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## GRANGE ISSUES STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF 2018 FARM BILL

America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have a reasonable, balanced, common-sense \$867 billion farm bill headed to the President's desk today. The package now gives much needed multi-year certainty to commodity programs, crop insurance, conservation, farm loans, beginning farmers and ranchers, SNAP assistance, nutrition programs, foreign markets promotion and more. It also establishes a new Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine bank.

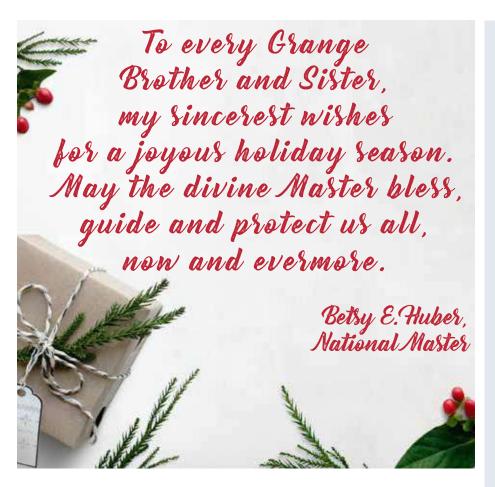
I want to sincerely thank Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts and Ranking Minority Member Debbie Stabenow for their leadership across party lines to get this done. Both have proven themselves worthy to have been named National Grange Champions of Rural America (Stabenow in 2017 and Roberts in 2018).

#### National election results yield changes



Kay Stiles, of Maryland, left, was elected National Pomona at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention after Susan Noah, of Oregon, right, was elected to the National Grange Executive Committee. Leroy Watson, of New Hampshire, was reelected to the Executive Committee, and selected to continue serving as chairman of the board.

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder



### **Membership Matters!**

Join National Grange Membership Director Joe Stefenoni and select guests on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom teleconferencing to talk about membership issues and share your successes, ask questions and focus on what it means to be a Grange and a Granger today.

Zoom is available for your connected device or telephone.
Go to tiny.cc/1867 or call (669) 900-6833.

Use meeting ID **279 165 699**.

Young and Eager

Tuesday, December 18 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern Co-hosted by 2018 National Grange Youth Leadership Team

Jacob Gwin, Tessa Taft and Jenn Nauss will talk about connecting with generations Y & Z, 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.

#### A New Year, A New Way to Help

Tuesday, January 15 @ 8:30 p.m. Eastern Co-hosted by National 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.

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#### Stefenoni excited to return as membership director

"Choose a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life." Nothing could more accurately describe how it feels to return as Leadership/ Membership Director for the National Grange. After a brief interregnum (while completing a Master's Degree), the National Grange will officially have a Membership Director again beginning January 1st. I appreciate the action of the delegates to the 151st annual session, placing in the budget a fully funded membership department so that our organization can continue to promote itself and develop networks with new partners and individuals.

Coming into this position with some experience under my belt to look back on, my approach to the position will be slightly altered from the last time. Since coming back to work for the National Grange, Amanda Brozana-Rios introduced me to a series of books by author Sarah Sladek that focuses on associations connecting with the post Baby Boomer generations. From her book The End of Membership as We Know It: Building the Fortune-Flipping, Must-Have Association of the Next Century, Saldek writes about how methods of interaction and engagement that have worked with Baby Boomers will not be as effective for interacting and engaging with younger generations, especially Millennials (generation Y).

A cornerstone of my new approach will be stepping off the elevator. For decades we



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have developed, practiced and honed our "elevator speeches" (a one to two-minute speech describing the Grange and asking someone to join), but Sladek points out that Millennials do not like to be "sold" anything. To illustrate this, generation Y and Z are the generations that use yelp to figure out there they're going to dinner or read user reviews on Amazon before purchasing a product. In short, they do their own research and come to their own sale. So instead of trying to "sell" a potential young person on joining the Grange, provide them with a calendar of your events and invite them to come visit your Grange.

A large part of redefining how we interact with potential new members is our online presence. Generations Y and Z use social media not just as a way to interact with friends and colleagues, they also use websites such as Facebook and Twitter as their community message board to see what is going on around them. A well-maintained website can also act as the schedule of events and invitations young-

er generations are looking for to find how Grange participation can fit into their lives. One of the main components from the End of Membership that Sladek notes is important to younger generations who are considering joining an organization is a clear vision. To accomplish this the membership department is preparing a ready-made template that your Grange can use that sets a short-term vision broken into benchmarks and a cohesive 5-year plan. This template can be easily filled out then copied to put up in your Grange and distribute to your members.

It is a pleasure to return to working for the National Grange to benefit all of our members across the country. I encourage all of our Granges to take a minute to evaluate how they are trying to connect with potential new members and try new methods over the next year, Let's take a step off the elevator together.

## New Youth Director takes the helm in January

The National Grange Youth and Young Adults Department will come under new leadership in January with a legacy Granger at the helm.

Mandy Bostwick, a sixthgeneration member from Kansas, has been named as the replacement for Charlene Shupp Espenshade, who had held the post for 10 years.

National Grange President Betsy Huber said the timing of the search for a new director coincided with things she had been learning about what young people are looking for when affiliating with organizations like the Grange.

"After reading about the interests and characteristics of Generation Y regarding membership, I thought it made sense to look for a member of that generation to bring a fresh outlook to our Youth Department. Mandy's ability to think outside the box impressed me, and I'm thrilled that she's willing to undertake this responsibility," Huber said.

Huber said the organization will "forever be grateful for all the hard work" Espenshade put into her work with the department over the past decade.



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Espenshade announced her retirement from the part-time role at the recent National Grange Convention, freeing her as she settles into a new job as the Executive Director of Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your National Grange Youth Director. I wish Mandy nothing but the best in her new role," Espenshade said. "Having worked with her in the past as a member of the Youth Team, I have first hand knowledge of the caliber of work she will produce."

Having spent the majority of her time as a Youth in the department led by Espenshade, including a year working closely with her as part of the Youth Leadership Team in 2017 when she was National Outstanding Young Patron, Bostwick said she admires a lot of what Espenshade put in place and is excited to build from the excellent base.

"There are a lot of great things built into the Youth program that have been there or that Charlene has helped develop recently," Bostwick said. "She's also done a great deal to connect us to other like-minded groups like NJHA and raise the profile of Grange Youth through opportunities to attend the National Ag Day. There is a lot of the programming that will be continued."

Read the full story in the Winter 2018 edition of Good Day!™ magazine.



On behalf of all of us at the National Grange, we thank everyone who attended the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, VT. We look forward to seeing you all next year from November 5-9, 2019.

Registration will be open soon, but you can reserve your room now!

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# National, regional event volunteers working with Juniors, vulnerable members must now have background check

# KARIE BLASINGAME 2018 Senior Communications Fellow

The reminders of dangers to children are all over the nightly news, and most parents, grandparents and others working with children at schools, community sporting leagues and other organizations are used to hearing the common question "do you have your background clearance to work with kids" when they are volunteering.

While for many years the National Grange has encouraged states and regional conference organizers to make sure all interacting with children and vulnerable adults have background checks on file, this year at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention, Junior Director Samantha Wilkins unveiled a program that will allow the process to become more universal across the Grange world and a new requirement: you must have a background check through this system in order to participate as a volunteer or manager with Junior or Youth at national or regional events starting in 2019.

Volunteers with current National Background checks will have until the expiration of their current screening to complete and become Safe Gatherings Certified.

The company that the National Grange has partnered with is Safe Gatherings, originally founded as the Methodist church's own system that has grown into a nationally recognized leader in background check systems.

Safe Gatherings provides four levels of background checks: Local, State, National and Sex Offender. More details about the system along with a demonstration is available on the company's website, safegatherings.com.

Wilkins said she had used the system at her own church and was comfortable with the administration, ease and cost of Safe Gatherings, which provides professional reference checks and training for abuse prevention and ideas on how to appropriately work with minors who are at their most vulnerable time in life.

"This program has a very low cost for our



members to get clearances and a huge relief for our organization to ensure the safety of our children," Wilkins said. The program includes a two-year clearance for only \$36.

"Safe Gatherings will make it easier for all of our states to get the background checks done that they need to for our Junior and Youth programs. It will eliminate many hurdles states had to go through," Wilkins said.

Wilkins said she believes State leaders will appreciate that "the pressure on them to make sure these critical steps are taken appropriately in accordance to their state laws" is taken off.

"Everything is handled from the National Grange office and your information is kept safe and secure through the Safe Gatherings Network. No personal information is held with the National Grange," Wilkins said.

Delegates to the recent convention also strongly suggested as part of the policy statement of the Grange Growth committee, that states able to cover the cost to certify volunteers do so.

More information about the program will be available soon and all those attending and assisting with Junior and Youth events at regional or national events should contact the event organizer or Wilkins for more details as soon as possible.

#### Capes are in vogue for Grange thanks to 2019 theme

During her annual address at the 152nd National Grange Convention, Betsy Huber again laid out a theme Granges can follow through the upcoming year to help solidify branding of the organization and help others understand its value.

In 2019, the everyday work of Grangers will be examined through a new lens, one that shows how those small acts are heroic to those they positively impact.

"This theme references our community service work, but also our legislative efforts to make the country better, our youth and Junior programs that train our children to be good citizens and leaders," Huber said in her internal address on Tuesday. "We can be called to action locally at a moment's notice to meet almost any need. I'm sure we do all this without even thinking about it, but this year we want to call attention to the great work our Granges do. We want to increase our pride in our organization, to show the public why we are important to them, why they should join with us if they want to make a difference in their world."

The 2019 theme stems from the last two years' messages - "Grangers are DO·ers" and "that's the Grange Way" - and comes with a fun gimmick that is both very in vogue and visual - a cape.

Many at the convention seemed to get into the spirit of the new theme, including National Grange Officers and the Youth Officer team who both incorporated into their drill capes



given as presents by National Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios to them earlier in the week.

While the National Officers drill included some fun highlights with the capes, like some power fists and "flying" back to their stations at the close of the drill, the Youth took it a step further.

As they ended their opening drill, officers took off their capes and symbolically gave them to people hand-chosen to wait at their stations - people they see as heroes including veterans, farmers, teachers, nurses, firefighters, and others.

National Youth Officer Team Assistant Steward Derek Snyder of Pennsylvania, who wrote the opening drill, said using the capes was a great way to show that the theme is exciting to younger members and could be embraced in many ways.

"The Grange is full of hometown heroes throughout the country from farmers to firefighters and local politicians, veterans and more and we wanted to use the capes as a small symbol to honor and recognize these everyday heroes that are such a major part of our lives that we don't even sometimes realize, just like Granges who do great, sometimes unseen work for our communities," Snyder said.

Lynette Schaeffer, of the National Grange Executive Committee said she is looking forward to seeing what Granges in her home state can do with the theme.

"I can't wait to return to Illinois and share the idea with the members in my state. I know that many of my State Grange Officers will love this idea and run with it. Grangers are waiting to hear our call and act appropriately," Schaeffer said.

Brozana Rios said the gimmick is a big part of the campaign, which was designed to get attention in a visually oriented culture.

"Images are processed tens of thousands of times faster than words, and for people who visually-oriented media like Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, engagement posts that have photos are much higher," Brozana Rios said. "We need something that tells our story without taking much time and in doing so also prompts more questions and a desire to belong or be like us. I see this as a really positive way to get our members to see their work as important and for their community to rally around them as well."

Brozana Rios said Super G capes are available through Monroe Classic for \$7.50 plus shipping.

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# Many thanks and good greetings

LORFTTA WASHINGTON Sales, Benefits, Programs and Membership Recognition Director

Burton Eller, Legislative Director and I would like to thank the New York State Grange President, Stephen Coye, Sheila Gregoire and Mary Liddington office staff for helping with making of the convention delegate notebooks.

I would I like to thank all those who visited the Showcase at National convention this year. I would also like to thank those who purchased items from the Grange Store, especially Walter Boomsma's book "Exploring Traditions-Celebrating the Grange Way of Life," which he signed all day on Wednesday, Nov 14. If you haven't yet purchased the book, we have copies at the Grange Supply store. Here is the link: http://tiny.cc/grangebook-ct to order them.

On behalf of my partner, Mike Warner, of the New Grange Store at Monroe Classic, we would like to thank everyone who made purchases.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Community Service workshop with Pete Pompper, Community Service Director. It was well received and great ideas and suggestions came forward.

Also, a special thanks to the Grange Growth Committee members for making me feel welcome and learning valuable information from each of them.

Lastly, I would like to thank the host region for doing an outstanding job making sure everyone felt welcome and a special thanks to my volunteer/partner who assisted with the Showcase, Kate Yardley. Her assistance was very valuable to me as I was able to attend to some of my other duties, which I did not feel stressed out about this year.

I am thankful for the Grange members for all you do and I am looking forward to a wonderful and blessed upcoming year and 2019 National Convention, in Minneapolis, MN, home of the Kelley Farm and Paisley Park, home of the late singer Prince. Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE **GRANGE SUPPLY STORE**

During the holiday you can continue to shop online at the Grange Supply Store, however no items will be processed or mailed from Thursday, December 20, 2018 to January 4, 2019

















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# Make sure your Grange complies with National by-laws and get covered with bonding insurance

The National Grange will once again be offering bonding coverage to State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges in 2019 under the master policy with National Grange Mutual Insurance of Keene, New Hampshire (NGM). Section 4.10.9 of the By-Laws states that at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Grange shall be bonded.

Below is a list of the premium amounts and coverage offered. The rates for 2019 are the same as last year's rates. Please work with your State Grange or directly with the National Grange for bonding coverage. Should a Grange desire more or specific coverage for special needs, please let us know and

we will provide the phone number for contacting National Grange Mutual directly.

May 31 is the deadline for Granges to be included in the bonding coverage. Names and checks must be received by June 30 in order to receive coverage for the 2019 year.

Please provide a complete list of participating Granges that includes the Grange name and number, level of coverage (minimum coverage = \$5,000 for Subordinate Granges and \$2,500 for Pomona Granges), and amount of premium enclosed (minimum \$50 for Subordinate Granges and minimum \$42 for Pomona Granges).

Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

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Basic \$25,000 Coverage = \$99 annual premium

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Basic \$2,500 Coverage = \$42 annual premium

COVERAGE	PREMIUM
\$ 2,500	\$ 42
\$ 5,000	\$ 50
\$ 7,500	\$ 59
\$ 10,000	\$ 67
\$ 12,500	\$ 72
\$ 15,000	\$ 77
\$ 25,000	\$ 99

#### SUBORDINATE GRANGE COVERAGE

Basic \$5,000 Coverage = \$50 annual premium

PREMIUM
\$ 50
\$ 59
\$ 67
\$ 72
\$ 77
\$ 99
\$ 106
\$ 121
\$ 136
\$ 168
\$ 189

For Granges requesting coverage of \$200,000 or greater, additional information will be needed to complete your enrollment. Please contact your State Grange office for details.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call the National Grange office at (888) 447-2643 or (202) 628-3507 and speak to Controller Stewart Hughes (ext. 106).

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BONDING

#### Q: What is bonding?

A: Bonding is a type of insurance coverage to protect the financial assets of your Community, Pomona or State Grange. Section 4.10.9 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange stipulates that all Granges, at their own expense, are to be bonded or insured for employee dishonesty with coverage to include at least the Secretary and Treasurer of each organization.



#### Q: How does bonding work?

A: The bond protects the Grange by covering financial losses due to fraudulent activities of an individual or group. Should any unfortunate loss or theft of your Grange's funds occur, you would file a claim. The bond would cover the Grange's financial loss.

#### Q: Can the National Grange help with this required bonding?

A: Yes. The National Grange has a blanket fidelity bond (also referred to as employee dishonestly insurance or crime coverage) available at a discounted group rate. The bond is issued through the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company in Keene, NH. Every Grange\* is eligible to participate by enrolling through their State office. \*except AK, CA, MN

#### Q: What does the bond cover?

A: The fidelity bond available through the National Grange covers all officers and members, not just the Secretary and Treasurer who are required to be bonded by the Digest of Laws. Basic minimum coverage is \$5,000 for a Community Grange, \$2,500 for a Pomona Grange, and \$25,000 for a State Grange. The bond coverage is for one calendar year beginning January 1st.

#### Q: How much coverage does our Grange need?

A: The basic minimum coverage is the lowest amount of coverage offered. In some cases this is enough for a Grange. In many cases, this amount is too low. An easy way to determine how much coverage you need would be to assess the maximum amount of money your Grange handles, including your bank accounts, financial assets, and cash you handle at Grange activities.

#### Q: How do we apply for bonding?

A: Every Grange that would like to purchase discounted coverage enrolls through their State Grange. At the end of each year, the National Master sends a letter and a rate schedule to each State Master. Each State Grange then offers this opportunity to their Pomona and Community Granges, collects their premiums and forwards a lump sum check with a list of participating granges and amounts of their coverage to the National Grange office. Simply choosing your level of coverage and forwarding the premium to your State Grange adds you to the group policy. The date your funds are received at the National Grange office is the day your policy is effective. The rates are based on the policy beginning January 1st so be sure to enroll early to take advantage of a full year of coverage.

#### Q: How do I file a claim?

A: Should a loss occur, you would contact the National Grange office for instructions and claim forms. You should also call the National Grange office if you have any further questions about bonding. The toll-free phone number is: 1-888-4-GRANGE (1-888-447-2643).

# Lecturer's round-up and preview

Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, thank you, thank you, thank you! The continued support, encouragement, assistance and participation you gave to the National Lecturer programs and contests in 2018 was amazing.

Thanks as well to each of you who had a hand in helping me carry out my responsibilities at the 152nd annual session of the National Grange in Stowe, Vermont – it truly takes a village and I have an amazing village!

#### 2018 Quilt Block Contest

Over 300 Tender Heart quilt blocks were made and donated to The Grange Foundation. Each of these blocks are already being matched up with others and will become quilts and other items to be sold to support The Grange Foundation. Thank you to all who participated!

The adult winners were: 1st Place – Brenda Rousselle (VT); 2nd Place – Cathy Stark (NY); and 3rd Place – Joy McClure (MT). The junior winners were: 1st Place – Jerzey Jette (MT); 2nd Place – Elizabeth Coons (NY); and 3rd Place – Kaitlyn Hann (WA).

A special thank you to certified quilting judge Joanne Fortier of Idaho who again volunteered to judge our quilt blocks and who continues to provide insight and guidance for this contest and its future.



A quilt top has already been created out of a few of the more than 300 entries from the 2018 contest using the Tender Heart block from Missouri Star Co.

#### 2019 Quilt Block Contest

The 2019 National Grange Quilt Block is called Pride of Quillisascut which is based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch. The Pride of Quillisascut came to be as the result of me challenging Joan Roberson, the 2017 contest winner, and her fellow Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in

rural, northeast Washington state to select the block for the 2019 contest.

I can't wait for these big, bold blocks to start appearing in my mailbox. I hope you enjoy putting one, or many, together!

The 2019 Quilt Block Contest information sheet and entry form are attached to this newsletter.

#### The Grange Foundation Mercantile

Thanks to all of you who donated your handcrafted items to support the Grange Foundation Mercantile in 2018. Thanks as well to those of you who gave your time in Stowe to staff the Mercantile tables and made it a success! The sale of items donated to the 2018 Mercantile brought in close to \$3,000 for The Grange Foundation. Please stay tuned for information for 2019.

#### **Evening of Excellence**

The 2018 Evening of held Excellence at was the beautiful Spruce Performing Arts Center in Stowe, Vermont and included thirteen Best of Show performances from their respective State Granges. Congratulations to each for their contribution to a wonderful show.

The Audience Choice winners were: Vocal – Philip Vonada

were: Vocal – Philip Vonada (PA), Variety – Angelina DeDominicis (CT), Speech – Ashley Drop (NC) and Sign-A-Song – the North Carolina Bellas (NC). With next year's 153rd annual session being in Minneapolis and therefore more central and much easier to reach, I'd love to see even more State Granges represented at the Evening of Excellence.

#### Photography Showcase

The 2018 National Grange Photography Showcase included Best of Show entries from 30 State Granges, up from 25 last year – fantastic! The photographs were judged by a professional photographer from Vermont who was very impressed with the quality of the photographs and who very much enjoyed the opportunity.

The winners were: 1st Place – Ashley Sears (RI); 2nd Place – Jean Goffard (WI); and 3rd Place – Steven Hood (CA).

#### Quilts of Valor Foundation

Wow! Wow! Of all the wonderful programs and projects and contests I have EVER

had the opportunity to be a part of the Quilts of Valor presentation during the Wednesday evening session at National Grange is my favorite – and from the comments I've received the last two years the same can be said for many of you!

This year we had the honor to present and wrap a Quilt of Valor around twenty Grange veterans. Thanks to Lynn Carrier, Vermont coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, for her assistance.

I'm certain that no one in attendance will ever forget the line of those nineteen men and one woman, wrapped in their beautiful, one-of-a-kind Quilts of Valor standing before us, especially 103 years young Brother Harold Bergeron of Blue Spruce Grange #574 (VT) who served in WWII from 1943-1946.

My thanks to the many Grange members and Grange

quilting groups around the country who lovingly made and donated the beautiful Quilts of Valor that were presented to our Grange veterans in Stowe, Vermont. I hope that you are willing to keep on quilting for this amazing program.

Yes, this presentation will definitely occur next year in Minneapolis. I will be making contact with those of you in the Midwest Region to submit names of Grange members who are veterans or active-duty, who have not already received a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation and who can be present in Minneapolis on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. It is not too early to begin this process now.

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,

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Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer National Grange

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#### 2019 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, 2019. 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 153<sup>rd</sup> National Grange convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 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 other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.
- G. A 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.



#### 2019 Quilt Block Contest

#### Pride of Quillisascut

(based on the Disappearing Nine Patch, also called Split Nine Patch)

#### Fabric:

Three fabrics. The key to this block is that there is good contrast between all three fabrics.

Fabric A should be a medium to dark print.

Fabric B should be significantly lighter than fabric A.

Fabric C should be BRIGHT! Not a pastel bright, but a strong BRIGHT!

All fabric used should be cotton.

#### Constructing the Quilt Block:

Cut all pieces to 4-1/2 inch x 4-1/2 inch square.

Fabric A: Cut four.

Fabric B: Cut four.

Fabric C: Cut one.

Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block.

Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle.

Rotate two blocks.

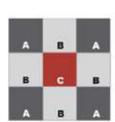
Clip and remove all threads.

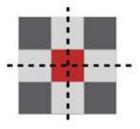
Press all seams.

Sew the block back together.

Unfinished block should measure 12-1/2 inches x 12-1/2 inches.

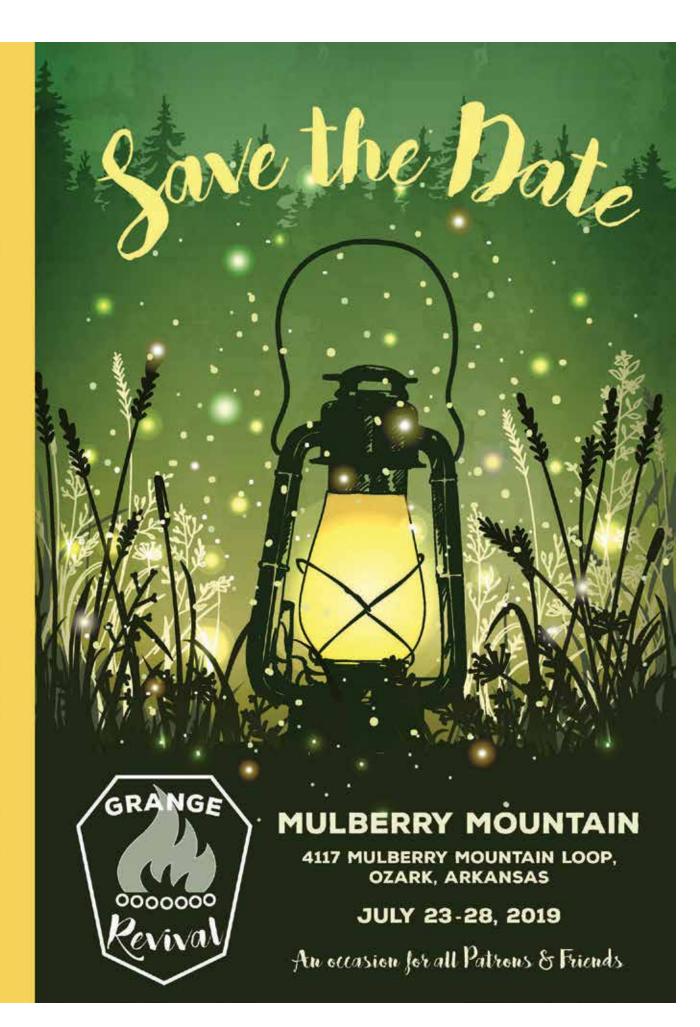
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<u>Note</u>: Special recognition and thanks to the Quillisascut Quilters of Quillisascut Grange #372 in rural, northeast Washington state for taking on the challenge of selecting the block for the 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest by virtue of one of their members, Joan Roberson, winning the 2017 contest. Fantastic work!





## GRANGE REVIVAL 2019 **'RATION**

	REGISTRATION
0000000	I am attending on my own, not as part of an established group
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LBERRY MOUNTAIN LODGE · OZARK, AR JULY 23-28, 2019	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	

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 Reviv	al? Drivin	gSeeki	ng Carpool F	Flying Other/Unsur		
What days do you plan to attend Grange		uly 25 li	ılv 26 luly 27	July 28 (leave by noor		

LODGING RESERVATION	CARINI EL AT RATES (one time foe for full o	want rantal)		
Dry camping, no dump/hookups (\$10 one time)	CABIN FLAT RATES (one-time fee for full event rental) You may choose to split the cost for this rental with			
tent car RV	attendees who stay in the cabin with you			
Hook-up camping (\$60 one time)	You may work with another attendee or set			
tent car RV	take the cabin rental for part of the week. is booked, you may choose how many and			
Cabin Rental (one time rental fee, varies, see chart)	sleep/use your cabin. We will not be response			
(Cabin name:)	you with finding cabin-mates or filling the you may not be able to use it. <i>B=bedroom</i> ;	cabin on days		
Off-Property	Dames Harra	¢1 250		
	Dower House B1: 1 King + 1 Full; B2: Twin	\$1,250		
By signing below, I understand and agree to the following:	•	<b>*</b> ==0		
will not damage event property and will report any defects with venue property to the owners/employees of Mulberry Mountain as soon as	Annie's Cabin B1: 1 Queen	\$750		
possible. I will attain necessary licenses and use recommended safety	B1. I Queen			
equipment while on property. I will assist in keeping the grounds clean and listen to all instructions related to campfires, cooking, swimming,	Barn Loft	\$1,125		
recreational water use, etc. Campfires may only be created in approved	B1: 1 Queen; B2: 2 Twins; laundry.			
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	Outlook Cabin	\$1,750		
where access by attendees is restricted. I will not smoke indoors in any	B1: 1 Queen; B2: 1 Full; B3: 1 Full; LR:	Sleeper Sofa		
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.	Star I Cabin	\$1,000		
will not be inebriated when tending to a fire, participating in water	B1: 1 Queen; LR: Sleeper Sofa			
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	Star II Cabin	\$1,500		
has appropriate chaperones if outside of my immediate care. I may	B1: 1 Queen + 1 Full; B2: 1 Full			
pe 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	Lakeside Cottage	\$1,350		
of payment that is declined or returned, I will be charged an additional	Bedroom 1: 2 Full; Living Room: Ful	l Sleeper Sofa		
\$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	River Cabin	\$2,000		
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.	B1: 1 Queen; B2: 1 Queen + 1 Full; L	R: Sleeper Sofa		
Signature (of attendee, or if attendee is under 18, of parent/guardian)	 Date			
signature (or attendee, or it attendee is under 16, or parent guardian)	Date			
PAYMENT (Group registrations and/or lodging reservations may be madettach/enclose registration forms of all those who are covered by your parts.	de in one payment for all/some attendees in ayment.)	n the party. Pleas		
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Lodging	Subtotal \$			
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Please Bill me via PayPal. Send invoice to email (if different fro	om above:)			
Please charge my credit card \$ (total registration	on fee+lodging deposit/fee)			

\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_



## Grange Heroes for our Hometowns

A use-guide for a theme that captures our identity

#### "Superheroes" and "Heroes" in Branding

As a result of the popularity of superheroes, many organizations and companies have begun to use this term, as well as "Heroes" as trademarks or as part of slogans. We need to be careful about how these terms are used so that we do not run into anyone else who has trademark rights in these terms. For example, DC Comics and Marvel Comics jointly own several trademark registrations for variations of "Super Heroes" and "Superheroes" for clothing and publications (comic books). There are also several charitable organizations who are using "Heroes" as part of their names or as slogans to identify their services. This does not mean we cannot use "heroes" or "superheroes" in promoting this theme – we simply need to be careful not to accidentally infringe on anyone else's rights.

To put this in context, we have had issues with third parties using the term "Grange." These entities claim that "Grange" is a "common word found in a dictionary" and therefore should not be "owned" by any business or entity. However, we know that when these entities are using "Grange" as part of a name or slogan, people may believe, mistakenly, that there is a connection between the goods or services of these entities and the Grange. As we expect our trademark to be respected, we will do the same with the terms "superhero(es)" and "hero(es)."

What does that mean?

When creating social media posts, advertisements and posters for events – something we will produce at the National level and make available to all Granges for adaptation (addition of your Grange and event details) – we must be cognizant of the legal parameters established. We will not be using "hero(es)" or "superhero(es)" as slogans. However, we can use



these terms generically and in sentence context to mean people who are courageous, noble and serving their community! For example, it is acceptable to describe our caped Grange members doing good for their community as "heroes" or "superheroes," or to use these terms as part of a sentence. It is also acceptable to use the full identifier for the theme — Grange: A fraternity training heroes for our hometowns since 1867.

#### 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 #:			

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.

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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.

A nonprofit, agricultural fraternity designated as a 501(c)(5) by the IRS.		100% of all proceeds go to the programs you wish to support.			
		I am making a \$ donation to National Grange.			
\$	National Headquarters Building Fund				
\$	Internship Program	I am making a \$ donation to Grange Foundation.			
\$	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.		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)
		\$	Endowment/General Fund		
\$	Junior Grange Fund	Name on card			
\$	Grange Youth Fund	Card Number			
\$	Community & Leadership Development Fund	Cura i vamoci			
\$	American Arts and Culture Fund	Expiration Date/ CVC			
\$	Kelley Farm Fund				
\$	Communication Fellows Program	Signature			
\$	Grange Radio Project	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.



#### **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 vapid 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/in food programs (WIC, SNAP, etc.) or receive food aid (for	·
Has your Grange (or affiliated Junior Grange) offered prencourage food security (ex. nutrition/healthy meal work	
Has your Grange advocated for municipal ordinances or d food via concepts like edible landscapes, backyard chicke ways in which people can increase their food security inde	ens, creation of community garden plots, or other
Has your Grange hosted an event, open to the commu	nity, 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 involeaders/legislators and/or the public on an issue related	
Please indicate if your Grange has held any type of pro	gram in any of these areas in the past 2 years.
O Canning/Jarring/Food Preservation	Other related program (describe):
<ul><li>Couponing/Food Budget</li><li>Other Food Related Home Economics</li></ul>	
O Nutrition	
Have you in the past 2 years organized and/or provided	d space for any of the following?
O Ride Sharing for Food/Groceries	O Community Farmers Market
O Food Pantry	O Community Garden
Please indicate if your Grange has held community forur	ms or advocated on any of these areas in the past 2 years.
O Increasing community availability of food access O Improved water quality	Other related advocacy (describe):
Please write a short narrative about why these issues a	are of importance to your Grange?
Name of Submitter	
Position held if applicable	
Address	
Email	
How many members does your Grange have (opti	onal)?

# Make it a Good Day!

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

In early January 2019, subscribers will receive the 96-page seventh issue, with new features. Previously, we've had an 80-page issue (May 2018), a 180-page special double issue (Jan 2018), a 118-page September 2017 issue, an 84-page May issue, and the 96-page August 2018 and February 2017 debut editions. The double issue is sold out and there are few copies remaining of the other issues that can be ordered through the Grange Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping.



If you've received some of our most recent issues but are unsure when you subscribed, or if you know you subscribed in early 2018, renew now to ensure you continue receiving this highly reviewed publication. You can renew or subscribe online, using the attached form or by phone with National Grange Sales Director Loretta Washington at 202-628-3507 ext. 109.

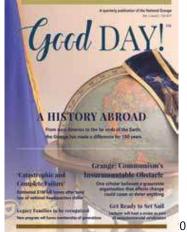
#### tinyurl.com/BuyGoodDay

Using the online order form helps significantly cut down on the staff time and potential confusion as it enters the subscription directly into our database. You can use the order form to collect information, then gather checks or cash and pay together for the subscriptions 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!<sup>TM</sup> after entering your order online.

# Deadline to subscribe is January 31 to receive the EARLY MARCH 2019 edition.



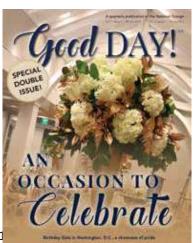














Subscription price for Grange members is \$16.

Price for those who are not Grange members is \$28 annually. Price includes 1-year e-membership.

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