



PATRONS CHAIN

The Official Newsletter of the National Grange

New youth leaders bring enthusiasm to roles

BY JIM DUMOLT

Communication Fellow

Each year, the National Grange selects youth and Junior members to serve as leaders and representatives of peers in their age group. This year, a new Junior Grange Ambassador and two Outstanding Young Patrons will serve as the leadership team, and will bring fresh ideas, plans, and new experiences to their departments.

The new Junior Ambassador selected for the 2022-23 year, was Annette “Nettie” Hartley from North Scituate, Rhode Island. When asked why she wanted to apply to be a Junior Ambassador she said that Junior Grange “is her life,” and to be at the National level helping other Junior Grange is a dream. When she was asked what her goals were as the National Junior Ambassador she replied, “to bring in more members, the Juniors are not our future, but our today. We are the next officers [at the local level] and National officers of the Grange.”

Not only was Hartley selected as the National Junior Grange Ambassador, she was awarded the National Community Service Director’s Pin by Pete Pompper. She stated that she was very surprised to be awarded it, and when she found out that her parents knew about it, she was even more surprised. She went on to say that this project was the

biggest thing her Junior Grange had done. When they first started they didn’t know if they would even hit their \$1,000 goal. To find out that they had raised \$5,000 was astonishing. Pompper chose to give her the award because of her tenacity and ability to meet and exceed goals for her community.

One of the two young women to win the position of Outstanding Young Patron (OYP) was Gail Switzer from West Chester, Pennsylvania. When asked why she applied to be an OYP, Switzer said it was because she was a Youth Ambassador when she was a teen, and she wants to work with the Youth and Young Adults, as well as represent Pennsylvania throughout the nation. When asked what her goals were while being the OYP Switzer said she wants to get more young adults involved in the Grange, and work on bridging the gap between the



Autumn Whitaker (left) and Gail Switzer (right) were selected as the 2022-23 National Grange Outstanding Young Patrons, and Nettie Hartley (center) was selected as the new Junior Grange Ambassador. Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

Grange Voices

Saturday’s

Schedule:

10:00 a.m. – Spirit of the Grange with Annie Waters

10:30 a.m. - Intro to Robotics with Ruth & Johnny Miller

11:00 a.m. - Lego Robotics with Ruth & Johnny Miller

11:30 a.m. - Knights of the Grange

Livestream

Friday’s

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Community Service Workshop

10:00 a.m. - Lecturer’s Workshop

8:00 p.m. - Evening of Excellence

The Conferral of Degrees

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in Nugget 1 if you would like to receive your Sixth Degree, and at 1:00 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom to receive your Seventh Degree. Any current Sixth or Seventh Degree member is welcome to watch the respective Degree.

Follow the Fellows on social media, and stay up to date with the happenings at Session.

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The National Grange Youth Officer Team opened the Friday morning business meeting. Youth members from five states filled the chairs, with JC Junkman serving as President. Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

Youth member provides NARCAN workshop

BY AMBER CORLL

National Grange Youth Ambassador

On Friday, November 18, there was a workshop that covered NARCAN training. Those who attended received vital information and received certified training.

Certification was led by Montana Grange member Jaycee Jette. From Juniors to our seasoned Grangers, there are now certified members who are ready to help those around them, and who are equipped with the proper knowledge to be able to administer the Naloxone.

NARCAN, also known as Naloxone, training teaches a person how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and administer the opioid overdose reversal drug.

Having this skill is a key tool for preventing overdose deaths. According to Drug Abuse Statistics, opioids kill more than 136 people per day around the country.

Some opioids are small blue pills

with “M” on one side and the number of milligrams on the other for example: M30, M10, and M20. The higher the number, the more drug consistency in the pill.

The importance behind understanding what a drug can do to a person is significant, but knowing how to step up and help when a person misuses the drug is the difference between a person getting to their next birthday or not.

Opioids have different types. There are prescription opioids given by a doctor to reduce pain. The next is heroin (also known as black goat) and the last and the worst is fentanyl.

Jette reviewed how there are multiple types of Naloxone, and they all work the same. Once administered, the drug goes to the brain attaches itself to the opioid and “tears” the drug off the brain receptor so it can no longer harm the person who has used. There are no side effects of Naloxone.

There are 5 easy steps for administering Naloxone.

Step 1 – Call 911

Step 2 – Look for signs of overdose (clammy skin, discolored lips, shallow breathing)

Step 3 – Support the person’s breathing (always make sure you have a mask)

Step 4 – Administer Naloxone (when given, tell the person on the 911 call)

Step 5 - Monitor response - it can be given every 4 minutes; the operator will tell you when to push it

When it takes a person out of a high, the person will usually be mad for bringing them down out of their high. Let them go, it is not your job to babysit them. You can keep tabs so that they can go to the hospital and make it easier for the operator.

The overdosed are known for throwing up, and after 30 minutes, Naloxone will wear off.

Disclaimer: This was the information from the presentation, but it doesn’t certify the reader. If interested please look up the trainers and certifiers for your state since every state has different policies.



California Grange member Eugene Fletcher has designed these 3D-printed keychains, emblazoned with the Grange Youth and Junior Grange logos. You can receive these keychains for a donation of \$3 each or 2 for \$5. They can be found in the Region Host Office (Redwood 8). All proceeds go directly to the Junior and Youth funds at the Grange Foundation.

Opinion: Get outside and learn!

BY JIM DUMOLT

Communication Fellow

It’s night with whiteout conditions, making it seem even darker up on the mountain. While John may be warm in the shelter that he built earlier, it’s only because he can’t seem to get a spark to catch and a fire going. After a little bit more time and a couple of small changes to what he was doing, John finally got a spark to catch, and the flame starts to grow. He hopefully has enough food, and with the fire going now he will have as much water as he wants to drink from melting down the snow.

Wilderness survival is an important skill that not enough people have in their arsenal. It may not seem like a very important thing to know, but I believe that everyone should have some wilderness skills with them to rely on. Quite a few of the skills can transfer to different things in everyday life. Whether that is just being more aware of what is around you or being able to help someone in an emergency.

Knowing *how* to do something and being *able* to do it can be two different things. I know how to tie a good square knot, but *can* I tie a good square knot? It is only when I am not trying to tie a square knot that I find myself successful. Every time I try to tie a square knot, I end up tying a slip knot or not even tying a knot at all.

To be able to do the thing and not just know how to do it is to practice. A good thing for all who want to be able

to do some of the wilderness survival things is to go out and practice in a non-stressful environment. Go out into the woods on a nice day and build a shelter. Create yourself a fake scenario to survive overnight and go through and do everything that you would need to for that. Find two sticks, and some rope, and practice tying those knots that you don’t have handy.

One of the things that I did not realize about being able to perform some of the wilderness survival skills is the confidence boost that it gives people.

While talking with one of my friends about some of the things we wanted to do while camping we discussed that he wanted to start a fire by rubbing two sticks together. Upon hearing this, I got excited and told them that I could help and show him how to do it since I knew how to do it and had done it before. We then began to talk about the different ways to start a fire that didn’t use a lighter or matches. I felt good because I knew how to do what we talked about and had done a few of them before.

Having some wilderness survival skills may not seem like a very important thing to know, but it is a good thing to have in the arsenal. Even if someone is in the middle of a giant city like Los Angeles or New York City, I think that they should have a couple of skills in their collection and the world would be a lot better place.

An “Experience” to remember

BY BETH SOUTHWORTH
Communication Fellow

When you have lemons you make lemonade. The Covid-19 pandemic created a shortage of buses in Nevada, high prices for those buses that were available, and no guarantee that the bus would arrive if there were weather problems. In a fun change from the usual, the Western Region host committee decided to be innovative and developed experiences to bring to attendees at the Nugget Casino and Resort so more people could get involved.

Attendees at the Host Reception on Monday got to see the Ballet Folklorico dancers in action. During the Experience Pass, the group taught a selection of their dances.

Elizabeth Medina-Palacios has been dancing for 22 years and teaching for 16

years. She stressed that her group stays true to culture. For example, young ladies wear their flowers on their left and hold their fans below their face while married women wear their flowers on the right and use their fan to cover their face. Skirt movement of the dresses and hand positions are determined by the region of the dance. Medina-Palacios teaches fifteen regions of the over 100 possible regions in Mexico.

The costumes that the Ballet Folklorico dancers wear are individually crafted by Rita Boga and Maria Bergona of Stockton California. Medina-Palacios states, however, that there are large companies that can provide costumes.

The youth influence was seen in the Ballet Folklorico Experience. Medina-Palacios brought her protege, Natalia Martinez, 14, from Fallon, Nevada, who is learning to teach. Most participants in this experience were Youth Grangers.

The Sip and Paint Experience had a Grange flair. Participants used twelve-inch squares to paint a barn quilt of their choosing. Naomi Fletcher, Orangevale Grange (CA) organized the Sip and Paint, joined by “experts,” Ellie Burns, Christina Webster, and Joyce Billquist/

Dianne Hudson, St. Johns Grange (NC) likes crafts and had training in art while attending college and her career in teaching. Hudson stated that she was more nervous due to her age and she had difficulty with the brush, but she enjoyed the experience. Previously, she had quilt-



Juniors Lila Mae Montero and Sheila Miller (High Desert Grange #22, NV) try their hand at Morse Code jewelry during the Experience Pass.
Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

ed with cloth instead of paint.

The Morse Code Experience drew inspiration from Nevada’s state history, as the longest telegraph sent (via Morse Code) was the Nevada State Constitution. Instead of the Pony Express, the telegraph was used for this delivery because Nevada was becoming a state during the Civil War - hence the motto “BattleBorn.”

Lexi Suing, Crow Grange, Oregon likes codes, different languages and learning new things. Although this is their fifth convention this is the first one where they have no responsibilities and they are enjoying “just watching” and participating in activities like the Experience Pass.

In the workshop, participants used beads to create Morse Code jewelry. If you missed this Nevada Experience and want to learn more about Morse Code, be on the lookout for a Morse Code puzzle in today’s Patrons Chain.



Connecticut State Grange Lecturer Dave Roberts tries his hand as his first-ever Sip and Paint.
Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

National Grange celebrates Night of Honors

BY CAROLYNN CHAMLEE
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On Friday, November 18, 2022, the National Grange celebrated a Night of Honors at the 156th Annual National Convention. Staff dressed in some of their finest to recognize, award, and celebrate the various contests, ambassadors, longevity families, juniors, youth, and Grange growth this past year. The show was hosted by Pete Pompper, Na-

tional Grange Community Service Director. Introducing each of the other departments, while lobbing t-shirts at the crowd, Pompper kept the crowd entertained the entire evening.

National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins shared the winners for their contests in digital talent, creative art, creative writing, photography, and handy crafts. Nettie Hartley (RI) won the Cape of Honor for community service, presented her Best of Show-winning speech, and was also named as the 2022-2023 Junior Grange Ambassador.

National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher announced her winners in the Quilt Block and Photography Contests, and also announced some new contests for 2023.

National Grange Communications Director Philip J Vonada presented awards for the Publicity Contest, Communication Fellows and those who helped with the program, and announced a new award. The Grange

Connector Awards for spreading the message and mission of the Grange were awarded to Sharon Croucher (NY), Tricia Eidsmoe (MI), Illinois State Grange (accepted by Illinois State Grange President Lynette Schaeffer), Lois Allen (VT), and Molly Newman (KS).

Sales, Programs, and Benefits Director Loretta Washington presented a series of awards. Grange Legacy Families are those families with five or more generations of Grangers. With six generations of Grangers, the Trupp family (OR) had the longest legacy tonight. The Campbell (PA), Clack (OR), Driscoll/Foster/Barber/Tucker (CA), Pensinger (PA), Schaeffer (PA), and Vetter (WA) families all had five generations of Grangers in their families.

The Distinguished Grange program is in its 13th year. State Distinguished Granges were awarded to Maryland, Oregon, and Pennsylvania State Granges. Turkey Hill Grange #1370 (IL) celebrated ten years as a Distinguished Grange, while Central Union Grange #559 (CA), Goldendale Grange #49 (WA), and Marys River Grange #685 (OR) all celebrated five years. Washington an-



Members of the Trupp family (OR) pose with National Grange President Betsy Huber. The Trupps were one of several families honored as Legacy Families this year.
Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

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nounced that any Granges who present workshops on Rural Minds and mental health in rural America could have the opportunity to be named "GOLDEN" Distinguished Granges next year.

'Grange in Action' Granges were recognized in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, and Washington.

Membership and Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios presented the Cultivators of the Year to Walter Boomsma (ME), Jennie Gentry (NC), Todd Gelineau (CT), and Scott Nicholson (MT). These awards are given to members who are thinking outside of the box to bring in new members and introduce new people of the Grange. Honor State Granges (Granges with net gains in membership from July 2021-June 2022) were presented to California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

With a net gain in membership, each state was listed with their Granges and the number of members that they gained this year. Those Granges are Two Rivers (AK), Pleasant Valley (CA), Altona (CO), Redding (CT), Harmony (DE), Potomac (DC), Mountain Home (ID), Big Thunder (IL), Columbus (IN), Bayneville (KS), Jonesboro (ME), South Middleboro (MA), New Market (MD), Summit City (MI), Lake Hubert (MN), Battle Born Stockton Well (NV), Rockingham (NH), Stanton (NJ), Whitehall (NY), Juniper (NC), Tiverton (OH), Clear Creek (OK), Redwood (OR), Jefferson (PA), Exeter (RI), David Crockett (TX), Price's Fork (VA), Blue Spruce (VT), Menastash (WA), and Milton (WI).

The Community Service Department gave out numerous awards including the Wib & June Justi Youth Community Service Award, which was presented to Asheton Medlin (NC). Pete Pompper also presented the Firefighter/EMT of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

National Grange Youth & Young Adults Director Mandy Bostwick was the final presenter of the evening. The State Youth Recruiter of the Year was



Sharon Croucher (NY) was recognized as one of the 2022 National Grange Connectors for her work on sharing the message of the Grange

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

given to Baylor Howerton (NC) and the Grange Spirit Award, voted on by their peers, was presented to Samantha Hanson (IA). Finally, the 2022-2023 National Grange Youth Team was announced as being Gail Switzer (PA) an Autumn Whitaker (NC), who will each hold the title of Outstanding Young Patron.

It was a fantastic night to recognize everything that is happening in the Grange. A full list of winners in all departments will be included in the January issue of *Good Day!* magazine.



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Open Letter: Thank you for your donations!

Brothers and Sisters,

Because of your generous hearts, we had 16 States participating in the National Grange Community Service project for Eddy House.

Thank you to California, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Washington for your contributions!

Because of your generosity, we were able to present a check for \$2305, in addition to Visa debit and Amazon Gift Cards that totaled \$300.

Bags and boxes of pillowcases with strings, personal hygiene items and clothing items were also donated.

Thank you very much to all that participated. None of this is possible without your participation.

When accepting the donations, Zoie Harmer from Eddy House said that she was “overwhelmed” by the support, as Eddy House is the only transitional housing for at-risk youth in northwestern Nevada. They work to provide a safe, warm space, as well as training to get their participants jobs and out of the system.

Thank you again for your support,
*Liz Dehne, Oregon State Grange
Host Committee Chair for Community Service Project*



Above: Zoie Harmer (right) accepts a cash donation from National Grange President Betsy Huber and Liz Dehne, project organizer. Below: Dehne and Harmer pose with the donations that were brought from around the country.



National Grange staff were dressed to the nines for the Night of Honors!

LEADERSHIP TEAMS *cont. from page 3*

Called to Order!

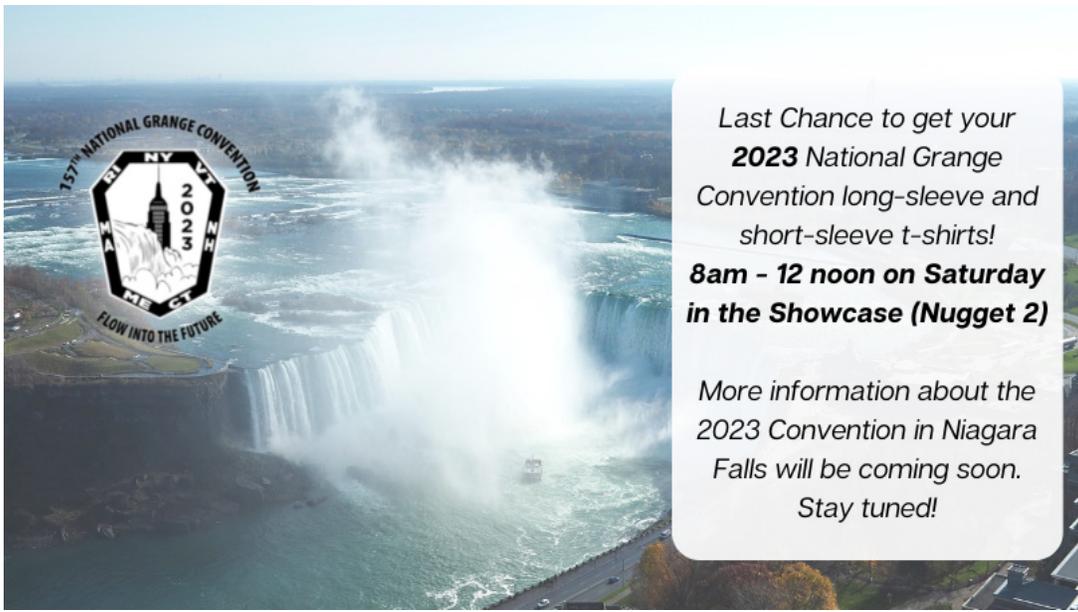


National Grange Youth Officer Team President JC Junkman (OR, right) accepts a gavel from National Grange President Betsy Huber, recognizing her in a longstanding tradition.

more seasoned young adults and the 14- and 15-year-old youth members.

The second young woman to be selected as Outstanding Young Patron was Autumn Whitaker from Booneville, North Carolina. When Whitaker was asked what goals she wanted to accomplish while being OYP, she said she wanted to recruit more Youth and Young Adults to the Grange, as well as get more states involved in their Youth and Young Adults programs. Whitaker also said that the Juniors, Youth, and Young Adults have not been attending events recently. She wants to see the Grange grow, she believes the young members are where it will happen. Whitaker was asked why she applied to be an OYP and she said she saw last year's OYP and Youth Ambassadors run and the differences that they made and Whitaker feels that she can make a difference as the Outstanding Young Patron.

The leadership teams will work with Samantha Wilkins and Mandy Bostwick, Junior Grange Director and Youth and Young Adults Director, respectively. Wilkins and Bostwick are excited to get to know their new teams and see what they can accomplish in the coming year.



Last Chance to get your **2023 National Grange Convention long-sleeve and short-sleeve t-shirts!**
8am - 12 noon on Saturday in the Showcase (Nugget 2)

More information about the 2023 Convention in Niagara Falls will be coming soon.
 Stay tuned!

THANK YOU!
 The Fellows extend a special thanks to Kay and Allen Stiles for treating us to lunch today! It was great to get to network with you!

IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME AT SESSION?
 Scan this QR code to access a document with some key words, phrases, and ideas that you might see at this convention!



Sights set on Michigan's Upper Peninsula for Grange Revival 3.0

BY CHRIS HAMP
 National Grange Vice President

In a short 242 days, Grange Revival 3.0 will kick-off (July 18-23, 2023) at the Log Cabin Resort & Campground in Curtis, on the banks of Big Manistique Lake on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen friendships and fraternal bonds and to have fun, without nametags or participation requirements (think cruise ship).

through future editions of the Patrons Chain newsletter and *Good Day!* magazine.

The Grange Revival Advisory Team is hard at work planning group meals and activity options as well as ensuring all logistical needs are secured.

Bring your Stormy Kromer or find one along the way!

We look forward to having you join us in the U.P. next July!



Scan this QR code to get to the registration packet for Grange Revival!

Registration packs and save-the-date magnets are available in the Showcase (Nugget 2). Keep your eyes open for additional information to be shared



DAILY PUZZLE

Morse Code

You might bug out if you are able to use your Morse Code skills to decode this word of something that lights the way.



The first two people who complete this and find Lindsay in Redwood 2 win a prize!

OH NO! There were no winners in Thursday's Patrons Chain competition... Guess we need to try harder today!