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GET READY, THEY'RE COMING

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The 2019 National Grange Communication Fellows have begun work and work they will for the next few months and hopefully well beyond on behalf of the Grange at all levels.

For you, this means new names (and a few familiar ones) reaching out to ask you to provide information, photos and ideas for their tasks all designed to do one thing – provide a robust and heartwarming look at the Grange.

From tearful ceremonies of appreciation for years of dedicated service to lively and well-loved fair booths; welcoming new members and providing services to our neighbors, this is the Grange Story.

But if no one tells it, is there a story at all?

When we begin our discussions each year I teach the axiom “one cannot not communicate.” This “law” of communications means that even when we say nothing, we are telling others around us something – and where there is silence, there is an implied “it’s not important,” “there’s no real value,” and/or “you’re not welcome.”

So, please, welcome Lexie Suing, Troy Benke, Angelina Irby, Teddy Secor, Lorri Freeman, Karen Cline and Phil Vonada, our first-year fellows, and tell them about your Grange when they ask so that they can tell the world our Grange Story.

For those Distinguished Granges, expect that they will reach out to you in October to gather information for press releases and for all others with interesting Grange activities or tales, contact our senior content coordination Fellow Maggie Swartzendruber at maggiewhere@gmail.com with more information.

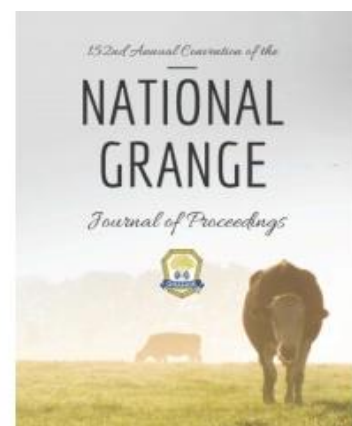


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LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL LECTURER

By Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer | Email: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (509) 953-3533

Brothers and Sisters,

The first Grange Revival was fantastic and exactly what we hoped it would be – a great gathering of Grangers intent on having fun, learning, sharing ideas, making new friends and spending quality time with old friends. Oh, and eating – lots and lots of eating! Duane and I traveled over 4,300 miles round-trip which included 11 BIG states and we saw the most amazing natural wonders, learned a ton of American history, visited with cherished friends and laughed and smiled at the most quirky of roadside attractions. We'd do it all again tomorrow in a heartbeat if I could figure out how to work from the road.

Please keep your eyes open for information about the next Grange Revival in 2021 and plan on joining us for a Grange experience like none other.



2019 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

By Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer | Email: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (509) 953-3533

I am in search of Grange Veterans or active-duty personnel who will be present for the evening session at the upcoming National Grange Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota on Wednesday, November 6th and who have NOT yet been presented with a Quilt of Valor through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. This will be the third consecutive year that we will have partnered with the Quilts of Valor Foundation to present quilts to our own Veterans and active-duty personnel at our annual session and it is a wonderful tribute to their service. Please contact me (see contact information below) with the Veteran or active-duty member's full name, branch of service, years of service and Grange name, number and state.

2019 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

By Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer | Email: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (509) 953-3533

I continue to receive a steady stream of quilt blocks and each and every envelope makes me smile! Remember, the National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to members and non-members alike. Also, there is a junior division for those 5-13 years of age and we just added a men's division in addition to the adult division. All three divisions will have a first, second and third place awarded with the same \$50, \$30 and \$20 prize money.

2019 NATIONAL GRANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTEST

By Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer | Email: lecturer@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (509) 953-3533

I have received the first entry in the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest from Ada Grange #570, Oregon. Thank you! Only 999 entries to go to reach my goal of 1,000! This contest, in my thinking, is less about the contest and more about the sharing of ideas – ideas for both events as well as ways to advertise. Please share EVERY flyer, poster, sandwich board, button, t-shirt, Facebook event notice, newsletter, placemat, display, parade entry and fair booth that you create to advertise your Grange – there is no limit on the number that can be entered. The more entries received, the more ideas to share.



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 153rd 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 4-½ inch x 4-½ inch square.

Fabric A: Cut four.

Fabric B: Cut four.

Fabric C: Cut one.

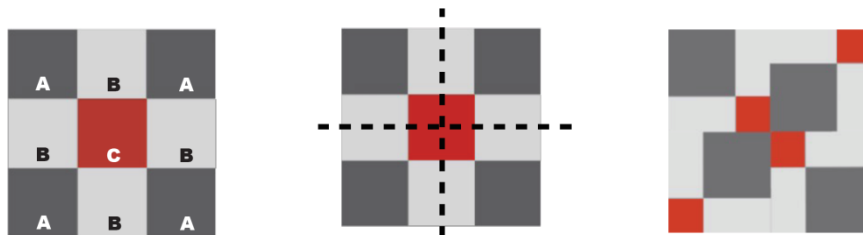
Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block. At this point the block should measure 12-½ inches x 12-½ inches.

Cut the block into four equal pieces through the middle. Rotate two blocks.

Sew the block back together using a ¼ inch seam allowance.

Now the block should measure 12 inches x 12 inches.

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.



***Note:** 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!*



2019 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

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 under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2019.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make and submit 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



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 no limit 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: _____

Division:

- ☐ - 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

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT SEEKS 4 REGIONAL ASSISTANT

By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director

Email: membership@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (707) 328-0631

The National Grange Member Membership Director is seeking assistants to join the leadership team to create Grange growth across the country from the Great Plains, Midwest, East Coast and Northeast regions.

The assistants will work on a regional basis with State and Community Granges to develop goals and benchmarks for membership growth and retention as well as working to organize and reorganize Community Granges.

Assistants will receive training from the National Grange Membership Director on how to organize Granges, creating membership plans and other necessary skills.

Assistants are currently needed in the following regions

The regional assistants will be provided with reimbursement for travel expenses. For more information or to complete the interest survey, contact National Grange Membership Director at (707) 328-0631 or email at membership@nationalgrange.org.

STRIVE TO BE A GRANGE IN ACTION: DEADLINE SEPT. 25

The newest recognition program of the National Grange has a quickly approaching September 25th deadline.

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the 2019 National Convention as a "Grange In Action" should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1 page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1, 2018 to Sept 1, 2019 - anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- Granges that qualify for the 2019 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.
- Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2019 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2019
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11th Fl. Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @ lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report.

To be named a "State Grange in Action", a State Grange must have at least 6 Granges recognized as "Grange In Action."

Some of the entries will be on display at next year's National Convention.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT CONTEST: DEADLINE SEPT. 30

By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director

Email: membership@nationalgrange.org or Phone: (707) 328-0631

The goal of this contest is to create a display promoting your Grange and to use it in the community your Grange serves. Grange displays should promote the active role your Grange takes in its community by highlighting the activities and functions your Grange puts on, the community service projects it engages in, and the future vision of the membership. The displays can also briefly highlight the history of the organization. Displays should be visually appealing, including pictures to enhance the viewer's experience.

Displays can be both active and passive in nature. Active displays are ones where Grange members are there to talk to potential new members and answer any questions about what your Grange does. Passive displays are ones that are set up for the public to view without anyone being there to answer potential questions. Both displays should have the information necessary for someone to find out more information about your Grange including, but not limited to: website, meeting date & time, email, social media addresses, etc. Displays should also be stocked with pamphlets about the Grange and membership applications for anyone wishing to fill one out.

In developing your display, consider what your Grange does to improve your community and the things that would entice people to join your Grange and become active members. Also consider the outcomes of being a Grange member, not just the features of membership.

There are two categories to this contest.

- 1) Digital Displays
- 2) Non-Digital Displays

Digital displays can be a video, or a collection of images and text that showcase what your Grange does to serve its members and better its community. Digital displays can be created in a variety of programs including, but not limited to: Microsoft PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, Keynote, iMovie, Adobe Spark, Windows Movie Maker, and Impress. Digital displays can also have audio laid over the images with a narrator explaining the outcomes of being a Grange member and why someone should join the Grange. Digital displays should be viewed on a laptop computer or TV screen that is set up at the events your Grange is working.

To enter this contest, please submit to the National Grange Membership Director a short (up to two (2) page) write-up of where your Grange placed its display and what interest the display generated; did you take in new members? Develop new contacts within your community? Develop a new program based on the needs of your community members? Along with the write-up please submit up to five (5) photos of your Grange display in action. Digital displays need to be created in some form of digital media that can be universally shared and viewed. If your Grange created an information or membership pamphlet specific for your Grange to go along with your display, please include it as well.

The top four displays in each category will be displayed in the Showcase at the 153rd National Grange Convention.

Contest entries are due to the National Grange Membership Director no later than September 30, 2019. Entries may be submitted by email to membership@nationalgrange.org, arrangements can be made for digital files to be shared through a cloud based platform. Entries can also be sent to the National Grange, 1616 H St NW, Floor 11, ATTN: Membership Department, Washington DC 20006.

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