



CELEBRATE GRANGE MONTH

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April is the annual celebration and recognition of **Grange Month**, a time to celebrate the legacy, spirit, and mission of the Grange and all it stands for. As Granges across the country open their doors for spring, this is a powerful opportunity for members and local Granges to step forward and make their presence felt in meaningful, positive ways.

The Grange has always been rooted in community by supporting neighbors, advancing agricultural and rural interests, and advocating for policies that lift up people all across the country. It's a natural fit that Grange Month is our time to not only honor that tradition but to amplify it.

We encourage every Community, Pomona, State, and Junior Grange, as well as Grange members of all levels, to take part by increasing visibility and activity in their towns and regions. Whether through hands-on service projects, fun and festive local events, or impactful legislative outreach, this is the moment to show the world the Grange spirit in action.

This year, National Grange President Christine Hamp has issued a special Grange Month Challenge, inviting all members to step up and creatively showcase the impact of their Granges. The challenge is simple:

1. Bring a friend to the Grange
2. Start (or continue) a community project and share it on social media with **#Grange Month**
3. Attend a local government meeting and speak on issues
4. Connect your Grange to Project Sustenance

To help bring even more energy and visibility to Grange Month, we're also excited to kick off **Grange Spirit Week**, running April 13-19.

This themed week is a fun, simple, and visible way to engage members of all ages and connect from coast to coast. Each day will feature a different theme, like "Why I Joined Wednesday" where you can share your personal connection to the Grange, to "Grange Future Day" where you can envision what the Grange might look like for the next generation and beyond. Share your photos on social media with the

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Join the *Grange Month* Challenge:

- Bring a friend to the Grange - introduce them to your Grange's mission and family.
- Start a community project and share it on social media with **#GrangeMonth**.
- Attend a local government meeting and speak up on an issue that matters to your community.
- Connect your Grange to **Project Sustenance** to battle food insecurity and build community- and self-resilience.

PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2025



GRANGE MONTH – CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND GROW!

WHEREAS, April is **Grange Month**! A time to celebrate our legacy, embrace new opportunities, and showcase the incredible impact of the Grange in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 160 years, the Grange has been a beacon of service, leadership, and unity, bringing together individuals and families who share a passion for making a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Grange is growing, evolving, and thriving, fueled by the energy of its members who create solutions, build friendships, and strengthen rural communities through action and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Grange Month is the perfect time to open our doors, welcome new members, and inspire the next generation of leaders, ensuring the Grange remains a vibrant force for good for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, this is a time to ignite our passion for advocacy, service, and fun, from hosting community events and launching new projects to connecting with neighbors and celebrating the bonds that make the Grange so special; and

WHEREAS, together, we stand strong, dream big, and build brighter futures, carrying forward the Grange's mission with enthusiasm and determination; therefore be it

RESOLVED, I, Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April as Grange Month and invite every member, friend, and supporter to celebrate, engage, and grow with us. **Grange Strong** – Today, Tomorrow, and Always!

Christine E. Hamp
President
National Grange

GRANGE STRONG



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REACH RURAL SURGICAL SENIORS

Since 2023, the National Grange has been a proud advocate for the Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors (RRSS) program, a vital initiative designed to help individuals, regardless of age, better prepare for surgery by knowing what questions to ask, and make informed decisions about their future care.

While the grant supporting this program is set to conclude in June, the valuable resources at seniorsurgeryguides.com will remain active. We strongly encourage Granges nationwide to continue championing and promoting this important program in their communities.

Grange Month events present

an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about the RRSS program. The National Grange has a limited supply of additional 8-page full-color “Planning for My Future” guides available. To request up to 50 copies for distribution at your event, please email rrss@grange.org with your name, Grange, mailing address, and event date to ensure timely delivery.

Granges that have presented or promoted the RRSS program must submit their final reports by the end of May. As a token of appreciation for your efforts, Junior, Community, and Pomona Granges can receive \$100 for hosting a presentation, while State Granges can earn \$500. Be sure to download the final



report form and submit it on time to secure these funds.

Together, we can continue making a meaningful impact, ensuring individuals in rural communities have access to crucial surgical preparedness resources. *Let's keep the momentum going!*

GET ON BOARD FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE CONVENTION



Grange members and friends, get ready for an experience like no other! The 159th Annual National Grange Convention is setting sail aboard the Carnival Horizon, from November 8-16, 2025, offering the perfect blend of Grange business, fellowship, and fun on the high seas.

While we come together to conduct the important work of the National Grange, this unique convention also provides the opportunity to enjoy world-class entertainment, delicious dining, and breathtaking ocean views - all while making memories that will last a lifetime.

Youth members can take advantage of the Youth Leadership Academy, while all members can also take part in workshops, excursions, and more!

Fun Awaits You Onboard!

When the meetings wrap up, the real adventure begins! Take a relaxing dip in the pool, race down the exhilarating waterslides, or challenge friends on

the SkyRide, an elevated bike course with stunning ocean vistas. If relaxation is more your style, unwind at the luxurious Cloud 9 Spa or take in a movie at the outdoor Seaside Theater.

Dining & Entertainment

Indulge in everything from classic comfort food to fine dining at specialty restaurants like Guy's Pig & Anchor Smokehouse or the elegant Fahrenheit 555 Steakhouse. After dinner, catch a Broadway-style show, laugh out loud at the Punchliner Comedy Club, or dance the night away to live music.

Fellowship & Friendship

More than just a cruise, this is a chance to connect with fellow Grange members in a fun and relaxing setting. Whether you're a first-time attendee, a longtime member, or a friend or family member of a Granger, this convention is an opportunity to share stories, strengthen friendships, and celebrate the values of the Grange in a truly unforgettable way.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind National Grange Convention - book your spot today!

Visit the website at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/159ngconvention> to learn more and book today.

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official hashtags #GrangeStrong and #GrangeMonth25 and let the pride of our shared mission light up timelines.

Grange Month is more than celebration; it's a call to action. As we move through April, think of how your Grange can make a difference. Reach out to new potential members, connect with community organizations, collaborate with neighboring Granges on a regional project,

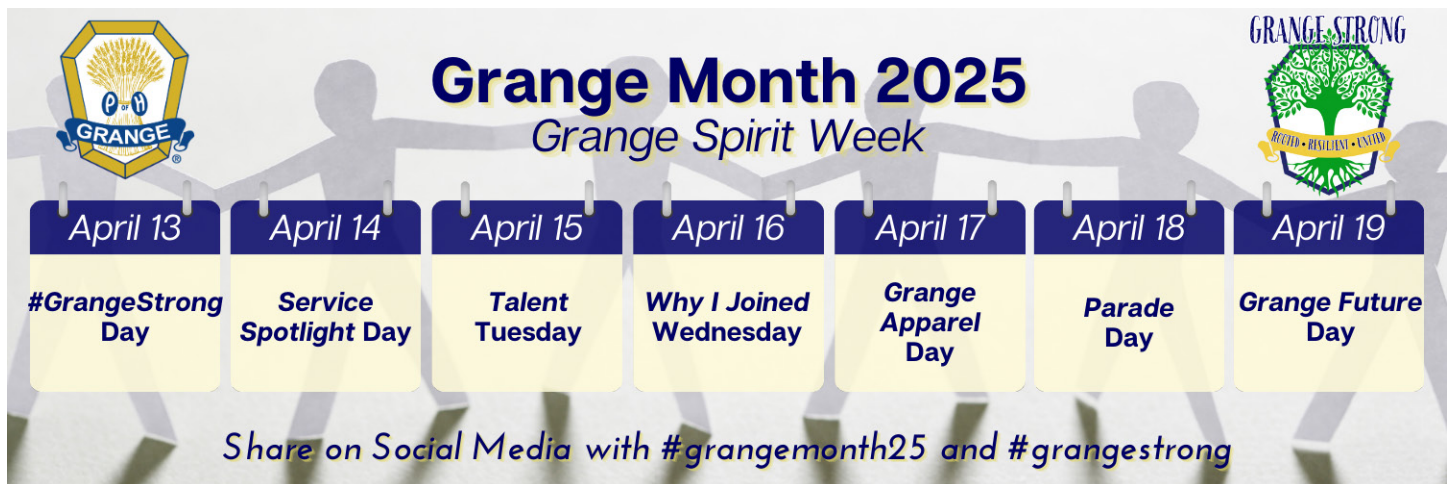
or schedule a meeting with your local lawmakers to discuss issues important to your community. Every small action builds momentum and strengthens the Grange's voice at the local, state, and national levels.

Let's use this month not just to reflect on where we've been, but to boldly show where we're going. Let's fill our communities with the energy, kindness, and can-do spirit that defines the Grange. Let's rise

to President Hamp's challenge and take Grange Month to new heights.

Together, we can ensure that the Grange continues to be seen as a vibrant, relevant, and impactful force for good in every corner of our country.

Happy Grange Month—now let's get out there and show what Grangers can do!



The graphic features a central title "Grange Month 2025" in large blue font, with "Grange Spirit Week" in a smaller, italicized blue font below it. To the left is the National Grange logo (a yellow shield with a sheaf of wheat and the letters "P-H" and "GRANGE" below). To the right is the "GRANGE STRONG" logo (a green tree with roots and the words "PROUD • RESILIENT • UNITED" on a banner). Below the title is a row of seven calendar cards for April 13 through April 19. Each card has a date in a blue header and an event in a yellow body. At the bottom, a blue banner reads "Share on Social Media with #grangemonth25 and #grangestrong".

April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
#GrangeStrong Day	Service Spotlight Day	Talent Tuesday	Why I Joined Wednesday	Grange Apparel Day	Parade Day	Grange Future Day

Share on Social Media with #grangemonth25 and #grangestrong

CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS...

by Amanda Brozana

National Grange Membership

& Leadership Development Director



In the earliest days of Grange, members connected not just for fellowship but to improve each others' economies. From co-ops to word-of-mouth encouragement to shop from fellow members, this was a strong motivator for membership.

Today, the National Grange has exciting things on the horizon and we are seeking more information from our members who own direct-to-consumer businesses.

Do you have a hobby you have monetized through online or craft fair sales? Do you provide services such as graphic design or embroidery? Do you have a farm that sells half-hogs or baskets of produce? We'd love to hear more about your business and work with you as we develop a member-to-member marketing platform.

Please fill out this simple form and we will be in contact soon: <https://grange.biz/businessowner>

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY WITH THE GRANGE

by Lois Barber

Chairperson, Semiquincentennial Work Group



The countdown is on! **America's 250th birthday**—also known as the United States Semiquincentennial—is coming up on **July 4, 2026**, and the National Grange is gearing up for a year-long celebration leading up to this historic milestone. Our

“America's 250th” work group is hard at work planning ways for everyone to join in the fun, and we want YOU to be part of it!

While we're still finalizing plans, here are some exciting ways to get involved now:

America's Field Trip - Calling All Students!

Students in grades 3-12 can take part in America's 250th anniversary by sharing what America means to them—with a chance to win an unforgettable field trip to some of the nation's most iconic landmarks! **Don't wait—essays are due by April 16!** Check it out at <http://www.america250.org>.

Nominate a Hometown Hero

Do you know an unsung American hero? The Our American Story project is collecting and preserving stories from everyday people who've made a difference. Nominate a friend, family member, neighbor, or community leader to make sure their story is shared and remembered! Submit nominations at america250.org.

Make Sure Your Community is Celebrating!

Contact your town council or city administration to make sure your town is planning its own semiquincentennial celebrations. Let's make this a nationwide party! If your town doesn't have a parade or event planned, make sure your Grange is leading the charge to celebrate our country!

Plan a Grange Celebration!

What's a birthday without a party? Host a picnic, parade, or community gathering next spring or summer to bring people together in honor of America's 250th!

Show Your Patriotism!

You don't need an excuse to be patriotic—it's not a political thing, it's an American thing! Fly your flag. Wear your red, white, and blue. Spread the spirit!

Stay Tuned for More!

Pretty soon, we will launch a Grange webpage where you'll find:

- 250 Ways to Be Patriotic
- Essay & Coloring Contests
- Special Grange Programs
- Bicentennial Memories from 1976
- And More!

Commemorative Items Coming Soon!

We're designing apparel and a challenge coin to mark this incredible event—stay tuned for details!

Got an idea? Want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Lois Barber from Kansas, Chair of our America's 250th work group, at ksgrangesecretary@gmail.com.

Let's make this a celebration for the ages!

**Submit your
stories, events,
and ideas to...**

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<http://grange.biz/grangetodaysubmit>



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS SOUGHT FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES

Grange Youth and Young Adult members are encouraged to apply for unique leadership opportunities through the National Grange Youth Department.

Each year, the National Grange selects a team of Youth & Young Adult Officers to participate in the National Grange Convention, and this year is no different - even on a cruise ship!

The Youth & Young Adult Officer Team will have the opportunity to take part in the National Grange Leadership Academy onboard the Carnival Horizon in this year's convention, as well as participate in official Grange functions that include opening the business session on one day of the cruise.

The Ambassador Program provides the opportunity for Youth and Young Adults to become representatives of their state Grange and mentors to

their peers across the country.

Youth Ambassadors must be between the ages of 16 and 20, while Young Adult Ambassadors must be between 21 and 30.

State Ambassadors and contestants will receive leadership training during the annual convention. Individuals selected for the Ambassador Team will have the opportunity to be the voice and face of the National Grange Youth Department for a one-year term. The term includes travel, leading workshops and youth activities, attending Ag Day in DC, and helping plan programming for the year.

You can access information about both of these programs at <http://www.nationalgrangeyouth.org>. Don't delay - the application deadline is May 1st!

Questions? Email nationalgrangeyouth2@gmail.com.

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NATIONAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT OFFICER Team

Take part in this unique leadership opportunity to serve as a National Officer at the 2025 National Grange Convention.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
May 1, 2025

nationalgrangeyouth.org

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT AMBASSADOR Program

Take part in this unique leadership opportunity to represent your state at the 2025 National Grange Convention.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
May 1, 2025

GRANGE HEIRLOOM FOR APRIL

Use the Grange Heirloom Program to teach your members and the community about some of the key cornerstones of the Grange. Materials are available at <http://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program>.

Year D of the Heirloom Program begins in March 2025, but you're welcome to use any materials or resources available to help teach these valuable lessons.

OF ALL THE SWEETENERS OF HUMAN TOIL, OF ALL THE MOTIVE POWERS THAT GIVE ALACRITY TO THE HAND OR FOOT, READINESS TO THE WILL, AND INTELLIGENCE TO THE MIND AND PURPOSE, THE QUICKEST AND MOST ENDURING IN RESULTS IS THE KIND WORD SPOKEN IN SEASON.

Installing Officer; Installation of the Vice President

GET INVOLVED DURING GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MONTH THIS APRIL

Courtesy of StatePoint

Global Volunteer Month, celebrated in April, is a time to honor volunteers while encouraging volunteering in communities around the world.

This annual celebration is especially pertinent right now. According to a Pew Research report, only 54% of Americans feel a connection to others near them.

“Communities around the country are facing increased needs at a time when many people are feeling more isolated. Volunteering fills the gaps to strengthen community and the fabric of our society,” says Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of Points of Light, the world’s largest organization dedicated to increasing volunteer service.

But as Sirangelo points out, volunteering doesn’t just build healthier and more equitable communities, it’s also good for the individuals who are lending their time and talents. “Engaging in volunteer activities has been identified as an effective way to build confidence, alleviate anxiety and depression, and provide a sense of purpose and connection,” she says.

Here are some ways you can take action this Global Volunteer Month and beyond:

- **Take the Pledge:** Let your community know you are committed to volunteering and service by taking the Points of Light’s Global Volunteer Month Pledge. With nearly 50% of volunteer postings going unfilled, your participation can help meet critical community needs and ensure essential services are delivered. Already committed to a cause you care about? Take this opportunity to deepen your engagement. Commit to one extra volunteer project a month, or consider taking on a leadership position with an organization you work with.
- **Thank a Volunteer:** Volunteers are the heartbeat of strengthening communities,



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and throughout the month, you can help recognize the vital role they play. Thank a volunteer or organization that is making an impact in your community starting on April 1 and throughout the month using the hashtag #ThankAVolunteer.

- **Spread the Word:** Use social media to spread the word about the importance of volunteering using hashtags like #GlobalVolunteerMonth. To inspire others to take action, share your own volunteer story using #WhyIVolunteer.
- **Get Started:** Not sure how to get started or where your efforts will make the biggest social impact? Visit Points of Light Engage, at engage.pointsoflight.org. This enormous database allows you to search for volunteer opportunities in your city or zip code based on your interests. Whether you’re volunteering on your own, with coworkers, or with family, you’ll be sure to find an opportunity that’s right for you.

“Volunteering is needed more than ever before. This April, we are urging everyone to join us in taking action. Lend your time, talent and passion to making a real difference in your own neighborhood and to creating a better world,” says Sirangelo.

GRANGE STORE: GRANGE MONTH APPAREL



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 more!

Some jewelry is now on clearance!

Prices vary

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