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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: GRANGES ENCOURAGED TO USE TRUSTED MERCHANDISE SUPPLIER**

*By Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President*

National Grange has recently renewed our sales agreement with Monroe Classic for another year. They remain the exclusive supplier to the National Grange of Grange branded items, and the recommended supplier of all Grange branded items for State, Pomona, and Community Granges.

If your Grange is planning a fundraiser of t-shirts, coffee mugs, water bottles, backpacks, jewelry, sweatpants, pens, or any other items you can think of, please contact Mike at Monroe Classic first. He will be happy to work with you on your design, colors, sizes, or even suggestions of popular items that will sell quickly and make a successful fundraiser.

If you’ve already contacted another vendor, give Mike a chance to meet or beat their price. He can supply any item you have in mind, usually at lesser cost, and your purchase from Monroe Classic will benefit National Grange since we receive a commission on all Grange items sold.

Check out the possibilities at [www.promoplace.com/grange](http://www.promoplace.com/grange), the Grange Store by Monroe Classic, and give Mike a call at 800-868-2330 or by email at [mike@monroeclass.com](mailto:mike@monroeclass.com).



**MEMBERSHIP & STRATEGIC PLANNING TRAINING GOES VIRTUAL**

*By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director*

In a year that has been anything but typical, we have seen Community Granges all across the country embrace technology as a means of carrying on the good work of the Grange. A typical year for the National Grange Membership Director includes a calendar full of traveling to various states conducting programs to develop the membership efforts and leadership skills of Grange members.

Since current conditions have put a halt to these “normal” skill development activities, the National Grange Membership Department has been in the process of adapting training and resource material for presentation in a digital medium. Next month, the National Grange Membership Department will be launching a new workshop titled “Growth Through Action: Planning the Future for Your Community Grange”. The material from this program has been developed based off of previous internal strategic planning materials, information & recommendations from the Action Grange program and curriculums from external sources.

This will be presented using Zoom in a webinar format. Participants will need to pre-register and will receive a worksheet to accompany the material being presented. The webinar will be offered once a month with the first being in August, more may be added depending on interest. The registration link will be included in future issues of the Patrons Chain and posted on the National Grange’s Facebook page.

Other webinar trainings are being made available to State Granges, Community Granges and Grange members on officer duties and responsibilities, how to run a Community Grange meeting, parliamentary procedure and the role of a State Grange Deputy. Specialized programs can be requested as well.

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| *Date* | *All times Eastern* |  |
| Monday, July 20 | @ 8:30 p.m. | Good Day! Summer 2020 Issue Preview |
| Tuesday, July 21 | @ 8:30 p.m. | ZOOM: Membership Matters with Amanda Brozana Rios – a crash course on social media for your Grange  (go to tiny.cc/1867zoom to log in or call 669-900-6833 and use access code 525-965-930) |
| Thursday, July 23 | @ 3 p.m. | Brianna Gervais, Junior Ambassador |
| Tuesday, July 28 | @ 7 p.m. | Introduction to using Instagram for your Grange with Johanna Huber |

*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*](mailto:communications@nationalgrange.org)

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**AMERICAN HEARING BENEFITS**

**American Hearing Benefits** is a convenient hearing benefits program which provides access to free hearing consultations and significant discounts on hearing aids through our nationwide network of hearing professionals. To learn more call 1-888-461-3209 mentions National Grange or visit <http://americanhearingbenefits.com/partners/grange>

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