

# THE CALIFORNIA GRANGER

## ***April is GRANGE Month!!***

Special Lecturer Edition : March 2023

### **LECTURER LESSONS - Suzanne Davis, CSG Lecturer**

My Goodness!!! Can you believe it's already time for GRANGE month? Every year in April we celebrate the amazingness of the Grange! National Grange President, Betsy Huber issues a proclamation, see it on page three. It give us an opportunity to let our communities and beyond know what makes the Grange great.

There are activities you can do in your Grange, posts for social media platforms and ideas to spark conversations in and out of the Grange. This special edition of The California Granger is to help you prepare for Grange month and make it the best one yet!

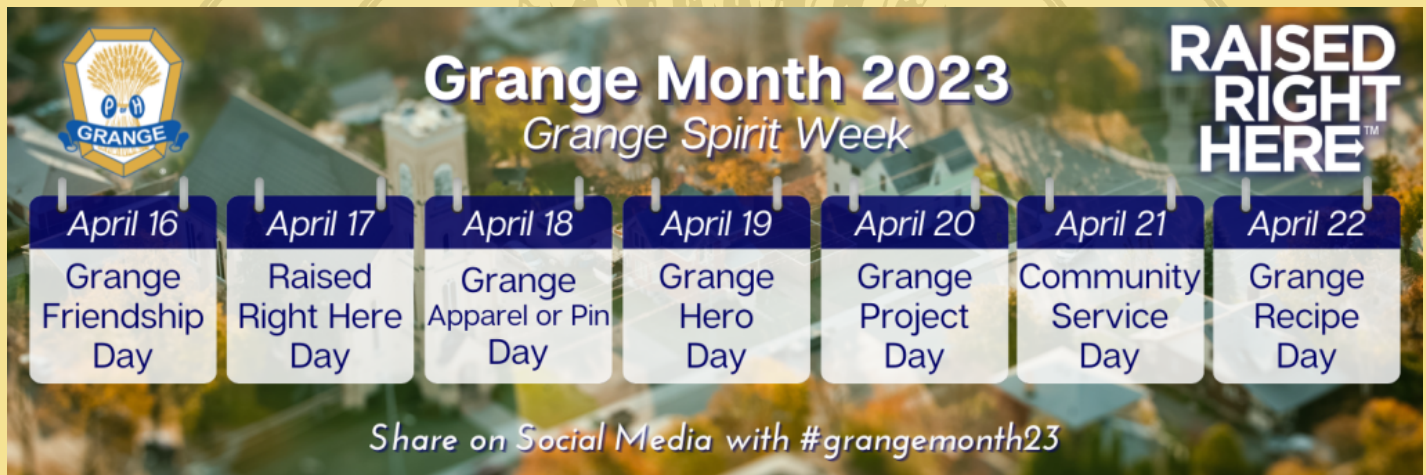
### **SPRING HAS SPRUNG - Are you Degree ready?**

March 20 is the first day of Spring and the beginning of the First Degree of the Grange. Do you know what this degree is all about, what it symbolizes and why is it important? The National Grange has created materials to help you navigate the degrees and bring the first four degrees to your Grange in an easy to deliver way. The Heirloom Program was created to cover a 5 year time span and provides graphics, activities and quick topic ideas to promote discussions at your Grange meetings. Check it out here.



# SPIRIT, SPIRIT, THE GRANGE HAS SPIRIT, HOW ABOUT YOU?

The National Grange has created a Grange Spirit Week and the daily themes are easy to create engagement within not only your Grange but the community as well. Click each day below to find some ideas on how to incorporate each days theme.



**Grange Month 2023**  
*Grange Spirit Week*

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April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22
Grange Friendship Day	Raised Right Here Day	Grange Apparel or Pin Day	Grange Hero Day	Grange Project Day	Community Service Day	Grange Recipe Day

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# PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2023



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

WHEREAS, for 155 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active, empowering, and effective organization in thousands of communities around the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has a unique position in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education and by creating strong community leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

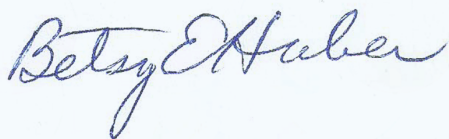
WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across rural America; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be "Raised Right Here," and encourages Grange and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly-respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.



PRESIDENT  
National Grange

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## GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK IDEAS - DAY 1 & 2

### Monday, April 16, 2023

**Grange Friendship Day -** We all have made some great friends inside of the Grange. What a great day to recognize and honor those friendships! Ask your Grange members either at a meeting, through an email or via social media to send back their fondest, funniest or any memory of the friends/friendships they have made in the Grange. Make sure to request permission to share and post them back to social media and perhaps read a few at your next meeting. Google images of Friends/Friendships like these to use in your posting or emails.



### Tuesday, April 17, 2023

**Raised Right Here Day -** Today is a day to celebrate where you come from or where you live now. Were you raised in the Grange? Ask your Grange members to share a memory of either being raised in the Grange, raising their children in the Grange now or a memory of the community. The National Grange Store has some great stickers with the Raised Right Here slogan on them.



## GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK IDEAS - DAY 3 & 4

### Wednesday, April 18, 2023

**Grange Apparel or Pin Day - Show off that Grange Pride today!** Whether it's a shirt specific to your Grange or from a State or National Convention today is the day to wear it with a smile!! Do you have any pins for years of membership, an officer or past officer pin or even a pin you received from the Expo? If so put them on and show them off!! Don't have any then now is a great time to visit the Grange Store and order one for yourself! Reach out to your Grange and see if they have any leftover shirts or other items from a previous fundraiser that you could purchase. Make a post asking members how many shirts or other apparel item or pins they have. Who has the most and who has the oldest one?



### Thursday, April 19, 2023

**Grange Hero Day - What is a Hero?** A Hero is someone that goes out of their way to help everyone regardless of their race, color, religion, social or monetary class, political belief or age. A person that is admired for their achievements and qualities and shows great courage. Do you recognize someone in your Grange or community that embodies these characteristics? Invite them to your Grange meeting (if they are not a member already) and present them with a certificate honoring them as a Grange hero. A hero has no minimum or maximum age restriction. Take a picture of a Grange hero and share it on the CSG Lecturer page (with permission of course.) We'd love to share in honoring our hero's!



# GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK IDEAS - DAY 5 & 6

## Friday, April 20, 2023

**Grange Project Day - Is your Grange working on a project at/on your Grange or in your Community? Has your Grange partnered with another community organization to complete a project together? Share the news and details on your social media or in an email blast to your membership. Do you have a work day coming up; then invite your entire membership and community to come help the effort. Be sure to take pictures to post on social media or send it with info on your project to be included in a future California Granger Newsletter. The Newsletter is for Grangers, about Grangers and by Grangers! We want to celebrate everything Grange!**



## Saturday, April 20, 2023

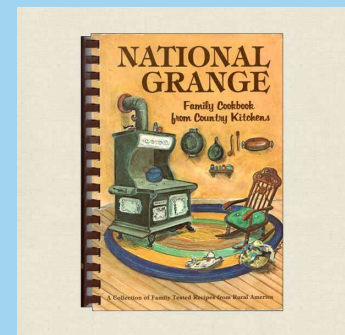
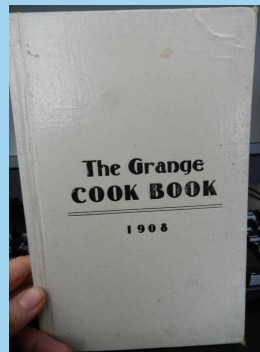
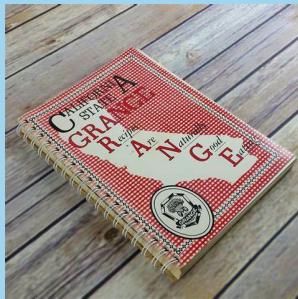
**Community Service Day - Community Service is synonymous with the Grange. The Grange at its core is Community Service. Supporting and helping the community in and around the Grange makes it stronger, resilient and relevant. Staying involved and present brings in new members and grows the Grange in not just the number of members but in the friendships built and memories made. What Community Service does your Grange participate in each year? Do you have something new going on this year? What is the best Community Service event you have been a part of with the Grange? Do you host a pancake breakfast, craft show or seed swap? Share the date with us and we'll post it in the California Granger Newsletter!**



# GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK IDEAS - DAY 7

## Sunday, April 22, 2023

**Grange Recipe Day - Does anyone cook better than your mom or grandma? Of course not; unless maybe they are a Grange member! The Grange is famous for it's recipes and cookbooks handed down from generation to generation. Cookbooks have been a staple as a fundraiser in Granges across the country. I went searching for the oldest Grange cookbook and I found one as back as 1908! Do your or your Grange have a recipe that is unbelievably good or one that people request at potluck dinners? If you can share it please send it to us for publishing in a future California Granger Newsletter.**



## GRANGE MONTH CALENDAR

The National Grange has put together a whole calendar for Grange month. If you click on the calendar below it will take you to the Grange month page on the National Granges's website. There are ideas, links and images for you to use in celebrating Grange month with your Grange and community.

APRIL 23	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
							1 Kickoff to Grange Month 7:00 p.m. eastern Live on Facebook & YouTube
	2	3	4	5 Spring Training Grange Baseball practice for Juniors/Youth 8:30 p.m. eastern	6	7	8
	9 EASTER	10	11 Membership Matters 8:30 p.m. eastern	12	13	14 Date Night in Talent Show hosted by Ann Bercher 8:30 p.m. eastern Live on Facebook & YouTube	15
	16 GRANGE FRIENDSHIP DAY Youth Yammerings 9:00 p.m. eastern	17 RAISED RIGHT HERE DAY Ritual and the Present Day with Amanda Brozono Ross 8:30 p.m. eastern	18 GRANGE APPAREL/PIN DAY	19 GRANGE HERO DAY Serving with Passion with Chris Hamp 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 GRANGE PROJECT DAY The Beginner's Mindset with Philip Vanada 8:30 p.m. eastern	21 COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY Community Service Seminar with Pete Pompper 8:30 p.m. eastern	22 GRANGE RECIPE DAY
	23	24	25 Lecture's Forum with Ann Bercher 8:30 p.m. eastern	<b>GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK</b>		28	29
				26 VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN Long Term Care and Estate Planning sponsored by Lin-1000 Club 8:30 p.m. eastern	27 Legislative Roundtable 8:30 p.m. eastern		"What's Next?" 3:00 p.m. eastern

Event dates/times subject to change - check out the National Grange Facebook or [nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023](https://nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023) for updates

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#GRANGEMONTH23  
USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](https://bit.ly/grangemonthzoom)

# GRANGE MONTH

## MEET YOUR CA ST GRANGE LECTURER - SUZANNE DAVIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Suzanne Davis and I am excited to be your new California State Grange Lecturer. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone and tell you a little about myself. I feel that it is important to know your leadership and make sure that you feel comfortable enough to reach out with questions or suggestions. We are all Brothers and Sisters of the Grange and that makes us family! My family consists of myself, my husband and our three children ranging from 22-27.

My home Grange is the Ono Grange #445 located in beautiful Ono, CA. It is in Northern California about 20-25 minutes West of I-5 depending on how much of a lead foot you have on your drive. We lost our Grange Hall in September of 2020 to the Zogg Fire and are in the laborious and challenging process of re-building. We are resilient and will persevere in bringing a Grange Hall back to the area. I became a member of the Ono Grange #445 in 2015 when we returned from living in Oklahoma for a number of years. I didn't even know what the Grange was at that time but my husband encouraged me to attend a meeting. He knew what it was about as he was born and raised in Ono. I attended the meeting in September and it was interesting. They asked the members to bring back ideas for fundraising at the next meeting. I attended the next meeting and when it came to the fundraising ideas I suggested a craft show and then all of a sudden I realized I was in charge of it! Then Aunt Mary (my husband's aunt) spoke up and said "Don't you think we ought to make her a member of the Grange before we start putting her in charge of anything?" That is how I became a member of the Ono Grange.

After a couple of years our Lecturer needed to resign and I saw an opportunity to become a bigger part of the Grange and do more. I have been the Lecturer of the Ono Grange #445 for 5, maybe 6 years now and I enjoy it very much. Learning about our history and traditions and being able to share that information with other members is important to me. Being Lecturer isn't just about presenting information to the membership. It is about engaging your members young and old, getting them excited about upcoming events on the local, regional, state and national level, presenting a bigger picture of what the Grange has to offer them and how they are an integral part of making their community a better place.

As your CSG Lecturer I want to help level up the excitement and engagement in your Granges. We need to be sharing ideas with each other and helping each other to be more successful. There are things I want to try and accomplish while being your CSG Lecturer but to do them I will need your help. Engagement isn't a one sided conversation. Networking is vital to a Grange's growth and I would love to share ideas on how to get that started. I have a vision of a Lecturer's network where the Subordinate, Pomona and State Lecturer can network with each other to share programs they have created, presentations and bounce ideas off of each other.

Did you know there is a CSG Lecturer Facebook page? This is a great place to share an event your Grange is having or send a message to ask a question. You can also send me an email asking for ideas, questions or throw out a suggestion; I WANT to hear from you! It doesn't matter if you aren't the Lecturer you can still visit the CSG Lecturer Facebook page or send me an email. Is there something you would like us to feature in the Newsletter then let us know! You can visit me during the CA State Grange Convention in September. We are celebrating the California State Grange's 150th Anniversary and it is going to be stupendous!

Fraternally Yours,

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## IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

**CSG 150th Anniversary Convention - Sept 21-24, 2023**

**CSG Expo Entries Open - April 1, 2023**

**CSG Foundation Scholarship Due - April 30, 2023**

**CSG Round Table - The Fourth Thursday Each Month**

**California Granger Directory Updates - March 31, 2023**

**Would you like to have your Grange's info and events be shared with other Grangers? Then fill out this form to be included in the next newsletter.**

**Grange Link/Event Directory**

**This is a publication of the California State Grange.**

**Since 1873 the mission of the California State Grange has been to serve, steward and teach the virtues of the land to our children and community. We maintain our commitment to grassroots advocacy, supporting farmland preservation, farm development, community service, sustainable and regenerative agriculture, and the consumer's role in the food production system.**

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