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Master's Message

BY BETSY HUBER

The summer season has begun, and that means many youth, Junior, and family



camps and regional conferences. Two of these are completed—Mid-Atlantic in March and Great Plains last weekend in Texas. Both were very well attended with lots of interesting, educational, fun workshops and activities for all ages. I hope you saw on Facebook all the happy faces and wonderful projects and activities that were happening.

This Saturday there is a Membership workshop conducted by Joe Stefenoni in Maryland at the New Market Grange hall at 10 am. If you would like one of these workshops to happen near you, contact your State Master and make the request.

Next weekend, June 28-30, is the Midwest Leaders Conference in Milford, Indiana. If you are in any of the Midwest states or nearby, I hope you are registered to attend.

Coming up also are the Southeast Regional July 19-21 in Tennessee and the Western Regional, August 9-11 in Montana, along with the Northeast Youth Conference July 12-14 and Northeast Lecturers Conference.

Don't think you need to be a State Master or Director to come to these!

Workshops and conferences are very helpful to you in your Grange work, whether you have a leadership position or are "just a member." If you are looking ahead to a greater role in the Grange or just wanting to know more about this organization, you are most welcome to attend.

The regionals include competitions in "Grange base-ball," public speaking, and sign-a-song, so come out to support your youth and Juniors in their efforts. You'll be rewarded with new friends, new knowledge, and a fun time with wonderful people!

Oregon woman selected to assist with membership

BY JOE STEFENONI

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

With more than 1,700 Community Granges spread across 36 states it is at times difficult for the membership director to have contact with most of those Granges. This distance also makes it difficult to craft effective programming for all Granges to use.

Not that far back in our history as an organization it was not uncommon for National Grange departments to have a committee of members from across the nation to assist the director in program development and act as a brain trust.

When I was rehired as Membership Director, one of my priorities was to find a way to increase both the effectiveness and presence of the National Grange membership department.

To accomplish this end, it was natural to look back at how membership activities functioned in the past, and the structure of a national committee seemed to be the best way of accomplishing these goals. Reimplement-

ing this structure is not occurring just because "that's the way we've always done it", but because it allows for both stability and innovation.

Over the past few months, I have been looking for a volunteer in each region to be a regional assistant, and member of this unofficial committee.

With an assistant in each region, this will create more opportunities for the National Grange membership department for representation and interaction at the local level.

These regional assistants will also take some of the events from the Membership Director's schedule such as the regional conferences and other state events. This added time will allow the National Grange Membership Director to represent the National Grange at events to promote our organization to those who are not yet connected to our fraternal ties.

Recently, Sister Suzy Ramm of Oregon was brought on as the membership assistant for the western region that includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana and Nevada.



SUZY RAMM

Suzy is a member of Springwater Grange #263 and Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1. She has been a subordinate Grange member for almost 37 years. She was a charter member of Parkdale Junior Grange. She is employed by the Oregon State Grange and is the editor of the bi-monthly Oregon State Grange Bulletin.

We welcome Suzy and hope that if you're part of the Western Region you will take advantage of her guidance and expertise. Soon we hope to announce others who have been selected for our additional regions in this role.

The Florida State Grange is offering free to any Grange in need extra, gently used Grange rugs, staves and other Grange paraphernalia. Sister Barbara Borderieux will be coming to Grange Revival and could transport the items for those interested or other arrangements may be made. Please contact Barbara at bborderieux@tampabay.rr.com or by phone at (941) 729-8036.

Real milk's role in a sustainable Farm-to-Table diet

FAMILY FEATURES CONTENT

A dairy cow in a pasture can feel like a long way from the milk in refrigerators and at family tables. However, the distance between the farm and your family may be shorter and more sustainable than you think. Dairy farmers are committed to sharing milk's vital nutrients in more environmentally conscious ways, and they're making strides today and with each generation.

Sometimes it might feel difficult to balance your family's nutritional needs with what's best for the planet, but dairy milk production uses fewer resources than before while providing a unique nutrient package that nourishes your family.

Farmers, who work the land and care for the animals that help nourish families, understand that resources are finite and must be handled wisely. From using sustainable cow feed to reusing water and repurposing manure for fertilizer, farmers improve their operating practices, reduce waste and contribute to a better environment today and for the future.

In fact, today's milk is made with 65 percent less water, 90 percent less land and 76 per-



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cent less manure, resulting in a 63 percent smaller footprint compared to 75 years ago, according to research published in the "Journal of Animal Science."

When you buy a gallon of milk, you're supporting farmers committed to continuous improvement while also incorporating one of the most nourishing foods available into your diet.

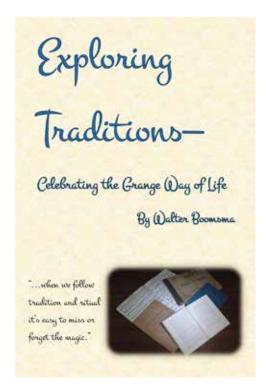
Dairy milk is a natural source of high-quality protein and is the top food source for calcium and vitamin D, which diets often lack, especially for children. In all, milk provides nine essential nutrients and is one of the original farm-to-table

foods, meaning you're making smart decisions about nutrition while providing your family with an increasingly sustainable food

Across many aspects of life, balance is key. That is especially true in how and what people eat, and a truly sustainable diet involves more than its impact on physical surroundings. It must also be nutrient-rich, practical and affordable. The right amount of animal and plant foods can help create more sustainable diets for both people and the planet.

Learn more about how dairy farmers are stewards of the environment at milklife.com.

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

The New Grange Mission Statement is now a poster that would look nice in your Grange Hall. This is the first in many years that we have a new mission statement. The poster (Item #338) is 11" x 17". The cost is \$5 plus shipping. State Presidents, Pomona Masters or others may contact Loretta Washington for special pricing if they purchase bulk orders.



Great Plains regional well attended, packed with activity

BY MANDY BOSTWICK

Youth & Young Adult Director

The Great Plains Regional Conference kicked off on Friday, June 14 in Waco, Texas.

Grangers from across the region gathered that evening to decorate clothing protectors for a local nursing home, and finished the night learning Texas line dances. Texas State Grange Youth led Vespers.

Saturday started with the members of the National Grange Youth Team, Rylee Furr and Brittney Oliver, presenting their workshop entitled "We've Always Done it That Way: Bridging the Generational Divide in Leadership" and discussing the Grange Youth Focus Area Contest in the form of a workshop to garner interest in the program.

Joe Stefenoni, National Membership Director, along with Derek Snyder, assistant to the Membership Director, presented two workshops entitled "How Can I Shape Grange Policy" and "The Grange Policy Process."

Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director, and Billy Greer, National Junior Ambassador, worked with Juniors presenting their workshops that introduced the Cape of Honor and also a Dairy Awareness initiative.

The Juniors also made nonslip socks for the local nursing home and also got to make their own ice cream.

Later in the morning Grang-



ers split off to either tour the Dr. Pepper Museum or the Texas Rangers Museum and came back to the hotel to a lunch put together by one of Texas' own Grangers.

After lunch, Cibolo Grange #1541 members provided sewing machines and materials for Grangers to put together quilt blocks for the 2019 Quilt Block Contest.

Then Grange Baseball got underway. The Blue Agates and Golden Sheaves both were rounded off with 10 players each with Juniors, Youth, and Youth Alumni compiling the teams. The game ended after four innings, due to time constraints, with a tie breaker round when the score hit 19-19. The Blue Agates won the game.

Melody Shufeldt, Hayden Bailey and Kennedy Webb, all of Oklahoma, had the best slugging averages and will represent the Great Plains Region at National Session.

Dinner was true Texas Barbeque and was followed by the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests.

Kathy Omeara, TX, won Best of Show with her prepared speech "My Introduction to the Grange" and Karryn Overstreet, TX, won Best of Show with her Sign-a-Song "Not Today." Both have the opportunity to present their acts at the Evening of Excellence in Minnesota.

Several youth participated in the impromptu speech contest as well, Charlotte Tate of Texas took first place with her impromptu speech "If you could live any place....". Rosalie Mendoza shared her beautiful vocal talents by singing Los Laureles.

The National Grange Youth Team lead Vespers before everyone ended the night playing games, line dancing and enjoying Big Red floats.

Sunday service was held on the hotel's outdoors pavilion and ended just as the rain started to roll in. Everyone said their goodbyes and headed off to their home states.

Share information on varied opportunities

Brothers and Sisters.

As we head into summer and our first State Grange conventions, many of our regional conferences, picnics, fairs and all sorts of great gatherings remember to share the information in this newsletter with your fellow members, neighbors and friends. It is the work each of you do at the local level that makes these programs a success and I thank you for, and appreciate, your efforts!

2019 Grange Foundation Raffle

Now is a great time to get out your allotment of 2019 Grange Foundation raffle tickets, put on your salesmanship/marketing hat and turn tickets into cash for our Grange Foundation. I know we can sell every one of these 5,000 tickets. Thanks for your help in getting this done!

2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

I am excited to announce the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest which is a new contest open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community and Junior), Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+). The goal of this new contest is two-fold – first, to recognize the public relations work being done by our Granges across the country and second, to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering more



public relations efforts. I am looking for a minimum of 1,000 entries! A couple of key points regarding this new contest — first place prize money in each division is \$200, there is NO limit on the number of items that can

be submitted; and ALL entries will be shared by National Grange with State, Community and Junior Granges across the country. In addition, all entries will be shown at the 153rd annual session of the National Grange in November. I have attached the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest info sheet and entry form – please make as many copies as you need.

Thanks for all you do!

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

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Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer National Grange



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7 selected for Communication Fellows program

In its seventh year, the National Grange Communication Fellows Program is prepared to train members from across the United States in the basics of communications and how tools learned can be used to promote the Grange at all levels.

Seven members will take part for the first time in the program. Ranging in age from 18 to over 50, these first-time Fellows come from Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Minnesota and New York.

The first-time Fellows are
Lorri Freeman, Angelina Irby,
Teddy Secor, Karen Cline,
Lexi Suing and Troy Behnke.
Returning Senior Fellow

Maggie Swartzendruber, of Oregon, will help guide and develop their leadership skills.

Each of the applicants provided a writing sample and used the Subordinate Manual to create a sample social media post that could also be used in a variety of ways to promote the Grange, showing their passion for the organization.

"This is a great way to kind of get a sense for the applicants and their skills to start and see where we can go in the nine days we'll have together," program director, Amanda Brozana Rios, National Grange Communica-

tions and Development Director, said.

The Fellows will gather via Zoom conference a few times before they meet in person in Minneapolis in November.

"This is a really diverse and exciting group. It's always so incredible to get a wide variety of perspectives in the room and not only learn about communications, but learn about what draws people to our organization and what motivates them to succeed,"

Recognition programs ready for 2019 applicants

Grange Legacy

We began this program in 2017 to recognize Grange Families and members who have at least 5 generation of wonderful Grange membership. I know that some families have an oral history of the earlier generation belong to the Grange. You don't need to search records to find the exact dates or the name of the Grange they joined. As long as you have five generation of your family, including Juniors. We want to recognize you and your family at the 2019 National Grange Convention in Bloomington, MN. Deadline is August 5, 2019

Learn more and download the application at http://tiny.cc/GrangeLegacy19 or apply online at https://form.jotform.com/80535424584156

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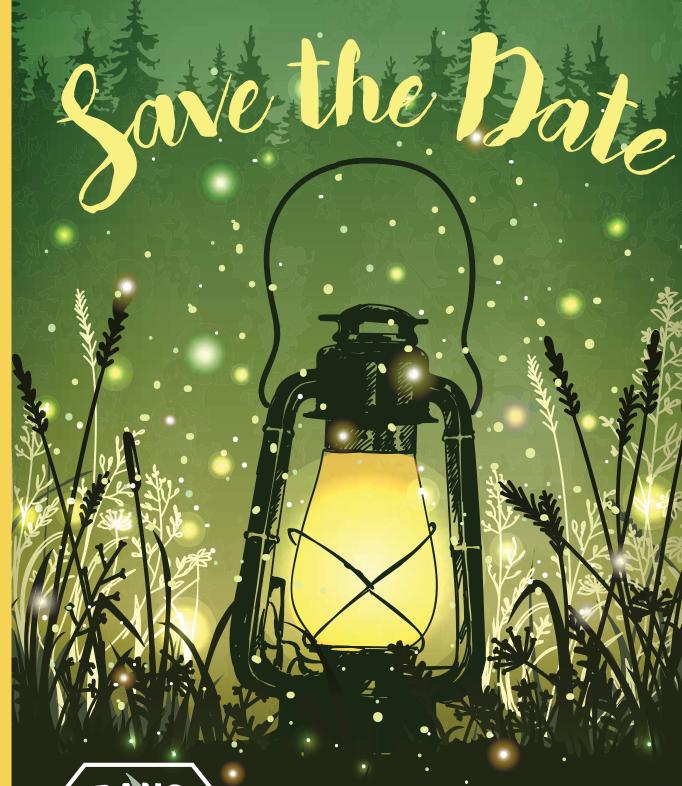
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Some activities at Grange Revival may be require certain safety gear/equipment rental or supply purchase for a small fee. A full schedule will be provided in early 2019 with fee information and additional options may be posted prior to or at the time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

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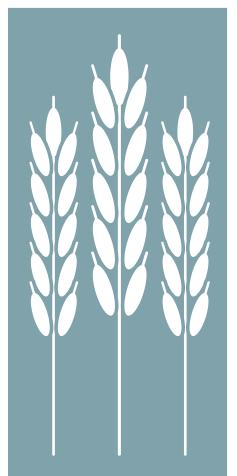
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2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The ability of our Granges, at every level, to successfully promote specific events or the Grange as a whole is necessary and important. The goal of the National Grange Public Relations Contest is to recognize the public relations work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering more public relations efforts. The more Grange public relations occurring within our communities, the better!

RULES

- A. The National Grange Public Relations Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- B. A Public Relations item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange.
- C. All contest entries must be received electronically as an audio or video file or as a .pdf or .jpg document by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2019. Send entries to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org.
- D. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be electronically exhibited at the 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis.
- E. There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).
 - Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- F. There is <u>no limit</u> on the number of Public Relations items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group. Each item will need a short explanation of how it was used.
- G. If your Public Relations item is wearable please take a photo/s of the item and submit the photo/s.
- H. All entries will be shared by the National Grange with State, local and Junior Granges across the country.
- I. A 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest Entry Form must be completed for each Public Relations item submitted.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50 and 4th - \$25 in each division.



2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

ENTRY FORM

Grange/Committee/Group Name:	No.:	State:
Title of Public Relations Item:		
Explanation of how this item was used:		
<u>Division</u> :		
□ - Created by a professional (paid or in-kind)		
☐ - Created In-house (without professional assistance)		
Contact Info:		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	

All contest entries must be received electronically as an audio or video file or as a .pdf or .jpg document by Christine Hamp, National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2019**.

Email entries to: lecturer@nationalgrange.org



The Grange Foundation Mercantile is seeking donations of high-quality handcrafted items (wood carved items, knife blocks, cutting boards, hand or machine-made quilts, leatherwork, upcycled art, metalwork, painted metal or cutouts, handmade fishing flies; driftwood items, antler arts, rock art, stained glass, gemstone/sterling jewelry, felted craft, hand-spun yarn, baskets, etc.).

Donations may be hand-delivered to the 153rd Annual National Grange Convention or sent to the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm at 15788 Kelley Farm Road, Elk River, MN 55330. If delivering to the DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington-Minneapolis South, donations must be received by Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Donations sent must be received by no later than October 31 and should be clearly marked ATTN: GRANGE MERCANTILE.

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 from the Foundation.

Questions or inquiries?

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



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The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2019

Name:				
		State:	Zip:	
		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 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- ➤ If shipping donations, all donations must be received at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm by October 31, 2019.

Ship donations to: Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm

Attn: Grange Mercantile 15788 Kelley Farm Road Elk River, MN 55330



Do you like to use your talents for *Charity?*Are you up for a *Challenge?*Take on the *Pride of Quillisascut* block.

The 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest is OPEN FOR ALL ages and skill levels. There are two classes: under 14 and over 14 years of age. You need not be a Grange member to enter. Submit unlimited blocks (but identify the one you wish to have judged). You may enter a block and choose not to have it judged.



lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533

Dear Handicraft Enthusiast,

The 150-year-old National Grange is rooted in American traditions - from patriotism and civic engagement to passing on knowledge of things like quilting and skills for sustainability like canning and jarring. Our core principles are faith, hope, charity and fidelity and from that base, more than 40,000 community Granges have been organized since our founding in 1867, working to improve the lives of our members, our neighbors and people all around the world. While today we have just under 2,000 local Granges across nearly 40 states, each and every one of our more than 150,000 members works hard to make the world around them better daily. Quilting has become a very integral part of that outreach.

As you know, quilting and sewing are great arts that can lead not only to the production of amazing mementos but also to the connection of people to another time and another pace of life. It can help center those who struggle to unwind or focus; can help grow bonds between those teaching and those learning the craft; and can allow communities to be forged out of fabric and stitched together out of shared ambitions. For us, the quilt block contest is not just a cute nod to the past. Instead, we use it as a way to:

- Encourage new or novice quilters to learn the basics of sewing and blossom into handicraft artists
- Remind others of our interconnectedness and how by many individuals giving just a bit of themselves, we can create magnificent and meaningful items
- Allow those items to raise awareness about the dueling simplicity and complexity of quilting and the American handicraft traditions
- Use some of the items created from the submitted blocks as fundraising/raffle prizes or gift items for those in communities changing the lives of others for the better

For this reason, it is important to us to reach far beyond the bounds of our current membership and invite anyone who sees a value in the craft of quilting (or the basics of sewing) and wishes to do good for others to submit a completed block in this contest. Entries from quilters of all levels, members of the Grange or those who have never heard of the organization, are welcome and will be used in quilts and quilted items that can help Granges raise money and fund their outreach - from giving dictionaries to third graders in communities where the internet is virtually nonexistent; holding medical screening clinics, community dinners to benefit the local fire company, blood drives, and much more; providing support for students engaged in agriculture courses or programs; connecting families with wholesome activities and leadership development opportunities and much more. Granges matter as does the creation and entry of these blocks into the contest.

Of course, we welcome you to do more than just sew a block (or several). We invite you and your friends, colleagues and, if you own a quilt shop, your customers, to become active in a Grange near you or consider starting a Grange in your community that can help pass on traditions and meet the needs of your hometown.

If you would like, you are welcome to make some "quilt block kits" and sell them in your store or other location. You may choose any fabric that would work for this block based on the description and price it as you see fit. While many experienced quilters will likely pick their own materials and choose to cut and prepare on their own, beginning and novice quilters may enjoy having pre-cut fabrics that visually work together to complete their project. You can also connect with the Grange to see if there is a member available to speak about the organization and its good works to your customers, local quilt guild or another group.

We thank you so much in advance for your consideration in participating, posting and promoting our contest and we cannot wait to share with any participating shop/group information about what was made from these blocks, how the items were used and what impact funds from these items had to better communities, our nation and our world.

Please feel free to contact the NATIONAL GRANGE by email at membership@nationalgrange.org or call/text (707) 328-0631. We can answer questions or get you in touch with someone locally. Thank you again.

With gratitude,

Joe Stefenoni National Grange The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone. There are two groups for judging: Group I – Adult (Age 14+) | Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under). The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. A 2019 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

All contest entries must be received by Christine Hamp, National Lecturer, at 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026 by October 31, 2019. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Even those entries arriving after the deadline will be exhibited at the 153rd National Grange convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 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.

2019 Block - Pride of Quillisascut

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

Fabric

Three fabrics, all cotton. 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.

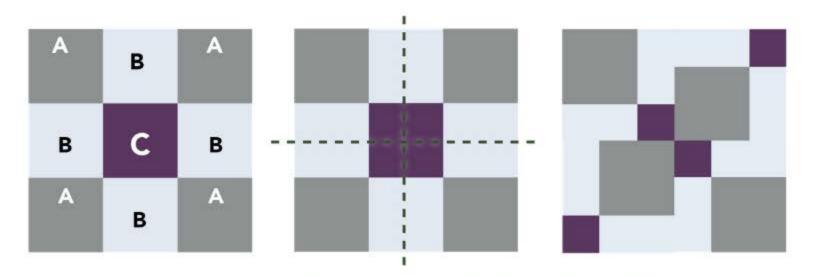
Fabric C should be **bright!** Not a pastel bright, but a strong bright!

Constructing the Quilt Block

Cut all pieces to $4-\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4-\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Cut four fabric A. Cut four fabric B. Cut one fabric C.

Use a ¼" 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" x 12". Clip and remove all threads.



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.



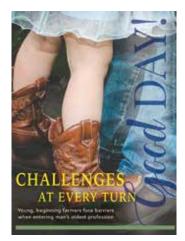
2019 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

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Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email:		Phone:	
DO NOT JUDGE □			
Grange Member: □	Non-Member: □		
Grange Name:		No.:	State:
☐ - Group I (Age 14+) ☐ - Group II (Age 13 and und	der)		
All contest entries must be re The quilt block you enter in the Please make and submit as re Each contest entry must have	ne contest for judging must many blocks as you wish, b	be made by you.	
Mail entries to:	Christine Hamp, National I 16418 N. Birdie Road Nine Mile Falls WA 99026		



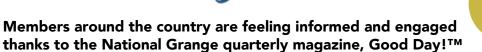


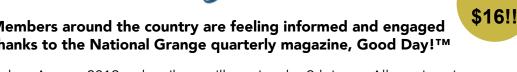


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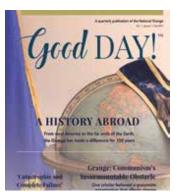
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