



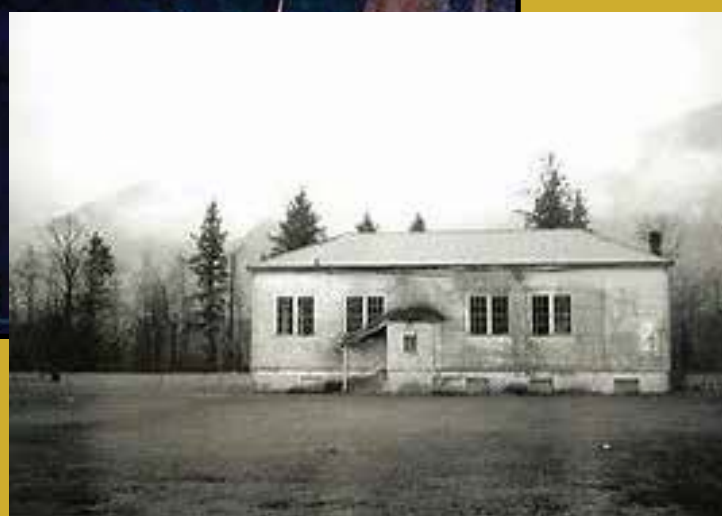
WASHINGTON STATE

# Grange News

April 2020

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## Birdsview Grange Reorganized After 14 Years Of Dormancy

Birdsview Grange #957 was reorganized on February 10, 2020. The original Birdsview Grange closed in 2006 at which time the Grange Hall reverted

back to the Concrete School District. Upon learning the school district planned to dispose of the property, a group of young energetic

citizens of the Birdsview community banded together in their efforts to acquire the hall. Working within the confines of Washington state laws, Grange

members connected with the local fire district to acquire the hall from the school district and then to restore and operate the hall under a lease agreement with the fire district. The immediate goal is to obtain the hall from the school district. At that point, Grange members desire to coordinate the fund raising efforts needed to restore the hall to usable condition. The hall would be available as a community gathering place and as a location for providing educational programs and activities to the Birdsview community.

Lacey Rude obligated the new members at their second meeting on March 2. Officers have been elected and committees appointed. As a group, Grange members will be attending the next meeting of the Concrete School Board to discuss their plans for the building.

(Photo Above) The charter members of the reorganized Birdsview Grange #957 pose following their membership obligation on March 2. The obligation was given by Lacey Rude, Master of the Skagit County Pomona Grange (front row, second from left). Also attending was Pomona Overseer Sandra Rude (front row, far left).

Skagit County Pomona Master

**\*TENTATIVE\* May 2020 issue deadline – April 15th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)



## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming State Grange Events

Due to Covid-19, many scheduled events are either canceled or postponed. Please call prior to the event to confirm.

- April 7**.....Grange Camp Directors Meeting, 11 a.m. – meeting via conference call
- April 15**.....Secretary Report (First Quarter) Due to State Grange Office
- April 23**.....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- April 25**.....Cowlitz Prairie Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration, 2 pm
- April 25**.....Quimper Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration
- May 15**.....State Grange Scholarship Applications Due – **note new date**
- May 15**.....Nominations for Community Service Recognition Awards Due to State Grange Office – **note new date**
- June 1**.....Community Service Reports Due to State Grange Office
- June 10**.....Resolutions Due to State Grange Office
- June 21-26**.....Wooten Junior Grange Camp
- June 24-27, 2020**.....131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
- July 5-10**.....Camp David Junior Grange Camp
- July 12-18**.....Morehead Junior Grange Camp
- July 19-25**.....NEWA Junior Grange Camp
- July 19-26**.....Mayfield Junior Grange Camp
- August 2-7**.....Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp
- August 7-9, 2020**.....Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference @ Boise, ID
- August 25**.....Grange Day with the Seattle Mariners
- November 17-21, 2020**.....154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

## Lecturer's Department

### Fair Booth Contest Results



Leslie Jo Wells

By Leslie Jo Wells  
State Grange Lecturer

Rose Valley #953  
Waitsburg #1  
Washington #82.

The 2019 fair season resulted in 22 entries in the Fair Booth Contest. That was an increase of four entries over the 2018 fair season. These entries represented Grange involvement in the following fairs across the state – Chelan County Fair, Clark County Fair, Cowlitz County Fair, Grays Harbor County Fair, King County Fair, Klickitat County Fair, Northwest Washington Fair, Pierce County Fair, Southwest Washington Fair, Spokane County Interstate Fair, Walla Walla County Frontier Days Fair & Rodeo, Washington State Fair (Puyallup), and Wheatland Communities Fair.

The entries were as follows:

**Division I – Produce, Subordinate Granges**  
Humptulips #730 (2)  
Laurel #208  
Newaukum #19  
Riverside Valley #1047.

**Division I – Produce, Pomona Granges**  
Columbia #56  
Grays Harbor/Pacific #28.

**Division II – Project, Subordinate Granges**  
Bee Hive #385  
Five Mile Prairie #905  
Oakview #311  
Ralston #943  
Riverside Valley #1047

**Division II – Project, Pomona Granges**  
Clark #1  
King #13  
Klickitat #5  
Spokane #4

**Division II – Project, Youth Granges**  
Grays Harbor/Pacific  
Humptulips  
Washington State Grange

The top three winners for each Division and Level were:

**Division I Produce – Subordinate Grange**  
1st Place – Riverside Valley Grange #1047  
2nd Place – Humptulips Grange #730  
3rd Place – Humptulips Grange #730

**Division II Project – Subordinate Grange**  
1st Place – Oakview Grange #311,  
2nd Place – Riverside Valley Grange #1047  
3rd Place – Washington Grange #82

**Division I Produce – Pomona Grange**  
1st Place – Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28  
2nd Place – Columbia Pomona #56

**Division II Project – Pomona Grange**  
1st Place – Klickitat County Pomona #5  
2nd Place – Spokane County Pomona #4  
3rd Place – Clark County Pomona #1

**Division II Project – Youth Grange**  
1st Place – Humptulips Grange #730,

2nd Place – Washington State Grange Youth  
3rd Place – Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

I congratulate all of these Granges who took the time and effort to put Grange in front of the members of our communities. This activity is just one more opportunity for us to show our friends, neighbors and sometimes strangers what we value as Grangers!

On another note... the Creative Writing Contest is the next item coming up for the Lecturer Department. Information about the contest is in the Program Handbook. One correction for you Lecturers – the entry postmark date is April 15th. The Program Handbook is correct but I neglected to change it on the information in your packet. Sorry.

Also, as you Pomona Lecturers hold your contests please remember to send me your results form as soon as possible. I'm thinking that some of your contests may be postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic we are in the midst of. Just mail me your results when you have them. Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272 Thanks for all your work!

## By-Laws

Green Bluff Grange #300 will vote to confirm the updating of their By-Laws and of a change in their dues at their business meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at the Green Bluff Grange.

## Barberton Grange Gets Facelift



Barberton Grange is getting a facelift. Some new paint in the main hall with some other improvements on the way as well. Tammie Hodges has taken the initiative on this.

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## President's Message

# Unprecedented Times For Our Granges

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

2020 is appearing to be a year to remember with numerous changes to our daily lives. Likewise, our Granges are being forced to operate under different rules.

We started 2020 with a bang....increased attendance and better representation from our Granges at the Annual Grange Resources and Leadership Conference series. We were seeing new members in several Granges who haven't had new members for several quarters. February brought the reorganization of Birdview Grange in Skagit County. Within just a couple days, we had another telephone call of a group wanting to reorganize Orchardvale Grange in Yakima County. The Orchardvale meeting is currently scheduled for April.

March came along and anything that could go wrong has. The Coronavirus pandemic has turned our lives upside down and our Granges are no different. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a letter from the State Grange on the virus and how it affects our Grange operations. With the recent "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation by Governor Inslee and the emphasis on social distancing, we are

forced to operate our Granges much differently than we are accustomed to.

While face to face Grange meetings were once the norm, we are now resorting to using our Grange Executive Committees and/or holding virtual meetings. Our Granges do have the option of holding electronic/virtual meetings.

*The difficulties presented to us are a method of testing our abilities to deal with the difficulties, which will make our leaders and this organization stronger over the long run.*

-- Tom Gwin

Copies of the State Grange Electronic Meeting Procedures are available on the State Grange website. While there are restrictions as to what may be discussed and voted up, we also have to understand that we are in unprecedented times and may have to adapt these procedures to work for us in our current situation.

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Tom Gwin

Granges and Grange leaders are encouraged to meet these challenges head on and to work out a solution that will benefit the organization over the long term.

Rest assured, no Grange in our state is going to be challenged for not holding a regular full-form meeting during this difficult period. In my Masters' Address at last year's State Grange Convention, I encouraged all Granges to think outside of the box and to be creative in solving the problems facing our Granges. The opportunity is now before us. Take advantage of these opportunities to demonstrate how we can build the partnerships and cultivate the connections that will build a stronger Grange in every community across the state!

In the next few weeks, we will be making decisions on the status of our State Grange Convention, our summer camping program, State Grange contests, and many other Grange activities in our state. I assure you that State Grange leadership will keep the health and well-being of our members in mind as we make decisions on these so very important activities. I hope your Pomona and Subordinate Grange leaders will do the same.

## Legislative

# Legislative Session Wrap-Up 2020

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist



Heather Hansen

The 2020 legislative session wrapped up March 12, just before restrictions due to the corona virus taught us all about social distancing. The last bill that passed was a response to the corona virus. It allocated \$200 million from the state's rainy-day fund to respond to virus related issues. As of this writing, there is speculation that legislators will be called back into special session to deal with numerous issues created by the virus. It is unclear if or how they may be able to meet while maintaining social distancing.

Numerous bills were introduced this session that would have been harmful to rural Washington in general and agriculture specifically. In the end, most were significantly amended or did not pass. A short session is supposed to be limited to emergencies and little fixes. That was definitely not the case this year and many large, complex bills were introduced, in many cases without stakeholder participation.

It's no secret that climate change is a priority issue for Governor Inslee and many legislators. Two issues that were pushed hard this year but failed to pass were a low carbon fuel standard and a price on carbon, either as a carbon tax or a cap and trade program.

The budget created a work group on the Growth Management Act (GMA) to be run by the Department of Commerce. The work group is to make recommendations to the 2021 legislature for updating the GMA. This could have ramification for property values and future development in rural areas.

Also in the budget, the Department of Ecology was directed to convene a work group to study the design and use of the state water trust, water banking, and water transfers, and present its findings to the legislature before December 1, 2020. The work group must include: federally recognized Indian tribes; local governments including cities, counties, and special purpose districts; environmental organizations; agriculture; business; and entities involved with the establishment of water banks.

The plastic bag ban, which has been the subject of much wrangling for the past two years passed this year. Grocers insisted on a fee for paper bags, which studies have shown decrease paper bag usage. An agreement was reached, with an 8-cent fee on both paper and reusable plastic bags. Starting in 2026, that will increase to 12-cents for plastic, while paper will stay at 8 cents. This "passthrough charge" is retained by the retailer as profit and sales tax does apply. There is also language in the bill directing the Department of Ecology to expedite permitting for new pulp and paper facilities to increasing the ability to produce bags.

Two new grant programs were created ostensibly to help farmers although neither came from the agriculture industry nor did they receive much support from ag groups. A three-year pilot program was created to reimburse farming operations and timber producers for purchasing compost from facilities with solid waste handling permits. Reimbursement may include transportation, equipment, spreading, and labor costs. The pilot program will run January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

The Conservation Commission was tasked with creating the grant program outlined in SSSB 5947. Grants may be used for carbon storage or reduction; precision agriculture equipment; the purchase of seed, seedlings, spores, animal feed, and amendments that help reduce or store carbon; and services to landowners, such as the development of site specific conservation plans to increase soil organic levels or to increase usage of precision agricultural practices, or design and implementation of best management practices to reduce livestock emissions.

Senate bill 5395 requiring sex health education to be taught in school at all levels passed amid a huge outcry in Olympia. Groups have formed asking the Governor to veto it. As of this writing, he has not acted. The deadline to sign or veto bills is April 1.

A new office of firearm safety and violence prevention was created within the department of commerce for the purpose of coordinating and promoting state and local efforts to reduce firearm violence. The office will be tasked with working with law enforcement agencies, county prosecutors, researchers, and public health agencies to develop and implement evidence-based firearm violence intervention and prevention strategies. And contracting for a statewide helpline, counseling, and referral services for victims, friends, and family members impacted by gun violence.

### Looking ahead to the November election

This November, all statewide elected officials will be on the ballot along with all 98 members of the state House and one-half of the state Senate. Since it is a presidential election year voter turnout is expected to be high.

So far, only one sitting statewide elected official has announced retirement, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib. Eleven House members and three Senators have announced that they will not seek reelection. Expect more announcement before filing week in May.

If you have questions about existing state law or policy as you prepare resolutions, please do not hesitate to ask.



## Grange Month Extended

Grange Month and our Grange Month Contest will be extended through the month of May. **Entries Due June 1st.** See contest rules and guidelines for more information.

## Scholarship Deadlines Extended

Washington State Grange Scholarship Applications will be **extended to May 15th.** This will give all students time to obtain transcripts and required recommendations from their school officials.



# Letter To All Granges On The Coronavirus Pandemic

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to create havoc with unprecedented growth throughout our state and nation. As with many other illnesses, many of our Grange members are of the age that may be severely impacted by the potential spread of this respiratory ailment. The State of Washington and the CDC have made strong recommendations regarding the types of activities that need to be curtailed for a short period of time.

As news continues to break with more and more Covid-19 cases and a small percentage of those infected having succumbed to the illness, we continue to see the pattern emerge - not unlike that with the flu and other significant respiratory ailments - that older individuals are disproportionately impacted. Some of you have expressed concerns about what to do regarding Grange meetings and events, but until we had a clearer picture of the situation we wanted wait to issue clear guidance without causing undue panic.

While we know the risk from this virus is low, many of our members are or socialize with people in high-risk groups, especially the elderly, at Grange functions and in their daily lives. For this reason, we ask you to be mindful and preventative to help us all contain this novel virus as well as other nasty viruses such as the "typical" flu. The best thing you can do is take all necessary and advised precautions, which

in some cases includes self-quarantine.

## State Grange Events and Activities

The Washington State Grange will make the following changes in their operation over the next few weeks:

- The Washington State Grange office will be closed for the 14 day period, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25. Staff members will be working from home, conducting business via email and conference calls. If you need to contact a staff member, it is best to email each member directly or use our office email: [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org). Email addresses for all state members are listed on the website.
- Quarterly reports and dues payments are still due April 1.
- The Intersessions Committee Meetings were postponed from the original date of March 27. We will be looking at setting up conference calls for each of the committees to review current Grange policy, to identify areas where policy is needed, and to identify priorities for the 2021 legislative session.
- The Deputy, State Officer, and Pomona Master Conference, scheduled for March 27-29, is cancelled.
- State Grange Scholarship Applications will have the deadline extended to May 15 to give all students an ample opportunity to obtain transcripts and required recommendations

from their school officials.

- Junior Grange Camp Directors Meeting, scheduled for April 7, will be completed via conference call. Prior to the meeting, a packet of information will be sent to each participant. The packet will be reviewed in depth during the conference call. We hope the spread of the virus will be curtailed before the camping program begins in late June.
- The State Grange Convention is still scheduled for June 24-27 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. By the first part of May, we will learn if that date will remain intact or if we need to postpone and/or reschedule the convention.
- The deadline for receiving resolutions is normally 30 days prior to the convention. With the cancellation of several Grange meetings through April and possibly into May, the State Grange Executive Committee has extended the deadline to June 10. All resolutions must be in the State Grange Office by 5 p.m. on that date.

## Subordinate and Pomona Grange Meetings and Activities

Grange meetings and our associated events are public gatherings that encourage friendly interactions. Our events often include potlucks with buffet-style service that may also heighten the opportunity for the virus to pass from one person to

another. Remember, symptoms may not appear until 14 days after exposure to the virus, and the virus may survive up to three days on surfaces outside the human body. Therefore, even if no one appears sick at an event, it is possible that illness could still spread.

With this in mind, **I strongly recommend all Grange activities to be postponed until at least May.** If your Granges insist on meeting, here are some additional tips you may want to consider regarding meeting protocols:

- This is a good time to try out virtual meetings. Freeconferencecall.com is really free and available to join members together by phone for a meeting without leaving your home.
- If you do have an in-person meeting, the requirement of the Assistants to take the word from members present, involving close face to face exposure, should be discouraged and will not be enforced.
- Unnecessary handling of implements, such as staves, flags, Graces' decorations, station covers, rug, implement box and even the Bible, should be discouraged or done in short form and will not be enforced.
- Refreshments, especially those made at home, should be discouraged.
- The Executive Committee has the authority to transact any business of the Grange in an emergency. The committee can meet, in person or by phone, to

conduct any business that cannot be delayed, such as paying basic bills. Be sure to record these actions and report them at the next regular meeting so they can be recorded in the minutes.

**In the face of such an emerging health crisis, the Bylaw (6.12.1) that requires Subordinate Granges to meet monthly and Pomona Grange to meet once in three months will not be enforced.**

Grange Hall Usage and Rentals  
The State of Washington has restricted all activities where more than 50 people gather. The federal government is recommending no more than ten people at any one time. It may be possible to make modifications to limit exposure of the virus to those in attendance. If you find it necessary to continue renting your hall during this time, please be aware that you will need to sanitize your hall both before and after each usage. Disinfect all surfaces after any gathering and use disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer frequently. Instructions and recipes for homemade hand sanitizer using aloe vera or glycerin and alcohol are available online.

Together, we can turn this crisis into an opportunity to build the connections within our Granges and in each community. Let us continue working together to solve this problem as we work to build a brighter future!

## Grange Month

### Grange Month Display Contest: "CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS"

Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange

create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

#### General Guidelines:

- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or whatever is available for use in your community.
- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.
- The display should follow the theme "Cultivating Connections".
- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family

living, legislative etc.)

- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.
- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

#### Contest Information:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).
- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.
- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.
- Send the folder to the State Grange Office no later than **JUNE 1**.
- Pictures of the displays

will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.

- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.
- Cash prizes will be awarded

to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by **JUNE 1** to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.





# The Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS March 2020

	# Joined	Jr. +1
<b>Birdsview #957</b> .....18 Derek Roberts, Blaine Storms, Whitney Storms Julie Voigt, Sara Voigt, Edward Braydel, Daniel Brown Kimberly Brown, Dustin Claybo, Brayden Engler Edward Giecek, Chelsea Johansen, Cody Johansen Kelsey Mason, Randy Mason, Jessie Mattingly Kris Voigt, Bill Voigt		
<b>Callspel #500</b> .....1 Kathryn Hartley		
<b>Central #831</b> .....1 Mark Mclean		
<b>Chimacum #681</b> ..... 1 Debbie Lynes		
<b>Clarkston Heights #982</b> .....1 Lola Collinsworth		
<b>Glenwood #94</b> .....1 Laurene C Eldred		
<b>Humptulips #730</b> .....7 Rich Fredrickson, Casey Stoneback, Ronda Emery-Morris Jim Mix, Joel Emery, Mckenna Doll, Jady Emery-Williamson		
<b>Issaquah Valley #581</b> .....1 Akela Hunter		
<b>Lincoln Creek #407</b> .....2      3 Gavin Podhola, Robert Podhola		
<b>McMillin #848</b> .....1 Joy Schneider		
<b>Minnehaha #164</b> .....2 Debbie Witcher, Dennis Witcher		
<b>Rome #226</b> .....2 Gina Pagrette, Kevin Eacret		
<b>Trout Lake #126</b> .....4 Thomas Carr Beeks, Laura M Clark, Page Logan Beverly K Meyer		
<b>Violet Prairie #996</b> .....1 Norma Wharton		
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## A Time To Help Our Communities In Need

As we all charter these uncertain times, it is first important to keep each of us safe. While social distancing at this time is the new normal, how can we as Grangers continue to work to help our communities in need? How do we stay connected and help those around us while also practicing social distancing and abiding by the “stay at home” order?

Stay connected – what can we do to stay connected and help those around us while staying safe? Social media is key in times such as this. Utilize your Facebook pages. I see many Facebook pages that are doing just that. This is the perfect way for our Granges to stay connected with our communities. Beehive Grange is sharing positive thoughts, quotes, as well as upcoming events in the summer and fall. Moses Lake Grange is sharing information from local entities and keeping their community informed. Skookumchuck Grange is asking for locals to help donate 3% hydrogen peroxide as their local Tenino distillery works to produce FREE hand sanitizer to their community.

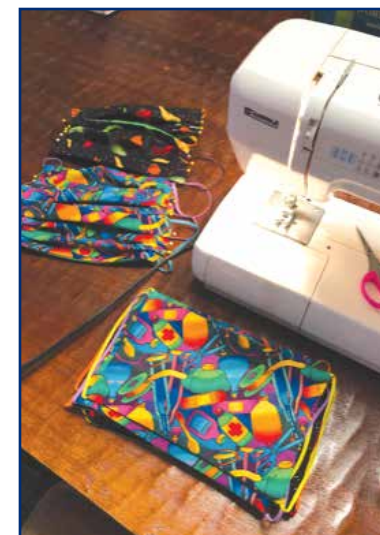
Look outside of the box – What can we do to physically help those around us right now? Rose Valley Grange put together sewing packets for anyone in their community

who wanted to help sew masks. They created a drive-thru process for pick-up to keep everyone safe and practice social distancing. Swauk Teanaway Grange is using their hall as a lunch delivery location for their local elementary school. Humtulips Grange revised their food bank pick up this month to make all participants much safer by creating a drive-thru service and fed about 30 additional families in their tiny community. On an exciting note, they received 5 new applications for membership as well. While also practicing social distancing, Goldendale Grange set up an emergency collection of essential items for struggling families in their community who were unable to afford much needed food and supplies, creating a drive-up distribution and donation area.

There are so many great things the Granges can do for their communities and I know there is much more that is happening out there! It truly makes you proud to be a Granger! We may be more important than ever before as we look for the new normal. This is

a time to slow down and get back to what’s most important to us, family, friends and community.

Love in action - Let’s look at the global act of solidarity we are witnessing around us and around the world. We are all witnessing something much larger than ourselves, we are witnessing the great love we have for everyone around us, to people we hold dear to us, to our immune-compromised brothers and sisters and to the people we will never meet. As we see the streets, the stadiums, the churches, museums, and theaters closed, we see love in action. What we are witnessing in that negative space is how much we all do care for one another. Take a moment to look at the emptiness and marvel at all the love. God bless and stay safe!



(right) Rose Valley Grange #953 members and some of our community members are making masks for hospitals, nursing homes and individuals who need them. We made adult and children size mask.

## Granges Can Use Crisis As Reason To Embrace Change, Expand Opportunities

By Joe Stefenoni  
National Grange Membership/  
Leadership Development  
Director

This is certainly not the article I planned to be writing this month. As we all begin to adjust to our (temporary) normal, many of us may be left wondering “what will our Grange do as we’re all quarantined?” Although gatherings of multiple people are being discouraged (and banned in some jurisdictions) this does not mean that the Grange’s benefit cannot be extended to both the community and our members. Throughout the course of our history, the Grange has been a source of consistency and continuity to thousands of communities in times of crisis.

The theme for Grange Month 2020 is “Cultivating Connections”. While many areas may still not be able to host activities as April comes around, we as Granges can still cultivate connections with our members and our communities. This new temporary reality is a

perfect opportunity for Granges to give additional responsibilities to some officers as the administrative officers handle the business of the Grange until we are able to convene meetings again. The Granges can be made responsible for contacting Grange members to check-in on their well-being. The

Lecturer/Program Director can continue to develop programs that educate and enliven both members and non-members. As movement restrictions are lifted, the Stewards could be responsible for picking-up and delivering items to members who are more susceptible of contracting an infection.

Connections can also be cultivated with members of our communities. As we are quarantined or are sheltered in place, Grange leaders can be keeping abreast of what the community needs and will need. As day-to-day life returns to normal, our Granges can be the at the forefront of the community to ease the transition. Community socials,

educational forums and other events that bring the community together will be essential in the upcoming months. Social media and technology-based platforms like your Grange’s grange.org website, Facebook, blogs and Zoom are all useful in engaging both Grange members and community members.

Please share with all Granges and members the advisory issues by National Grange

Master/President Betsy Huber regarding the use of digital platforms for conducting Grange business. This can be an opportunity for Community Granges to evaluate their use of technology and find new ways to incorporate tech tools into the regular operations of your Grange.

Finally, this is not the first major national event that has occurred in the Grange’s long and illustrious history. Just as our predecessors, it is our responsibility to look to the care and comfort of the Grange as we relieve the distresses of our Sisters and Brothers.

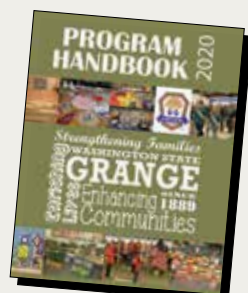
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## Your 2020 Program Handbook Is Nearby

This year’s Washington State Grange Program Handbook is available through department heads, at the leadership conferences in your area and as an online publication. It is right at your fingertips at any time on the State Grange website.

Refer to the Handbook often for details about contests and programs from each Grange department. Valuable information about Grange Foundation and GIA scholarships is also in the handbook.



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# Convention Info

## JUNE 24 - 27, 2020

### 131st Annual State Grange Convention

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

## Writing Resolutions

Each and every Grange member can take an active part in policy development by writing resolutions. If members are concerned about an issue or the way the Grange is conducting operations, writing an effective resolution is the first step toward change. Take time to consider issues that will make a difference in members' lives. Think about how realistic results can be achieved. Discuss ideas at Grange meetings, and consider input from all members. Prior to finalizing a resolution, have someone, other than the writer, read it aloud to the group to check for clarity, wording and sentence structure. Please don't use abbreviations.

**KNOW YOUR FACTS:** Identify the problem. It is essential that the writer has a clear understanding of the subject matter. Before writing a resolution, check current Grange Policy (in the annual Legislative Handbook). It is important to know what the existing policy is in order to know what portion needs to be changed. It is also important to know how the law reads. Resolutions are much more effective when they are clear about what needs to be changed. Resolutions that inadvertently include inaccurate information can damage the credibility of the organization. The Washington State Grange office is available to assist with background research on existing laws and policy.

**STATEMENT OF ACTION:** The resolution must clearly state the desired action to be taken and who is to act. Consider the goal of the resolution, what are the intended results? What course of action is required for an acceptable solution?

**CONTACT PERSON:** Each resolution must include the name and daytime telephone number of one or more contact persons who are knowledgeable about the issue. This will assist the legislative department in preparing background information for the convention committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** If the resolution relates to Grange law or Grange activities and would cost money to implement, a fiscal impact statement must be prepared showing the cost of implementation. It is important that such resolutions come in early so the Executive Committee can review the cost estimate prior to convention. This statement of cost may be on a separate sheet of paper from the actual resolution.

**SEND TO:** Resolutions should be sent prior to deadline to the State Grange headquarters in Olympia.

### RECOMMENDED FORMAT

- Title** - Should clearly reflect the issue.
- Problem statement** - Clearly state the problem and why it is a problem. This should be stated in two or three short paragraphs. Statements should be concise and factually correct.
- Action statement** - State the action requested.
- If the resolution is to be sent to other Granges, please identify which group** - all community Granges, all Pomona Granges or both. A fee will be charged for this service.
- Authorization** - State the name of the Grange and the date the resolution was passed. The resolution must then be signed by the master and secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.
- Contact person(s)** - Name and daytime telephone number.



## State Convention Housing Options

The Washington State Grange Convention will be held June 24-27 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. In preparation for the convention, the host committee has provided the following list of hotels in the area. Convention attendees should make their reservations soon as there are other events happening in the area. Rates listed may be off-season average rates.

**Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites Inn** - 7 E. Oak Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-4700. Average room rate: \$84.

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites by**

**Wyndham Walla Walla** - 776 Silverstone Drive, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-394-8815. Average room rate: \$79.

**The FINCH** - 325 E. Main Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-956-4994. Average room rate: \$119

**Comfort Inn & Suites** - 1419 W. Pine Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-522-3500. Average room rate: \$78.

**Hampton Inn & Suites Walla Walla** - 1531 Kelly Place, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-1398. Average room rate: \$111. The closest hotel to the fairgrounds.

**Marcus Whitman Hotel &**

**Conference Center** - 6 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-2200. Average room rate: \$126.

**Courtyard by Marriott Walla Walla** - 550 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-876-8100. Average room rate: \$137.

**Quality Inn & Suites** - 520 N. 2nd Avenue, Walla Walla WA 99362, phone 509-240-8413. Average room rate: \$55.

**Super 8 by Wyndham Walla Walla** - 2315 Eastgate Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-8800. Average room rate: \$46.

## 2020 WA State Grange Convention RV Reservations

Bring your RV to the 2020 State Grange Convention at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. There will be water and electric hook-ups for \$25 a night and tent camping for just \$5 per night. Please sign up early as there are only a few 100 sights available. We will be very close to all activities as well as restrooms and showers.

Please mail your RV reservation forms by May 30th to James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111. Please make checks payable to the "Washington State Grange NE District".

### GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ # of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Tent Camping (\$5 a night) Elec. & Water (\$25 a night)

Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ RV License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of RV: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by May 30 to: James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111

## Resolution E-Mail Sign-ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2020 State Grange Convention in Walla Walla, WA. We will begin emailing after the April 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

## Do you LOVE taking photos? Will you be attending State Convention?

We are looking for people who would like to help capture the memories of this year's convention in Walla Walla. What do we need? Someone with a camera, not afraid to snap candid shots of various activities around the fairgrounds. Once convention is over, please forward your photos to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org).





Convention Info

# Grange Convention Meals Scheduled

Tickets are now available for two meals at the Annual State Grange Convention. Both meal functions will be held on Thursday, June 25 at the fairgrounds in a nearby building to the business sessions. Those functions are: The following group meals have been scheduled for the convention:

- **Family Living Breakfast:** Thursday, June 25 at 7 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person for a full breakfast.
- **Celebration Banquet:** Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The menu will be chicken and/or beef or both.

Daily lunches will not be available this year at the fairgrounds. There are numerous food establishments within a few blocks of the fairgrounds. Convention planners wish for us to utilize the services of those establishments, thus allowing the entire Walla Walla community to benefit from our presence in their community.

Additional meal functions, such as the Has Beens Luncheon and the GROW Club Dinner will be scheduled at a later date at restaurants in the Walla Walla area.

## 2020 GRANGE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Family Living Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration desk during the convention.

Ticket orders must be received by June 1. Extra tickets, if available, may be purchased at the convention.

Make checks payable to: Eastern WA Grange Convention.

Mail ticket order form to:

Terry Ferguson, 123 Gallaher Road, Waitsburg WA 99361.

# Goldendale Grange Provides Aid to Hospital



Following the announcement that a third case of Coronavirus had been detected in rural Klickitat County (WA), Klickitat Valley Health (KVH) initiated its worst-case scenario plan. An appeal was made through social media requesting donations to immediately furnish 8 additional rooms at the local hospital facility. KVH is a small community hospital and hopes these new rooms will only be needed by care givers. Their immediate need included 8 beds with mattresses, 8 Televisions, 4 microwaves and 4 small refrigerators. Goldendale Grange #49 immediately donated two microwaves as well as a \$500.00 donation to the hospital foundation for the immediate purchase of essential items. Goldendale Granger, Lanae Johnson presented a Grange \$500 check to Theresa Cagle, representing the KVH Foundation.

# GIA Calls For Director Nominations

The position for Director in District 4 is up for election in March 2021. The Grange Insurance Association is a mutual company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its organization, membership, policies or contracts of insurance.

By virtue of this policy, the policyholder is a member of the company and is entitled to vote, in person, by mail, or by electronic means approved by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the members of the company shall be held on the third Monday of March at 10:00 a.m. at the Home Office of the Grange Insurance Association.

The Directors are elected by the members at the member's annual meeting each year. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3, (b) of the GIA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition pursuant to the procedures of Article II, Section 3 (e) of the Bylaws. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) members who reside in the same district in which the candidate resides.

The qualifications for Director can be found in the

GIA Bylaws Article II section 3 b. Director Eligibility. In summary a person to be eligible for nomination or election as a Director must be currently a member of this Association for five (5) consecutive years. The person and his/her spouse is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies; and

(iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association



who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, applications must be received by the Corporate Secretary no later than August 1, 2020. Applications may be found on [www.Grange.com](http://www.Grange.com). If no application is received candidacy may also be achieved through the petition process.

Mail petitions for candidacy for Director to the Association's Home Office, attention of the Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-3089. All nominations must be received by the Corporate Secretary by December 1, 2020 for placement on the ballot.

District 4 consists of Ferry, Okanogan, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties in Washington and all Idaho counties.

## Grange Camper Clubs

### Spokampers

Pictured Right: (Left to right) Mike Britton, Cheryl Britton, Marlene Diehl, Forrest Diehl.



Pictured Left: Faye Krenkle, Rich Krenkle, Bonnie Lyle, Jim Lyle.



At the February Spokamper's meeting Twelve (12) members; one (1) honorary member and one (1) visitor, enjoyed as entertainment, two (2) poem by our resident Aretalogist Forrest Diehl. We had lunch at Shari's on Sullivan.

Mike Britton gave an overview of the long summer trip to Yellowstone and other national parks in Utah. If you would like to join in the trip contact Mike at 1-509-922-1494. The next get-together is at Dos Amigos restaurant, 12119 E Trent Ave, Spokane Valley, on 21 March. Let Mike know if you are going to be there.

The rest of the year is pretty much planned out:

- Apr 23-26 ; Sportsman's resort Potholes Reservoir.
- May 21-24 -Four Seasons RV Resort , Walla Walla

Photos taken by Bill Weiss



# In Memoriam

## JUNE HENDRICKSON - Past State Master

Past State Master June Hendrickson passed away on March 23, 2020. June served as a State Grange Officer for 35 years, holding the offices of Flora, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Overseer, Master, and back to THE Executive Committee. She resigned her position on State Grange Executive Committee in August 2019, due to health reasons.

**Obituary:** June Hendrickson, 77, of Des Moines, WA, died Monday evening, March 23, 2020, at her home. June passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle with various types of cancer for almost forty years.

She was predeceased by her parents, Alice and Clark Fairchild. She is survived by her loving husband, Jack, of 50 years; her son, Jeff Hendrickson (Dawn) and daughters, Julie Ziegler (Jeff) and JoAnn Xydis (Jason). She has six grandchildren that she loves to no end: Ahnika, Evan, Hannah, Nolan, Jonny, and Joslyn. June was born and raised in upstate New York.

After graduating from University at Albany, New York, June was a high school Latin teacher. June met the love of her life, Jack Wayne through her cousin Doug. She and Jack married in 1969 and June moved 3,000 miles west to Washington State to start the rest of her wonderful life's journey. After having three young children, June graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant, eventually owning her own accounting practice.

June was a devoted member of the Des Moines United Methodist Church. She was also an active member of the Grange for over sixty years and was the first female WA State Grange Master. Although June fought her terrible illness for many years, she never complained and when asked how she was feeling she would reply, "Oh pretty good." June always put her family and friends first, was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be forever missed by all.

Funeral Services will be held and announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Des Moines United Methodist Church, PO Box 98746, Des Moines, WA 98198.

*Published in The Seattle Times on Mar. 29, 2020*



## GERALD W. KLEIN - Past Deputy Master

Gerald W. Klein was born on December 14, 1922 to Albert and Meta Klein on their farm in Edwall, Washington. He passed away on January 31, 2020 in Edwall, WA.

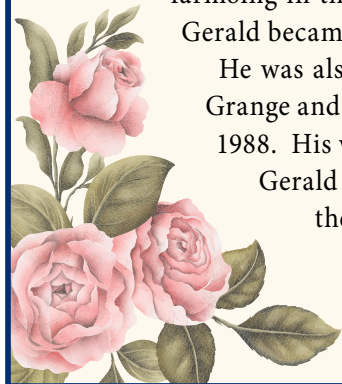
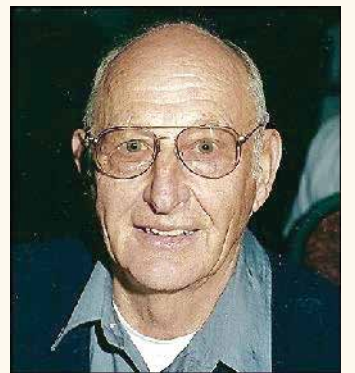
Gerald attended Whitworth College where he met his wife, Carol (Gardner) and they married on June 9, 1945. Together they started farm8ing in the Edwall area where they raised their four boys. Gerald was involved in the Sprague Community Church.

Gerald became a Boy Scout leader and all four of his boys became Eagle Scouts.

He was also an active member of the Washington State Grange, where he spent many years as the Master of Waukon Grange and the Lincoln County Pomona Grange. He served as the Deputy State Master for Lincoln County from 1983 to 1988. His wife, Carol, served as the State Grange musician for several years.

Gerald and Carol loved to travel and spent time at the lake with their family. Many hours were devoted to watching their sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren playing ball games.

His wife of 62 years, Carol, passed away on May 30, 2007. Gerald is survived by four sons: Roger (Mary Kaye) of Edwall WA, Russ (Linda) of Edmonds WA, Marty of Edwall, and Mark (Jan) of Edwall; 13 grandchildren (and 11 spouses), and 24 (soon to be 27) great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held on Saturday, February 8 at the Greenwood Cemetery in Spokane, WA.





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# Home & Family

## Family Living

### Time To Prepare Your Entries

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

Today I would like to take a moment to help you prepare your entries for contest. I will start with sewing. Remember the golden rule of sewing: Press, Press, Press. When getting a garment ready to enter turn it wrong side out and be sure all seams are pressed open or to one side in the case of serged seams. Then turn back right side out and give it a once over. You will be amazed what a difference this will make. Also be sure all seams are finished with a zigzagged or serged edge.

Needlework is next. Be sure to block your project when using wool. Most acrylic yarns do not recommend blocking. Doilies

should be rolled on a tube for transport and for ease of the judges to see the back side of your work. Be sure all loose ends are woven in. If you would like to send a display board for your work, we can mount it after the judging is finished. Remember you can enter knitting, crochet, and tatting.

Food preservation: Be sure you have processing time and method used as well as elevation and full date noted. Lack of this information will most likely lead to disqualification.

Quilts: Again I stress to press, not iron. Watch for twisted seams as they do not lay flat. Judges will be looking to see if your corners lock, colors are compatible, and if your backing is applied on the straight of grain. They also want



Helen Berg

to feel batting to the edge of your binding and see an even binding around the quilt.

Baking and candy: When picking your 13 pieces look for uniformity in color and size. May be wise to taste before entering. Remember full loaves of bread.

Most of all have fun. I hope these hints will help you have successful entries this year.

With so many events being cancelled I hope you will be able to have your contests. I just ask that you be safe. Send in your reports as soon after your contest so I can start to get info ready for state contest. This is definitely an unusual season.



### Now's The Time To Teach At-Home Nutrition

(Courtesy of Family Features)

With a lot of parents facing the challenge of keeping housebound kids happy and healthy, this is the perfect time to teach kids the basics of nutrition and eating right.

Consider these simple suggestions from Melanie Marcus, MA, RD, health and nutrition communications manager for Dole Food Company.

**Healthy Snack Time Taste Tests** – Sometimes it feels like kids can snack all day long on easy-to-grab crackers, chips or cookies. Next time they reach into the snack pantry, try incorporating a taste test or food critic activity to encourage something different and more nutritious.

**Purposeful Playtime** – Many households have a play kitchen or some kind of play food. Use this as an opportunity to act out how to create a healthy kitchen with activities like making salad, setting the table, peeling bananas and washing dishes. This can help young children become more independent, learn what to expect and grow into little helpers at family mealtime.

**Sensory Activity** – One idea that can work for school at home is making a sensory box. Simply place a fruit or two inside a tissue box and have children put their hands inside then try to guess which fruit it is by feeling it.

**Recipes for Fun** – If you're preparing a meal, it could be a good time to teach children of reading age how to review a recipe. Evaluating ingredients to learn how food transforms from raw to cooked or how a dish is created can help kids learn kitchen skills. For example, try this fun, fruity recipe for Kids with Almond Toast.

**Reading Time** – From food labels to children's books to cookbooks, there are plenty of reading materials to choose from that reinforce healthy eating habits. Exposing children to fruits and vegetables outside the kitchen is a subtle way to show that nutritious ingredients are part of everyday life.

**Explain the Bathroom Routine** – Make sure to wash hands and explain that this is a way of washing away germs to stay healthy. Also explain why brushing teeth is important by reminding children that food can get stuck in teeth and cause cavities.

Find more kid-friendly recipe ideas at [dole.com](http://dole.com) plus nutritional tips, free printables and other healthy fun on Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram.

#### "Kids" with Almond Toast

Total time: 10 minutes      Servings: 4

- 4 slices whole-grain bread
  - 6 tablespoons unsalted almond butter
  - 2 teaspoons honey (optional)
  - 1 DOLE® Banana, peeled
  - 2 Dole Strawberries, trimmed and halved
  - 4 chunks (1 1/2 inches) fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple
  - 2 Dole Blackberries
  - 2 teaspoons toasted flaxseed (optional)
- Toast bread slices. Spread with almond butter and drizzle with honey, if desired.

**To make "kids":** Cut eight slices and 32 matchsticks from banana. Arrange one strawberry half and one pineapple chunk on two slices toast; arrange remaining strawberry halves and blackberries on remaining slices. Place one banana slice "head" at top of each piece of fruit and arrange four banana matchsticks around each "kid" for arms and legs. Sprinkle flaxseed along bottom edges of toast under kids' feet, if desired.

## Community Service

### Review Your Grange Community Service Goals And Objectives

With the curtailment of Grange meetings and activities from mid-March through the month of April and possibly even further, we should look at the upcoming calendar to review our Grange goals and objectives for the next few months.

Nominations for the Grange Volunteer Recognition Program were originally due on April 15. We are extending this deadline to **MAY 15th**. Each Grange may nominate a Police Officer, Firefighter, Teacher, Community Volunteer, and Volunteer Group to be recognized by

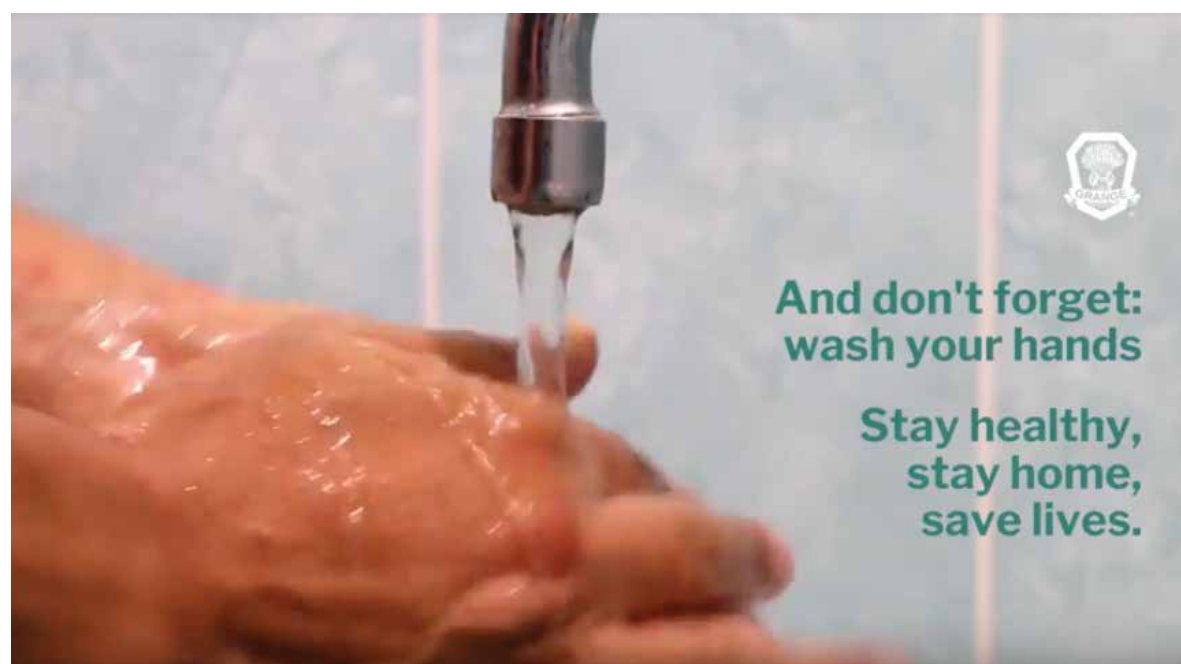
the Washington State Grange. The winning Police Officer, Firefighter, and Teacher then will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration of national recognition.

**Grange Community Service Reports are still due June 1st.**

Now is a great time to start compiling your list of projects, documenting the impact you have made, and planning for upcoming projects. Granges should still report on the progress of their projects, even if not completed due to the curtailment of Grange activities.

Community Service Report Forms and Volunteer Recognition nomination forms were distributed in the community service packet at the leadership conferences. The forms are also available on the WA State Grange website: [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Community Service contest deadline extended to June 1st**





# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Grange Youth Activities Spring Into High Gear



Jerry Gwin

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

As we enter the spring solstice, we are slowly creeping upon the first of several deadlines for Grange youth contests. **May 15** is the deadline for applications for the Horizon Youth Ambassador Program and Young Patron Program, 4-H/FFA member Award, and Spirit of Youth Award. Contestants in the sign-a-song contest and the prepared speech contest must notify the youth director of their intent to enter prior to the state convention. Nominations for the Youth Service Award, Junior Grange Mentor Award, and Grange Youth Recruiter Award are also due by **June 1**.

**April 15** is the application deadline for the WA State Grange Youth Achievement Award. This is a new program this year and is intended to encourage our Grange youth members to participate in the total Grange program. Application forms are available on the youth department page of the State Grange website: [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org)

In addition to the contests listed above, Grange youth members are encouraged to participate in the various contests in the Lecturer and Family Living Departments. There are a wide range of contests, from baking and canning to photography and craftwork. With the current situation surrounding COVID-19, many Pomonas will be rescheduling their contests into late May and early June. Please check with your Pomona Grange for the most current information on the contest date.

We are still planning for the annual State Grange Convention in Walla Walla. We anticipate a large youth group to enjoy the variety of planned activities.

The 2020 Western Regional Leaders and Youth Conference will be held August 7-9 in Boise, Idaho. Registration and housing information will be available later this spring.

## Juniors

### We Take Our Juniors And Children's Safety Seriously



Heather Ferguson

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director

State Convention is going to be here before we know it. The Junior Leadership team is busy making plans so that our Juniors will have a fun and safe convention experience. The safety of the children attending convention is our #1 concern and the Junior Department will be implementing and enforcing stricter safety measures than previously seen.

In next month's column, you will find a tentative "Juniors Room Activities Schedule." Morning activities and afternoon activities will be clearly indicated along with drop-off and pick-up times for your Juniors. Those parents or guardians who fail to pick-up their children at the scheduled time will be asked to donate funds to the Junior Program or if the problem persists we may ask your child not to return to our activities for the week. Please remember we are the Junior Program with a schedule of activities for ages 5-14 and not daily child care while at convention.

Children must be accompanied by a guardian during check-in both in the morning and afternoon to attend the Junior program and a guardian must return again to sign them out of our care. As in past years, registration forms will ask who is allowed to pick-up your child. This is a basic rule in schools and children's activities for obvious reasons and will be followed with no exceptions in the Junior Department, even if I know you are grandma or grandpa.

Outside of the "Juniors Room Activities Schedule", children and their meals are the full responsibility of their parent or guardian. Children should not be left at or dropped off at the convention grounds on their own and need to be in an adult's care at all times. Unless previous arrangements have been made, the Junior Leadership team is not responsible for children before, after or during the lunch period of the "Juniors Room Activities Schedule". The Junior Room will be locked and NO

children will be allowed in the room outside of scheduled times which includes lunch time. The Junior Department will only provide lunch once during the week and all other times are the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

The safety of our children is a big responsibility that my team is taking seriously. We want our Juniors to have a fun time in an environment that allows for learning, growth and creativity. In order to accomplish this, the Junior Leadership team is eliminating scenarios that could be harmful to our Juniors, the environment we want to create and taking precautions to protect ourselves. We cannot have children unattended in a room by themselves, in a situation one-on-one with an adult or older child or with someone not approved by parents or guardians. If you have other safety concerns or questions concerning the safety of our Juniors please contact me, I will be happy to answer any questions.

## 2020 Junior Grange Camps Offer Opportunities For Kids

The schedule has been set for this summer's Junior Grange Camping Program. Registering early is the best way to secure a spot for a child in your life to experience a week of fun, safe and wholesome activities.

Thanks to the Richard Kimball Memorial Fund, we will again offer partial scholarships for first-time campers. Application information is provided below.

Each camp will feature a week of fun activities including music, hiking, swimming, special program, games, crafts, and Junior Grange instruction. It is not necessary for children or their parents to be Grange members to attend camp. Eligible ages are 9-14 years.

Although each camp is administered separately by a board of directors, each requires a signed medical permission slip from parents, a completed registration form and pre-payment of camp fees. Pamphlets for each camp are available from Granges, county deputies, the camp coordinators, or directly from the State Grange

headquarters in Olympia (360-943-9911 or 800-854-1635). Also, brochures on the camps and all forms are available on the State Grange website ([www.wa-grange.com/JuniorCamps.aspx](http://www.wa-grange.com/JuniorCamps.aspx)). One may also call the individuals listed below for each camp.

There are a number of camperships available for first-time campers. These camperships will pay \$75 each, which is approximately one-half of the camp fee. These camperships are made possible by the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Fund.

A prospective camper who have never attended any of the Junior Grange camps simply has to write a letter of interest in securing the campership and sending it to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. An application form for the camperships is available on the State Grange website; follow the link for the Richard A. Kimball Memorial Camp Scholarships on the site's front page. Donations to this special fund are still being accepted.

Registrations for **Camp**

**Wooten**, June 21-26, can be sent to Wooten Junior Grange, PO Box 3033, Pasco WA 99302. The registration fee is \$180 if paid by June 1. Checks must be made out to Wooten Junior Grange and sent with the registration form. Camp Wooten is located near Pomeroy. The camp director is Deena Stallings, (509) 521-1340 or email [campwooten1@gmail.com](mailto:campwooten1@gmail.com).

The fee for **Mayfield Junior Grange Camp**, located near Mossyrock, July 19-25, will be \$175 for registrations received prior to June 15 and \$200 for late registration. Checks should be made out to Mayfield Junior Grange Camp and send with the registration and medical forms to Jennifer Oliver, 3307 128th Street E., Tacoma WA 98446. Jennifer can be reached at (253) 906-6078 or [jenandmarv@yahoo.com](mailto:jenandmarv@yahoo.com).

**Camp Morehead** is located near Nahcotta on the Long Beach Peninsula. The camp will run July 12-18 under the guidance of Tom Gwin (360-581-0177). Registration fees will be \$160 if received prior to

June 15 and \$180 if received after June 15. Send fees and forms to Tom Gwin, PO Box 181, Humptulips WA 98552. Checks should be made payable to Morehead Junior Grange Camp.

**Camp David Jr.**, located on the shores of Lake Crescent in Clallam County, is scheduled for this year, July 5-10. Camp fees are set at \$200. This camp uses an online registration system. The link will be ready in April. The camp is undergoing a change of leadership and will be operated as a committee of the Clallam County Pomona Grange. Additional information is forthcoming.

**Camp NEWA** will be held near Colville on July 19-25. For registrations received by July 1, the cost will be \$150. After July 1, the fee will be \$175. Registrations forms and fees should be sent to Kendra Meeker, 2727 3220 W. Kiernan Avenue, Spokane WA 99205. Make checks payable to NEWA Junior Grange. The camp director is Alicia Buckles, (208) 659-0093.

The final camp of the season

will be **Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp**, held at Deception Pass on August 2-7. The registration fee is \$175 if received before May 1 and \$200 if received after May 1. Send checks (payable to Northern District Junior Grange Camp) and registration materials to Kathy Knott, 29415 218th Place SE, Black Diamond WA 98010. The camp director is Janelle Lierman, (425) 745-2180 or email [jmlierman@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlierman@hotmail.com).

Potential campers should check the brochures on each camp for a list of items to bring and a list of items not to bring to camp.

Grangers are encouraged to volunteer to help with the camps. They are also requested to visit the camps in their area, especially for the designated Visitor's Program. There is a guest charge for dinner, other meals, and overnight stays.

Remember, the child needs no prior Grange affiliation to enjoy the summer camping experience. Spread the word about this Grange camping opportunity!



# National Grange News

## My Time at the Washington D.C. Legislative Experience

By Emily Cabbage  
Five Mile Prairie Grange #905  
Spokane, WA

In March of 2020 I chose to participate in the National Junior Grange Washington D.C. Legislative Experience. It was inspiring to have the chance to learn about the legislative branch of our Federal government and learn about D.C! While in Washington D.C. we went on a lot of cool tours and experienced many wonderful opportunities, such as:

- Visiting the Smithsonian Museum of American History
- Going on a Moonlight Monument and Memorial Trolley Tour
- Touring the Washington Bureau of Reuters Thomson News
- Touring the U.S. Capitol Building
- Meeting with Washington State Senator Patty Murray (D)
- Meeting and talking with staffers of Senator Maria Cantwell (D) and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D)

Meeting with one of our Senators was a memorable moment. When we met with Senator Patty Murray, I was able to ask her a

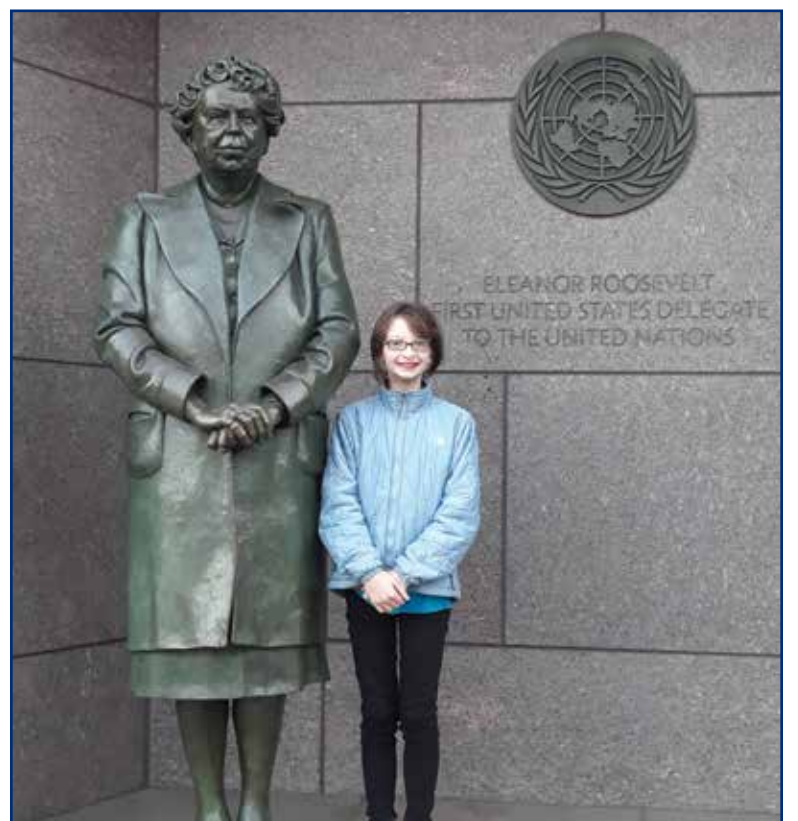
question—“What challenges have you overcome while advocating for your beliefs?” She explained that she was one of the first two women elected to the U.S. Senate. When newly elected she said one of her big challenges was having her opinions and insights be heard. She talked about how it could feel intimidating to speak up when no one else in the room is like you. She said it could be hard to have the courage to speak up and have others hear your voice. This is one of the reasons I enjoy being part of the Grange; speaking up and advocating for important issues with State and Federal government officers. It was great to be able to personally connect with Senator Murray and be able to learn a little more about her.

Meeting with staffers for Senator Maria Cantwell and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene was really interesting. The other constituents and I from our state were able to discuss local issues that were affecting us and our communities—such as overcrowded schooling, rural broadband access, and how COVID-19 (which was then just beginning to emerge as a national problem) might affect us and others in our state and country.

We were able to let our voices be heard too, which felt great.

Touring the U.S. Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Museum of American History, the Washington Bureau of Reuters-Thomson News, and the memorials and monuments were such awesome experiences. We got to see so many cool things such as—Abraham Lincoln’s top hat, George Washington’s military uniform, Julia Child’s kitchen, the Greensboro sit-in counter, and many more original American artifacts. The monuments and memorials were stunningly beautiful and humbling. It was a moving experience to be able to remember great American people and events that changed our country forever.

Thank you to the D.C. Potomac Grange #1 for the Grassroots Advocacy Scholarship which offered financial assistance for this journey. Thanks to the National Grange and National Junior Grange leadership teams for making this opportunity happen. I am so glad I had the chance to go! I would definitely recommend that other Junior Grange members take advantage of the Legislative Experience when it happens again.



*The Cabbages with Sen. Patty Murray*



## FCC Uses Variety Of Approaches To Provide Assistance In Response To COVID-19

Gathered By Burton Eller  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

### Broadband community steps up

The internet and telephone provider community took actions this week to increase speeds, lift data caps, and offer 60 days or more free service to students and low income households. The response of 24 companies to FCC Chairman Pai’s call to pull out all the stops will help Americans stay connected during this pandemic. Pai also urged the remaining telecom companies to get on board.

### Radio and television broadcasters can help

On a conference call this week, Chairman Pai commended radio and television broadcasters for their Coronavirus response so far. Pai then challenged the broadcasters to work with

cable and satellite operators to avoid blackouts and service disruptions over the next 60 days.

### Other emergency measures

In additional actions by the FCC, several cellular companies were granted temporary access to additional spectrum to help meet the increased pandemic demand, and certain and recertification requirements for the Lifeline program were waived for 60 days to assure continuance of service for the program many rural citizens depend upon.

### What Government Should and Shouldn’t Do to Advance the Mobile Tech Revolution in Agriculture

The convergence of technology and agriculture has revolutionized modern farming. From streamlining communication, to allowing remote crop monitoring via wireless sensors, to guiding farm machinery, there are scores of examples of ways in which modern farmers and ranchers

rely on mobile devices to make their operations not just more efficient, but more sustainable. As our attention shifts to confronting the array of threats stemming from the Coronavirus and we seek to mitigate risks, mobile connectivity has become vital for everything from connecting students and teachers, working remotely, checking in with loved ones, and longer term planning. Many of us will be focused on increased efficiencies and stretching resources in the face of serious economic hardship in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Leveraging technology will be a critical component of how we make the necessary changes to how we live, learn, and work, going forward. The good news is that for many of us in and around the agriculture industry and those of us who reside in rural America, adoption of mobile technology is nothing new.



# National Grange News

## A View From The Hill - March Wrap-Up

By **Burton Eller**  
National Grange  
Legislative Director

### Overview

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the services of their country, but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." These words by Thomas Paine in December 1776 spoke to a deepening crisis in America, the Revolutionary War.

Another crisis with a dramatically different and unseen enemy now grips the soul of our nation. But as in 1776, the patriot spirit in America is alive and well. COVID-19 has become a common enemy that is bringing us together as we tackle serious new medical, economic and societal challenges.

As the infection rate from the virus rises exponentially and the death rate climbs, the medical community is trying everything in its arsenal to mitigate this disease and some interventions seem to be working. The President, governors and mayors have taken drastic but necessary lock-down steps to limit crowds and movement to slow disease transmission.

Stocks tumbled and unemployment skyrocketed as a result. Congress and the President responded with financial aid packages to mitigate some of the severity of the tanking economy. The President formally triggered the Defense Production Act which gives the federal government authority to require, if necessary, industries to release supplies and step up production of respirators, masks, gowns and gloves for medical personnel.

Family becomes family and neighbors become neighbors in these times. Grangers nationwide have opened their hearts, their hands, their sense of community; their halls and their wallets to stand in the gap.

### Agriculture and Food

#### One Million Meals to Rural Students/Funds for Feeding Programs

USDA is collaborating with Baylor University Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLean Global and PepsiCo to deliver food boxes to rural children affected by school closures who may not know where their next meal is coming from. Each box contains five days' worth of shelf stable food. The initiative brings industry innovations and best practices together with USDA to combat rural hunger. Additional vendors are being encouraged to participate. The partnership is expected to quickly increase from 200,000 meals per week to 1,000,000. In addition, Congress passed, and the President signed,

a relief package that expands domestic feeding programs, emergency food assistance programs and suspends SNAP work requirements during the emergency.

#### Restocking Grocery Shelves

The nation's food supply chain is responding to restock empty store shelves caused by panic buying and restaurant closures. There is plenty of food available, but the challenge is to keep plants staffed and running with large numbers of workers (while simultaneously preventing COVID-19 infections) to ensure a steady supply moving forward. The Administration has suspended hours-of-service rules to enable critical industries truckers to shorten delivery times.

#### Targeting Farmer Stress

The National Grange joined other agriculture and rural groups to request congress fully fund the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network in the FY 2020 appropriations package. Mental health challenges faced by farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and rural residents are 48% higher than a year ago and 68% of rural residents live in areas with mental health professional shortages. Cost, embarrassment and stigma are the main barriers to seeking help.

### Economy

#### Stocks Nose Dive

A resilient U.S. economy has been derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The stock market crash wiped out three years of gains. As events, attractions, festivals, parades, meetings, conventions and other gatherings are canceled and schools, universities and businesses close, workers, suppliers, small businesses and the economy at large lose crucial consumer spending.

#### Help is on the Way

A \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package, the largest in U.S. history, is on the way to Americans. However, it will take some time for the benefits to trickle down to intended recipients. There's funding for hospitals, medical personnel and scarce medical supplies; financial aid for individuals and families, small business, industries, child care, and seniors assistance; emergency education; emergency transit needs; buffer capital for Treasury Department loans; deferments on federal student loan payments until September 30; emergency feeding programs and local food systems; \$14 billion to replenish USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation fund, and \$9.5 billion

for livestock, dairy and specialty crops (vegetables, fruits, nuts) which have not traditionally been included in USDA aid.

#### Tax Breaks for Small Business

The National Grange joined independent and small business interests on a letter to President Trump, House Speaker Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader McConnell urging them to take immediate action to minimize the number of businesses closed and workers unemployed. The group suggested Washington's response include, but not be limited to:

Readily accessible, unsecured credit for employers of all sizes to pay workers, rent and other operating costs during this crisis Suspend filing of business returns and the payment of all business taxes for the duration of the pandemic Amend the Tax Code to restore the ability for businesses to carry back net operating losses against previous year tax payments, suspend the limit on interest expense deductions for 2020, Allow businesses to fully deduct any losses incurred this year.

#### Keep the Mail Running

The National Grange and a group of business organizations petitioned the leadership of the Senate and House Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committees to include funding in the Coronavirus relief package as necessary to keep the USPS fully functional during this crisis and beyond.

### Health Care

#### Rural is not a Virus Barrier

The Centers for Disease Control warns farmers, ranchers and rural residents that remoteness is not necessarily a barrier against COVID-19, citing the flu epidemic of 1916 that spread to the far reaches of Alaska. Rural residents are urged to follow the same precautions and sanitary measures as more densely populated areas.

#### National Emergency Boosts Rural Hospitals

Designation of a national emergency by President Trump gives over 1,350 rural Critical Access Hospitals better funding, higher Medicare reimbursement rates, expanded bed space and the ability to keep patients longer to combat the coronavirus. The emergency declaration waives existing rules that had restricted rural hospitals and opens up access to \$50 billion in funds to provide health care professionals more flexibility to fight COVID-19. The 126 rural hospitals that have closed since 2010 were negatively impacted by the whittling away

of Medicare reimbursement and choices of states not to expand Medicaid.

#### Biopharmaceutical Industry Responds

These companies are coming together to share new technology, research and treatments in the battle against COVID-19 by:

- Screening global libraries of medicines to identify potential treatments
- Initiating clinical trials to test new and existing therapies
- Sharing results in real time with governments and other companies to advance the development of additional therapies
- Dedicating top scientists and investments in new technologies to speed the development of effective vaccines
- Donating supplies and medicines
- Coordinating with governments and diagnostic partners to increase testing capacity
- Keeping plants open to maintain a steady supply of medicines for patients
- Coordinating with governments and insurers to ensure that, when new treatments and vaccines are approved, they will be available and affordable for patients

#### Fix COVID-19 Access Barriers

The National Grange partnered with the patient advocacy community to urge governors, Medicaid directors, insurance commissioners and state boards of pharmacy to protect rare disease patients and high-risk populations during the COVID-19 crisis by:

- Require insurers to allow a one-time 90-day refill of covered prescriptions
- Require insurers to cover off-formulary prescription drugs if a formulary drug is not available
- Ensure prior authorization and reauthorization requirements do not restrict care and treatment
- Allow home infusion and injection services and appropriate reimbursement
- Extend appeal and fair hearing deadlines for patients seeking access to care and treatment
- Use flexibilities under section 1135(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act

#### Access to Vaccines

The National Grange and the patient advocacy community are urging the House leadership to quickly pass H.R. 5076, the Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act. The legislation

will make structural fixes to the inequities of Medicare Part D, including out-of-pocket payments and access to vaccines, that will provide substantial health and financial benefits to those over the age of 65.

### Immigration, Labor and AG

#### Workforce Essential Industries

Medical, food and supply chain businesses are essential industries in a national emergency. This means that drug companies, medical manufacturers, farmers and ranchers, suppliers, truckers, food processors, distributors, and outlets are exempt from emergency restrictions so that medical supplies and food are available to citizens.

#### Workforce is a Challenge

Temporary guest workers have become critical to agriculture and food production and processing. When the national emergency was first declared, it appeared borders would be closed to a vital labor force as well. Following a frenzied couple weeks, the ag worker picture is a bit brighter. After first announcing all visas processing would be suspended, Mexico reconsidered when ag workforce groups, USDA and the State Department intervened. Mexico will now continue to process H-2A visas, the State Department will prioritize H-2A visa applications, and some returning H-2A workers may qualify for interview waivers. Still, agriculture fears the available H-2A workforce will be lower this year.

### Telecommunications

#### FCC Appoints National Grange President Huber

The Federal Communications Commission in consultation with Agriculture Secretary Perdue has established the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force to learn from on-the-ground experiences of those using technology in modern farming. Four working groups have been appointed and National Grange president Betsy Huber will serve on the Accelerating Broadband Deployment on Unserved Agricultural Lands working group. Another Broadband Innovation Approved The National Grange commended the Federal Communications Commission for actions in March to clear regulatory barriers for greater use of unlicensed TV white spaces to deliver broadband service to rural America. Availability to TV white space technology for broadband has been a priority for the National Grange.



# Grange Connection

## Issaquah Valley Grange Collects Books For Library

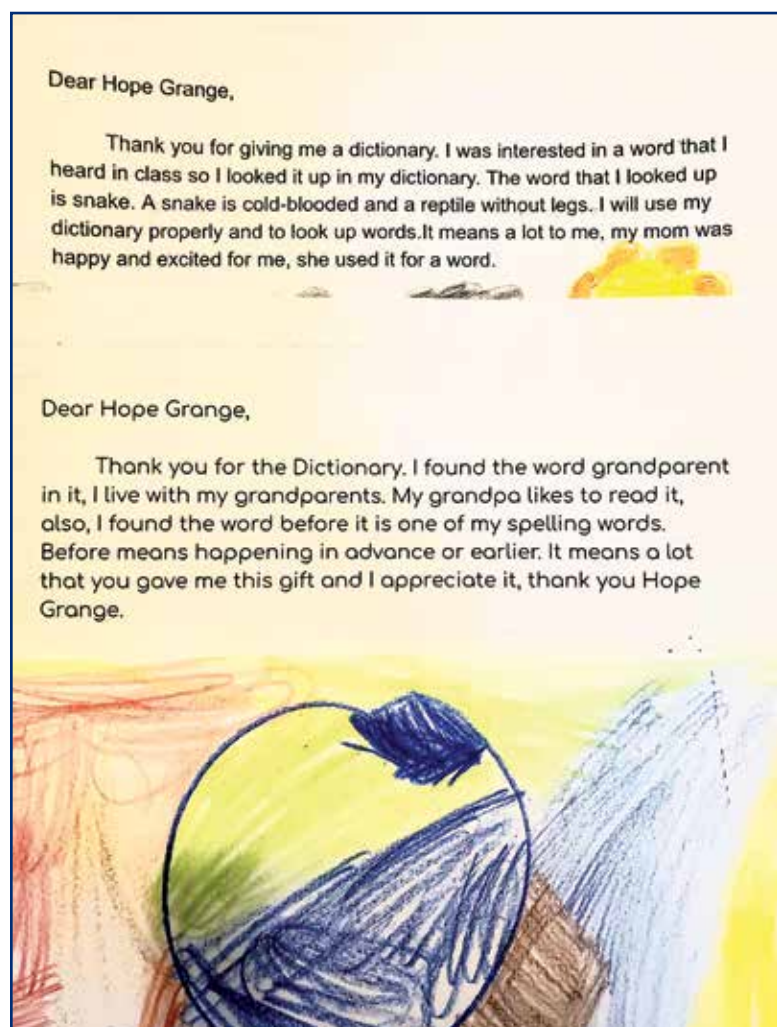


On Monday February 24th Issaquah Valley Grange #581 collected books for the Friends of the Issaquah Library book sale. Our Juniors Gavin and Lucas helped Shelly sort children's books from the rest of the collection.

## Hope Grange Receives Thank You Notes For Dictionaries

As a tradition, Hope Grange #155 hand delivers close to 100 dictionaries to 3rd grade students from Evaline, Napavine and Winlock elementary schools. Hope Grange has received multiple Thank You notes from the students and what these students have written is the reason this tradition continues.

These notes are one of the many reasons Hope Grange is appreciative of our community through common-wealth pride and fundraising support! We thank YOU!!



### ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange's "Easter Egg Hunt" scheduled for April 4 is cancelled, BUT we will have an "egg" hunt at a later date after restrictions are able to be lifted. It may be July (a 4th of July event?) or it may be later...but we will have one eventually!! Our March meeting was cancelled and we will decide whether or not to hold our next regularly scheduled meeting on April 21 by early April. Either way, business of our Grange goes on and any decisions that need to be made concerning our Grange will be handled by our Executive Committee between meetings.

### COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange is asking community members to donate quilt squares to us for a community wall quilt. They are 12 1/2 by 12 1/2 and can be in memory of someone they love or made special for themselves. So far, we have collected enough for 2 large wall hangings. We also want to thank Carol Brent for donating hygiene products to give to needy family and schools.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY

Columbia Valley Grange draped their charter in loving memory of Lecturer Loren Amack. Phyllis Dawson was appointed by President Dennis Love as his replacement. The group voted to discontinue pre-meeting potluck dinners; also, to pay members' assessments for State Convention costs. A Life Link meeting is scheduled for March 31 at the Grange hall.

### GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Humptulips Grange postponed their 100th Anniversary Celebration, originally scheduled for March 15, and their Fund Raising Auction, originally scheduled for April 11. Events will be rescheduled. At our February Bingo event, we raised nearly \$2400 which will go toward the medical expenses of 9-year old Jevan Morris for hand reconstruction surgery following his accident with fireworks last summer. The Grange welcomed seven new members: Joel Emery, Rich Fredrickson, Ronda Emery-Morris, Jim Mix, Jadyne Emery-Williamson, Casey Stoneback, and McKenna Doll.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Quimper Grange is closed to the public until the end of April at the minimum.

### LEWIS COUNTY

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Come on over and have some fun by playing Pinochle Monday and Thursday nights, 6pm sharp - 9ish! Hope Grange, 120 Antrim Road, Winlock.

Lincoln Creek Grange hosted a CPR class on March 1st. Fifteen people participated. It was taught by Chris Layton, paramedic for Riverside Fire. Line dancing lessons will continue on March 8th. AA meetings are being held at the Grange Hall every Wednesday at 5:00 PM.

A potluck is planned for the April meeting. An April display at a local business was suggested for Grange month.

### SPOKANE COUNTY

Five Mile Prairie Grange members delivered 152 dictionaries to five classes of third graders at Prairie View Elementary School in Spokane.

Moran Prairie Grange invites you to join them for their 5th annual Run for the Grange 5k on April 18th, 2020. This year proceeds will go to Moran Prairie Elementary School via Second Harvest's Bite2Go program. This program sends non-perishable food items home with children on weekends. Sign up at Active.com or at the door the morning of the run/walk. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M. This is a flat course suitable for beginners as well as advanced runners and walkers. Prices are as follows: \$25.00 includes a t-shirt. \$15.00 for no t-shirt. Prizes from area businesses will be raffled off after all have finished the course. Bring a non-perishable food item or cash for extra raffle tickets. (\$1 per ticket.) Hope to see you there!

Green Bluff Grange welcomes new family members Larry & Melinda Edginton and daughters Olivia and Emma, also Dorothy Johnson and Lodi Jackson. Our March 3 Bingo community event was attended with about 20 kiddos and adults with everyone having

a great time. Our Candle Lighting Ceremony was postponed until the March 17 business meeting. Venus Delcambre-Morris, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, presented our April 7 community event. She discussed such topics as watching out for scams of all kinds and keeping our neighborhood safe. Grange month Open House plans were finalized at the March 17 meeting. Green Bluff Home Ec Club held their annual Spring Dinner on April 18. Grange contest entries will be judged on May 15 at Five Mile Grange. Our Jr. Grangers are getting their entries ready too. We are open for breakfast on Sunday, April 26 and May 31 from 8-11 a.m. Green Bluff Grange is being rented. At our February 18 business meeting it was moved and passed to make some changes to our By-Laws and dues.

### STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange will have "Sew Day" on April 2, starting at 10am. A number of quilt tops are ready to assemble, and packets of squares are ready to be sewn into blocks. The quilt committee is hoping to have at least eight quilts to again hand out at the annual Dinner of Thanks/Christmas Dinner to past and current military and first responders by drawing. The first Junior Grange bake sale for 2020 is set for March 13. Membership forms for General, Youth, and Junior Grange members are made available at local events - including the first Friday of the month BINGO. A tasty meal is usually available before the start of the second Saturday of the month Grange meeting. The building committee recommended replacing all the old light fixtures throughout the building and also to fix a few maintenance upgrades, which will be summer projects. Several Grange members are able to attend some neighboring granges' events. Enjoy Spring (the crocus are blooming here!), remember to support your local businesses. And don't forget to attend the April 4 BINGO ... it is a lot of fun!

The Valley Grange has a new email: thevalleygrange1048@yahoo.com. That email will get you to our rental person, Master, Treasurer, and Secretary. Sorry about any confusion. We had a great meeting in March and then

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the world turned. Being as our Grange is located in what is called a Tri-County area, we made the difficult decision to postpone our upcoming events for March and through the middle of April. This decision was not made lightly and was made prior to the mandatory closing of our schools. Since our decision, our Master has reached out to our local school Superintendent and offered to act as drive-thru pick up for meals for our students. The way our Grange is set up is ideal for this. We are waiting to see if this will be needed in the coming weeks. We felt it was important to our community to follow the protocol of social distancing to protect our vulnerable. In the meantime, we are working inside our Grange with upgrades to our kitchen and still providing our community with rentals of our building. Having to reschedule our postponed events has us busy planning them again, but we are so very much looking forward to warmer weather and things getting back to normal. It will be like back to school all over again. So stay tuned, follow us on facebook, and here's to a super packed activities spring when the weather warms up.

## THURSTON COUNTY

**Black Grange** has been forced to cancel its boat safety event in April due to the Coronavirus problem.

**McLane Grange's** primary fundraiser, the Delphi Craft & Swap Meet, begins it's 2020 season Saturday, April 11th,

from 9 - 3 at the Grange Hall, 931 Delphi Rd. SW. Come enjoy free coffee or tea while you shop for new and pre-owned treasures, the second Saturday of each month. Sale dates: April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14. A bake sale for families in need and free parking are available! To sell your art, crafts or pre-owned treasures contact Eladice at 360-866-7254 to reserve a table.

**Skookumchuck Grange** wrote and passed a resolution by unanimous vote and it is now on its way to our State office. We swore in one new member, WELCOME Warren! Please come to our Easter Egg Hunt April 11th. We will serve Ham and eggs, pancakes and beverages. Hunt is FREE. Breakfast \$7. Details will be on our Facebook page.

**South Union Grange** reports that the roof repairs have been completed. As WSDOT has suspended the free coffee program for state rest areas, the Grange had to cancel their planned participation in the program in March.

## WHATCOM COUNTY

**Haynie Grange** will again host the Haynie Opry, starting back up for 2020. The first show will be Sat. March 14th with special guest Eric Hirst playing the saxophone. The "early" Opry is the 2nd Saturday of the month. Starting in June, the shows are on both Friday and Saturday nights. The show starts at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00. The Opry will again be hosted by Matt Audette and the

Circle of Friends Band. Cost is \$10 at the door, no presale, all General Admission. Children under 12 are free. You can also catch the afternoon Gospel hour, starting at 3:00 for \$5. Dates of Future shows: April 11th / May 9th / June 12 & 13 / July 10 & 11 / Aug 7 & 8. Updates on future shows, will be posted on the Haynie Grange Facebook.

**Laurel Grange** moves to their summer meeting schedule. March is the end of our winter hours (meeting at 1pm on the 2nd Saturday) and April we start our summer hours with a 6pm potluck, and the meeting to follow.

**North Bellingham Grange** will also be moving to their summer meeting schedule with March being the end of the winter hours (meeting at 1pm on the 1st Saturday) and April we start our summer hours at 7pm on the 1st Thursday.

**Ten Mile Grange** recognized Mark Benson for his 50 year membership and Gerald Holmquist for his 55 year membership. Unfortunately, Gerald was ill and could not attend the celebration. Elsie Wood, Chaplain and 68 year member, was in attendance as well as Pomona Master Scott Hackett. The Ten Mile Charter was draped in honor of 65 year member Larry Richner, who passed away in July 2018, and Steve Buchner, 28 year member, who passed away this last December. We were just notified of these passings, and encourage family members to keep your local Grange apprised of this information.

## Five Mile Prairie Grange Hosts Talent Show



On March 2nd, Five Mile Prairie Grange's open community activity night was a Talent Show. Members and guests were treated to twelve acts to include: a clarinet solo, vocal presentations, a flute solo, piano solos, an Irish dance duet, a family playing the boom whackers and a young comedian. A great time was enjoyed by all.

**GO TO THE GRANGE HERITAGE FORUM ON FACEBOOK & SIGN UP FOR THE MENTOR PROGRAM**

MENTORS STILL NEEDED. SHARE YOUR LOVE, KNOWLEDGE AND ENTHUSIASM FOR GRANGE WITH THE NEXT GENERATION.



## Pleasant Hill Grange Delivers Weighted Blankets



The Progress Center is always so thankful for the support it receives from our community. Denise Bloomer and Zula Bryan, from the Pleasant Hill Grange #101, delivered some amazing weighted blankets. Thank you for all your hard work!

## The Grange Exchange

Let us help you buy or sell with a classified ad!

Cost per word	one month	4 or more
Regular	\$ .50	\$ .40
Boxed	1.00	.75
Centered or reversed text	\$2.50/line	
Minimum for one month	\$5.00	

**Word count:** hyphens, spaces and X's separate words. Phone numbers count as one word. **We do not print ads for 900 number services.**

**Deadline:** 5th of each month (for the following month's paper). Classified ads must be paid in advance. (Tear sheets not sent for classified.)

**Ad copy (or attach copy):** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pomona Connection

## CLARK COUNTY POMONA

Clark County Pomona moved their Baking, Preservation, Sewing, Arts & Crafts, & Photography contests from April 8th to May 13th. They will be held at Fargher Lake Grange. April Pomona was to be held at Mt. Valley, but that has been cancelled. The Pomona met on Wednesday, March 11 at the Salmon Creek Grange in Vancouver. The members accepted and voted for a letter to be sent to State Grange in reference to promoting the Grange's position on being able to vote in elections without being required to identify with a political party. A copy of the letter was also sent to all members of the Washington State Grange Executive Committee. The Grange's position on this is stated in The Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook.

## GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange cancelled their March meeting. The baking and canning contests were moved to the May meeting, which will include all other Grange contests as well. The meeting will be on Saturday, May 9 at the Olympic View Grange Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. All contest entries will be due on Friday, May 8 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Pomona Basket Bingo, scheduled for April 18 at Elma, has been cancelled.

## SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

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Grange met at Skagit Valley Grange on March 4. Committee Reports were heard. Health and Safety Chair, Susan Custance, discussed some important items we all should have on hand in case of emergency, such as water, cash, extra medications, and non-perishable food. She also gave a demonstration on the importance of hand washing, especially during this time of uncertainty. Each member received a bottle of hand-soap. Fish, Game and Ecology Chair, Dennis Hall, discussed the proposed breaching of the Snake River dams. The Grange opposes this. Family Living Chair, Jean Swift, requested donations of fabric and Polyfil for a Comfort Toy "Sewing Bee" planned for later in April or May. Mary Hall gave a report on the history of Pomona Park. It was originally a county park with no amenities. Skagit County Grange members met with the County Parks Director in 1988 and worked out an agreement. All of the Granges in Skagit County were involved in the project. A shelter was built, tables constructed, trails cleared, and various trees and plants identified with small signs. The park was renamed and dedicated, "Pomona Park", in 1989, with State Master, Ray Hill in attendance. The park was maintained by the Granges for many years, although recently, the county has taken over the maintenance. The park is still used a great deal, with hundreds of students doing studies there every spring. Note: Unfortunately, We will not be holding our

next meeting on April 1st, and the Family Living and Lecturer's Contests which were scheduled for that date also will be postponed. It is hoped that all these activities will be held on May 6th, or possibly June 3.

## THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona Grange met on March 5 at Brighton Park Grange for their monthly meeting. The meeting was preceded by a potluck and the baking and candy contests were held. There were a lot of scrumptious entries in the contests and the entries were sold to the winning bidders at a rousing live auction held during the Lecturer's program time. The Lecturer's and Family Living contests (except baking and candy) are scheduled to be held on April 18 at Black Lake Grange. Please watch the Pomona Facebook page and, if you are on the Pomona e-mail list watch your e-mail, for updates since the upcoming contests and meetings may need to be postponed or canceled.

## WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona has their Flower Show coming up in June at Laurel Grange. This year we are adding a "Plant Exchange" to the fun. This spring, while you're working your flower beds and/or repotting your house plants, take some starts and put them in 4" or 6" pots and bring them Tuesday June 16th with your flower entries and trade for something new!

## Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2020 meeting dates, times, and locations to [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) for inclusion into this calendar.

**Due to Covid-19, please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master prior to the scheduled meeting.**

- CHELAN** ..... April 4 at Bee Hive. Grange contest entries due.  
April 16, social luncheon at Smitty's in Wenatchee, 11:30 a.m.
- CLALLAM** ..... April 15 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- CLARK** ..... April 8 at Fargher Lake, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
- COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM** ..... April 18 at Catlin, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Contest entries due on April 17, 9-10 a.m.
- EXCELSIOR** ..... May 16 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m. Lecturer and CFL Contest entries due.
- FERRY** ..... April 13 at Eagle Cliff, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
- GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC** ..... May 9 at Olympic View, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Lecturer and CFL contest entries due on May 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- KING** ..... April 18 at Sallal, 10 a.m.
- KITSAP** ..... April 17 at Bethel, 7:30 p.m. Will include baking contest judging.
- KLICKITAT** ..... May 9 at Mountain View, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS** ..... April 4 at Oakview, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.  
April 4 at Oakview. Lecturer and CFL contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
May 2 - Will also meet at Forest.
- MASON** ..... May 16 at Skokomish, 11 a.m.
- OKANOGAN** ..... April 11, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE** ..... April 11 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. Baking contest check in by 9 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon.
- PIERCE** ..... April 4 at Waller Road, 10 a.m. Will include the exemplification of the first five degrees.  
May 2 - Will also meet at McMillin.
- SKAGIT** ..... April 1 at Fredonia, 7 p.m. Contest entries due 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
May 6 - Will also meet at Samish Valley.
- SNAKE RIVER** ..... May 9 at Kennewick Valley, 10 a.m. No Host lunch following meeting.
- SNOHOMISH** ..... March 21 at South Lake Stevens, 9 a.m. Baking, canning, and candy contest entries due 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- SPOKANE** ..... May 16 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Contest entries due on May 15.
- STEVENS** ..... April 25 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- SUNNYSIDE** ..... April 14 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSTON** ..... April 2 at Skookumchuck, 7 p.m. Lecturer and Family Living Contests will be April 18 at Black Lake, entries due 9-10 a.m. Will also meet on May 7 at South Union.
- WHATCOM** ..... April 15 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Art, craft, and photo contest entries due on April 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHITMAN** ..... April 18 at Kenova, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- YAKIMA** ..... April 17 at Tieton, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

## Clark County Pomona Welcomes New 5th Degree Members



Clark County Pomona #1 Master, Janice Anderson, obligated Jani Machado, Kelsey O'Sullivan and Nicole Turner in the Fifth Degree at Salmon Creek Grange #849 on March 11th, 2020.



# Grange Connection

## Humptulips Grange Operates Food Bank

Humptulips Grange continues to operate the Humptulips Food Bank during the Coronavirus pandemic. Fourteen Grange members worked at the March 18 food distribution day. We had a 50% increase in food bank clients, serving 85 families, which represented 282 individuals. Following the recommendations of Coastal Harvest and Northwest Harvest, food bank clients were instructed to stay in their vehicles until their food was carted out of the Grange hall. Additional safety measures were taken to assist in protecting the Grange members who worked the event. The next food distribution day is scheduled for April 22.



Grange members Ronda Emery-Morris and Jerry Gwin work in the canned foods section of the food bank, preparing items for distribution to the families.



Food bank workers and Grange members Marilyn Chamberlain, Tracey Brownrigg, Sue Drolz, and Carol Brownrigg work on packing the frozen foods for distribution.

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## Goldendale Grange Sponsors Police K9

Goldendale Grange officers Luann Kayser Whitmire and Fran Songer, presented KCSD officer Galvin Marble a check to assist with K9 Deputy "Profi's" ongoing care and training. Officer Marble and K9 Deputy Profi have spent hundreds of hours in training over the last several months. He is a community sponsored police dog, meaning his future training and care depends on local support. Profi, will be assisting the Sheriff's Department Narcotics enforcement division. State Highway 97, which traverses the heart of Klickitat County is the second most traveled North-South drug corridor on the West Coast, right behind Interstate 5.



## Calispel Grange Receives Framed Quilts



Calispel Grange #500 was recently treated to this quilting and framing artwork by new member, Sue Santilli, and honorary member Dory Schwab. Dory's family originally donated the land where our Grange now stands. At that time Grange neighbors and friends worked together to construct the building. This generosity still exists. When current members were asked to help frame Dory's quilt squares depicting signs for the Underground Railroad, new member, Sue Santilli, came forward and volunteered to make the frames in her workshop. This included milling a tree from her property herself. She then used her tools, assembled and constructed the frames.

Dory Schwab did all the research, and constructed the quilt squares. When asked if she would share them, she was excited to do so. She also has a short presentation to describe the dangerous travel route used to free people from bondage.

If you are in our area, we are happy to show you our treasure. Call ahead, 509-447-2782.

## Session Watch 2020



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