



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

December 21, 2019

Patron's Chain

The weekly news bulletin of the National Grange

CALENDAR ITEMS

Dec. 24-25, 31 & Jan. 1

National Grange office closed (limited staffing Dec. 22-Jan. 6)

January 6

Reservation deadline under Grange block discount at the Comfort Inn, Concord, NH, for National Grange Fly-In

February 1

Registration deadline for Grange Youth & Junior Grange Washington D.C. Experience

February 1

Application deadline for Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship, to attend Washington DC Experience. See 2020 Youth or Junior handbook.

February 7-9

2020 National Grange "First in the Nation Primary" Legislative Experience, Concord & Manchester, NH.

March 7-11

Grange Youth & Junior Grange Washington DC Experience.

March 20-22

Mid-Atlantic Regional Leaders Conference in NJ.

March 27-29

Northeast Regional Leaders Conference in NY

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas!

My favorite part of this season is the music, the old familiar Christmas carols we've sung for decades and a couple new ones that are so meaningful.

This year I've been moved by a different carol, one that I've sung for years but its words are really speaking to me this year. The third verse of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" could have been written for today.

And in despair I bowed my head:

"There is no peace on earth," I said,

"For hate is strong and mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Around the world, and especially here in Washington DC, there seems to be nothing but hate and strife. But, joyfully, there is the fourth verse:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep,

The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,

With peace on earth, good will to men"

What a wonderful message of hope!

This week, whether we meet with friends and family or interact with strangers in the marketplace, let's try to be part of the peace on earth, good will to men. Put aside your strong opinions, hit pause on all politics and partisanship, do something nice for someone who can't return the favor. Let's make this season truly one of peace on earth, at least in your sphere for this brief time.

LECTURER'S LETTER

It is exciting to look ahead to a new year of promise and opportunity, of challenges, and of growth and development. May each of you do your best to make 2020 amazing!

2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

The 2019 National Grange Quilt Block Contest blocks have been divided into sets of 35 blocks. Each set of blocks includes a label listing the name of each block maker and their home state. These kits are available for a \$100 donation to the National Grange Foundation. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like a set of blocks.

2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

The 2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest block is Shoo Fly or *Choice (*any block of your choosing). All submitted blocks are to include teal or turquoise and finished, should measure 12½" x 12½". As always, I can't wait to start receiving your 2020 quilt blocks in my mailbox.

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MEMBER RESOURCES

National Grange HQ (202) 628-3507

Want to submit a story idea or request assistance with publicity for your upcoming event? Contact Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalgrange.org or (301) 943-1090.

Need leadership materials or a membership plan consultation, or are you looking to reorganize or start a Grange? Contact Joe Stefenoni at (707) 328-0631 or send an email to membership@nationalgrange.org.

Want more information on programming and contests under the National Lecturer? Contact Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or (509) 953-3533.

Need to purchase or renew your subscription to Good Day! magazine, order a seal, certificate or other Grange Supply? Contact Loretta Washington at sales@nationalgrange.org or ext. 109.

Need assistance with emails from National Grange, membership database or your free grange.org website? Contact Stephanie Wilkins at information@nationalgrange.org or ext. 101.

As always, National President Betsy Huber is available to members at betsy@nationalgrange.org or by phone at (484) 459-1957.

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2020 National Grange Publicity Item Contest

This contest received an updated name from the 2019 National Grange Public Relations Contest to better reflect the purpose of the contest as well as a new and improved method for submittal. The two divisions and the prize money remain the same.

Quilts of Valor Quilt Blocks

A special Thank You to Naomi, Mike and Eugene Fletcher of Michigan and previously California who came up with the idea and coordinated the operation of the hands-on Quilts of Valor quilt block sewing booth in the Showcase room at the 153rd National Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. Naomi reported that ALL of the 400 block kits were picked up by members visiting the booth. These blocks, once finished, will go toward the National Quilts of Valor block drive and will be made into finished Quilts of Valor ready for presentation. There were approximately two dozen of the blocks finished at session.

Thanks for all you do!

New resources coming in 2020, preorder now!

The National Grange is unveiling four new resources for Granges in 2020. The new "Grange Resource Binder" is designed to be a "one stop shop" for Subordinate/Community Granges.

The binder is divided into seven sections including Business Information, Meeting Information, Grange Law, Officer Resources, Program Information and a section for State Grange Information. Each binder also comes with a flash drive with digital resources for Granges to utilize.

Binders can be pre-ordered from the National Grange for \$30 each plus shipping, orders will be processed after January 1, 2020. A digital copy will be on the National Grange website after January 1st for those who wish to download and print the material themselves.

Also coming available in 2020 are three new officers' handbooks for Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Granges.

For more information contact Membership Director Joe Stefenoni by email membership@nationalgrange.org or phone 707-328-0631.

Additionally, the Welcoming Ceremony, Opening and Closing are also available in side-by-side English and Spanish and more materials will be coming soon. These are envisioned to be used as a resource to introduce non-native English speakers to the Grange in a familiar way. Contact Joe or Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalgrange.org for PDFs.

New Good Day!™ magazine at the press

The winter issue of Good Day! magazine has gone to press and is due in mailboxes in the early part of January. Don't forget to renew your subscription if you are due!

Features

- WWII Veteran Recognized while Another Finally Laid to Rest
- 153rd Annual National Grange Convention
- Food Waste Resources for your Grange to use
- Road Safety a Priority for DE Member, OR Grange
- Grange Revival 2021 Information & Registration
- Venison Recipes
- And much more!

3 great benefits can help during holidays

During the holidays, find ways to save thanks to your Grange membership and these member benefits!

TicketsatWork

The National Grange is pleased to announce our new partnership with TicketsatWork. Now you'll have access to exclusive savings on movie tickets, theme parks, hotels, tours, Broadway and Vegas shows and more - all great stocking stuffers for those special people in your life.

Be sure to visit often as new products and discounts are constantly being added!

To start your savings experience with TicketsatWork, visit nationalgrange.org/shopping/ to get the company code. Then visit ticketsatwork.com and click on the "Become a member" box at the top of the page. You will be prompted to create an account and enter the company code.

For customer service, please call 1-800-331-6483 or email customerservice@ticketsatwork.com.

Office Depot/OfficeMax

It's time to get your 2020 calendar and other office and tax supplies and you can do so while saving thanks to this member benefit.

We have partnered with Office Depot/Office Max so members can purchase supplies at a discount when using the Grange Office Depot/Office Max Discount Card (which you can find online under the member's section of the National Grange website, then print and take to the store where they will laminate for you).

You will see deep discounts and a portion of the sale will support National Grange - a win-win!

Visit <http://www.officediscounts.org/grange.html>

UPS

Let the National Grange help you save or, if you're a small business owner, improve your bottom line with competitive rates on UPS® shipping services.

Save up to 34%* on a broad portfolio of shipping services including air, international, ground and freight services. Plus, get 50%* off UPS Next Day Air®, UPS Next Day Air Saver®, UPS Worldwide Express® export, UPS Worldwide Saver® export, and UPS Worldwide Expedited® export shipments for up to four weeks after you enroll.* (*some exclusions may apply)

You can receive these discounts even if you already have a UPS account. Remember, the more you ship, the more you can save with UPS.

To enroll and start saving, visit savewithups.com/grange or call 800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

Special Thanks

A very special thanks to everyone who helped during the 153rd Annual National Grange Convention.

We will not call names because we might forget someone whose service made the entire event run smoothly - from the Showcase, to the Grange Store, taking tickets at the door and the many other venues, events and activities that were part of the convention.

Thanks again for your help, assistance and support in making the convention a success.

~ Loretta Washington and Pete Pompper, On-site Convention Coordinators

INTERNS NEEDED FOR SPRING 2020

The National Grange is seeking interns for the Spring semester. Legislative interns will be based out of the National office in Washington D.C. and may receive a stipend or can work with their collegiate advisor for credit opportunities.

The Junior Grange and Communications Departments are looking for interns that can be off-site. Education and communications/journalism majors are preferred, but these are open to anyone interested in assisting with Junior passports, press releases, feature writing and more. These internships are typically unpaid.

For more details or to submit your resume, contact National Grange President Betsy Huber at betsy@nationalgrange.org as soon as possible.



Grange Supply Store announcements

The Grange Supply Store will be open during the holiday season, however orders will not be processed until Jan 6, 2020.

The Grange Supply Store has in stock many supplies ranging from Subordinate Manuals, various dues envelopes, annual membership card books and more.

Promotional items, such as t-shirts, cups and more, are available through our partner, Grange Store @ Monroe Classic, and your purchase of Grange-branded items is always appreciated.

January sale item

The National Grange Mission Statement poster, a full-color item on 11" x 17" poster paper is a must have for every Grange Hall. Show your Grange pride. educate your community and remind members about the mission of the Grange by purchasing a copy today for only \$5, plus shipping.

If you are interested in a bulk purchase, please contact Loretta Washington at sales@nationalgrange.org or (202) 628-3507 ext. 109 for special pricing.

Price Increase as of Jan 1, 2020

All 55, 60, 65 and 70-year seals will be \$3 each and the newly re-designed 25-year Silver Star certificates will be \$3 each with a flat shipping fee of \$3. Please visit the National Grange website for the updated form.



Cornerstone Washed Duck Jacket
(embroidered) Small thru XL - \$167 ea
Full Zipper Hooded Sweat - (screen
printed) Small thru XL - \$35 ea
Fleece Jackets (embroidered)
Small thru XL - \$37.50 ea

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Order on line or call Monroe Classic, Inc.

1-800-868-2330

or email **sales@monroeclassic.com**

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NATIONAL GRANGE



FIRST IN THE NATION PRIMARY
Legislative Experience Fly-In

FEBRUARY 6-9, 2020
MANCHESTER & CONCORD, NH

REGISTER ONLINE
nationalgrange.org/flyin2020
or call Samantha Wilkins at
(202) 628-3507 ext. 113.
\$20 Registration Fee

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION
Comfort Inn, 71 Hall Street, Concord,
NH 03301 | Phone: (603) 226-4100
Block rate discount \$189 for 2 or 3
nights (Thursday-Sunday)

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JAN. 6
TO GET THE BLOCK RATE DISCOUNT**

Grangers stay in the state capital of Concord to receive issue briefings and learn about the origins of "First in the Nation" primary and the many early historical events there. Participants then travel to Manchester to work on a campaign of their choice and see the excitement surrounding coverage by national and international media on the event.



2020 National Grange Publicity Item 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 Publicity Item Contest is to recognize the publicity work being done by our Granges across the country and to share this work with other Granges with the intent of fostering even more and improved publicity efforts. The more Grange publicity occurring within our communities, the better!

RULES

- A. The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- B. A Publicity 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 entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange20pubitem> by October 31, 2020.
- D. There are two (2) divisions:
 - Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).
 - Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- E. There is no limit on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee or Grange group.
- F. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- G. If your publicity item is wearable please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
- H. Any entries received after the **October 31, 2020** deadline will not be judged.
- I. All entries scoring at least 70% will be shared by the National Grange with State, local and Junior Granges across the country.

PRIZES

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



2020 National Grange 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, 2020**.
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 154th National Grange convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.
- 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 2020 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)
- Group III – MEN (Age 14+)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.



2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Shoo Fly or Choice*

(*Any block of your choosing.)

Color:

Each block should incorporate teal or turquoise.

Fabric A: use a light color.

Fabric B: use a dark color.

Fabric:

All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fabric A: Cut four (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and two (2) $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Fabric B: Cut one (1) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square and two (2) $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Place a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square A and a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square B with right sides together. Make a pencil line diagonally on back of fabric. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on both sides of the line. See Diagram 1 below (dotted lines are sewing lines). Repeat with other set of $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Cut on pencil line and press toward the dark fabric. Now trim the four (4) A/B blocks to measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. See Diagram 2 below.

Assemble in horizontal rows as shown below in Diagram 3. Sew the block together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Each finished quilt block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.

*The Choice block must also incorporate teal or turquoise and finished, should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

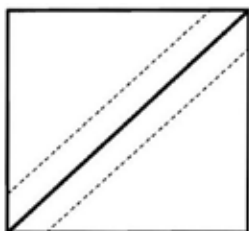


Diagram 1.

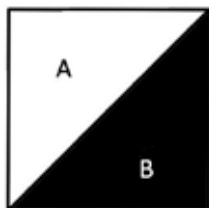


Diagram 2.

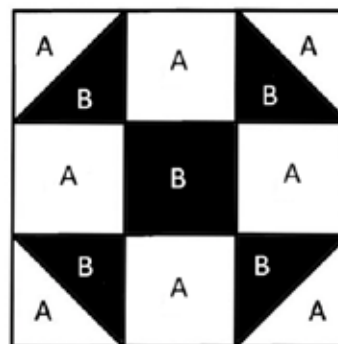


Diagram 3.



2020 National Grange 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)

☐ - Group III (MEN; Age 14+)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020.

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

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