



The Patrons Chain

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

June 5, 2020

DON'T LET THE CONNECTION GO COLD

As we are not permitted to meet, we ask you to share these newsletters by forwarding this or printing and mailing to your Grange friends

2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION SHORTENED, OPEN TO DELEGATES AND OFFICERS ONLY; SEVERAL OTHER CHANGES MADE

By National Grange President Betsy E. Huber

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.



The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors have released their plans and they follow this article. Each may be contacted for further guidance as needed.

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14 to this date (June 6). We don't know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

UPDATES TO CONTESTS, PROGRAMS PROVIDED

Due to the changing format of the 154th National Grange Convention and limitations related to Grange work and activities for 2020, the National Grange directors in charge of various contests

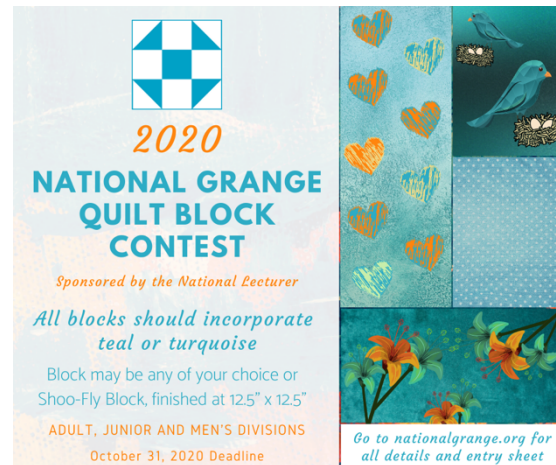
From this information, your state may issue guidance related to changes in state-level programming, such as receiving and judging community service books, talent entries, ambassador candidate preparation and more. If you are a state-director and wish to learn more about how you may change your programming to conform to the new guidance please contact the national director for your department. If you are a Subordinate or Pomona director, please contact the State Director where state-level entries are required or the national director for direct submission contests and programs such as Junior contests, Distinguished Grange and more.

- **Distinguished Grange** - Program will continue as noted and deadline of August 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Grange, please apply.
- **Grange In Action Recognition Program** - Granges are highly encouraged to apply. Granges continuing outreach during the COVID crisis should qualify. Deadline of September 25 and all other program rules still apply. If Granges apply to Distinguished Grange, they may not apply for Grange in Action.
- **Grange Legacy Family Recognition Program** - Families may still apply by the deadline of August 3 with information to be included in our list of Legacy Families. Certificates will be mailed directly to the recipients and will be recognized at the 2021 National Grange Convention in a fashion to be determined. Arrangements must be made with Loretta Washington and confirmed by the State Grange.

LECTURER

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- **Best of the States Showcase (Mid-Atlantic Region)** – There will be no Best of the States/Best of the Region display this year.
- **Quilt Block Contest** – The 2020 Quilt Block Contest is still a go with no changes.
- **Quilts of Valor Presentation** – The Wednesday evening QOV presentation will not occur at the National Convention this year. State and local Granges are encouraged to find a way to make these presentations. Please send photos and write-ups of your QOV presentations to National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.



For additional information or clarification on these programs, contact Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.

FOUNDATION

- **Grange Mercantile** – There will be no physical 2020 Grange Foundation Mercantile at the National Convention. Items already collected will be auctioned online throughout the summer or fall with more details coming. Please continue to make and prepare for future donation your high-quality handicrafts and contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp about donations by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org
- **Live Auction** - No live auction will take place at convention. Please save items for auction at the 2021 Convention or contact National President Betsy Huber to discuss donations.
- **\$20 for '20 Youth Donations** – Will be recognized at the 2021 session in a way TBD.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **“Of the Year” Awards (Teacher, Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter)** – No changes. Forms available on the nationalgrange.org website and deadline remains Nov. 1.
- **Community Service Notebooks** - Notebooks will not come to convention as they will not be judged at session. State winning notebooks should be sent electronically to communityservice@nationalgrange.org.
- A brief training will be held later in the summer to discuss how you can scan and upload these large files to services like Google Drive or Dropbox. Granges who wish to submit the materials by USB drive may send the drive directly to Pete Pompper at his home address.
- **Community Service Project** - There will be no on-site collection for the annual National Community Service Project, directed by the host region. Instead you are encouraged to keep track of any service done by your members or Grange during this year and complete the community service form and submit to Pete Pompper by mail or email.

For clarification on these programs, contact Pete Pompper at communityservice@nationalgrange.org.

YOUTH

- **Parliamentary Procedure contest** will not be held this year.
- **Code Reading/Grange Ritual** will not be held but will be transitioning to a regional contest in 2021. Details will come out in the 2021 Youth Program and Handbook.
- **Youth Officer Team and John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience** - No applications will be accepted
- **Pillars** - Notification of entry is still due September 1st and entries will need to be scanned and received by the National Grange Youth Director by November 1.
- **Ambassador/Young Patron** - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021 Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patrons. State Ambassador/Young Patron candidates are required to participate in a regional public speaking contest. Deadline to sign up is June 15th. Even if you think you may be interested in running for or being eligible to compete for Ambassador/Young Patron, sign up to participate. Sign up at bit.ly/contests20. The deadline of September 1 for all other requirements still applies.



Interviews will be held in October (TBA) and the announcement of 2021 National Grange Youth Leadership Team will be announced in November. Notebooks will need to be scanned and digitally submitted for judges to review. Notebooks must be received one week before the interview date (TBA.)

- **Distinguished Youth Grange** - The program will continue as noted and the deadline of September 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Youth Grange who meets basic minimum criteria, please apply.
- **Junior Mentor Award/Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award** – Sept. 1 deadline still applies
- **Youth Membership Award** - September 1 deadline still applies
- **Grange Baseball** contest will be held virtually in September. More details to come.
- **GROW Club Raffle** - More details will be coming about the GROW Club's annual scholarship raffle this summer. Please check back in the Patron's Chain newsletter to learn more.

For clarification on these programs, contact Mandy Bostwick at youth@nationalgrange.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Communication Fellows Program** - Applications for the 2020-21 Communication Fellows Program will be posted in early July. The program will begin with remote instruction in fall 2020 and run through 2021. Participants who complete the remote instruction will be sponsored to attend the 2021 National Grange Convention to complete the capstone hands-on training and receive further instruction across a variety of areas of Grange leadership, membership, programming and more.



For clarification on these programs, contact Amanda Brozana Rios at communications@nationalgrange.org.

JUNIORS

- **Contests** - As always, Junior contest entries may come directly to the director and need not go through a state-level contest in order to compete or be judged. These contests include:
 - Sept. 1 deadline:
 - Junior Historian Award
 - Ag Awareness
 - Cape of Honor
 - Jr Ambassador Applications
 - Oct. 1 deadline:
 - digital talent show
 - creative art
 - creative writing
 - mini- scrapbook
 - photography
 - handy-craft
 - membership
- **JUNIOR AT HEART SUBMISSIONS (14+ to support the Junior Program)** Remain due by October 31 with \$5 tax-deductible entry fee made to Grange Foundation, MEMO LINE: Junior
- **Junior community service book** - Must be digitally scanned and sent to National Junior or Community Service Director. Oct. 31 deadline
- **Junior quilt blocks** to Chris Hamp by Oct. 31 deadline.
- **State/Local directors** reports – remains due to National Junior Director by October 1.
- **Grange Baseball** will be turned into a trivia night for Juniors- sign-ups will be in August and Contest (just for fun) will be in September. This will be done via Zoom in the same layout that the current trivia nights are being held.
- **Junior Passports** - new passports are being published on a regular basis, check back regularly to the Junior website or create your own to submit.
- **Ambassador** - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021 National Junior Ambassador. Deadline of September 1 still applies. Interviews will be done via a Zoom platform in October. Current Ambassadors Bryce Danko & Brianna Gervais will serve as mentors to the new team in 2021.

For clarification on these programs, contact Samantha Wilkins at junior@nationalgrange.org.

ARE YOU A JUNIOR AT HEART?

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR AGAIN BY TAKING PART IN OUR CONTESTS

The Junior at Heart division allows you to enter our contests and help support the Junior program you love. Submit an original piece created within the last year to our creative art, handicraft, creative writing or mini scrapbook divisions. (No more than one entry per person, per division, please.)

Entry fee of \$5 per submission may be sent by check or money order made out to Grange Foundation along with entries postmarked by Oct. 30 2020 to National Grange, ATTN: Junior Director, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

FIND ALL CONTEST INFORMATION AT NATIONALJUNIORGRANGE.ORG

**SEND ENTRIES TO:
NATIONAL GRANGE
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GRANGE HEADQUARTERS SUSTAINS MINOR DAMAGE DURING PROTESTS

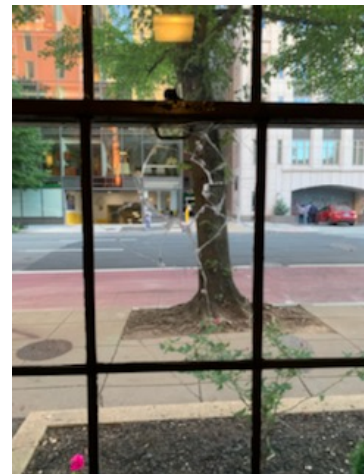
By Amanda Brozana Rios, National Communications Director

During the evening of Saturday, May 30, the third night of protests in Washington D.C., the National Grange Headquarters sustained minor damage.

A rock was thrown through one of the front windows, breaking a pane and scattering glass inside. The rock landed more than 20 feet inside the building.

A red graffiti tag was painted on the front edifice that was shortly removed thanks to the White House Historical Association, whose next door building was heavily spray painted with many messages.

On Monday, June 1, building engineer Mujo Mrkonjik fixed cardboard over all the first-floor windows to reduce the possibility of further damage. Secret Service also removed some of the landscaping items outside the building they were concerned could become projectiles or be damaged.



“Today we paid the price of having a building in the heart of Washington, D.C.,” National President Betsy Huber said of the damage on a Monday evening Cultivating Connections episode, reminding members that the building is located just a half a block from the open park in front of the White House. She encouraged all members to pray for peace in the nation and our neighborhood during this time.

Streets around the building were barricaded starting Monday afternoon for most of the week, reducing traffic in the area.

No further damage was reported as of the time of this release and protests have quieted in the city.

Huber thanked all members who have given in the past to the National Grange Building Fund and those who gave in recent days.



“Our building is a treasured asset and just as we would pitch in to maintain and preserve a family home we had a stake in, members are encouraged to help where they can to keep our organization’s home in good shape,” Huber said.

NATIONAL GRANGE WELCOMES NEW D.C. INTERN

Sean O’Neil is a rising senior studying political science and economics at The George Washington University who will be joining the Grange as an intern this summer to work on our political advocacy team. Sean is originally from Lansing, New York, a small town in the finger lakes region, where he spent his free time tending the family garden and learning about the outdoors as a Boy Scout.



Previously, Sean has interned for the office of Congressman Erik Paulsen, the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia, the Embassy of France to the United States, the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association, and most recently the Military Commissions Defense Organization in the Department of Defense. Sean is very excited to join the Grange’s advocacy efforts this summer, and looks forward to learning more about agricultural and rural-focused policy.

MEMBER BENEFIT: LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will provide Grange members with valuable information on how to become proactive about their health and their family’s health by offering a way to get high-quality health screenings that are accurate, convenient, and inexpensive.



Take advantage of a four package screening that consists of Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package, for only \$135, a special price for National Grange members.

For more information or to schedule a screening, call Life Line Screening toll-free at: 1-866-204-9860 to sign up.



SUPPLY STORE

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The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness.

Grange Mission Statement

GRANGE MISSION STATEMENT POSTER

The new Grange Mission Statement is now something you can display on this eye-catching poster that would look nice in your Grange Hall. The poster is 11" x 17". The cost is \$5 plus shipping. You contact Loretta Washington for special pricing if interested in placing bulk orders

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND RURAL AMERICA: THE URGENCY OF CONNECTIVITY IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

**TUESDAY, JUNE 9
11 A.M. EASTERN**

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT
BETSY HUBER



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at bit.ly/060920bhng

FREE EVENTS OFFERED FOR EDUCATORS WHO SEEK TO AD AG TO THEIR CURRICULUM

Several free virtual events, which will provide participants with an introduction to storyline approach while connecting educators with geneticists, animal scientists, ecologists and more, are available this summer!

The lessons align to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and each event provides immediate classroom applications and access to agricultural storylines.

Learn more and register here: <https://www.onthefarmstem.com/events/livestream-events>

Here is a high level overview of the events and supplemental asynchronous materials:

July 21st at 10 AM CST: High School – Genetics (approx. 3.5 hours)

- Storyline: *How can we design cattle to better meet human needs?*
 - In this high school Storyline unit on genetics and heredity, students are introduced to ‘SuperCows’. As they explore the vast variety of cattle breeds, students discover that cattle are specialized for different purposes and while similar, the ‘SuperCows’ are clearly unique. Students wonder what caused this diversity and specificity which leads to investigations about the role of inheritance, DNA and proteins.
- Experience anchoring phenomena, explore Storyline Routines and connect with field experts & scientists to gain contextual knowledge of the three-dimensional learning in this unit
- Access to genetics storyline unit
- Credit options available

July 23rd at 10 AM CST: Middle School – Ecosystem Dynamics & Interactions

- Storyline: *What do prairie chickens need to survive in today's prairies?*
 - This middle school unit covering ecosystems, animal behavior and symbiosis was developed through the Storyline approach. Middle school students will be figuring out why prairie chickens have a very unique dance and understand the role cows play to help ensure the dance takes place. Using this approach, students engage in science concepts to help ensure the survival of the prairie chicken.
- Experience anchoring phenomena, explore Storyline Routines and connect with field experts & scientists to gain contextual knowledge of the three-dimensional learning in this unit
- Access to genetics storyline unit
- Credit options available

Asynchronous eLearning Modules

- Available immediately following events
- Three modules: *Anchoring Phenomena*, *Navigation Routines*, and *Discussion Types & Talk Moves*
- Support your learning and implementation of Storyline approach
- Credit options available



LAST DAY FOR GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Today, June 5, is the deadline to submit applications for a \$100 grant from Grange Foundation for outreach and projects, events and other efforts to help your community in a variety of ways, including reducing loneliness by holding open-house virtual meetings, game nights and more in response to the COVID crisis.

Grant information can be found at grangefoundation.org/grants



JOIN US FOR TRIVIA WITH THE GRANGE TONIGHT, Friday, June 5 starting at 9 p.m. Eastern on Zoom. Bring your friends (Grange membership not required)!

Join Zoom Meeting by 8:55 p.m. Eastern by going to: bit.ly/ng-cclive-guest
Pre-registration preferred but not required. To pre-register by 8 p.m. Eastern, go to bit.ly/grange-trivia



Cultivating Connections Daily Live Events

Available to view live at the starting time listed or anytime thereafter on either channel:
facebook.com/NationalGrange or youtube.com/NationalGrange

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Date	All times Eastern	
Friday, June 5	@ 4:30 p.m.	ASL/Deaf Culture: Lesson 9
	@ 9 p.m.	Trivia Night w/ the Grange #3
Saturday, June 6	@ 8:30 p.m.	Date Night In 10.0
Sunday, June 7	@ 8:30 p.m.	A look at the Communication Fellows Program
Monday, June 8	@ 8:30 p.m.	Writing resolutions that work
Tuesday, June 9	@ 8:30 p.m.	Effective Committees for the Subordinate Grange: Creation, Functions, and Effects
Wednesday, June 10	@ 4 p.m.	Anne Hazlett, Senior Advisor for Rural Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President
	@ 7 p.m.	Join PA State Grange for BINGO (contact Lizzie at publicrelations@pagrange.org for details)
	@ 9 p.m.	Live drawing of Foundation COVID-19 Grants
Thursday, June 11	@ 4 p.m.	Legislative Update with Burton Eller
Friday, June 12	@ 4:30 p.m.	ASL/Deaf Culture: Lesson 10
Saturday, June 13	@ 8:30 p.m.	Date Night In 11.0
Sunday, June 14	@ 7:30 p.m.	Great minute-taking and the historical importance of Grange records

All livestreams are sponsored by Grange Foundation and available at any time after the close of the event at facebook.com/nationalgrange/video or at youtube.com/nationalgrange.

If you have suggestions or questions, contact Amanda at communications@nationalgrange.org



Item #P-HERO1
\$2.50 each for 1 to 49.
\$1.00 each for 50 or more.

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