



The Patrons Chain

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

SEE YOU IN MINNESOTA; FOOD WASTE INFO SHARED

BY BETSY E. HUBER

National Grange President

Here we are already at the end of September and five days into Fall. There are only 37 days left until the opening of the 153rd National Grange Convention, November 5 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Most important of all, TODAY is the deadline to reserve your hotel room at the Grange rate. Go to our website and learn more, but remember, book directly with the hotel. I would love to see all of you there!

Last weekend a group of Grangers attended the Farm Aid Festival/Concert in Wisconsin to staff a Grange information booth, a skills demonstration (cow's milk

soap making) and the Youth Market to sell local fruit and cookies.

In spite of the rain, it was a great day of making contacts with people from across the country (and world) interested in agriculture and food. Definitely a target audience for Grange membership.

You can read details about our activities elsewhere in this issue, but I was impressed with the interest and enthusiasm shown by attendees who stopped at our booth.

Each year we have chosen an issue to highlight and there are a lot of people out there who really care about various issues.

This could be a clue for your Grange to attract new members.

Choose a topic—food waste

was ours this year—and set up an open meeting or forum to discuss the issue and what you can do about it in your community.

Invite guests to participate and help with whatever the group decides to do. This will get them involved, get them comfortable with your members and location, and show them the benefits of people working together for a common goal.

To make it even easier, we now have food waste fact sheets, a game, and recipes on our website www.nationalgrange.org/foodwaste to get you started with your program.

Packets on other topics will be coming soon.

Why not give it a try?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Established in 1867, the Grange is a family fraternal organization open to all who seek to serve others, build lifelong friendships and reach their highest potential. A part of more than 40,000 hometowns since its founding, based on the principles of nonpartisanship, grassroots policy-making and equality, the Grange holds the distinction as the nation's oldest agriculture advocacy organization.

"In essentials, unity; In nonessentials, liberty, In all things, charity."

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FOOD WASTE TAKES CENTER STAGE AT GRANGE'S FARM AID BOOTH

BY AMANDA BROZANA RIOS

National Grange Communications
& Development Director

On Saturday, September 21, state leaders and national staff attended Farm Aid in East Troy, Wisconsin, introducing the Grange to a large number of the more than 30,000 event attendees.

Wisconsin State Grange Secretary Lexi Gegare and her brother, Kedric, a Junior Grange member, Amber and Kymm Scott, also Wisconsin Grangers, and National Junior Director Samantha Wilkins provided assistance with the Youth Market – a set of concession stands at which local produce and other food products from local farms was sold by young people interested and involved in agriculture-oriented organizations like Grange, FFA and 4-H.

As part of the event, the Grange also provided a demonstration workshop on cow's milk soap making and set up a booth at the Homegrown Village to introduce concert-goers to the issue of food waste and provide them a bit of insight into how they can work to reduce food waste and lessen the environmental impact of such waste.

Minnesota State Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher and National Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios worked to create the materials for the program, and were the key presenters for the soap-making demonstration where nearly 100 people learned a bit about the dairy crisis and how individual consumers can find different



ways to reduce the surplus of milk.

The big hit of the day, however, was the interactive booth where Grangers including National Grange President Betsy Huber, Wisconsin State Grange President Deb Gegare, Wisconsin State Grange Executive Committee member Royal Vine, National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director Joe Stefenoni, Illinois State Grange Vice President Karie Blasingame, Bercher, Brozana Rios and Wisconsin State Grange Vice President Duane Scott, dressed as a browning banana, tested attendees' knowledge of food waste and provided them tips and tricks on how to reduce waste in their homes.

Attendees were asked if they wanted to test their knowledge about food waste by playing a game called "Higher or Lower," where a Grange booth member would read them a se-

ries of two or three statements with a statistic. The participant would have to decide if the real number was higher or lower than that stated and use a higher/lower paddle to indicate their response.

Some of the facts were shocking and helped compel the audience member to offer their own experience when presented a paper with 10 different commonly wasted food types and asked "what food do you most throw away?" Based on their response, the booth member would present them a small display board with a paper laminated and mounted to it that contained tips and tricks for reducing food waste in that category.

For example, if you said you more frequently than you'd like throw away apples, you'd get a board that explained that apples go bad faster if they touch where they are stored,

WHICH ITEM MOST FREQUENTLY BECOMES FOOD WASTE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?



BREADS, ROLLS & BUNS WASTE-REDUCTION SOLUTIONS

- * Store out of fridge but use in 3-4 days. The texture of bread kept in the refrigerator can be off-putting and lead to waste.
- * Keep frozen, thaw to room temperature, reheat in oven or in toaster for ideal texture.
- * If you see mold on a small amount of your bread, pick it off, then cut bread into cubes and bake in oven at 375° F for 15 minutes or until dried. You can use as breadcrumbs or, if you season with oil and garlic powder or other seasoning before baking, as croutons.
- * Stale bread can also be used in recipes such as bread puddings, French toast, or as a thickener in soups.
- * Save and freeze heels (ends) of loaves. Thaw and toast for open faced sandwiches.

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USDA offers a free posterboard app with details of how to use many other foods to avoid waste.



MILKS & CHEESES

Reduces food waste by 17%

WASTE-REDUCTION SOLUTIONS

- * Store milk in coldest part of refrigerator (not in the door) to give it maximum shelf life.
- * When milk goes sour, use in place of sour cream or buttermilk in recipes. (Pancakes, quick breads, biscuits, cakes and cookies).
- * Milk can also be used to marinate chicken which tenderizes the protein and provides a golden-brown skin when roasted.
- * Milk can be used to make cottage cheese. Bring milk to room temperature for about a day until it is really sour, then pour into a pot and heat gently (do not boil) for about 30-45 minutes until you can see the whey separating, then cut chunks and scoop, putting into cheesecloth lined strainer and drain for about two hours or overnight. Add cream, herbs or other ingredients for flavor, then refrigerate.

- * Other cheeses can be used if slightly moldy. Just use a clean knife to cut off and discard mold and enjoy the remaining cheese.

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so a simple suggestion that may add a few more days of shelf life is to keep them from touching by taking them out of your fruit bowl and placing them into your refrigerator with a bit of space between them. We then offered to send all the tips and tricks, as well as recipes to help reduce food waste, to the attendees who provided their email, or if they did not want to share their email, they could visit our website to find the information.

"This is something local Granges can do in their communities easily, and it is two-fold," Stefenoni said. "It helps meet our mandate as members to help educate the public on agriculture-related issues and encourage them to be better consumers and stewards of the land. It also allows the person to learn about some of the Grange values and see a Grange in action long before they are directly solicited to join."

Brozana Rios said the approach feels more natural than asking people immediately to join an organization that they may not know much about.

"If you've ever been asked out by a complete stranger, you know how odd and uncomfortable the kind of cold-call membership appeals feel," Brozana Rios said. "This helps us introduce ourselves slowly, and show our values and our goals and gives them a sense of what role they could play or role we can play in their lives."

Stefenoni encouraged local Granges to try this at a future event by downloading the resources for the activity on the National Grange's website.

"The concept is simple: set up a booth at a local farmer's market, in your Grange as part of a larger community event and present some quick facts to those who visit your booth about this pressing issue," Stefenoni said. "Then, ask them to provide you their name and email address – an added bonus is to request their age range and zip code for more targeted messaging at a later date – so that you can send them the tips and tricks they saw as well as recipes and other details about how they can reduce food waste in their homes and their community."

Any Grange who replicates this activity should contact Stefenoni for more details on best practices for follow up emails to those who stopped by the booth and how and when to invite them to other Grange events or to join.

"Each Grange is different and all individuals are different, but there are certainly some best practices to advise and follow in specific situations and that's the type of guidance I'm happy to provide," Stefenoni said.

Brozana Rios said using well-designed, attractive pieces is important because it makes the information consumer more at ease. Print the materials in color and laminate. Consider mounting them to foam core posterboards, which can be purchased in packs of 10 for under \$20 on Amazon (don't forget to use your smile.amazon.com link and set the Grange Foundation as your nonprofit of choice to ensure your purchase includes a small donation back!).

"They know you're an established organization and you're reputable," Brozana Rios said.

She also said it is important to offer them two ways to access the information – go on their own to the website so they don't need to share contact information if they are uncomfortable doing so or provide you their email so you can contact them with information you've presented along with other pieces to add value.

The current page also contains the cow's milk soap making recipe, but will be moved soon to its own page with more details about the dairy crisis and ways to help dairy farmers both as consumers and as advocates.

PARTNERSHIP WITH AUTHOR OF OLIVER BOOKS TO FOCUS ON KINDNESS, BENEFIT GRANGE

The National Grange has established a partnership with the author of the children's books that focus on anti-bullying and kindness, whose main character is Oliver the Ornament.

As part of that partnership, Author Todd Zimmerman will be at convention on Wednesday, November 6 starting at 10 a.m. for a Q&A and throughout the day outside the Showcase to sign books.

By using the following link to purchase a copy of the books, you will get the products at-cost but 15% will be donated back to the Grange Foundation Junior Fund to support Junior Grange activities. Go to: tiny.cc/oliver-grange and use the password Grange.

The partnership provides discounted copies of the book to Grange members and allows Granges to sell the book and receive a portion of the proceeds so they can put the money into a fund used to promote kindness in their communities.

Oliver the Ornament is a seven-book series and related gift line that celebrates the tradition and stories of Christmas ornaments. Every ornament has a story and teaches the importance of kindness especially in the face of bullying, which has reached epidemic proportions.

The first story focuses on Oliver, a Christmas ornament who has been with his human family since Mom and Dad's very first date. Years later, Oliver, now injured and bullied, still has the magic of Christmas in his heart. The story follows Oliver's anticipation of Christmas, his heartbreak, and his determination to overcome all odds to save the day.

The unique appeal of Oliver's



message of kindness has been having a major impact around the country. Oliver the Ornament named as one of the Best New Books by People Magazine.

Oliver's anti-bullying theme has even struck a chord with the White House. First Lady Melania Trump chose to read Oliver the Ornament at the annual holiday visit to Children's National Hospital in Washington D.C., a continuing tradition begun by Bess Truman some 70 years ago. The first lady's own initiative, Be Best, echoes the concerns of Oliver in teaching kindness and combatting bullying.

Oliver's message is also meant to be shared. That's why a growing part of the funds earned from the sale of Oliver books and gifts is donated to children's charities that have an impact, especially on children facing difficult times.

The partnership between the Grange and Oliver will provide new funds for the Grange. Funds that are raised will be divided between Na-

tional Grange and local Granges.

The funds that go to the National Grange will be used for a Grange scholarship fund. In this way, Oliver will not only help the National Grange spread his positive messages, but will also help put those messages into action.

When a local Grange participates in a fundraising event, it will keep 75% of all the funds raised. This provides a great new way for local Granges to increase assets as well as to enjoy spreading the message of kindness embodied by Oliver.

Do you like the idea of spreading kindness and raising funds for the Grange? Here are two easy ways Grangers can get involved.

First, you can host a fundraiser from your own Grange chapter. For every Oliver gift set that your chapter sells, the Grange will receive \$10.

Oliver the Ornament has even created an event called Oliver's Day of Kindness to support various community interests and efforts to spread kindness around the country. By participating in the Oliver's Day of Kindness program, local Grange chapters can host their own community event with fun kindness centric activities like making greeting cards for hospitalized children or the elderly, story time and taking a pledge of kindness.

The first 100 local Grange chapters to sign up for the program are eligible to participate in Oliver's Day of Kindness and the local fundraiser. Simply email tmz@olivertheornament.com for more details on how you can start spreading kindness and raising money now.



NATIONAL GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY



THE GRANGE AND OLIVER THE ORNAMENT TEAM UP TO SPREAD KINDNESS AND RAISE FUNDS

Oliver the Ornament is a seven-book series and related gift line that celebrates the tradition and stories of Christmas ornaments. The main product in the line is a gift-set that includes a hand-painted ornament along with a beautifully illustrated book.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE.

Host your own fundraiser in your community, along with an already created event, titled *Oliver's Day of Kindness*. For details, please contact **Todd Zimmermann**, at **tmz@olivertheornament.com** or at **312-543-4569**.

Visit **www.olivertheornament.com**, and make any purchase. When asked for a promo code enter **Grange**. Then 15% of all purchases will be donated to The Grange.



First Lady, Melania Trump reads Oliver the Ornament at Children's National Hospital, continuing a 70 year tradition



Fox & Friends named Oliver the Ornament as one of their Hottest Toys of 2018

GRANGE ISSUES STATEMENT AGAINST NEW MEDICARE PART D PRICING PROPOSAL

On Friday, September 20, the National Grange issued a statement on the new proposal for sweeping reforms to Medicare Part D – a product many rural Americans rely upon in order to get necessary medications – that the Grange says is based on flawed data.

“Every day, rural Americans encounter a multitude of obstacles when it comes to accessing basic health care and treatments. Unfortunately, this new proposal does nothing to address the challenges facing these patients and instead favors sweeping reforms to Medicare Part D and government price-setting based on flawed value assessments and prices from countries where patient access is already restricted,” the Grange said.

“Though it’s encouraging that legislators continue to explore solutions to health care costs, any changes that place government savings over a patient’s ability to access the most effective care is simply not the answer. Congress must ensure that any approved changes address patient affordability issues today but also preserve and improve our health care system to better meet future patient needs. Medicare Part D works and is popular among our members. Let’s fix what’s broken, not redesign the vehicle. We urge policymakers to reject harmful Medicare restructuring and price setting proposals and focus on solutions that more directly improve patient care and affordability.”

GRANGE SENDS LETTER ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE LOCAL BROADCAST ACT

The National Grange sent a letter Monday, September 23, to ranking members of several House and Senate committees encouraging quick review and action on the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act Reauthorization (STELAR). In it, the Grange noted that more than “870,000 satellite TV customers, mostly in rural areas, will lose basic protections that afford them access to basic

broadcast network programming in places where over-the-air signals can’t reach” without such Congressional action before the end of the year.

“Rural residents should not be needlessly punished and their access to network entertainment should not be curtailed because they live in a less convenient area to service,” the Grange said.

Read the full letter at: <http://bit.ly/2nhz4Rz>

NATIONAL GRANGE APPLAUDS SIGNING OF US-JAPAN TRADE DEAL

The National Grange said on Wednesday, Sept. 25, the US-Japan Trade Agreement signed by President Trump was a big win for American farmers.

“The United States-Japan Trade Agreement signed today by President Trump and Japanese

Prime Minister Abe is a big win for America’s agriculture producers. It will give farmers and ranchers more access to our country’s third largest food and agricultural export market. Japan’s 127 million consumers like the food we produce here in America and

have developed a strong demand market there. Japanese tariffs will be reduced on some products and eliminated on other products with a combined value of \$14.1 billion. That’s good news in rural America.”

LECTURER'S ROUND-UP AND PREVIEW

Brothers and Sisters,

For many, actually for most of you, it is the most wonderful time of the year – state convention time! State convention means contests, awards and recognition for a job well done and time spent discussing Grange policy and current events and how the two should or shouldn't intersect. State convention also means the advancement of members through our ritual, the reconnection with long-time friends and mentors, making new friends and hopefully it means that our batteries get recharged and we get ready and excited for another year of Grange!

2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest

Entries for the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest are slowly trickling into my inbox. My goal is 1,000! Yes, this is very achievable! Remember, the primary goal of this contest is to share ideas – ideas of the types and kinds of events that you are doing as well as the ways that you are publicizing your events. 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 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Please continue to send me your quilt blocks. Quilt blocks do not have to go to your state convention just send them directly to me at the address on the entry form. The more the better! 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 Quilts of Valor Presentation

I am still 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 Grange Foundation Mercantile

Once again the Grange Foundation Mercantile will be open for business in 2019 at the 153rd annual National Grange convention in Minnesota this November. The success of the Mercantile in raising funds for the National Grange Foundation is based on the generosity of our members and friends who donate their beautiful handicrafts to the cause.

Please share this information with fellow Grangers, family members, friends and neighbors who create beautiful items and who might be persuaded to donate a couple to our Foundation.

2019 National Grange Photography Showcase

State Grange Lecturers, please remember to identify your Best of Show photograph and bring or send it to the National Grange convention to be part of the 2019 National Grange Photography Showcase.

2019 Evening of Excellence

State Grange Lecturers, please make sure to submit your Best of Show talent entry for our 2019 National Grange Evening of Excellence to be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Double Tree by Hilton Bloomington – Minneapolis South. The address is 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, Minnesota 55439. Each State Lecturer is responsible for certifying their state's Best of Show winner and for submitting the registration paperwork by October 31, 2019.

Thanks for all you do!

Please contact me by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text) if you have questions or comments.

Be a DO-er!

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine E. Hamp".

Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange



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



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.

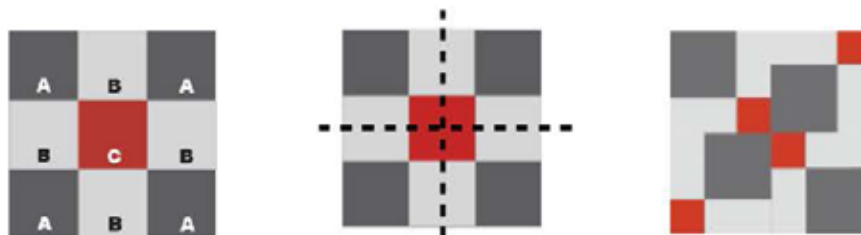
Use a ¼ inch seam allowance. Sew into three rows: ABA, BCB, ABA. Sew the rows together into a single block. At this point the block should measure 12-½ inches x 12-½ inches.

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



Calling all crafters

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.





The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Estimated \$ Value: _____

- EACH item donated must have a completed Donation Form.
- Please bring all donations with you (or send with a friend) to the 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





GRANGE FOUNDATION

QUILT RAFFLE

Queen-size quilt (70" x 85") made from Tender Heart quilt blocks submitted to the 2018 National Grange Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest including the top three entries in the adult and Junior categories

DONATION \$5

Winner will be drawn at the 2019 National Grange Evening of Excellence on Friday, November 8

Contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org for ticket information

2019 Youth and Junior Sponsorship Levels

Sponsorships go directly towards programing used at National Session.
Programing includes, but not limited to: Junior Ambassador Program, Horizon Leadership Ambassadors, Code Reading Contest, Parli-Pro Contest, Digital Talent Contest, Cape of Honor Contest, Ag Awareness Award, Grange Baseball, etc.



John Trimble Level Sponsor

\$25-\$100



John Thompson Level Sponsor

\$101-\$250



Aaron B. Grosh Level Sponsor

\$251-\$500



William Ireland Level Sponsor

\$501-\$750



Francis McDowell Level Sponsor

\$751-\$1000



William Saunders Level Sponsor

\$1001-\$2500



Oliver H. Kelley Level Sponsor

\$2501-\$5000



Caroline A. Hall Level Sponsor

\$5000+

Each sponsorship will be divided equally between the two departments: Junior and Youth.

HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Each week in the Patron's Chain and starting in the Winter 2019/20 (V314) issue of Good Day!, we will welcome new members into our Order whose information has been submitted online.

Anyone can submit this information, not just Subordinate Secretaries. We hope you all will help to make sure new members feel welcome and connected to the Grange immediately upon joining.

Please use the following link to ensure new members for all of 2019 are recognized in the next issue and keep up throughout the year as you welcome new Brothers and Sisters into your Grange:

tiny.cc/NewGranger

DEADLINES IN SPOTLIGHT



MEMBERSHIP DISPLAY CONTEST September 30, 2019

membership@nationalgrange.org

JUNIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS October 1, 2019

nationaljuniorgrange.org/community-service-2/

ALL LECTURER'S CONTESTS/PROGRAMS* Including quilt block & PR contest October 31, 2019

*This is a hard deadline as National Lecturer leaves for convention on Nov. 1. All early entries greatly appreciated.

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DATE

November 8, 2019

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