/newsletter editors.

She said the department intends to produce at least one new full-page ad each quarter and one alternate size per quarter.



This ad was produced by the National Grange as part of our public service announcement series. This ad may be replicated so long as the Grange Values logo appears.



IT'S IN YOUR POWER. HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE.

PLAN YOUR MENU & MAKE A STORE LIST

Take a minute to think through your week - will you cook each day? Will there be a night for leftovers? What will be served with each meal? Planning helps to curb purchasing excess items that just become waste. With a list, you're also less likely to impulse buy (saving money and the potential for items that will end up in your trash).

CHECK YOUR RECIPES & YOUR CUPBOARDS

Know how much of each item your recipes call for and see if you have something already on hand that you can use or substitute (you never know what a little tweak of ingredients may add to your beloved dishes). If you can, cross unnecessary items off your grocery list. You may also be able to avoid the dreaded half-used container by choosing a second recipe for the week that will allow you to use the rest of the product or buy a more appropriate size.

BE SELECTIVE AT THE STORE

If you're going to use produce right away, a bump or ding may be OK, and you may be the only one to see the product's value and save it from becoming waste. But, if it is for use later in the week, that bruise may lead to rot and you'll end up throwing it away. If you think you may not use all of the product or may not get to make the meal you're planning, choose a product with an expiration date farther in the future.

START WITH SMALL HELPINGS

You can always add more to your plate, but scraping uneaten food back to the communal bowl is definitely frowned upon and often finds its way to the garbage instead. You may even see an added benefit. If you have to choose to get more food, you'll also have to assess if you are still hungry, and it could reduce overeating.

SHARE, REPURPOSE OR STORE

Have food left even after preparing lunch leftovers for your family? Consider packaging it as a dinner for an elderly neighbor or asking a coworker if they'd like a homecooked leftover option for lunch the next day. If you have an item left over from a meal already prepared, add it as another side option or find a way to incorporate it into a snack or other dish you're making. Freeze or store food that won't be eaten before it may spoil. Find ways to make the food you prepare find its way to where it should be - into someone's diet, not someone's trash.

STICK TO YOUR MEAL PLAN

If you purchased food for six dinners but decide to skip one, you may start down a slippery slope of letting food spoil.

TALK TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Don't stock up on items that no one will eat. Know what people in your household want and avoid purchasing perishable items at times when they won't be used before they go bad.



Is your family sick because of where you were stationed?



Maureen Elias

Assistant Director

Veterans Health Council of Vietnam
Veterans of America

While military families do not face the occupational exposures their service member does, they do face environmental exposures that are worth paying attention to. The purpose of this article is to help make military and veteran families aware of their possible toxic exposures, what resources might be available to them, and encourage them to speak with their healthcare providers about their suspected exposures.

Vietnam Veterans of America has a long history of petitioning the government for recognition of toxic exposures, including those that have affected children born to those who were exposed to Agent Orange. The VA currently recognizes that children with birth defects born to Vietnam Veterans with qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea might be eligible for various benefits including compensation, health care, and vocational training. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in order to be eligible for benefits, three qualifiers must be met: the birth defect must have resulted in a permanent physical or mental disability, one of the biological parents must have served in

Vietnam from January 9, 1962 through May 7, 1975 or the demilitarized zone in Korea April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971, and the child must have been conceived after their parent first entered either countries. The only approved birth defect for the children of men who served at these locations during the listed dates is spina bifida. For the children of women who served in these locations at the above listed dates, there are more birth defects that might be eligible for benefits. To apply for all three benefits, use VA Form 21-0304. If you have questions, you can call toll-free 1-888-820-1756 or 1-800-829-4833 (TDD for hearing impaired.)

If you were a family member who can document your relationship to a veteran who was on active duty while they served at Camp Lejeune and can document you lived at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or longer between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987, you can file to be reimbursed for health care services. There are certain dates you can be reimbursed for out-of-pocket medical expenses available on the VA website. The 15 conditions that are currently covered are: esophageal cancer, breast cancer, kidney cancer, multiple myeloma, renal toxicity, female infertility, scleroderma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, lung cancer, bladder cancer, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, hepatic

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steatosis, miscarriage, and neurobehavioral effects. For questions or to file a claim you can call 1-866-372-1144 or go online to <https://www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov/>. The VA warns family claims take longer to process.

Superfund sites are US land with hazardous waste contamination the EPA has determined needs to be cleaned as it poses a risk to human health and/or the environment. The EPA, state, or concerned citizens can propose a site be identified as a Superfund site. The EPA will then investigate the proposed site to see if it warrants becoming a Superfund site. If the site is determined to pose a real threat to human health and/or the environment, it is then placed on the National Priorities List (NPL). The site is deleted from the NPL when the EPA determines that site cleanup has been successful and no further action is necessary.

As of August 6, 2018, the following DoD installations are on the National Priorities List:

- Alabama - Alabama Army Ammunition Plant, Anniston Army Depot (Southeast Industrial Area), Redstone Arsenal (USARMY/NASA)
- Alaska - Adak Naval Air Station, Eielson Air Force Base, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Fort Richardson (USARMY), Fort Wainwright
- Arizona - Williams Air Force Base, Yuma Marine Corps Air Station
- California - Alameda Naval Air Station, Barstow Marine Corps Logistics Base, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Castle Air El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Base (6 Areas), Concord Naval Weapons Station, Edwards Air Force Base, Fort Ord, George Air Force Base, March Air Force Base, Mather Air Force Base, McClellan Air Force Base (Ground Water Contamination), Moffett Naval Air Station, Norton Air Force Base, Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, Sacramento Army Depot, Sharpe Army Depot, Tracy Defense Depot (USARMY), Travis Air Force Base, Treasure Island Naval Air Station - Hunters Point Annex
- Colorado - Air Force Plant PJKS, Rocky Mountain Arsenal (USARMY)
- Connecticut - New London Submarine Base

- Delaware - Dover Air Force Base
- District of Columbia - Washington Navy Yard
- Florida - Cecil Field Naval Air Station, Homestead Air Force Base, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Tyndall Air Force Base, Whiting Field Naval Air Station
- Georgia - Marine Corps Logistics Base, Robins Air Force Base (Landfill #4/Sludge Lagoon)
- Guam - Andersen Air Force Base
- Hawaii - Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Eastern Pacific, Pearl Harbor Naval Complex
- Idaho - Mountain Home Air Force Base
- Illinois - Joliet Army Ammunition Plant (Load-Assembly-Packing Area), Joliet Army Ammunition Plant (Manufacturing Area), Savanna Army Depot Activity
- Iowa - Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
- Kansas - Fort Riley
- Louisiana - Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant
- Maine - Brunswick Naval Air Station, Loring Air Force Base, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
- Maryland - Aberdeen Proving Ground (Edgewood Area), Aberdeen Proving Ground (Michaelsville Landfill), Andrews Air Force Base, Brandywine DRMO, Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard, Fort Detrick Area B Ground Water, Fort George G. Meade, Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center, Patuxent River Naval Air Station
- Massachusetts - Fort Devens, Hanscom Field/Hanscom Air Force Base, Natick Laboratory Army Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Otis Air National Guard Base/Camp Edwards, South Weymouth Naval Air Station
- Minnesota - Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant, Missouri-Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (Northwest Lagoon), Weldon Spring Former Army Ordnance Works, Weldon Spring Quarry/Plant/Pits (USDOE/Army)
- Nebraska - Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant
- New Jersey - Naval Air Engineering Center, Naval Weapons Station Earle (Site A), Picatinny Arsenal (USARMY)
- Oklahoma - Tinker Air Force Base (Soldier Creek/Building 3001)
- Oregon - Umatilla Army Depot (Lagoons)

- Pennsylvania - Naval Air Development Center (8 Waste Areas), Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Willow Grove Naval Air and Air Reserve Station
- Puerto Rico-Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area – Vieques
- Rhode Island - Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center, Newport Naval Education/ Training Center
- South Carolina - Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot
- South Dakota - Ellsworth Air Force Base
- Tennessee - Memphis Defense Depot (DLA), Milan Army Ammunition Plant
- Texas - Air Force Plant #4 (General Dynamics), Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant
- Utah - Hill Air Force Base, Ogden Defense Depot (DLA), Tooele Army Depot (North Area)
- Virginia - Defense General Supply Center (DLA), Langley Air Force Base/NASA Langley Research Center, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Naval Surface Warfare – Dahlgren, Naval Weapons Station – Yorktown, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown - Cheatham Annex, Norfolk Naval Base (Sewells Point Naval Complex),

Norfolk Naval Shipyard, St. Juliens Creek Annex (U.S. Navy)

- Washington - American Lake Gardens/McChord AFB, Bangor Naval Submarine Base, Bangor Ordnance Disposal (USNAVY), Fairchild Air Force Base (4 Waste Areas), Fort Lewis Logistics Center, Jackson Park Housing Complex (USNAVY), Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island (Ault Field), Naval Undersea Warfare Station (4 Areas), Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Complex
- West Virginia-Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (USNAVY), West Virginia Ordnance (USARMY)
- Wyoming - F.E. Warren Air Force Base

Although the VA has multiple registries for toxic exposures for veterans, there are currently not any for family members. If you think you were exposed to a toxic substance while living in military housing, we encourage you to discuss this exposure with your healthcare provider. There may be steps you can take to minimize the damage from these toxic exposures. To best prepare for this conversation with your provider, we recommend before your appointment, write a list of military bases you have lived on, what dates you lived there, and what exposures you may have been exposed to. If you are unsure, that is ok. The key is to start having these conversations with your provider now.

**Oblong Window Button
with Pin Back - Item #PGWDI-FPIHI**



Our oblong window button is made right here in the U.S.A.
Full color digital graphics give you the highest quality imprint available,
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Just slide in your name inserts from behind for instant identification.
Size: 2.75" W x 1.75" H
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Latest issue of Good Day! on the way

Today, tomorrow or later this week, subscribers to the National Grange quarterly magazine will indeed find themselves with a Good Day!

The latest issue of the magazine has a redesigned cover featuring a photo by the Grange's own Molly Newman of Kansas and a look at the challenges those entering the profession of farming face in today's social and economic climate.

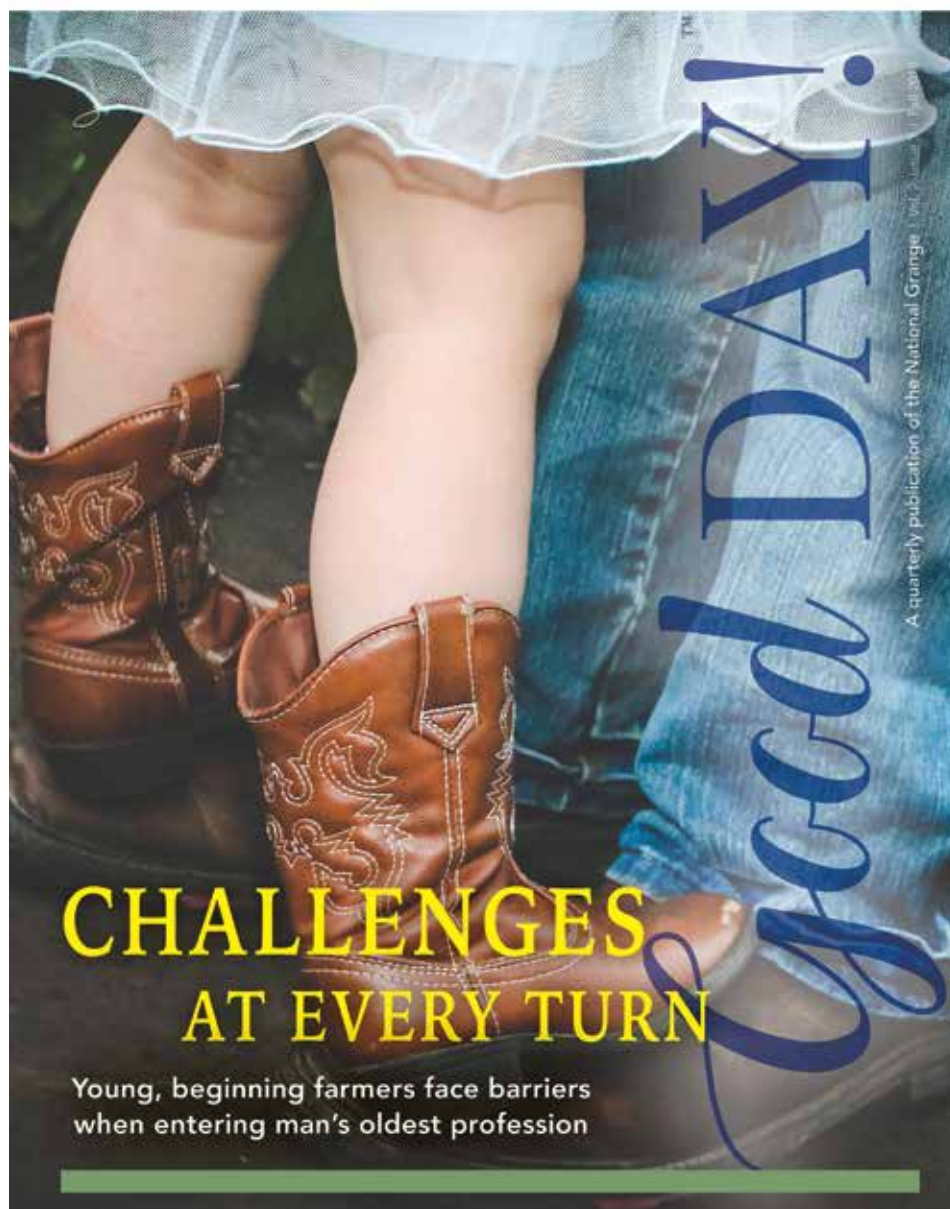
There are also a few new features throughout.

"From a look at the 130 years of Junior Grange to a bonus potluck recipes section, there is a lot that readers should enjoy about this issue," National Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios said.

"Even those who aren't Grange members can find something of interest," Brozana Rios said of the publication.

"Each Grange should have at least one subscription and people should be sharing information about National and State programming with their Grange family," National President Betsy Huber said. "There is a lot of valuable information in the magazine and once you see it, we're sure you'll be impressed with the quality of content."

The deadline to subscribe in



order to receive the next issue is November 30.

The final issue of the year will cover all the happenings of National Grange Convention, have recipes, activities and much more. It should arrive in mailboxes just before the end of 2018. Consider buying subscriptions for family or friends who will enjoy the high-

quality quarterly publication as a gift.

Subscription price is \$16 annually and you can pay by check made out and mailed to National Grange 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006. You can also pay by credit card online.

Go to tiny.cc/GoodDayMag to subscribe today.

MASTER'S ADDRESS

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hazard at least as significant as smoking and alcohol and more so than obesity." Loneliness is a common source of distress, suffering, and impaired quality of life in older persons. Seniors in rural areas are particularly susceptible because adult children move away, spouses die, and diminished physical ability makes it harder to engage in social activities. Lack of public transportation in rural areas and inability to drive any longer are also factors causing isolation. Studies show that lack of regular human contact increases the risk of dementia and loss of ability to be mobile.

Even younger generations, though seemingly very connected through social media, report alarming rates of loneliness and social isolation.

The authors convened a roundtable of experts to identify solutions to the problem. They identified four action areas to reverse social isolation, all involving government or public policy improvements: A national awareness campaign, social programs, public policy improvements, and strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure. Again, my answer is "Join the Grange."

Are we looking around our neighborhoods for people—young or old—who spend a lot of time alone? Or maybe they are surrounded by people but just feel isolated? Are we so focused on attracting young people to our Granges that we are ignoring the elderly in our communities who desperately need social interaction? Are we afraid to invite teenagers or twenty-somethings who are separated from their families and need some surrogate parents or grandparents? Let's not make this another problem for which we look to the government for help, surely at a high cost. We are Grangers; we are family, and we have the answer to this new crisis of loneliness.

New Junior Passport available, more coming

We are slowly unveiling new Passports for the Junior Grange. Passports are replacing the Junior Grange badges. They cover many of the topics the badge program covered but present learning objectives and material in a way that is more standard for curriculum development and learning.

The newest Passport is under The United States category, number 14, entitled Our States: Vermont to pay homage to our 152nd Annual National Grange Convention host state. You can see it on the following pages of this issue of the Patron's Chain.

Juniors who complete this Passport may bring to convention or send with someone attending their completed document and get their Passport stamp and be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

This is the third of the new Passports released - the other two were Discovery Network: Endangered Species and Grange Adventures: United States Postal Service.

Other passports will be released at the annual convention. Juniors and Junior leaders may pick up hard copies of the passports at the Junior Grange display at convention. They will also be online for download at nationaljuniorgrange.org.

REMINDER

Junior Grange Contest Deadlines Approaching

AUGUST 15 FOR SUPER JG & AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS

OCTOBER 1 FOR CONTEST ENTRIES

NOVEMBER 1 FOR SAS AND SPEECH ENTRIES

Junior Grange

Our States: Vermont



Associated with The United States Passport #14

What is the postal abbreviation for Vermont? _____

What is Vermont's date of statehood? _____

What is the State Capitol? _____

The biggest city in the state is _____.

What is the population of the state? _____

How many square miles is Vermont? _____

What is the state motto? _____

State's official Insect? _____

Which two U.S. Presidents were born in Vermont (and what number president was each)?

_____ # _____ # _____

Which of these two presidents spoke at the National Grange convention and in what year?

This famous painter who moved to Vermont in 1939 was a Granger. _____

Hint: He painted more than 300 covers for The Saturday Evening Post.

Billboards are illegal in the state. True or False _____

Who are the two U.S. Senators from Vermont?

_____ (party: _____) _____ (party: _____)

Who is the U.S. Representative from Vermont? _____ (party: _____)

What three agricultural symbols are on the Vermont state flag? _____

Which of the Grange Graces is also atop the dome of the state's capital building? _____

What naturally sweet product is Vermont the #1 producer of? _____

What National Grange Conventions (numbers, years) have been held in Vermont and where?

STAMP CERTIFICATION

I completed this passport on _____ date _____.

My Junior Leader, _____ name _____,

of _____ Junior Grange # _____,

(or, if a 1+ Junior member, my mentor is a member of

_____ Grange # _____)

approved my stamp on _____ date _____.

Junior Leader Signature _____

NOTES ON STEPS/STAMP WORK



Our States: Vermont

The United States
#14

DIFFICULTY LEVEL



AUDIENCE

Designed to be completed in a short time frame, the Passport is part of a series that introduces young children to each of the states in our union and can be completed by children with limited reading skills but the ability to learn or memorize. For the youngest Juniors, mentors, leaders or parents can help find answers but Juniors should be expected to answer correctly based on what they've learned. *To earn the stamp, all steps must be completed but need not be done in order.*

NECESSARY RESOURCES

Library or resource books, maps, writing materials, envelope and stamp or internet access

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this passport is to educate Junior Grangers about Vermont, its history and culture and consider the differences between states.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion, Junior Grangers will be able to

- show basic knowledge of the state of Vermont
- show proficiency with maps and directions
- tell how the Grange and Vermont are linked through people and events
- create a postcard or multimedia greeting

Step 1

Identify Vermont on a map of the United States.

Date Completed: _____

Step 2

Complete the Our States: Vermont worksheet.

Date Completed: _____

Step 3

Learn about a famous person from Vermont and tell your Junior Grange, Grange, mentor or class about them.

Date Completed: _____

Step 4

Using a map, find out how far Vermont's capital is from your house and talk to someone - a parent or any Grange member - about what you might see on a road trip to the state's capital city. List a few of the things you might see on your journey:

Date Completed: _____

Step 5

Interview someone who has been to Vermont. (If you're a Junior in Vermont, find someone who has lived somewhere else and ask them what is different about Vermont from their home state.) You can ask any questions you like, but make sure to ask:

- Why did you go to Vermont?
- What time of year did you go to Vermont?

- How was Vermont different from my state?
- What was your favorite thing about Vermont?
- If you went back to Vermont, what would you like to see again or see for the first time?

Interview subject: _____

Date Completed: _____

Most interesting thing you learned from the interview:

Step 6

Send a Vermont Grange (or a relative or friend in Vermont) a postcard telling them you have been learning about their state. Or send a digital greeting.

Date Completed: _____

BONUS (not necessary to earn the badge, but encouraged)

Watch the documentary by Historic New England that was sponsored in part by the Grange Foundation on the history of the Grange in Vermont. (The 55-minute video is available through the Grange Foundation website or Historic New England or you may find a Granger who has a copy for your Junior to watch.)

Date Completed: _____

Print and play at your next Grange meeting. Send to Junior/Juvenile Grange friends. As you play, reflect on great memories and experiences you had as a Junior/Juvenile and think about how important it is that the next generation have those same opportunities.

Junior/Juvenile Grange BINGO

Learned the Junior Pledge \$1	Competed in a Junior/Juvenile Grange contest \$2	Expressed my opinion in public/gave a public speech \$5	Attended a State Grange Convention \$3	Found a Grange mentor or older Junior/Juvenile to look up to \$4	
Became familiar with how meetings were conducted \$4	Developed a new Skill \$3	Helped lead a Service or Outreach project \$5	Performed a Drill \$2	Own Junior or Juvenile Grange apparel \$1	TOTAL _____
Learned by writing an essay as part of a Junior/Juvenile activity \$4	Earned a Junior/Juvenile Grange Badge or Passport Stamp \$3	FREE SPACE 	Communicated with someone using American Sign Language \$5	Have a Junior or Juvenile Grange Pin/Jewelry \$2	BONUS Any Postage Stamp +\$2 Any Diagonal +\$5 Any Straight +\$7 Whole Border +\$13
Created a Fair Booth or Parade Float \$1	Held a Junior or Juvenile Grange office \$2	Felt empowered by voting on a motion \$4	Learned respect for the Flag \$3	Learned to listen with an open mind to someone with an opinion different from my own \$5	
Made a crafted item \$2	Displayed a Talent \$3	Attended Junior or Juvenile Grange Camp \$4	Made a friend I would not otherwise have met with Junior/Juvenile Grange \$5	Sang from a Junior Grange songbook \$1	

BINGO!

What was your Junior/Juvenile experience worth? Your BINGO may reveal a small part of the answer. Consider donating your "BINGO total" to the Grange Foundation - ATTN: Junior Grange Fund to help the next generation live, learn and grow through the Junior Grange.

Send your donation to Grange Foundation, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Members can cash in on back to school savings!

Time for back to School Sale. How about shopping at Office Depot/Office Max where you could save up to 80% off of preferred products. Please visit the website officediscounts.org/grange.html to get you store discount card.

Go to your local Office Depot/Office Max and get your card laminated free at the time of your purchase in the store. You can use this card for



online purchase as well as business/office. Visit <http://www.officediscounts.org/grange.html>

G.R.O.W. Club Appeal

The 2018 National Grange Session is quickly approaching and I know we are all excited about visiting with our Grange friends from across the country. As you are preparing for your trip, I wanted to send a quick reminder that the National Grange GROW Club will once again be holding a silent auction to raise money for our youth college scholarship fund and to support youth activities. The GROW Club board members are kindly asking any delegate or individual willing to donate items for the auction to please bring them with you to the National Session. Information on drop off of items will be sent out at a later date. The auction will be in the Showcase at convention.

Please feel free to pass this email along to your state delegation as well. We graciously accept any item or donation you can possibly make to the auction. Your support of the GROW Club and our scholarship fund and youth activities are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Christopher Szkutak, GROW Club Board Member



Retractable Grip Pen - \$.75 ea
Anniversary Mug - \$6.00 ea
Decal, 10" H x 8-1/2" W - \$3.50 ea
Playing Cards - \$8.00 ea
Magnet, 4.25" W x 4.75" H,
.03 thickness - \$2.50 ea
Full Zipper Hoodie Sweat - \$35 ea
Stress Cell Phone Holder - \$3.00 ea
Stuffed Cow or Duck - \$12.00 ea



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Lecturer's round-up and preview

Brothers and Sisters,

At the recent Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference I had the opportunity to present a workshop to the attendees entitled, If it doesn't challenge you it doesn't change you. My intent was to provide my audience with a boot camp for their attitude, and to provide strategies to help focus the full power of all they are on what they have a burning desire to achieve. I am optimistic that I achieved my intent. I believe this quote, If it doesn't challenge you it doesn't change you, attributed to Fred DeVito is not only very appropriate for our everyday lives, but also very appropriate for us to apply to our Granges at all levels. The workshop included in-depth discussion on vision, goals, comfort zones, perseverance and success. Three key points I'd like to share with each of you and encourage you to embrace – first, don't wish for it, work for it; second, don't look back you're not going that way; and third, I'm not telling you it is going to be easy, I'm telling you it is going to be worth it!

2018 Grange Foundation Raffle

Please, please be working to sell every last one of your 2018 National Grange Foundation raffle tickets. The three raffle prizes this year are beautiful, handcrafted works of art and are sure to be treasured keepsakes for generations. 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.

If you have tickets and, for whatever reason, you cannot get them sold please mail them back to me so I can get them re-distributed before National session.

Remember, tickets can be sold to anyone, not just Grange members – sell them at your community events, fairs, church, booster nights and everywhere else you interact with people. Also, Granges may want to buy several tickets and then use the prize you win as the prize for your own fund-raising raffle. Send me a photo of your creative ticket-selling venture and you may just make the next edition of this newsletter.

2018 Grange Foundation Mercantile

I would like to continue to highlight the Grange Foundation Mercantile and to emphasize the importance of the generosity of our members and friends who donate their beautiful handicrafts to the cause. For those of you who are considering making and donating an item or two to the Grange Mercantile at this year's

National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont, but haven't decided what to make – a couple of suggestions are aprons and soft, cuddly baby quilts. You will find both the Mercantile Flyer which provides information on how to donate and the Mercantile Donation Form attached to this newsletter for your use.

Quilts of Valor / Under Our Wings Partnership

My shout out this month goes to the quilters of Cibolo Junior Grange in Texas for the double-digit Quilts of Valor they have made and presented to local veterans in their community under our Quilts of Valor / Under Our Wings® program. Your service to your community and local veterans is so very impressive and very much appreciated!

Contact me to find out how you or your Grange can get involved and make a difference through this wonderful program and partnership.

2018 Quilt Block Contest

I hope you are having fun making the 2018 Quilt Block – Tender Heart – from the Missouri Star Quilt Company. Please share the information for this contest with your fellow Grangers, family, friends and neighbors – you don't need to be a Grange member to enter. Also, you can send quilt blocks and request that they not be judged if you'd rather just donate them to the cause. All quilt blocks will join with other quilt blocks to become beautiful

quilts – kind of a singles club for quilt blocks and with a 100% match success rate! Every quilt includes a label with the names and home state of each quilt block maker. All quilt blocks must be received by me before October 31, 2018 in order to make the cross-country trip to Vermont. Keep them coming!

2018 Photography Showcase

Each State Grange is reminded to select a Best of Show photograph from your state competition to enter in the 2018 National Grange Photography Showcase. There are not specific rules for the National Grange Photography Showcase – each state simply selects their best photo and brings it to the national convention this November in Stowe, Vermont. It is the responsibility of the State Lecturer to complete the submission form for their state and to send it to me by October 31, 2018. The photos entered in the Photography Showcase will be judged and a first, second and third prize will be awarded.

2018 Evening of Excellence

It is my hope that each State Grange will hold a talent contest and send their Best of Show to the 2018 National Grange Evening of Excellence to be held on Friday, November 16th at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, Vermont. Each State Lecturer is responsible for certifying their state's Best of Show winner and for submitting the registration form by October 31, 2018.

National Weather Service Partnership

To date, I have not received any testimonials, photos or anecdotal evidence of any type that any community or Junior Grange or Grange member in the country has taken advantage of our partnership with the National Weather Service to help improve data collection and severe weather warnings within their communities. If you are working with your local National Weather Service office please let me know the nature of your partnership and the benefits associated with said partnership. Also, let me know if we need to provide additional information or if it needs to be presented in a different way.

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 appreciate and thank you for your efforts!

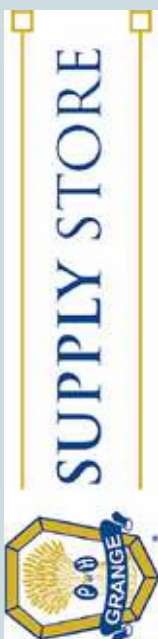
For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Be a DO·er!

Fraternally yours,



Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange



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Grange Gold Foil Seals
NOW: \$5 plus shipping
1 1/4-inch Grange emblem
seal (sold in rolls of 100)

SALE!

Grange Minute Record Books

\$12 plus shipping (was \$15)

Hardbound book with lined paper.

NEW ITEM

2017 Journal of Proceedings

NEW ITEM: \$5 plus shipping

151st Annual Convention, Spokane, WA. (Also available are JOPs from 2013-16 for \$5 each)



2018 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- 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

Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)

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

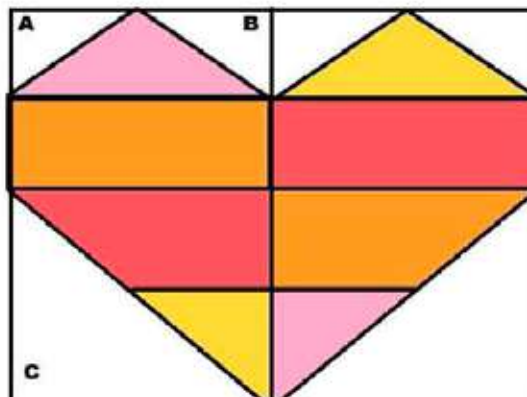
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should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

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

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.



10.5" x 13" Rosewood Piano Finish 18 Plate Perpetual Plaque - Item #VDBZH-JXPSR

An elegant way to award those in your organization, this perpetual plaque is crafted in the United States, has a beautiful Rosewood Piano Finish and elegant profile edge. It measures 10.5" x 13" and features 18 laserable black brass perpetual plates, measuring 1" x 2.5" and a header plate measuring 3" x 7".

All Rosewood Piano Finish Perpetual Plaques arrive completely assembled with gold screws. For added protection, Perpetual Plaques are carefully packaged in individual foam pouches.

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Contribute Your Time and Talents to Building a Weather-Ready Nation

Do you love the weather? Interested in actually participating in the science? Well, citizen science may just be for you! Citizen science is a form of open collaboration in which anyone can take part in the scientific process to address real-world problems. You can help by taking real-time weather observations, alerting officials about severe weather occurring where you are, and contributing to NOAA research using an app on your phone.

Citizen science involves everyday people and plays a vital role in protecting lives and property. Help build a Weather-Ready Nation by becoming a citizen scientist!

4 Ways Grangers can become Citizen Scientists

Become a Storm Spotter under the NWS SKYWARN Program



SKYWARN
STORM SPOTTER

Do you know what to watch for when severe weather threatens? Help keep your community safe by volunteering to become a trained severe storm spotter for NOAA's National Weather Service. Storm spotters report hazardous weather to the NWS, which aids the warning process. Volunteers are trained by NWS meteorologists to identify and describe severe local storms, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods.

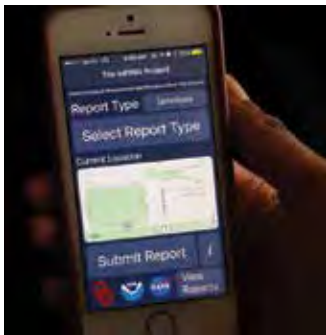
Interested? Visit the **NWS SKYWARN** Web site then contact your local NWS office to find out about free local and online training. Many offices require training, which typically is about 2 hours.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

Become a NWS Cooperative Observer

The **NWS Cooperative Observer Program** is truly the Nation's weather observing network of, by and for the people. More than 8,700 volunteers take observations where they live, work, and play. The NWS depends on thousands of volunteer observers committed to taking observations at the same location for 10 or more years who report weather and climate information on a daily basis using the phone or Internet. NWS provides the training, equipment, and maintenance, you provide daily data! Data from the program supports warnings, forecasts, and helps build a long-term weather history for an area. This program has existed since 1890 and is one of the few programs that measures snowfall and its water equivalent.

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



Use mPING to Report Precipitation

mPING. (Meteorological Phenomena Identification Near the Ground project). Weird name, cool app! Users can report the type of precipitation they are experiencing. No need to measure! Use the free mobile app to send reports anonymously. Reports are automatically recorded into a database, which improves weather computer models. The information is even used by road maintenance operations and the aviation industry to diagnose areas of icing.

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



Join the CoCoRaHS Community

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network is a volunteer network of observers who measure precipitation from their backyard. Any age can volunteer.

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

NOAA Community of Practice works to compile best practices, share resources, and maintain a searchable database of citizen science projects. Find out more at: <http://www.noaa.gov/office-education/citizen-science-crowdsourcing>

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

<https://ccsinventory.wilsoncenter.org/>



Photo: NASA



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

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

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

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





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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.

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Ideal size: 60" x 80"

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Follow QOV guidelines. Patriotic theme desired.

PRESENTATION CASES

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Offer your hall for "sew days"

RESOURCES

Give batting, fabric, longarm services

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

Calling all crafters

Grange Foundation



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.

Questions or inquiries?

Contact National Grange Lecturer Christine Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at (509) 953-3533.





The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

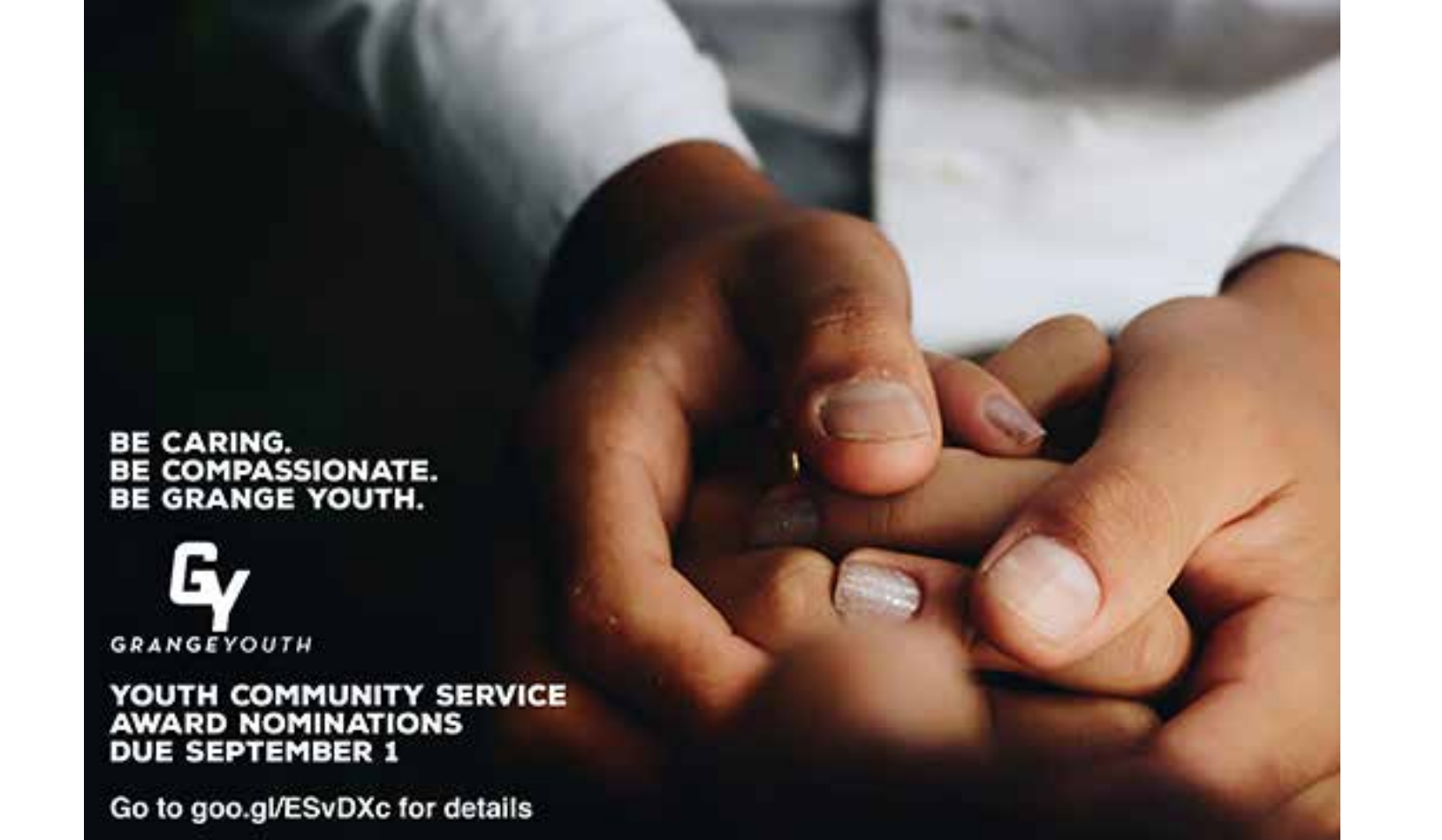
Estimated \$ Value: _____

- 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 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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BE CARING.
BE COMPASSIONATE.
BE GRANGE YOUTH.

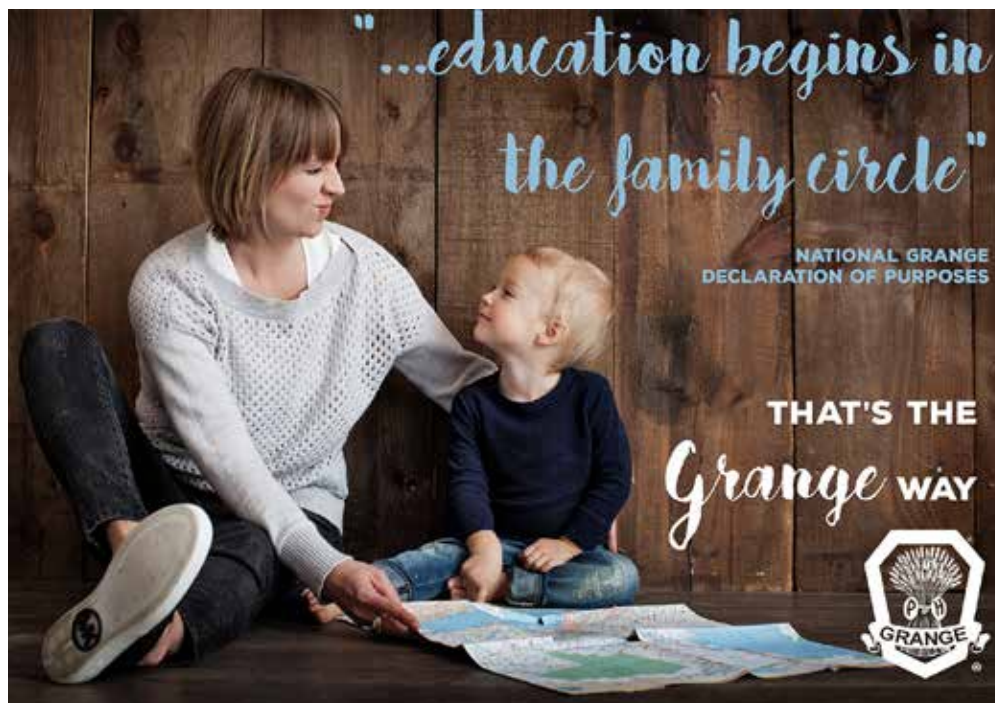


GRANGEYOUTH

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD NOMINATIONS
DUE SEPTEMBER 1

Go to goo.gl/ESvDXc for details

Pre-order your “That’s the Grange Way” 2019 Calendar



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.

GRANGEREVIVAL.COM

Save the Date



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JULY 23-28, 2019

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JULY 23-28, 2019

GRANGE REVIVAL 2019 REGISTRATION

_____ I am attending on my own, not as part of an established group

_____ I am attending as part of an established group

For group registrations: Please indicate the NAME of the responsible PARTY ORGANIZER who we should contact regarding event details and payment.

Complete & return ASAP to:
Christine Hamp, 16418 N Birdie
Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.
Call or text (509) 953-3533 to
reserve cabins or full hook-up
campsites in advance.

You do not need to have all members of your party register at the same time or arrive/attend the event on all of the same days, but please be sure they know the name of their PARTY ORGANIZER to put on their registration forms so we can place families/groups together on site.

Bring your friends. You need not be a Grange member to attend.

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (by age)

Pre-Junior (0-4 yrs old):	\$20
Junior (5-13 yrs old):	\$35
Youth (14-35 yrs old):	\$60
Subordinate (36+ yrs old):	\$70
Golden Sheaf members:	\$60

Some activities at Grange Revival may be require certain safety gear/equipment rental or supply purchase for a small fee. A full schedule will be provided in early 2019 with fee information and additional options may be posted prior to or at the time of the event. If you have ideas for activities or questions, please email grangerevival@gmail.com.

LODGING FLAT RATES (one-time fee PER PARTY)

Lodging reservation deposit is non-refundable.

Dry tent or car site	\$10
Dry RV w/ access to dump site	\$25
Hook-up RV, tent or car site*	\$60

Cabins - Variable; see Lodging Registration

*A max of 8 people are allowed per hookup site. No max for dry sites.

** Non-refundable 50% deposit due upon registration to hold spot for any hook-up camping sites and 25% non-refundable deposit for any cabins; first-come, first-served basis. Spots not paid in full by February 1, 2019 will be released to waitlist.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Your Name _____ Expected Shirt Size _____

Registration type: _____ Pre-Junior _____ Junior _____ Youth _____ Subordinate _____ Golden Sheaf

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How do you plan to get to Grange Revival? _____ Driving _____ Seeking Carpool _____ Flying _____ Other/Unsure

What days do you plan to attend Grange Revival?

_____ July 23 (arrive after 8 a.m.) _____ July 24 _____ July 25 _____ July 26 _____ July 27 _____ July 28 (leave by noon)

LODGING RESERVATION

_____ Dry camping, no dump/hookups (\$10 one time)

_____ tent _____ car _____ RV

_____ Hook-up camping (\$60 one time)

_____ tent _____ car _____ RV

_____ Cabin Rental (one time rental fee, varies, see chart)

(Cabin name: _____)

_____ Off-Property

By signing below, I understand and agree to the following:

I will not damage event property and will report any defects with venue property to the owners/employees of Mulberry Mountain as soon as possible. I will attain necessary licenses and use recommended safety equipment while on property. I will assist in keeping the grounds clean and listen to all instructions related to campfires, cooking, swimming, recreational water use, etc. Campfires may only be created in approved facility fire rings. If I bring any weapon, including a firearm, large knife or other object, it will be secured by lock in my vehicle or other place where access by attendees is restricted. I will not smoke indoors in any part of the facility and I will not bring or consume any illegal drugs. I will not engage in or enable any minor to engage in underage drinking. I will not be inebriated when tending to a fire, participating in water activities or any other activity that may put myself or others at harm. If I am the responsible party for a minor child, I will ensure the child has appropriate chaperones if outside of my immediate care. I may be asked to leave the event with no refund if I violate any of these policies or act inappropriately for a Grange event. If I provide a form of payment that is declined or returned, I will be charged an additional \$40 insufficient funds fee that must be satisfied before the end of the close of the event or within 5 days after the event ends. I understand I will sign a full conduct and rules policy prior to or at the event and that this is an introductory piece to that full agreement.

CABIN FLAT RATES (one-time fee for full event rental)

You may choose to split the cost for this rental with attendees who stay in the cabin with you as you see fit. You may work with another attendee or set of attendees to take the cabin rental for part of the week. Once the cabin is booked, you may choose how many and who to allow to sleep/use your cabin. We will not be responsible to assist you with finding cabin-mates or filling the cabin on days you may not be able to use it. B=bedroom; LR=Living room

Dower House	\$1,250
B1: 1 King + 1 Full; B2: Twin	
Annie's Cabin	\$750
B1: 1 Queen	
Barn Loft	\$1,125
B1: 1 Queen; B2: 2 Twins; laundry.	
Outlook Cabin	\$1,750
B1: 1 Queen; B2: 1 Full; B3: 1 Full; LR: Sleeper Sofa	
Star I Cabin	\$1,000
B1: 1 Queen; LR: Sleeper Sofa	
Star II Cabin	\$1,500
B1: 1 Queen + 1 Full; B2: 1 Full	
Lakeside Cottage	\$1,350
Bedroom 1: 2 Full; Living Room: Full Sleeper Sofa	
River Cabin	\$2,000
B1: 1 Queen; B2: 1 Queen + 1 Full; LR: Sleeper Sofa	

Signature (of attendee, or if attendee is under 18, of parent/guardian)

Date

PAYMENT (Group registrations and/or lodging reservations may be made in one payment for all/some attendees in the party. Please attach/enclose registration forms of all those who are covered by your payment.)

Registration(s) Indicate number of each.

Subtotal \$ _____

_____ Pre-Junior (x\$20) _____ Junior (x\$35) _____ Youth (x\$60) _____ Subordinate (x\$70) _____ Golden Sheaf (x\$60)

Lodging

Subtotal \$ _____

_____ Pay in Full _____ Deposit only at this time (25% of cabin rate; 50% of hook-up rate; 100% dry rate)

TOTAL PAYMENT TODAY: \$ _____

All hook-up sites and cabins must be paid in full by February 1, 2019.

_____ Pay by enclosing check/money order made out to Grange Revival

_____ Please Bill me via PayPal. Send invoice to email (if different from above:) _____

_____ Please charge my credit card \$ _____ (total registration fee+lodging deposit/fee)

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____

**COMPLETE AND RETURN ASAP TO: Christine Hamp, 16418 N Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.
Call or text (509) 953-3533 to reserve cabins or full hook-up campsites in advance.**



152ND ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

NOV. 13-17, 2018

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1746 MOUNTAIN ROAD
STOWE, VT 05672**

REGISTER NOW

[nationalgrange.org/
convention2018](http://nationalgrange.org/convention2018)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$25.

Discounted registration closes on September 12, 2018 at 5 p.m. Eastern.
Regular registration fee is \$30.

BOOK YOUR ROOM DIRECTLY.

Convention rate is \$119 per night, plus tax (total cost is \$130.90 per night).
Call 800.253.2232 and mention you are with the Grange.

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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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 _____

Card Number _____

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.

Membership Matters Monthly Zoom Meetings

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.

Zoom is available for your connected device or landline telephone.

Download the app at zoom.us or call in to participate.

Go to **tiny.cc/1867** or call **(669) 900-6833**.

Use meeting ID **279 165 699** to log in.

Meeting as a Grange

Tuesday, August 21 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange President Betsy E. Huber and National Grange Communications & Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios

Huber and Brozana Rios will talk about ways to identify public spaces for meetings in your community and other options that may make new members feel welcome and allow you to hold Grange meetings in a fashion more like that in our manual. If you said you currently meet in a restaurant or a members' home, this is a great meeting to attend.

Know Your Mission

Tuesday, September 18 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange Lecturer Christine Hamp

Hamp will join us to discuss mission statements for local Granges and how they can help focus a Grange and ignite new fires. This is great for all Granges who have not yet adopted a mission statement or who do not have a fairly defined identity and outreach strategy.

Making Agriculture the Star

Tuesday, October 16 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange Overseer Phil Prelli and National Grange President Betsy E. Huber

Prelli and Huber will talk about how your Grange can embrace our agricultural past and make food and farming part of our success today and in the future.

Young and Willing

Tuesday, November 20 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange Youth Ambassadors/
Young Patrons (2017-18; 2018-19)

Youth leaders will talk about what excites them and how Granges can include youth in their programming, outreach and decision-making. This interactive discussion will encourage each Grange to think of new ways to talk to and about young potential members and those already in our Halls.

Cash in on Benefits

Tuesday, December 18 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange Sales, Programs, Benefits & Membership Recognition Director Loretta Washington

Washington will introduce new benefits, discuss benefits of interest to members and offer ways you can use benefits of Grange membership to strengthen current members' bonds with the organization and entice new members to join.

A New Year, A New Way to Help

Tuesday, January 15 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Hosted by National Grange Community Service
Director Pete Pompper

Pompper will introduce great community service ideas from Granges around the country and talk about how a Grange can "get out of the slump" and take on a new project with new relevance to their community in 2019.

TARGETED CONVERSATIONS

Don't forget to fill out your Grange Health Survey (available at tiny.cc/GrangeHealth) to prepare for these conversations and know what conferences may be most important for your local Grange.

If you have suggestions for other Zoom conferences about membership or other issues, please contact Communications & Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalgrange.org.



DEFINITIONS

FOOD SECURITY - One of the most widely used definitions comes from the final report of the World Food Summit of 1996, which said food security exists “when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.”

It is built on three pillars:

- Food availability: sufficient quantities of food available on a consistent basis.
- Food access: having sufficient resources to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet.
- Food use: appropriate use based on knowledge of basic nutrition and care, as well as adequate water and sanitation.

FOOD LITERACY - Understanding the impact of your food choices on your health, the environment, and our economy.

FOOD DESERT - According to the USDA, an area void of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods, usually found in impoverished areas. (Food Desert Map link: tiny.cc/find-food-desert)

LOW ACCESS COMMUNITY - An area with at least 500 people and/ or at least 33 percent of the census tract's population residing more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store (for rural census tracts, the distance is more than 10 miles).

Survey of Grange Attitudes, Outreach and Programming Activities Related to Food Security and Food Literacy

Please use definitions to the left to inform your answers.

Complete and return survey as soon as possible to
National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

TARGET SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 30, 2019

Grange Name _____

Grange # _____ State _____

Primary Zip Codes served: Primary: _____

Additional: _____

For these questions, please answer on a scale of 1 to 4. 1 being “not at all important;” 2 “somewhat important;” 3 “important;” and 4 “our highest priority as a Grange.”

How important is food security for your Grange? _____

How important is food literacy for your Grange? _____

Prior to answering this survey, was your Grange aware if any of the top communities you serve are in whole or in part a food desert according to the USDA Economic Research Service? _____ Yes _____ No

ALL BELOW YES OR NO QUESTIONS ARE FOR JANUARY 1, 2017 through (planned) DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Has your Grange held a Lecturer's program or other program regarding food security? _____

Has your Grange held a Lecturer's program or other program regarding food literacy? _____

Has your Grange held a Lecturer's program or other program regarding food deserts? _____

Has your Grange held a food drive or done any community service involving collection or distribution of food for the food insecure in the communities you serve? _____

Has your Grange donated to any organization/program that helps those struggling with food security? _____

Has your Grange directly advertised programming or free/reduced price food events to those who participate in food programs (WIC, SNAP, etc.) or receive food aid (food pantry, free and reduced lunch program)? _____

Has your Grange (or affiliated Junior Grange) offered programming/events specifically for children to encourage food security (ex. nutrition/healthy meal workshops, cooking classes, backyard gardening)? _____

Has your Grange advocated for municipal ordinances or directives that would create/allow more access to food via concepts like edible landscapes, backyard chickens, creation of community garden plots, or other ways in which people can increase their food security independently or through community-owned spaces? _____

Has your Grange hosted an event, open to the community, at which a free meal was served? _____

Has your Grange hosted a low-cost meal event open to the community? _____

Has your Grange held a community forum or been involved in or organized an event to engage leaders/legislators and/or the public on an issue related to food security or food literacy? _____

Please indicate if your Grange has held any type of program in any of these areas in the past 2 years.

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| ☐ Canning/Jarring/Food Preservation | ☐ Other related program (describe): |
| ☐ Couponing/Food Budget | |
| ☐ Other Food Related Home Economics | |
| ☐ Nutrition | |

Have you in the past 2 years organized and/or provided space for any of the following?

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| ☐ Ride Sharing for Food/Groceries | ☐ Community Farmers Market |
| ☐ Food Pantry | ☐ Community Garden |

Please indicate if your Grange has held community forums or advocated on any of these areas in the past 2 years.

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| ☐ Increasing community availability of food access | ☐ Other related advocacy (describe): |
| ☐ Improved water quality | |

Please write a short narrative about why these issues are of importance to your Grange?

Name of Submitter _____

Position held if applicable _____

Address _____

Email _____

How many members does your Grange have (optional)? _____

Make it a *Good* Day!™

Members around the country are feeling informed and engaged thanks to the National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™

Even those outside our membership have taken note, including world magazine expert, Samir Husni, AKA Mr. Magazine™.

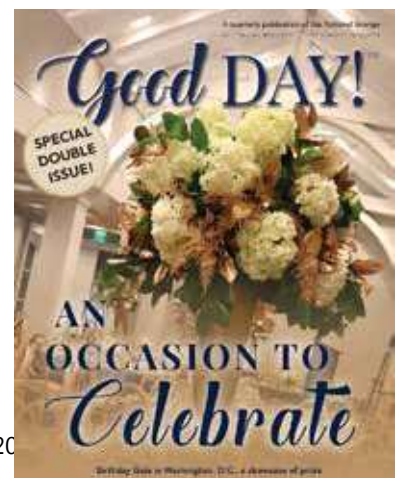
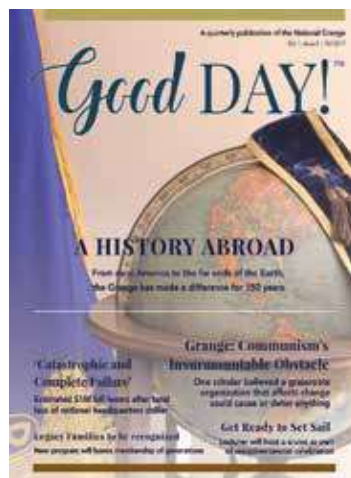
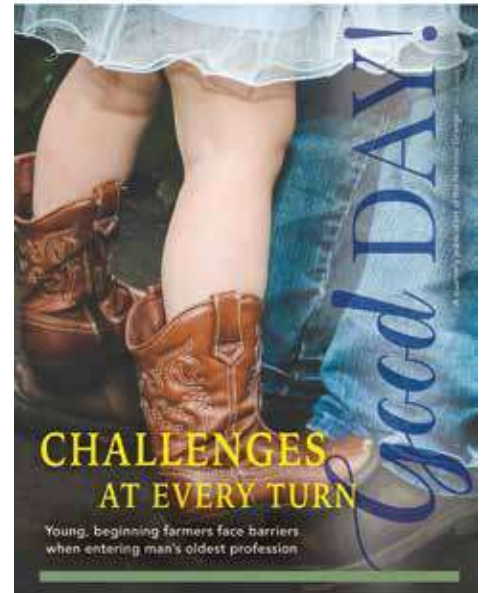
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Have something to say?

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.
