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Dairies hit hard. Granges can help.

BETSY HUBER
National Master

As many of you know, I come from a background of dairy farming, from generations of small farmers who made their living from milking cows. My brother and cousin are still in dairying today in PA. I am so thankful that I had that wonderful childhood and have remained connected to the special community of dairy farmers, even though it has always been a challenging, difficult way to make a living.

You may have seen in the news,

especially if you live in the Northeast, that the dairy industry is in trouble. There are several reasons for depressed milk prices, which I won't go into, but generally it is blamed on oversupply—farmers are doing too good a job caring for their cows and getting more milk production from fewer cows that they did just a few years ago. A natural reaction to lower prices is to produce more, and farmers have been doing that for generations.

My heart breaks when I see close friends of mine, whose families have

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GRANGERS FLY IN, FLEX ADVOCACY MUSCLES

By Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios
Communication & Development Director

Annually, Grangers descend upon the Nation's Capitol, determined to learn more about priority issues for the organization and taking to the Hill to discuss these issues with legislators and their staff members.

Most attendees from more than a dozen states arrived Sunday, April 15, and had a meet-and-greet at the event hotel that evening. Early Monday morning, briefings got underway at the National Grange building starting with speakers discussing rural broadband and spectrum distribution for the purpose of speeding the spread of broadband to remote communities. Next, participants heard about challenges to Lifeline, a program that allows low income individuals

cellular phone service for free or a reduced cost. Last that morning was a discussion about insurance, healthcare and concerns about Medicare Part D changes.

During lunch, participants heard from Ray Starling, who serves as Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture, Trade and Food Assistance. Starling discussed issues the White House has been working on to ensure a bolstered agriculture sector and sustained economic growth for American agriculture. He took questions from members and provided an inside view of White House priorities.

Attendees then visited the USDA, speaking with representatives who deal with infrastructure including rural broadband

initiatives, rural development and funding opportunities.

While Junior Grange members who were in attendance then were interviewed by RFD-TV, other attendees split off to do Hill visits or spend some time touring the city before heading back to the Grange building for dinner and a discussion about challenges to farmers, led by New York organic produce farmer Zaid Kurdieh and his wife, Haifa.

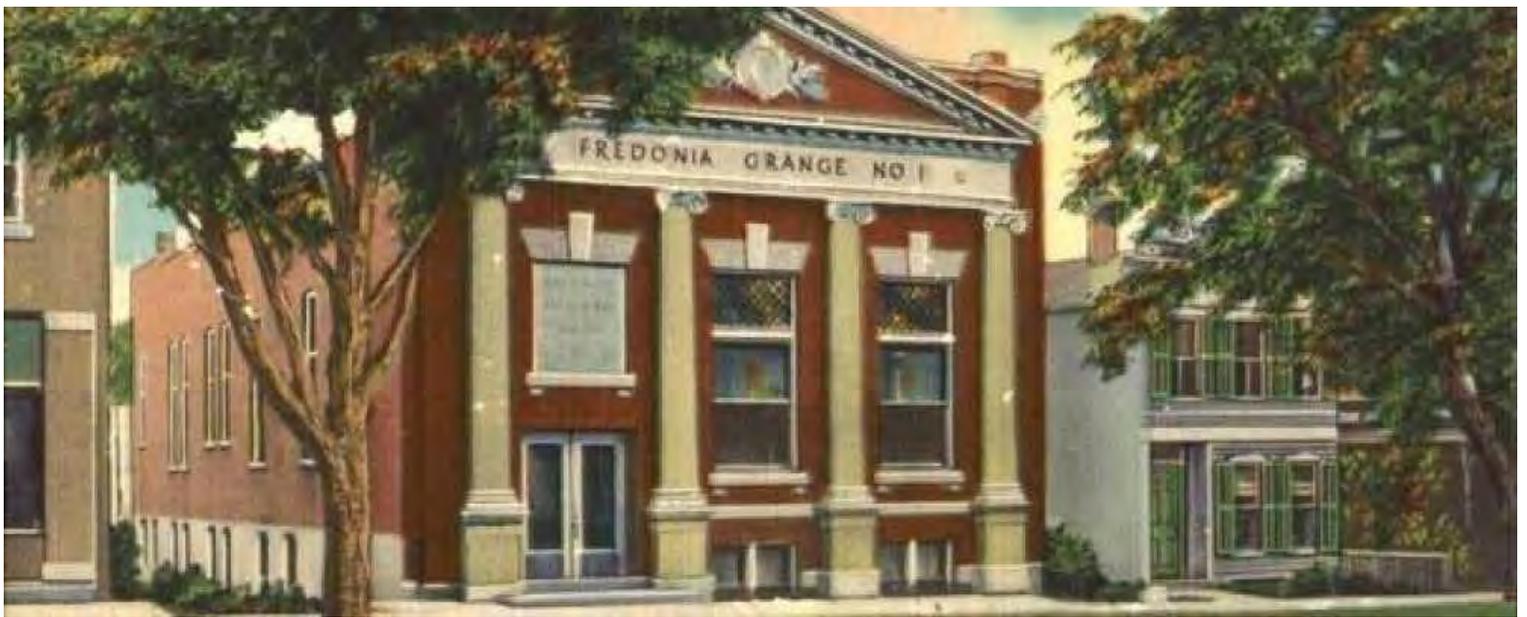
On Tuesday, some attendees visited the Verizon Innovation Center where they learned about connected technologies found in farm and other machinery. Others attended meetings on the Hill with Senators, Congressmembers and their staff liaisons.

"This is always a great event that reminds our members how policies grew from a grassroots process and allows legislators to hear directly from those grassroots about what's important and what's going on back home," National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller said.



Above, Junior Grange members visited the Verizon Innovation Center to learn more about connected technologies while attendees from Pennsylvania prepared for visits to their Congressional members on Capital Hill.





Birthday of first Grange celebrated

By Amanda Brozana Rios

A two-day celebration filled with dancing, demonstrations and proclamations was held at Fredonia Grange #1, New York, April 13-14 to commemorate the founding of the first Grange in the world and celebrate 150 years of work for the local community, farmers, state and nation.

The event began with a barn dance at the Grange Hall on Friday night, boasting great attendance and time for members to interact with the community.

On Saturday, the hall was open again with displays explaining more about the history of the organization and Fredonia Grange, as well as what Fredonia Grange does today in its community.

There were also displays by organizations who rent and meet in the hall regularly.

A display showing the stations for officers in a Grange meeting with information about the position placed on the chairs helped those who attended learn more



about the structure of the organization and demystify the Grange for newcomers.

Refreshments were served in the hall basement including a cake that was cut by National President Betsy Huber and Fredonia President Mark Mackey as part of the celebration.

That evening more than a hundred Grange members from all over New York as well as several

members of the community joined together for a banquet dinner.

Huber presented the Grange with a framed certificate and showed off a plaque that will hang at the National headquarters to commemorate the first 150 Granges to reach 150 continuous years of service to their communities. Fredonia Grange stood alone as the only name thus-far listed.

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been dairying for generations, being forced out of business because they've reached the breaking point-- they can no longer survive when their expenses exceed their income for three or four years. That's how long this price slump has been going on. Dairying is not just a job or a business; it is a family lifestyle. Being forced to sell the cows and get a job off-farm changes the life of the entire family, and also will have a trickle-down effect on all the support services and businesses in the community.

National Grange Youth Development Director Charlene Espenshade writes for the newspaper Lancaster Farming and too many of her articles recently have been about cow sales and families being forced to leave the dairy business. I know this is extremely difficult for her as a dairy farmer herself. Send her an encouraging note at youth@nationalgrange.org.

So what can we do? Drink more milk. Eat more cheese and yogurt and ice cream. Write to your Congressman, Senator and State Legislator urging them to figure out a different pricing structure for milk that allows the farmer to survive. Write to the USDA urging them to allow whole milk and flavored milks in school lunches. Reach out to your local

food bank to see what dairy products they are equipped to handle—maybe your Grange can sponsor a milk drive or cheese drive for them. Hold a dairy supper at your Grange. Sponsor a cooking contest using dairy products. These are just a few ideas; I'm sure you can think of others.

Fluid milk is a fungible product. (I didn't know what that meant either, but it means a commodity that can be traded or substituted for an equal amount of a like commodity.) In other words, all fluid milk is alike, you can't tell one farm's milk apart from any other farm's milk. So buying any milk will help with the oversupply problem; it doesn't have to be specifically from your local farm. If you have a local farm that processes and bottles its own milk, that's great! Buy from them. But not all farmers are able or desire to do that value-added step.

If every one of our members consumes a little more dairy, it will make a difference. I want to buy milk from my region, not from another country. Think about this next time you shop, and pick up another gallon!

“THAT’S THE GRANGE WAY” SOCIAL CAMPAIGN



This Grange Month we have had daily posts helping define what “the Grange Way” means from our major texts (the Subordinate Manual and Declaration of Purposes), quotes from members and more.

This is the post with the widest reach in the first half of the month. Check out our Facebook page for a new interpretation of “the Grange Way” every day this month and don't forget to like and share.

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PUT FUN ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2019

By Amanda Leigh Brozana Rios
Communication & Development
Director

Camps filled with laughter.
Get aways for young couples.
Team sports.
Skits.

The list goes on of things that are major memories for Grangers who have spent much of their lives in the organization.

But as budgets have shrunk and society has changed, many of these things that bound people to the organization happen less and less frequently if at all.

In summer of 2019, it's time to make new memories! For those who haven't experienced the Grange of "the good old days," this is the event for you.

And with more than a year to plan, we hope you'll make it a priority to attend.

The Grange Revival will be held in Ozark, Arkansas at Mulberry Mountain Lodging and Events. The 650-acre property at the top of Mulberry Mountain, surrounded by the Ozark National Forest, includes room to tent, car or RV camp with or without water and hook ups, and a few limited lodges of various sizes.

There are several built-in amenities on site including four stocked fishing ponds, one-half mile private access to the Mulberry River for kayaking, tubing, swimming, canoeing or just relaxing on the river beach.

Many other activities are planned - but everything will be ala carte. You can choose to do as many or as few of the activities planned as you want. You can just stay in your tent the entire time or go hiking, play horseshoes and much more.

We hope groups will attend and form teams to play softball, kickball or other games.



We will have activities for all ages, making it a truly family friendly event.

It is also an event open to everyone. If you know someone who you've asked to become a member in the past and you want to show them that being a Granger is more than just working, this may be a great event to encourage them to attend.

Learn more at grangerevival.com and sign up for news about the event.

If you know someone who may be interested, please share with them the details as they are released and please post the flyer on the back of this page in your Grange hall or print and provide to people you think may be interested in attending the event.

If you know someone interested in attending who does not have internet access, please ask them to send a letter to Grange Revival, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

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NEW MEDICARE CARDS ABOUT TO HIT MAILBOXES

By Loretta Washington

Medicare has started sending new cards with new Medicare numbers to participants.

Your new Medicare card will include a number unique to you instead of your current Social Security-based number. This will help to protect you against fraud.

Starting this month, people who are enrolling in Medicare for the first time will be among the first in the country to get the new cards, a dissemination process that should take a few months. Medicare will mail cards on a rolling basis, sending a new card with a new number at no cost

To update your official mailing address, visit your



www.ssa.gov/myaccount, or call 1-800-772-1213.

If you want to know when new cards start mailing to your area, visit Medicare.gov/NewCard, and sign up to get email alerts from Medicare. We'll send you

an email when cards start mailing in your state, and we'll also email you about other important Medicare topics. While the cards have a new look, your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.



- Popcorn Box, 250- \$1.15 ea 500- .53 ea
- Popcorn Bag, 1000- .17¢ ea
- Stack-A-Ribbons, 1- .40¢ ea 100- .32¢ ea
- Anniversary Pen, \$1.50 ea
- 12 Can Cooler/Lunch Tote, \$12 ea
- Insulated Stainless Youth Tumbler, \$12 ea
- Cherry Finish Award Plaque, \$24 ea
- Raffle Tickets w/ Stock Imprint, Single Roll, \$10.30 ea
- Double Roll, \$15.83 ea

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Program Update & Call

Brothers and Sisters,
Happy Grange Month!

2018 Grange Foundation Raffle

I am excited to announce that all 5,000 of the 2018 National Grange Foundation raffle tickets have been distributed to the states. See the flyer attached for photos of the three raffle prizes. Please contact your State Master to find out how you can help sell tickets in your state and at your events – regional conferences, meetings, state convention, fairs and more. I look forward to being able to proclaim that all 5,000 tickets have been sold and to present \$25,000 to the Grange Foundation!

National Weather Service

Last month I introduced you to our partnership with the National Weather Service. I would like to share a column written by Brother Ethan Edwards, Lecturer, Illinois State Grange, for April's edition of The Illinois Granger. Brother Edwards has done



a fabulous job of communicating this partnership with his members, has included a wonderful tie-in story about his grandmother keeping weather records and has

offered the suggestion of getting Junior members involved. I look forward to seeing some great collaborative projects from Illinois!

Remember, the possibilities are endless for Granges to partner with other organizations, schools, and/or businesses to get involved and to make a real difference in protecting lives, livelihoods and property in your communities. Please share photos and stories about how you and your Grange have implemented this partnership.



Members from Boone County, Illinois, hold up their completed Tender Heart quilt blocks

2018 Quilt Block Contest

I am continually delighted by your email stories, photos and the envelopes in my mailbox with your Tender Heart quilt block entries. It sounds and looks like we are well on our way to eclipsing the 330 blocks received in 2017 – every block counts. Remember, you can make and send as many blocks as you wish but only one per person will be judged. Please attach the 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form to the block you wish to be judged – otherwise you leave me to have to pick....

I would like to extend my thanks to Sister Betty Lake of New Jersey for bravely and so competently leading a workshop on making the 2018 Tender Heart quilt block at the Mid-Atlantic Grange Leaders Conference in Maryland last month. Several participants were able to complete their blocks and many others took partial blocks home to finish. She hung with me and helped me complete my first quilt block – now I can fairly say that anyone can participate in this contest!

Wanted: Grange Quilters

I am still looking for Grange quilters who would be willing to make a Quilt of Valor to be presented to a Grange veteran - especially quilt makers in the 2018 National Grange Convention host states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. If you are interested in helping with this amazing

project please contact me for details. Come on Northeast quilters I know you are out there!

2018 Grange Foundation Mercantile

I want to continue to highlight the Grange Foundation Mercantile and to emphasize the importance of the generosity of our members and friends who donate their beautiful handicrafts to the cause. I have attached the Mercantile donations flyer for 2018 as well as the 2018 Mercantile donation form for your use.

I appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you to share this information and these documents with your Granges, fellow Grange members, friends, neighbors and family. It is the work each of you do at the local level that makes these programs a success and I thank you for your efforts!

For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Be a DO-er!

Fraternally yours,



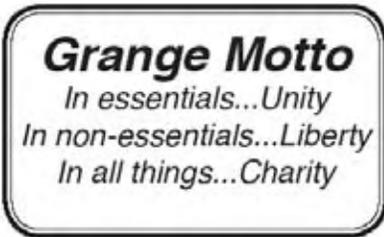
Christine E. Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange

Membership Matters

Through Zoom teleconferencing, join National Grange President Betsy E. Huber and select staff, officers and other guests at **8:30 p.m. EST on the third Tuesday** of each month in 2018 to talk about membership issues and share your successes, ask questions and focus on what it means to be a Grange and a Granger in our 150th year.

Go to **tiny.cc/1867** or call **(669) 900-6833**.

Use meeting ID **279 165 699**



Lecturer's Report

By Ethan Edwards

As we move into spring, I'm sure many of us are acutely aware of the impact of the sometimes unexpected weather we have experienced this winter and are wondering how spring storms may impact our upcoming efforts. It's a perfect time to consider being part of a partnership the National Grange is forging with the National Weather Service: becoming Citizen Scientists in an effort to create a "Weather Ready Nation."

Do you love the weather? Interested in actually participating in the science? Well, citizen science may just be for you! Citizen science is a form of open collaboration in which anyone can take part in the scientific process to address real-world problems. You can help by taking real-time weather observations, alerting officials about severe weather occurring where you are, and contributing to NOAA re-search using an app on your phone.

There are 4 ways Grangers might be involved by becoming Citizen Scientists:

- Become a Storm Spotter under the NWS SKYWARN Program
- Storm spotters report hazardous weather to the NWS, which aids the warning process. Volunteers are trained by NWS meteorologists to identify and describe severe local storms, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods.
- Become a NWS Cooperative Observer
- The NWS depends on thousands of volunteer observers committed to taking observations at the same location for 10 or more years who report weather and climate information

on a daily basis using the phone or Internet. NWS provides the training, equipment, and maintenance, you provide daily data! Data from the program supports warnings, forecasts, and helps build a long-term weather history for an area. This program has existed since 1890.

Use mPING to Report Precipitation

Users can report the type of precipitation they are experiencing. No need to measure! Use the free mobile app to send reports anonymously. Reports are automatically recorded into a database, which improves weather computer models.

Join the CoCoRaHS Community The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network is a volunteer network of observers who measure precipitation from their back-yard. Any age can volunteer. CoCoRaHS sells low cost equipment to help volunteers get started. Observers enter their observations onto a website.

More information can be found on flyer available at the Illinois State Grange website: www.illinoisgrange.org. The flyer provides more details and contact information for each program.

When I was a kid, my grandma, Ida Knobeloch, was a faithful recorder of the weather—keeping a journal of temperatures and weather conditions every day. I can only think how exciting it would have been for her to have been able to contribute that information to a wider national database. I bet there are people among your members who might find this a great project. Consider getting your Juniors involved!

Remember, it is never too early to be starting on your contest entries. Please feel free to contact me at ethanaedwards@mac.com if you have any questions about any of the competitions.

REMINDER

LEGACY FAMILY NOMINATIONS OPEN

By Loretta Washington

Sales, Benefits, Programs and Membership Recognition Director

In 2017, the National Grange rolled out a new program with great success: the Grange Legacy Family recognition program.

This program is set to continue forward, allowing those who have reached five or more generations of Grange members in their family to honor the tradition started and the legacy built.

As a reminder, anyone can nominate a family, including family members themselves, but they must include information as to the names of family members were a part of Grange, holding member-

ship in what Granges, showing clear five-generation or more lineage.

Annually, the deadline for this application has been set for the first Monday in August, which occurs in 2018 on August 6. To apply or learn more, visit the National Grange website. You will find the application which you can download, print, complete and mail to the National Grange office or you can complete the form online.

New Grange Legacy Families will be honored at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on



Grange Legacy Family

Wednesday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. during the Grange Honors Event.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 109 or by email at lwashington@nationalgrange.org.

BUSINESS OF LEGACY FAMILY NOW A BENEFIT TO GRANGERS

The National Grange is pleased to announce a new benefit partner: Bob Clouse Insurance Services.

Bob Clouse, and his son, Mitch, who founded and run the company, are one of our Grange Legacy Families recognized at last year's convention.

Bob Clouse Insurance Services team is very delighted to become a part of our benefit partner program serving Grange members across the nation. They offer a wide array of products in most states. CA, OR, WA, ID, MT, WY, CO, NC and OK excluded (most products).

If you need insurance for a Grange Hall or have other insurance needs, please give them a call at 844-472-6431 or visit the website www.clouseins.com.





PROGRAM NOTE

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

By Loretta Washington

Sales, Benefits, Programs and Membership Recognition Director

In 1999, Congress declared the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month.

A month-long observance honoring the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces, this offers Grangers an opportunity to pause and plan for other observances focused on veterans and active duty service members and their families later in the year. This includes Memorial Day, VE Day, Armed Forces Day and the birthdays of each of the branches of service.

It's also a great time to consider honoring veterans in your community using our Patriots Program. The program, sponsored by Potomac Grange #1,

D.C., provides Granges with certificates at no cost to honor veterans or other patriots - which may include wives or husbands of active duty individuals, mothers or fathers who have suffered the loss of their child who served, and more.

You may also take this opportunity to plan for your Grange's part in creating quilts or hosting quilt events at your Hall for those producing these handmade items to give to veterans through the Quilt of Valor program. National Grange is a recognized Under our Wings organization by Quilts of Valor, something you can learn more about at the back of this issue

on the Under Our Wings flyer.

Extending the recognition for veterans and their families as well as active duty military families throughout the entire month of May allows you to honor these individuals with a Grange Dinner or picnic to show your appreciation to them and their family or put on a public program that will show your support.

We would love to hear how you reach out to help veterans and active duty service members and their families. Make sure to take pictures and submit them to communications@nationalgrange.org.



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When the member passes away, the membership may be first made available to an individual designated by the late Club member, but will require a "renewal" payment of \$1,000 in order to keep the membership number. Should the designated individual wish not to renew the membership, it will be offered to the person at the top of the waiting list (or general membership if 1,000 are not already assigned). Autonomous Groups, or local and State Granges who wish to hold membership in the Club will require a renewal payment of \$1,000 every 10 years in order to keep their membership.

Members will receive a special pin and certificate and be entitled to invitation-only events throughout the year and during National Convention.

This form reserves your place in the 1 in 1,000 Club. You will be provided full paperwork to complete the full and proper transaction of the donation including documents related to deductibility for your tax profession. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE NONPROFIT, CHARITABLE Grange Foundation.

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Address: _____

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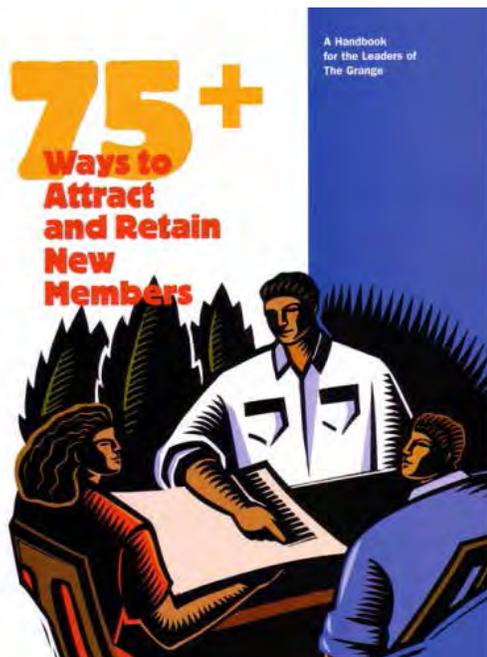
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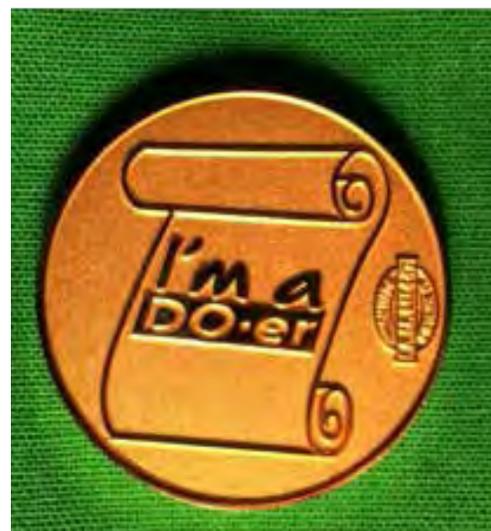
Fun-draiser

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, National Lecturer Chris Hamp unveiled challenge coins as a fundraiser for the department, through the Grange Foundation, and a way to celebrate the DO-ers of the Grange.

There are a limited number of the 250 coins remaining to be sold. These beautiful, American-made coins make great thank you gifts for speakers/presenters or awards for Grangers of the year, besides being a must-have for all Patrons. Don't get caught without a challenge coin in your pocket. Get your order in today!

Coins measure 1-1/2" and are \$20, plus shipping.

Order your challenge coins by contacting National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 voice/text or by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.





2018 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2018**. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- G. A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)

Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

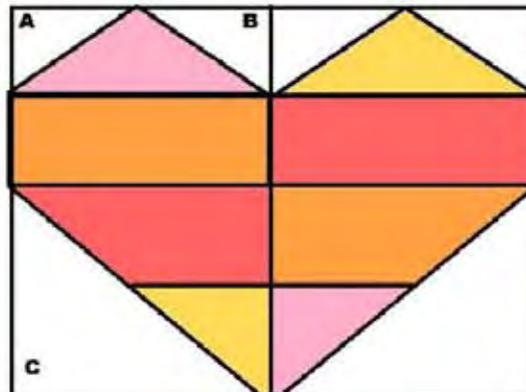
- Cut 4 strips, 2½" x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are ¼"), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure 8½" x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x 8½".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

White

- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, 2½" x 2½".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four 2½" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased 2½" white square on one corner of a 5" x 8½" strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric ¼" away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is 8½" x 9½".





2018 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: Non-Member:

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

- Group I (Age 14+)

- Group II (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

Calling all crafters

Grange Foundation



The Grange Foundation Mercantile is seeking donations of **high-quality handcrafted items** (quilted items, embroidered items, hand-sewn aprons, doll clothes, handmade jewelry, baskets, etc.).

Donations may be hand-delivered to the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention or sent to the Grange Foundation.

If delivering to the Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa, in Stowe, Vermont, donations must be received by **Tuesday, November 13, 2018.**

Donations sent must be received by no later than November 1 at the National Grange Headquarters. Packages should be addressed **GRANGE FOUNDATION, Attn: Mercantile, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006.**

Once received, the items will be prepared for sale at the Mercantile and all profits will go to the Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations will receive a thank you letter recognizing the item(s) donated by the Foundation.

Questions or inquiries?

Contact National Grange

Lecturer Christine Hamp at

lecturer@nationalgrange.org

or by phone at (509) 953-3533.



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The Grange Foundation Mercantile

DONATION FORM

2018

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: Non-Member:

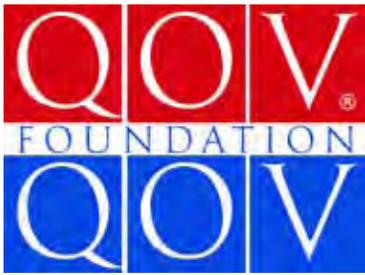
Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Estimated \$ Value: _____

- EACH item donated must have a completed Donation Form.
- Please bring all donations with you (or send with a friend) to the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- If shipping donations, all donations must be received at the National Grange Headquarters by October 31, 2018.

Ship donations to: Christine Hamp, Lecturer
National Grange
1616 H Street NW
Washington DC 20006





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Partners in the Mission

The National Grange has become a recognized partner in the mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation as an official Under Our Wings® program. This program allows Grange members to create quilts and present them to veterans in their communities or in the organization, and teach the art of quilting to novices and young people while completing this meaningful community service.

All quilts awarded should be reported to the National Lecturer so the information can be made official with the Quilts of Valor® Foundation. Labels are available through the National Lecturer to be sewn onto the quilt indicating the name of the recipient and Grange/member who made the quilt.

For more, contact National Lecturer Christine Hamp at 509.953.3533 or lecturer@nationalgrange.org or send mail to 16418 N. Birdie Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026.

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RESOURCES

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FUNDS

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Learn more about Quilts of Valor® Foundation at www.qovf.org.

American Handicraft Raffle

to benefit Grange Foundation, a charitable 501(c)3 organization



Win one of three hand-made items.

- 1) Queen-size (77"x90" Garden Path quilt made from blocks submitted to the 2017 National Grange Lecturer's Contest)
- 2) Spiderweb Star quilted table runner (16"x63")
- 3) Hand-painted Patriotic Saw (26" blade)

\$5 donation per ticket.



Raffle will be held during the Evening of Excellence at the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT. Need not be present or a member of Grange to win.



To purchase tickets, contact YOUR STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

OR National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or (509) 953-3533.

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4 Ways Grangers can become Citizen Scientists

Become a Storm Spotter under the NWS SKYWARN Program



SKYWARN
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Do you know what to watch for when severe weather threatens? Help keep your community safe by volunteering to become a trained severe storm spotter for NOAA's National Weather Service. Storm spotters report hazardous weather to the NWS, which aids the warning process. Volunteers are trained by NWS meteorologists to identify and describe severe local storms, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods.

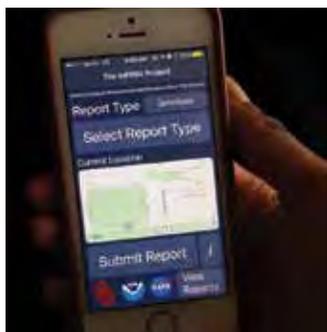
Interested? Visit the **NWS SKYWARN** Web site then contact your local NWS office to find out about free local and online training. Many offices require training, which typically is about 2 hours.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

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<http://www.cocorahs.org/>

NOAA Citizen Science

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NOAA also supports Citizen Science projects studying marine biology, satellite data verification, water quality, and more!

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Photo: NASA



For more information, contact National Grange Lecturer Christine Hamp by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by voice/text at (509) 953-3533.



2018 SUBORDINATE GRANGE SURVEY

This serves as the Grange Month Survey

Grange Name and Number _____ State _____

What is the overall "health" of your Grange?

START WITH 25 POINTS

- We have members from at least a half dozen different families. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have taken in at least two new members in the past few years who have remained active, engaged members of our Grange. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a Junior Grange or at least three Junior +1 members. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have had fairly regular change in leaderships/ officers/directors over the past decade. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- Overall, our membership gets along and enjoys time together. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- Our membership is positive about our Grange's future. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a relationship with our local FFA, 4-H, NJHA, Boy or Girl Scouts, or other youth service, leadership development or agricultural group. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have tried something new in the past two years. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We are known in our community for something positive. (If yes, Add 10) _____
- It is not a struggle to have quorum for at least ten meetings per year. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- If we need to get in touch with our members about something of importance, we can connect with nearly all of them in 48 hours or less. (If yes, Add 5) _____
- We have a mission statement or fairly clear focus. (If yes, Add 15) _____
- We have a hall or regular, public place to meet (not a restaurant). (If yes, Add 10) _____
- We have less than 13 members on the roll. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- About half or more of our members live at least 10 miles from the community/area we primarily serve. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- We collect only enough dues (or less) per member to cover our State and National dues. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- The average age of our membership is 75 or greater. (If yes, Subtract 10) _____
- A majority of our members do not attend meetings anymore and are not active in our events. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We do not have any members under the age of 40 who attend our events or meetings regularly or contribute time/talent to our fundraisers/outreach. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- We have talked in the past two years about turning in our charter and not much has changed since then. (If yes, Subtract 15) _____
- Our Grange doesn't feel connected to State/National Grange and typically does not participate in State Convention/National contests or programs. (If yes, Subtract 5) _____

Your Grange Health is _____.

Poor (30 pts. or less) Fair (35-65 pts.) Good (70-120 pts.) Excellent (125+ pts.)

Your meetings

When does your Grange meet (Time, Day) _____

Where does your Grange meet _____

What elements of a traditional Grange meeting (opening ceremony, open Bible, flag) as outlined in the Subordinate manual do you following strictly and in what ways has your Grange adapted the standard meeting form and ritual? *Please describe why the changes work better for your Grange on an attached paper.*

Who is your “glue?” Some Granges have one or two people/families who hold their local Grange together, without whom their Grange would likely stop meeting or have to give up its charter. We wish to show them that we value their contribution. If this describes your Grange, please provide the following information:

Name(s): _____

Address (or email): _____

Grange Month 2018

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide information about any events/outreach/service your Grange held during April (Grange Month) as well as clippings of any press coverage of the event. *Please note: Did you follow the theme and if so, please describe how you incorporated it.*

Would you like National Grange to continue to offer a theme for Grange Month? ____ YES ____ NO

150th Celebration

On a separate sheet of paper, please detail anything your Grange did to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Grange.

What resource or service does your Grange most need from your State/National Grange?

Submission details

Your name _____ Office/Title _____

Preferred Contact Information _____



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sales@monroeclassic.com APRIL 2018 NATIONAL GRANGE 31



National Grange Building Fund Pledge Form

We are dedicated to the preservation of our place and distinction as the only privately held building in the federal block around the White House. As many of you know, this summer the chiller unit in our headquarters building suffered a complete and catastrophic failure and the price tag to purchase and install a new unit has topped \$1 million. This is the most pressing, but not the only needed renovation or replacements item for our building. Our boiler unit is past its intended lifespan, our windows are not energy efficient and must be replaced and much of our building is dated and unattractive to some potential tenants.

Because rental income from the building makes up a large portion of our organization's operating revenue, it is important that we maintain our headquarters so that we may continue our good work as a national organization. Please show your Grange pride, and make a pledge to donate. All contributions will be recognized. Please complete the form below and send to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Building Fund.

Name _____ Grange Name, # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

SELECT ONE

_____ My check or cash donation is enclosed for \$_____.

_____ Please send me an invoice for my donation of

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other \$_____

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Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

Please list name on card and/or address if different from above.

_____ Card Number

_____ Exp. Date

_____ CVC

_____ I pledge that my Subordinate Grange, _____, will donate before the close of 2018 the below selected amount. (*Only State Masters may make pledges on behalf of their State Grange.*) Please send me an invoice quarterly as a reminder

_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$2,500 _____ \$ 5,000 _____ Other \$_____

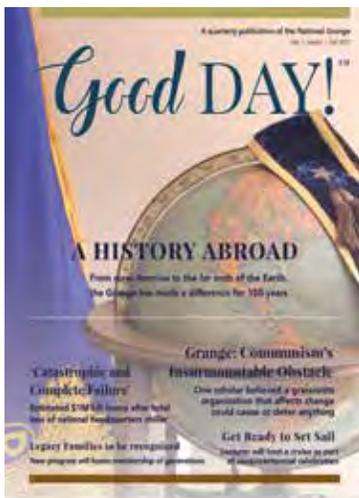


Make it a *Good Day!*™

Members around the country are feeling informed and engaged thanks to the new National Grange quarterly magazine, Good Day!™ Even those outside our membership have taken note, including world magazine expert, Samir Husni, AKA Mr. Magazine™.



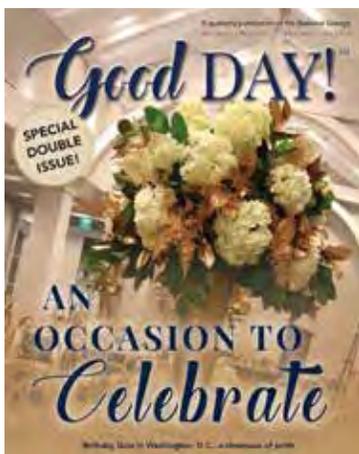
The first four issues include the 180 page special double issue released in January 2018, the 96 page February debut edition, the 84 page May issue and the 118 page September issue. The double issue is sold out and there are few copies remaining of the first three issues that can be ordered individually through the Grange Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping.



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