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Use your voice in the resolution process

By [Betsy Huber](#), National Grange President

We are in the midst of the two busiest weekends for State Grange conventions this year. I'm sure many of you are very involved in these meetings and thrilled to be back among your Grange friends you may not get to see but once or twice a year.

While State Sessions are full of fun, fellowship, food, and contests, an important purpose is to discuss and set policy for our organization for the next year. So far it's been a bit disappointing to see very few resolutions coming to National Grange from the State Sessions already held. I'm sure your members are not happy with everything going on in Washington and your State Capitols! Your membership in the Grange gives you a greater voice than you can possibly have as an individual voter. We should take advantage of that power and use it to change things we don't like. The resolution process is how we do that.

It's too late this year to write and consider resolutions to send to National Grange, but make some notes while you're engaged in those discussions at your Sessions about issues you can address throughout 2023 to present next year. It's never too early to start working on those resolutions!

P.S. The hotel registration deadline has passed for the 156th convention. If you missed it and want to attend, call the Nugget right away and reserve your room before they are gone! See you in 24 days!

People are searching for a place to belong – make it the Grange

By [Amanda Brozana-Rios](#), National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director



It's inquiry season. At least that's what I'm calling it.

If you think the Grange is struggling to attract or inspire people, I would counter your claim by showing you the list of current Grange prospects in my work binder.

People from more than half of these states – many from states where we currently have no active Community Granges – have inquired about starting a Grange. Several of our State Granges with easy-to-find membership contacts on their website have reported similar inquiries from areas with no current Grange presence.

From Alabama to Arizona, Maine to Missouri, Hawaii to the Dakotas, the concept of Grange is resonating with people who have little or no direct experience with our Order but believe in what they have read about us historically and what we espouse currently.

Individuals who have never been to a meeting and heard the passion of our members as they plan community events or debate legislative matters; who have never seen someone's smile as they were part of the good Granges perform through service, education and outreach; who have never felt the embrace of a Brother or Sister to whom they are connected through the shared experience and fellowship of Grange – these people are seeking out the Grange and all we have to offer.

Most, of course, don't know much about how fraternal organizations work – they ask about terms we use and processes. These things are unfamiliar and require explanation. These discussions require a willingness on our part to admit that some of our ritual and the "hoops" built into our application and membership process can be odd and time-consuming. Equally important is speaking about these potential barriers to entry with positivity and personal perspective on what it adds to the overall member experience, noting that it's precisely these things that helped to build and continue to shape the course and culture of the organization to which the person making the inquiry is now attracted.

These far-flung individuals – that in most cases live in communities or states that have not had a Grange present in generations – are not unlike people in your own backyard.

In this latest stage of the pandemic era, people are searching for a place to belong.

Those inquiring with me have noted what attracted them to the Grange as their potential outlet. Paraphrasing, they seek a quiet place that gets work done where people can be themselves but still get along; a place that comes with prestige and respect, where their efforts will be amplified; a place that builds individuals up rather than tearing them, their ideas, or their dreams for a better community or life station down; a place where the whole family can grow, work, and serve their community together with others that are not necessarily like-minded in religion or politics, but believe in service, mutual cooperation, and civil conversations around important issues.

There are many reasons why *now* is the time for people who had previously been too busy, too skeptical, or too consumed with other priorities.

As you prepare for end-of-year fellowship and service events, I urge you to make them welcoming to guests. Encourage your members to bring a "plus-one," or to identify ways in which individuals who are not yet Grangers can be plugged in as volunteers and shown appreciation for their service. Then, let your friends and community know that you are just as ready as they are for a new chapter and that together you can do great things.

Seeking Nominations for Quilts of Valor

National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher *needs your help!*

Do you know a veteran who is planning to attend the National Grange Session in Sparks who has *not yet* received a Quilt of Valor?

Please [email Ann](#) ASAP so we can do our best to honor all veterans in attendance!

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Trick or Treat for UNICEF



The National Junior Grange is encouraging Junior Grangers and Grange members across the country to join in trick-or-treating for [UNICEF](#)!

We encourage members to take advantage of the [free resources located here](#) to help make your trick-or-treat efforts a success. And when you're done, please make sure to report your successes [on this JotForm](#) so we can report that our Granges are helping to make an impact!

Additionally, be sure to tune into the Biggest Halloween Parade in History (part 2!) on Sunday, October 30 at 11:00am. This is a partnership between Wonderama and UNICEF.

Visit the [Wonderama website](#) for more information!

Register for the 156th Annual Convention

By [Samantha Wilkins](#), National Grange Operations Coordinator



The Western Host region is excited to invite Grangers and friends from across the country to the Silver State! We are now just **three weeks away** from the opening of the 156th Annual National Grange Convention, to be held in Reno-Sparks, Nevada from November 15 through 19, 2022.

This year, you can expect to see some new things happening around the convention. Participants in the Nevada Grange Youth Fair Program will have activities and interactive displays showcasing their projects completed in the Youth Fair program. Throughout the Convention, they will be presenting their projects and talking to attendees about the benefits of the program.

You can also expect to hear from some amazing guest speakers on topics such as mental health awareness and substance abuse. Attendees will also have the opportunity to receive certification in dispensing Narcan, a life-saving medication that can treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation.

You also do not want to miss out on the opportunity to get an 'experience pass.' This year instead of going off-site for a tour we are bringing a taste of the region to you. Members who register for the **Experience Pass** will have the opportunity to participate in two days of hands-on activities from painting barn quilts, cultural dancing, mining, and much more.

Make plans to attend today by registering for the National Grange Convention at this link: [156th Annual National Grange Convention - The National Grange](#).

Late Registration - \$42 closes for meal options on 11/1/22 – this is your last chance to register for **any meals** at the convention!

Registration on Site - will be available at the late registration cost, *however, you will not be able to obtain tickets to any meals while on-site in Sparks*



National Grange Convention Livestream Schedule

The National Grange Communications Department will be doing our best to ensure that everyone at Session, as well as those at home, is connected to the goings-on in Sparks! We will be live-streaming portions of the Convention on the [National Grange YouTube Channel](#), [National Grange Facebook Page](#), [National Grange Twitter](#), and [National Grange LinkedIn](#).

These streams will be monitored and will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions and interact with speakers and National Grange staff, while being a part of the action during Session.

LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 15

12:30 pm – Advocacy Luncheon – speakers: Mayor Ed Lawson of Sparks, Nevada; Emily Haggstrom – VP of Communications & Creative Development, Consumer Energy Alliance
2:30 pm – “State of the Grange” Address by President Betsy E. Huber

Wednesday, November 16

12:45 pm – Salute to Agriculture Luncheon – speaker: Speaker: Dr. William Payne, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, University of Nevada Reno

4:00 pm – Workshop: Communication Fellows

7:30 pm – Grange Hall of Fame Awardees and Quilts of Valor Presentation

Thursday, November 17

9:30 am – Legislative Workshop – Sean O’Neil, National Grange Legislative Assistant
10:20 am – Membership Workshop – Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director

11:10 am – Communications Workshop, “Becoming a Social Media Animal” – Dr. Todd Felts, University of Nevada Reno

2:00 pm – Presentation from **Rural Minds** by Jeff Winton, Founder & CEO

2:45 pm – Rural Minds workshop

Friday, November 18

3:00 pm – Installation of Officers

7:30 pm – National Grange Honors Night

Saturday, November 19

9:00 am – Community Service Workshop – Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director

10:30 am – Lecturers Workshop – Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer

8:00 pm – National Grange Evening of Excellence

National Grange Community Service Project

This year's National Grange Convention Community Service project is supporting the Eddy House. The mission of the Eddy House is to work with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence. There are several ways that you can help and support this project.

1. **Monetary donations:** Checks can be brought to the convention and given to either Samantha Wilkins (National Grange Operations Coordinator) or to the Host Region office. Checks should be made payable to **Eddy House**.
2. **Item donations:** Donations can include nonperishable food items and items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, and toiletry items.
3. **Amazon Wishlist:** You may also choose to provide items through their Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1X7YACS0553A6?ref=wl_share
4. **Handmade items:** They are also looking for pillowcase drawstring bags, these can be handmade and delivered to the National Grange Convention.



Western Region Poker Chip Fundraiser



With Nevada in mind, the Western Host Region is holding a “poker chip” fundraiser! With a limited number available (only 500!), you can take a chance by purchasing a chip, which will be used to draw for door prizes and other goodies during the convention. Whether or not you're able to attend the convention, you could still be a winner!

Chips include the Grange emblem and the logo for the 156th National Grange Convention. They are \$5.00 for a random draw, or \$10 for your lucky number (if it's available). Chip #1 will be auctioned off during the celebration banquet. Support the Western Region today!

[Order your chips here](#)

2023 National Grange Guide to Contests

The National Grange Junior, Youth, Lecturer, Communications, and Legislative Departments have combined their contests into one **Guide to Contests** for the year! With

information from the Junior Ambassador Program and the Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest to the Public Relations contest and the *new* Grassroots Activism Award, there is a LOT of information and plenty of new contests and programs. Deadlines for many contests have changed to unite the departments, so please be sure to read through the program guide.



Click the picture to access the handbook

Individual handbooks and contests can still be found in the “Programs” section of the National Grange website.

Rural Opportunity Zone and Recovery Playbook

Courtesy of the Sorenson Impact Center

A resource for economic developers and community champions

Rural communities across the U.S. have faced decades of underinvestment and are too often overlooked when it comes to large-scale capital projects that can change community trajectories.

The Opportunity Zone incentive created by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act sparked a national conversation about the need for intentional strategies to drive private investment into rural communities. While early analysis suggests that rural communities have so far been left out of the benefits of OZs, a compelling group of rural innovators has managed to launch projects through OZ capital and other investment types, from a wellness campus in Indiana to affordable housing in Alabama.

This playbook, targeted to rural economic developers and community champions, profiles some of these leaders and lays out best practices for developing a strategy to attract private capital for community benefit projects, through OZs and beyond. Based on more than a dozen expert interviews and three years of on-the-ground work with local rural communities in Utah, this resource offers concrete steps communities can take.

These steps include: 1) plan for social impact, 2) build your team, 3) understand investors, 4) leverage incentives, 5) create a community vision and project menu, and 6) connect with investors.

In particular, the playbook uniquely profiles the type of investors who are active in the OZ space and the way deals are often structured to overcome the lack of shared language and frameworks between communities and investors.

Additional insights focus on the importance of a regional approach, the power of attracting local investors, and case studies that demonstrate how successful businesses and communities have leveraged private capital, from a space company in Colorado to a mining town in Utah.

[Read more and download the Recovery Playbook here](#)



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The latest issue of our quarterly magazine focuses on Grange Fairs around the country, and the way Granges are involved in promoting agriculture through fun. Other articles include coverage of Wonderama, associate membership, community service, and more! And, we're "talking turkey" in the food & recipe section, with ideas for using leftover turkey this holiday season.

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[Grange Member Benefit: UPS Holiday Shipping](#)

Important Holiday Shipping Dates



The holidays are here! Let UPS® help you prepare and manage your shipments so they arrive as expected. **Here are a few tips to help you during this peak shipping season:**

- Download or bookmark the 2022 Year-End Schedule from ups.com/holidays
- Use the schedule to answer questions about holiday season shipping, services and recommended ship by dates.

- **Sign up for a new account** or **login** to your existing account to ensure you are taking advantage of your Grange UPS® Savings Program discounts.

Don't Let Porch Pirates Steal Your Holiday Cheer!

A lot can go wrong in shipping – package loss, breakage, porch piracy theft. The good news is that you can mitigate the financial impact of some shipping mishaps with **InsureShield® shipping protection** can give you the defense you need to keep the Grinch away. According to a [SafeWise report](#), around 210 million packages disappeared from porches across America in 2021. Make sure you're using InsureShield coverage to protect your shipments. All you have to do is enter the value of the goods in the [declared value*](#) field of your UPS® approved shipping system and you are on your way to better shipping experiences.

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GRANGE JEWELRY



Grange Jewelry is now in stock at the Grange Store. Pins include years of service and member recognition pins from 5-80 years, past officer pins, degree recognition pins, and much more!

Some jewelry is now on clearance!

Prices vary

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