



WASHINGTON STATE

# Grange News

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## Happy Valley Grange Purchases Teddy Bears For Children In Need

Happy Valley Grange #322 took part in Bartell Drug Store's annual Operation Teddy Bear Drive during the month of March. The Grange purchased 12 bears that were then matched by Bartell Drugs.

For 32 years and counting, Bartell Drugs and WARM 106.9 have proudly partnered together, along with their

customers and employees, to collect teddy bears to support local children in need. Through the program, Operation Teddy Bear, customers have the opportunity to purchase a teddy bear at their neighborhood Bartell's, and place it in a bin in the front of the store. Every bear purchased from February

28th through March 27th was be matched by Bartell's.

What happens to the bears after they've been collected? Bartell Drug Store distributes them to a wide network of hospitals, local fire and police departments, EMTs, local shelters, schools and more. These bears are at the ready to comfort a local child who's faced a traumatic or difficult

experience. This includes a child who's had to make a visit to the ER, just experienced a car accident, or been faced with a difficult medical issue.

"Over the years, Bartell's has had the opportunity to help more than 30,000 kids in the Greater Puget Sound. Last year, we exceeded all expectations and collected over 36,000 bears. These

bears can positively impact the lives of many. They not only help children, but they also help the caregiver of those children. This program creates a strong ripple effect and we're proud to be a part of it." said Ken Mahoney, SVP of Operations at Bartell Drugs.

Happy Valley Grange is proud to participate in this very worthy project.

**MAY 2021 issue deadline – APRIL 20th**  
Submissions can be sent to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org)

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#### Washington State Grange Announces 2021 Convention To Be Changed To A Business Meeting

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee have changed the annual state convention with all of its social activities and events to a two-day business meeting. The meeting will be held on June 24-26.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming State Grange Events

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

- APRIL 1 ..... Secretary Report (First Quarter) due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 1 ..... WA State Grange Scholarship Applications due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 12 ..... Good of the Order Standing Committee Meeting, 2 p.m.
- APRIL 12 ..... Health & Health Care Standing Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- APRIL 13 ..... Veterans Affairs Standing Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
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- APRIL 15 ..... Fish & Wildlife Standing Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
- APRIL 15 ..... Taxation & Transportation Standing Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- APRIL 15 ..... Community Recognition Nominations (Teacher – Firefighter-Law Enforcement Officer – Volunteer-Volunteer Group) due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 15 ..... Creative Writing Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
- APRIL 28 ..... Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- APRIL 29 ..... State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- MAY 15 ..... State Session Credentials Form and Committee Preference Forms due to State Grange Office
- MAY 24 ..... Resolutions due to the State Grange Office (for consideration at this year's business meeting)
- MAY 26 ..... Q & A with the State Master Zoom Meeting, 7 p.m.
- JUNE 1 ..... Grange Community Service Reports Due to State Grange Office
- JUNE 1 ..... Pre-Registration for the State Grange Session Opens to Non-delegates
- JUNE 15 ..... Last Day to Pre-Register for the State Grange Session
- JUNE 24-26 ..... 132nd Annual WA State Grange Session at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend and the Bee Hive Grange Hall, Wenatchee
- AUGUST 6-8 ..... Western Regional Grange Leaders and Youth Conference, Boise ID

### AN UPDATE ON STATE GRANGE ACTIVITIES AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS WITH THE STATE GRANGE MASTER

**ZOOM MEETING -- 4TH Wednesday at 7 p.m.**  
**April 28 • May 26**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>  
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**Meeting ID:** 980 3697 1581

## Lecturer's Department

# Some Contest And Program Information...



Leslie Jo Wells

**By Leslie Jo Wells  
 State Grange Lecturer**

You still have a few days to submit your Creative Writing entries. The postmark date is April 15th. I thought giving you a choice between the two topics, Virus or Constitution might elicit more entries but so far that hasn't been the case.

Last month I shared an article dealing with measuring our effectiveness as leaders. In the question about being open to feedback it stated "Great leaders, on the other hand, view feedback as a gift to improve their leadership so they can serve others and their mission better."

Their mission – that brings to mind one of our Lecturer Programs held over from last year. You were urged to develop a Mission Statement for your Grange. Have you done that? The following is the WSG Mission Statement that you can use as a guide: "The Washington State Grange is working to enrich lives, strengthen families and enhance communities across our state since 1889." Your statement should reflect your Grange's values and your role in your community. What your ideal goals and vision are. I'd like you to work on this program and share it with me. Later this year, hopefully when we do our state contests I would like to have a display of the

Mission Statements that have been developed for the Granges around our states.

As you have probably heard, our June Convention will be like last year – a business meeting only over approximately two days. There is a discussion being held by the Executive Committee to schedule a time this fall to have a get-together at which our State Contests would occur. Again, still in the discussion stage. In the meantime you can still have your Pomona level contests at your regular time or you could schedule them for later in the year. Please remember to get your Purple winner results to me soon after your contest is held.

## Community Service

# Community Service News



Heather Ferguson

**By Heather Ferguson  
 Community Service Director**

Each Grange's Community Service Report is due by June 1 to the State Grange Office. I know the pandemic has affected many Granges and their ability to complete some of their regular community service projects over the past year. For other Granges, the pandemic provided an opportunity to better meet the needs of our friends, neighbors, and community through a variety of new service projects.

Regardless of the projects you complete or the hours spent on service projects, it is still important for us to collect the data on projects completed by each of our Granges. From your reports, we are able to determine the extent of the projects completed, the needs of our communities, and the impact our Granges made in assisting others.

The National Grange Community Service Department has prepared a list of suggestions to make your reports flow better and for ease of compiling information. More

pages (fluff) or larger books are not always better. Good organization is important. This is not a history book of everything your Grange did in a year, only the Community Service projects. It is important that the name of your Grange is on the front of the book. If you have to special order a bigger book it might be to "fluffy".

**DO's:**

- Limit pages to no more than 4 (front and back) for larger projects and 2 (front and back) for smaller projects - Include 2 or 3 photos that demonstrate members (non-members if applicable) participation and items collected.
- If it is a cleanup type project, include before and after photos.
- Only 1 or 2 Thank You cards/ letters for an event.
- Include a short write up about your Grange and Community. (1 page)
- Include an overall summary sheet listing continuing projects, new projects, larger and smaller projects and list of donations. Then utilize this format for the

organization of the community service book.

• **Book organization:**

1. Use a tab for each project include a short summary of that project
2. Include any newspaper article or flyer about the event.
3. When holding a fundraiser dinner/event it is important to include where the monies were donated.

**DON'Ts**

- Don't include things like State session program book, officer and member rosters and meeting minutes. Don't include members or family obituaries because the family used your hall after the funeral.
- Don't include every thank you note/letter you get from a project - one is enough not all 30 from a class you donated dictionaries to.
- Mowing the grass at the Grange Hall this is maintenance not community service.

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## President's Message

# Partisan Politics Have No Basis In The Grange



Tom Gwin

By Tom Gwin  
State Grange  
Master/President

We have been working through one of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history. There is little common ground between the two major political parties. As both sides become more polarizing, we can only hope to overcome these political opinions that do nothing more than tear our nation and communities apart.

The National Grange Declaration of Purposes, originally adopted in the late 1800's and readopted in 2014, is quite clear on the Grange's non-partisan stance:

### The Grange – Non-Partisan

*We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange – National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate – is not a partisan or party organization.*

*The principles we teach underlie all true statesmanship. And if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country; for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number.*

*We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one's country.*

*On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legislatively, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs. It is reserved by every Patron, as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.*

*We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that "progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy."*

*We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our Republic.*

*We cherish the belief that sectionalism is, and of right should be, dead and buried with the past. Our work is for the present and the future. In our agricultural fraternity we shall recognize no North, no South, No East, no West.*

These powerful words from the National Grange Declaration of Purposes have guided us for well over 100 years. This has proven to be our staying power. Few other organizations have the longevity and history of our organization. Part of that staying power can be attributed to our non-partisan stance.

Because we are issue oriented, it is expected of Grange members that we educate ourselves and our Brothers and Sisters with facts on every political topic imaginable. Many times, the Grange Lecturer will take the lead and assign members to research a topic and to share their research with their fellow members. We have to be sure that we research all aspects of each topic, present it to the members, and let each member decide for themselves where we go on the topic. Where we can find commonalities, we can develop policy for the Grange. If we don't find common grounds, maybe it best to leave that topic alone and move on to a new topic.

Part of this is the beauty of being a grassroots organization. Our legislative policies all start at the Subordinate (local) level and work their way up to the Pomona (county or area), State and National levels.

As a Grange member for over 45 years, I cannot tell you the political party affiliation of the members of my own Grange. Their political affiliation is not my business and my political views are not their business. We do, however, share the common goal of making our community safer and a better place for our residents. We may not always agree on how to accomplish that goal, but we do respect each other and compromise in our efforts for the benefit of all.

Once we stop looking at all aspects of a subject, we will lose the trust of our communities. When a Grange loses the trust of its community, it will begin to falter, thus becoming unable to work together and respect each other. Many times, it is the beginning of the end for that individual chapter.

By keeping the eye of the mind open, we will continue to be active in the political arena, but also remain a non-partisan organization that works to educate and elevate our citizens. My best wishes to you as we work together for the betterment of our communities, towns, cities, state, and nation.

## Legislative

# Revenue Projections Are Up \$3.2 Billion Over Expectations



Heather Hansen

By Heather Hansen  
Legislative Lobbyist

Spring is a time for optimism. Optimism got a big boost with the state revenue forecast in mid-March.

Revenue projections are up \$3.2 billion over expectations for the next four years. The feared shortfall from COVID-19 didn't happen.

General Fund revenues are now projected to be \$56.6 billion for the next two-year state budget cycle, which begins July 1, 2021.

The increase in projected revenues would leave the state with a net surplus of nearly \$3 billion at the end of current biennium on June 30, 2021.

The state Economic and Revenue Forecast Council did acknowledge there are still dark spots. Some sectors of the economy have not recovered and unemployment is still high. But all total, the new 2021-23 budget could be written without deep cuts or new taxes.

In spite of the revenue projections, the Senate passed a capital gains tax that would charge a 7% tax on profits of more than \$250,000 from selling stocks, bonds and other assets, with exemptions for real estate, retirement accounts and timber. The sale of most farmland should be exempt, but confusing language that was added at the last-minute leaves that somewhat questionable. The bill is now in the House of Representatives.

History shows that once a tax has passed, it is usually increased over time and often expanded in scope. Governor Inslee proposed a capital gains tax on profits over \$25,000, so that already signals the willingness to broaden the tax to apply to more people.

Then there is the constitutional question. The Washington State Supreme Court has interpreted the Washington State constitution to prohibit an income tax. The IRS, and every state that has a capital gains tax, considers a capital gains tax to be an income tax. If it passes, there will most likely be an initiative allowing the voters to make the final decision.

While we're on the subject of policies that make it more expensive to live in Washington State, the House passed HB 1091 which would create a low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS). If it passes the Senate, the LCFS could drive the price of gas up by as much as 57 cents a gallon, and diesel as high as 63 cents a gallon, without generating any new revenue for transportation projects. The California Legislative Analyst's Office has recommended the California Legislature amend or eliminate their low-carbon fuel standard because it produces very little air quality benefit.

There are some bright spots in the session. 2SSB 5045 would expand opportunities for meat and poultry processing and inspection. The bill creates a state Meat and Poultry Processing and Marketing Assistance Program. It directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture to work with USDA to negotiate a cooperative agreement to operate a state meat and poultry inspection program. It directs the State Conservation Commission to establish a grant program to provide funding for meat and poultry processing facilities in conservation districts. This creates more opportunities for both producers and consumers.

ESSB 5172 would protect agricultural employers from retroactive claims for overtime pay. It was one of the last bills to pass the Senate before house of origin cutoff. As passed, it provides protection from retroactive overtime claims for all agricultural employers except those involved in the original lawsuit. It provides overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours in a week to dairy employees upon the effective date of the bill. It phases-in overtime pay to all other agricultural employees beginning on January 1, 2022, with the employees receiving overtime for hours worked over 55 hours in a week and ending with those employees receiving overtime for hours worked over 40 hours in a week beginning January 1, 2024. The bill still does not address seasonality, but more changes are expected as the bill moves through the House.

2SSB 5362 which would increase funding for agricultural fairs is still moving. This is the fourth year this bill has been introduced. In past years, budget committee chairs, the State Treasurers office and the Department of Revenue all expressed concerns. This year, it appears the influx of cash from tax revenues and federal stimulus may allow it to pass.

Proposed budgets are expected out soon. The last day of the legislative session is April 25.

# Membership Corner

## Welcome New Members

### GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS

March 2021

	# Joined	Jr. +1
<b>Adna #41</b> .....	3	
Cindy L. Smith, Jim. L. Smith, Casey Lunzman		
<b>Calispel #500</b> .....	1	
Carol Johnson		
<b>Cedar Valley #306</b> .....	2	
Clara A. Grager, Clifford E. McCracken		
<b>Deer Lagoon #846</b> .....	31	
Wayne Flaaten, Kristin Ledgerwood, Maria Hazelo, Timothy Hazelo, Leslee Austin, Anza Muenchow, Vicky McFarlane, Lee Rebman, Maria Cabla, David Adams, Gary R. Wray, Josua Lorac, Linda Pickering, Daniel Lauren Anderson, Lois A Anderson, Erik Rhode, Johina Planque, Aryeh Rhode, Romey Rhode, Blain LeRoy, Clay O'Brien, Anthony Trumbull, Morgan Cooper, Robert Ryan, Jeff Clark, Paula J. Sherwood, Dennis Bohling, Virginia Keck, Nathan Wilkie, Debbie Wilkie, Melody Wilke		
<b>Diamond Lake #506</b> .....	2	
Kayola Miller, Tallin Hanes		
<b>Lummi Island #925</b> .....	1	
Tara Bock		
<b>Marion #276</b> .....	1	
Jessica Pollard		
<b>Oakview #311</b> .....	5	
Dan Grimes, Laurie Grimes, Loren Ackerman, Shelli Ackerman, Cindy Armstrong		
<b>Rose Valley #953</b> .....	4	
Lauren Anderson, Jacob Anderson, Easton Marshall, Boston Doebele		
<b>Salmon Creek #849</b> .....	4	
Jerry Jones, Stuart Ashbury, Austin Slick, Steve Taylor		
<b>Stillaguamish #1058</b> .....	1	
Olivia Hurley		
<b>Stranger Creek #374</b> .....	1	
Tiffany Barrett		
<b>Terrace Heights #586</b> .....	2	
John Schieche, Beverly Schieche		
<b>Waller Road #1111</b> .....	3	
Tracy Schmidt, Austin League, Emilee Loucks		
<b>Whelan-Ewartsville #114</b> .....	2	
Keith Kopf, Heidi Kopf		
	# Joined	Jr. +1
TOTALS .....	63	0

## April Is Grange Month! Cultivating Connections in Our Community

Its Grange Month! And what a fitting theme we have again this year. "Cultivating Connections in Our Community".

Grange Month is the perfect opportunity to talk about the past and present accomplishments of the Grange while also connecting with our communities to better understand their needs.

As we worked through the pandemic this past year, many of you have shown your communities just how important the Grange is. Granges have transformed their halls into testing sites, vaccine sites, mask making sites, food banks, and the lists goes on and on. Through these partnerships with the various communities, we have seen substantial growth in the Grange, and we hope to continue this path of change. For some Granges it has been almost a rebirth of membership and activity. Growth in these Granges have been both exciting and fascinating to watch.

New member reports are coming in almost daily and all new member packets ordered are also going right back out to our brand-new members! They are also receiving their Grange membership cards right away. We are hopeful that gone are the days a new member must wait for months before seeing any correspondence from Grange. The tools are now right there for them to begin their membership, giving them a better overall picture of the Grange and what our organization has to offer.

As of March 31st, you all have brought in 129 new members (first three months of 2021). We are finally getting back to the growth

we saw in the first quarter of 2020 just prior to the pandemic crippling our efforts. Grange and Jr Grange reorganizations are also happening. We currently have three and possibly four Granges that have community interest in getting those Granges going again in their areas.

It is exciting to see growth in some of these communities where there has not been much Grange activity. Now that our state is beginning to open back up, so can our Granges. This will help those of you that do not have community focused projects in your Grange. It is more important than ever to get involved in your communities!

Has your Grange struggled to have enough membership involvement? As we look deeper into why a Grange is struggling, we find that most often these Granges have not actively rotated leadership roles. Doing this gives us fresh new ideas and it gets our membership both active and excited about what is happening around them.

As good stewards of our Granges, it is especially important for us to always be looking for the next leaders of the Grange. We cannot always be the leaders, nor should we. If we hold the same positions in Grange, how can other members grow into leadership positions? We need fresh new faces with fresh new ideas to keep the energy and excitement in our halls. Ask yourself honestly if you have talked to someone close to you (who is not a member) about the Grange. Do your friends even really know what the Grange is? Our history? Our community service?

Remember it is Grange month! What better opportunity to talk about Grange to those around us. I challenge each of you to talk to at least one person this month about Grange. If you bring in a new member because of it, we want to know! Email us at [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) and give us a little brag about what you did and how that impacted those around you.

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to the following Grangers for brining in 3 new members into your Grange. You will each receive the membership t-shirt with our mission statement.**

Tom Berg - Cedar Valley #306  
Alice Coakley - Oakview #311  
Kurt Schmidt - Waller Road #1111  
Barbara O'Donell - Whelan/Ewartsville #114

# Home & Family

## Family Living

### April News From Family Living

By Helen Berg  
Family Living Director

Spring is here (although it doesn't feel like it here yet) which brings thoughts of getting our gardens started. One of the things we talked about on our zoom meeting was how to encourage our neighbors and fellow Grangers to start a garden to grow some of those favorite foods. Last year my husband planted carrots in a raised bed. We had some carrots over 18" long. So yummy. Your WSU county extension office is a great source to find speakers through the Master Gardener program. You can go to the Speakers Bureau to find speakers. This would

make a great lecturer or family living program. Invite the community to attend.

After the garden has produced some may want to know how to preserve that food for those cold winter months. There are Master Preservers who are willing to put on workshops. Those of you on the west side may want to contact Debra Basquez of Fruitland Grange. She is willing to help any way she can. Her phone number is 253-468-1321.

We will not be having a face-to-face convention this year. I am hoping to perhaps have a state contest later in the year along with the lecturer if we can work out the details. We will keep you

posted. With that said, if you can have your Pomona contests safely, please do.

I have been in contact with Dr. Ogden about the eyeglasses. If you wish to mail them to him, you may. His address is PO Box 250, Goldendale WA 98620. Otherwise, I ask that you bring or send to our virtual convention and I will get them to him.

I know some of you have begun to meet in person. I have 1 visit on my docket and hope to add more.

Stay safe.



Helen Berg

## Easter Dip Goodness

(Courtesy of Family Features)



Easter is about coming together with loved ones, enjoying beautiful spring weather and eating your family's favorite foods. These Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip are as eye-catching as they are delicious. Find more Easter recipes at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Easter Bunny Rolls with Spinach Dip

Serves: 24

#### Ingredients:

16 ounces frozen spinach, thawed	1/4 teaspoon chili powder
8 ounces cream cheese	1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced	1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 cup mayonnaise	1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
1/2 teaspoon onion powder	2 crescent roll tubes (8 ounces each)

Heat oven to 375 F. In skillet, over medium heat, cook spinach, cream cheese and garlic 3-4 minutes until cream cheese is melted. Stir in mayonnaise, salt, onion powder, chili powder, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted. Keep skillet on burner over low heat.

Remove dough from tubes. Leaving dough intact, roll and stretch into 18-inch ropes. Cut each rope into 12 pieces for 24 total.

On baking sheet with parchment paper, form bunny head by placing one piece of dough in middle then surrounding it with six more pieces. Use 13 pieces to form round body. Use remaining pieces to form ears on top of head. Scoop hot spinach dip into center. Spoon small portions on each ear. Sprinkle ears and belly with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake 18 minutes, or until crescent dough is golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

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# Convention Info

## State Grange Opts For Business Meeting In June

The State Grange Executive Committee, working within the regulations in the National Grange Digest of Laws and the State Grange Constitution & Bylaws, have changed from an annual state convention with all of its social activities and events to a two-day business meeting. The meeting will be held on June 24-26.

As with last year, attendance will be limited at each location. Delegates, state officers, and deputies will have until June 1 to pre-register. After June 1, additional members may pre-register for available spaces by calling the State Grange Office. There will be an opportunity for those not physically present to observe the session via zoom.

There are two location for this year's business meeting. Those locations include Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend. This was our original site for the convention. The Eastern Washington location will be at the BeeHive Grange Hall, just outside of Wenatchee in Chelan County. The two locations will be connected via zoom. Face coverings (masks) will be required for all attendees and will be available for those without one. Each location will also have an ample supply of hand sanitizer available. Temperature checks will be taken. We are required to practice social distancing. The two locations will

allow us to spread the delegates out.

**Lodging:** While many delegates will be able to commute to the locations, some delegates will be required to stay overnight in the area. If you desire to stay in a hotel or campground, you will need to make your own reservation. There are ample lodging facilities in the Port Townsend area and in the Wenatchee area.

**Business Meeting:** With us at different locations, we will be holding a business meeting only. We will not open in full form. Rather, we will do an abbreviated short form opening and closing. We will not sing, but we will recite the pledge of allegiance. Roll call of officers will be taken. The credentials committee will report as usual. The Master's Address will be presented. The remainder of the business meeting will include the report of session committees and the election and installation of state officers.

**Credentials:** The Credentials Form was included in the Secretary handbook. A revised form will be mailed to each Grange Secretary. The Committee Preference Form is on the back of the credentials form. Your Grange will need to select your delegates and/or alternates. The credentials form must be received back in the State Grange Office no later than June 15. As everyone must

be pre-registered, credentials forms will not be accepted after this date or on-site.

**Session Committees:** The session committees are composed of the delegates and officers. Officers who are not delegates may be appointed to a committee. All committee meetings will be prior to the convention via Zoom meetings between June 1 and 15. Each committee will review the work assigned to them....standing committee reports, resolutions, etc. Convention Committee Preference Forms need to be returned by May 15 to be appointed to a committee.

**Election of Officers:** This is a full election year for our State Grange. There will be election committee members at each location helping to coordinate the process. The committee vice chairs will report vote totals to the committee chair, who will add them together and announce the election results. Our system worked well in 2020. It is imperative that we keep the integrity of our election processes intact.

We hope you will understand and work with us as we continue wading through these uncharted waters. With patience, creativity, and extra effort, we will be able to complete our business and move forward. We certainly hope for a face-to-face convention in 2022!

## State Grange Standing Committees To Meet

The State Grange Standing Committees will meet April 12-15 via Zoom. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

- April 12 – Good of the Order Standing Committee Meeting, 2 p.m.
- April 12 – Health & Health Care Standing Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 13 – Veterans Affairs Standing Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
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- April 15 – Taxation & Transportation Standing Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

The purpose of the standing committees is to review appropriate sections of the State Grange Legislative Handbook and to make additional policy recommendations to the delegates of the Annual Washington State Grange Session.

The log in information is the same for each meeting and is listed below.

### STANDING COMMITTEES ZOOM MEETINGS

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## Resolution Writing Tips

*Resolutions are not hard to write!*

One of the real benefits of membership in the Grange is the opportunity that membership gives to every Grange member to have an effective voice regarding the issues that affect their lives. Each of the National and Washington State Grange policy positions all started as resolutions that were written and adopted by a local Grange.

Even so, some people are still intimidated at the idea of writing a Grange resolution.

As the state Grange is scheduled to hold its annual convention this June, we hope it will help generate greater interest in grass-roots participation

in our Grange legislative program. The postmarked deadline for submission of resolutions from Subordinate and Pomona Granges is May 25.

**Here is a quick and easy overview of writing a resolution:**

**Title of Your Resolution Here** (This should be just a few words and easily summarize what the resolution is about)

**Whereas**, this is where you identify one problem that needs to be addressed or solved; and

**Whereas**, only place one reason or fact that supports your argument in each whereas paragraph; and

**Whereas**, only put facts in the whereas paragraphs that make it

easier for the reader to understand the purpose of your resolution; Therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this is where you clearly state the primary action that you propose to solve the problem you identified in the whereas paragraphs (Resolved should stand alone from the Whereas' as this will be the policy printed in the Legislative Handbook. No information from the Whereas' will be printed in the handbook), and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that any secondary actions to address the problem are placed here.

Be sure to include both the Master and Secretary signatures, Grange seal, contact information and any supporting materials.

## Grange Hall Improvement Contest Entries Due May 15

Each Subordinate Grange is responsible for improving and beautifying its hall and grounds and is urged to give serious thought and action for the upkeep and maintenance of their halls. While the Covid-19 pandemic close down many of our halls, we noticed many Granges spent that time making tremendous improvements. It may have been a remodeling project, new paint, foundation and roof repairs, or any project that would improve the appearance and usability of our halls.

All Granges making hall improvements are encouraged to enter the Grange Hall Improvement Contest.

to these projects. It is relatively simple to participate in this contest. Create a notebook, starting your entry with a summary of your projects in 500 words or less. Then, organize your improvements by project, writing a brief description of each project and document it with pictures (before and after) and news clippings. It is helpful to document the source of funds and details about the volunteers who assisted with the projects (both members and non-members). Improvements presented must have been completed in the past year.

To enter, send the notebook directly

to the Washington State Grange. Entries must be postmarked no later than May 15.

Four top entries will be selected. They will receive an interior wall plaque and cash awards of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, \$200 for third place, and \$100 for fourth place. Each Grange that enters will receive a large metal Grange logo sign.

The contest is sponsored by the Grange Cooperative Group, which is made up of the Washington State Grange News, the Grange Insurance Association, and the Washington State Grange.



## Session Watch 2021

Stay informed about what is happening in the State Legislature. Send us your email at [grange@wa-grange.org](mailto:grange@wa-grange.org) to receive our weekly Session Watch report. You can also find each weeks Session Watch on our website under the Legislative Department page at

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# Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

## Youth

### Grange Youth Activities Continue, Even Without A State Convention

By Jerry Gwin  
State Youth Director

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference will be held August 6-8 in Poise, Idaho. The event will be hosted by the Idaho State Grange and will include this year's regional contests. Registration and housing information will be available by June 1.

The regional contests is public speaking and sign-a-song will be held. In preparation for the regional contest and to select our state participants, we will hold our state contests via zoom in mid-June. Anyone wishing to enter with a prepared speech or Grange commercial in the public speaking contest should notify me by June 1. We will also have a June 1 deadline for individuals and groups in the sign-a-song contest. Rules for both contests can be found on the State Grange website: [www.wa-grange.org](http://www.wa-grange.org)

. Click on the youth department and then program handbook.

Any youth willing to serve as our 2021-2022 Youth Ambassador, Outstanding Young Adult, or Young Couple also need to notify me by June 1. Again, the contest guidelines are on the website. Our state winners are required to attend the regional conference and participate in a special public speaking contest to be eligible to attend the national convention.

All candidates for the National Grange Youth Officer Team must attend the regional conference and participate in the public speaking contest. Applications are due in August.

Nominations for the Youth Service Award, Junior Grange Mentor Award, and Grange Youth Recruiter Award are also due by June 1.

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, you will need to check with your Pomona Grange on the dates and times of your Pomona Contest.

We will again have our youth department raffle this year. Tickets are being printed and will be mailed to each Grange in late April. We ask each Grange to sell the tickets and return the stubs and money in the enclosed envelope. They stubs/money can also be turned in at the State Grange business meeting. The drawing of the winners will be held on July 10. Prizes will be \$400, \$100, \$60, and \$40.

You may email me of your intent to enter our youth contests. My email is [davona1242@outlook.com](mailto:davona1242@outlook.com)



Jerry Gwin

### State Grange Cancels Junior Grange Camps

After a lengthy and serious discussion, the Washington State Grange Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2021 Junior Grange Camping Program. After reading written comments from four and the six camp directors, there was a great deal of concern over social distancing and mask requirements. In addition, several camps expressed concern over the additional number teen counselors and adult staff that would be required to conduct the camp activities and the financial feasibility to operate the camps with the additional staff members.

The Junior Grange Camping Program will be back in 2022, bigger and stronger than ever!

## Juniors

### Let's Explore Spring

By Heather Ferguson  
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

I don't think I have ever been so happy for spring to arrive. Not only are we seeing some restrictions lift but also the cold, dark and dreary weather. Spring, for me, means planning the garden, starting seeds and being outside. Now that I have a couple of trays of seedlings, it is time to wait for the soil and night temperatures to warm up.

For all of our Juniors I imagine spring and the restrictions easing are just as exciting. Being outside, sports and hopefully getting to go back to school and see friends. To celebrate this great season, let's all get outside and discover what is waiting for us out side.

Can you find all of the items on the list? Let's explore spring together. Happy hunting!

#### Springtime Scavenger Hunt

-A yellow flower	-A ladybug	-A spider
-A baby animal	-The sound of a lawn mower	-Someone playing with a ball
-A sprouting plant	-2 different bird songs	-A birds nest
-A bee or butterfly	-A mud puddle	-Moss
-A person riding their bike	-The sun	-Something that reminds you of spring

### WA State Grange To Recognize 2021 Graduates

The Washington State Grange will recognize Grange members who are members of the Class of 2021 in an upcoming issue of The Grange News.

We ask each Grange to submit the names of those who will be graduating in 2021, along with a photo of the graduate. High school graduates will have their

name, Grange, and school listed. College graduates will have their name, Grange, school, and degree received with area of study.

Information can either be mailed to the State Grange Office or may be emailed to [grangenews@wa-grange.org](mailto:grangenews@wa-grange.org) no later than April 20.

### Grange Month Display Contest: "Cultivating Connections In Our Community"



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 IN Our Community".
- 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 May 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 May 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.

### Western Regional Grange Youth And Leaders Conference Scheduled

The 2021 Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference has been scheduled for August 6-8 in Boise, ID. The conference will be hosted by the Idaho State Grange.

With education, fun and fellowship for all ages, the conference will include a weekend of inspiration, education, leadership growth and networking. The Regional Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking Contests, Grange Jeopardy Competition and Regional Drill Team Demonstration will occur during this event.

The conference will be held at a hotel near the Boise airport. Registration and hotel information will be available no later than June 1.



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## Junior Connection

#### Camas Valley Junior Grange

Camas Valley Junior Grangers are collecting aluminum cans. This recycling project helps fund the Junior Grange activities. The Junior Grange has a bake sale scheduled for April 16 at the Springdale Grocery.

#### Green Bluff Junior Grange

Green Bluff Junior Grangers will again head up the "Keep Green Bluff Trash Clean Up" on Tuesday, April 27, starting at 5 pm. Anyone who wants to help meets at the Grange and are given trash bags and directions. All trash is brought the Grange and will be picked up the next day.

#### Humtulpils Junior Grange

Humtulpils Junior Grange met to discuss summer activities. We will be placing flags in the Humtulpils Cemetery for Memorial Day. Three days of day camp are planned for July. We will also participate in the Grays Harbor County Fair in August.

#### The Valley Junior Grange

The Valley Junior Grange has been reorganized with 12 charter members.

# Grange Connection

## Pomona Connection

### GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona will meet on Saturday, May 8 at the Humptulips Grange Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. The agenda includes discussion of the Grange activities and plans for the Pomona Grange contests.

### THURSTON COUNTY POMONA

Thurston County Pomona is sorry to report the passing of 65-year member Luella Huber of Violet Prairie and 50-year member Larry McKissick of Brighton Park. Our most sincere condolences to all family and friends. We met via Zoom in February and we voted to purchase a zoom account. All Thurston County Granges may access this account for FREE! It is our intention to help all our Granges with communication during these trying times. Unfamiliar with Zoom? Need help to figure it out? Contact Pomona Master Mike Fair.

### WHATCOM COUNTY POMONA

Whatcom County Pomona will meet on April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Rome Grange Hall. The meeting will include contests for art/crafts, canning, photos, needlework, sewing, and quilting. Entries will be accepted on April 18, 1-4 p.m. and on April 19, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be no potluck before the meeting, but people are encouraged to come to view the contest entries at 6 p.m. If anyone has plant starts to share, bring them on April 18 or 19.

## Pomona Calendar

**Pomona Grange Secretaries are requested to submit their 2021 list of meeting dates at their earliest convenience. Due to Covid-19, there may be numerous changes in this schedule. Please confirm your dates with the Pomona Grange Master or Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting**

<b>CHELAN</b>	.....none scheduled at this time due to Covid19.
<b>CLALLAM</b>	.....June 13 at Sequim Prairie, 2 p.m.
<b>CLARK</b>	.....April 14 Zoom meeting, 7 p.m..
<b>COLUMBIA</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>COWLITZ/WAHKIAKUM</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>EXCELSIOR</b>	.....May 15 at Greenwood Park, 10:30 a.m.
<b>FERRY</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>GRAYS HARBOR/PACIFIC</b>	.....May 15 at Humptulips, 10 a.m.
<b>ISLAND</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>KING</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>KITSAP</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>KLICKITAT</b>	.....April 13 at Goldendale – Mini Fair. May 8 at Mountain View.
<b>LEWIS</b>	.....May 1 at Lincoln Creek, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
<b>MASON</b>	.....May 15 at Skokomish, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>OKANOGAN</b>	.....April 10 at Okanogan, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
<b>PEND OREILLE</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>PIERCE</b>	.....May 1 at McMillin, 10 a.m.
<b>SKAGIT</b>	.....May 5 at Samish Valley, 7 p.m.
<b>SNAKE RIVER</b>	.....May 15 at Columbia Valley, 10 a.m.
<b>SNOHOMISH</b>	.....to be determined.
<b>SPOKANE</b>	.....May 15 at Five Mile Prairie, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck
<b>THURSTON</b>	.....May 6 at McLane, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
<b>WHATCOM</b>	.....April 20 at Rome at Rome, 7 p.m.
<b>WHITMAN</b>	.....April 17, location to be announced.
<b>YAKIMA</b>	.....to be determined.

## Stranger Creek Grange Announces New Mission Statement



Stranger Creek Grange # 374 is eager to welcome back the public with our new Mission Statement.

**“Building and supporting the community is our primary focus. We do this by promoting friends and neighbors coming together, connecting with each other through shared, meaningful experiences.**

**We are the hands helping our neighbors hands, and the glue that binds the community together.”**

### ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange met on March 16 for the first time since February 2020. It was decided to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. We will plan to have this event again in 2022. Lots of activity is planned for our community park this year. The Palouse to Cascade Trail Coalition, a group consisting of members from many organizations interested in developing the trail, and with our assistance, but their funds, will be providing trail users a portable toilet near our hall for people riding, biking or walking the trail and building a picnic shelter and a tent camping platform at the park. The Grange has been looking to replace the side and back curtains on the stage for quite some time. We have one bid at this time and hope to get at least one more before deciding whether to move forward. We are also trying to get some estimates on putting in one or two outside electrical outlets in front of the hall. The eleven window screens at the hall will be repaired as they have all seen better days. An additional \$2,100 was added to the Ray Scholarship Fund in the last month. Thank you to those who contributed! Total endowment now stands at about \$20,000. There has been an offer to purchase a 20' to 30' decorative windmill to add to the Keppler Memorial Park if we can find volunteers to put the kit together and erect it at the park. The John Wayne Pioneer Wagon and Riders are planning on having their annual ride this year. The date they will be staying overnight in Ralston is Friday, May 29th. The Grange is planning on serving a dinner and having an auction that night. At our May meeting we will have a memorial service in remembrance of deceased members: Roberta Buch, Dan Hille, Tom Braden, and Janet Camp. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.

### CLALLAM COUNTY

Crescent Grange is continuing with Zoom business meetings and happy to report that the number of members participating grows with each month. Grange members have started sorting through the donations for their April Flea Mart. The Grange discussed the possibility of presented the idea of reproducing the 1975 Joyce Cookbook. Copies of the 1975 and the 1960 editions were reviewed.

Sequim Prairie Grange will be hosting a multi-Grange garage sale on April 17 from 9am to 3pm. Several area Granges are planning to participate.

### GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange will host their 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at 11 a.m.

Elma Grange will host an Indoor Garage Sale on April 16-18. A Dress and Clothing Exchange is scheduled for April 10, with a Paint and Sip Activity scheduled for the same night.

Humptulips Grange will meet on April 10 to discuss their Grange scholarship. The number of clients at the Grange Food Bank dropped in April. Leftover boxes of fresh produce were later distributed at the Humptulips Grocery on March 20. We will be hosting the Pomona Grange Meeting on May 8.

## Rome Grange Honors 75-Year Member



Larry Helm Master gives ex-Master Glen Hawley his 75 year pin. Glenn had to escape from his rest home to attend meeting.

Satsop Grange will be starting up their monthly flea market on the first weekend of each month.

### PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange converted their consignment auctions to silent auctions in March. The silent auctions were held on March 10-13 and March 24-27.

### SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange members had a Zoom meeting on March 16. It was decided that our Open House will be on Saturday, April 17, starting at 11 am. “Grow With The Grange” is our theme. Grangers are being helped collecting seeds/plant seedlings by some Green Bluff Growers and church members. Grange members are still collecting fronts of any card which will be sent to St. Jude’s for the patients’ art projects. Anyone can donate. We are hoping to get some scholarship applications by the April 1 deadline. Grange members are putting out the word about how Grange contests will be held this year. We have received one entry already for the National Grange Quilt Block contest. The Grange is rented for a few events coming up in May, June, and July. A Bluegrass Tribute to the Statler Brothers will be presented by The Mt. Dew Boys on May 29 at the Grange if COVID 19 restrictions are lifted. Green Bluff Grange members hope all

had a blessed Easter season and we all look forward to a wonderful summer, hoping to be back to as normal as we remember it.

### STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange met on March 13 for their monthly meeting. A local organization will host Bingo on April 3 in the Grange Hall. On April 10, the monthly meeting at Camas Valley Grange will open with the annual Memorial Service to honor any Grange members or Grange family members that have passed on in 2020. There will be another Bingo night at the Grange Hall on May 1. The May monthly meeting will be postponed a week from May 8 to May 15 so that the community can assist and participate in the annual Springdale Community Yard Sale on May 8. Stay healthy and safe...and remember to support small businesses by shopping local.

### THURSTON COUNTY

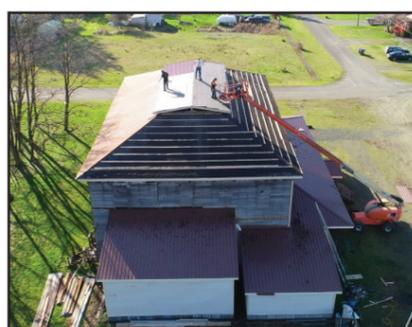
Violet Prairie Grange is sorry to report the passing of 65-year member Luella Huber, she was 98. Luella was a dedicated diehard to the Grange since the age of 14. She was a Pomona member and had belonged to Republic and Prosperity Granges over the years. We will all miss this sweet, wonderful lady and her many stories. Our Grange will be having a rummage sale in June or July. We are accepting donation!

## Five Mile Prairie Grange Raising Funds For New Hall Siding

Five Mile Prairie Grange is running a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for their Grange Hall siding project.



## East Oakville Grange Gets New Roof



East Oakville Grange is nearing completion of their new roof. Grange members found rot in the trusses and had to build new trusses before completing the project.

# National Grange News

## Grange Month Is A Time For Action, Attention

By **Betsy E. Huber**  
Master/President  
National Grange

Welcome to Grange Month 2021! I hope your Grange has at least one special activity planned to gain visibility in your community. As restrictions are loosening, you may be able to have an in-person event, but if not, there are lots of things you can do that don't involve crowds or close contacts.

I hope you have looked at the Grange Month resources provided on the National Grange website, [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org).

nationalgrange.org. These include a proclamation that you can ask your local officials to adopt to recognize 153 years of Grange and the years of work that your local Grange has accomplished in your community. Be sure to notify your local newspapers, or take your own photo and submit it with a brief article—a sample press release is provided on the website.

If you haven't come up with any ideas that you feel your Grange can do, check out the list of suggested activities under Grange Month on the website. Some may take considerable work and planning, but some can be

easily accomplished by a few people with a little forethought. Whatever you do, be sure to promote it—in the news, on Facebook or other social media, or even TV. This is our opportunity to advertise the great things you have been doing to help others during the pandemic.

As people re-order their lives following a year of shutdown, let your Grange be the one activity they search for and find where they can be involved as a family and do meaningful work together.



Betsy E. Huber

## 30 Days, 15 Ways To Honor Our Order During Grange Month

By **Amanda Brozana Rios**  
Communications,  
Membership and Leadership  
Development Director  
National Grange

It's Grange Month, and there is no better time to reflect on how you can enhance your experience, cultivate your connection to the organization and fellow Grangers, and grow the Order for the next generation.

Here are 15 ideas to help you celebrate this month – remember, membership is not just about taking the obligation, but it's also about staying active and engaged.

Take the challenge, and document your journey on social media using the hashtag #grangestory.

1. Wear a Grange apparel item proudly.

2. Tell a fellow Granger or a prospective member about a member benefit they may not know about. Need some ideas? Visit [nationalgrange.org/our-values/benefits-to-members/](http://nationalgrange.org/our-values/benefits-to-members/)

3. Make sure others in your Grange are subscribed to the National Grange's weekly newsletter,

Patrons Chain, or the quarterly magazine, Good Day!

4. Download a Junior Passport and use it as a program at your next meeting or pass it on to a Junior-age child you know

5. Attend a live Cultivating Connections event online on the National Grange YouTube page or Facebook Page

6. Read a Grange history book, an article in Good Day! magazine about some piece of Grange history or share Grange history with someone who may not be aware

7. Virtually visit another Grange – during their meeting or by liking their social media Page or website – to get some ideas for your Grange

8. Write a letter to a former member you know or a member you haven't talked to in a while and reminisce about a great Grange memory

9. Search your hometown for an abandoned flagpole or public space that could use a flagpole and consider getting your Grange involved in a National Grange Lecturer's Flagpole Relocation Initiative

10. Enter a Grange contest and

show off your entry if possible

11. Send a Thank You note to one of your Grange mentors or to someone who you appreciate in your Grange or State Grange

12. Say "I'd be delighted" to a new project or assistance with a new program at your Grange OR provide at least one new idea for your Grange

13. Read the installation charge of your office (if you're an officer) or an office you'd like to hold one day and reflect on the words

14. Make a sign for your office, for your wall or post on social media your favorite quote from the Grange

15. Make a donation (even \$1 helps!) to the Grange Foundation to a fund of your choice! Send checks to Grange Foundation, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

If you're not ready to take the plunge this month, use the checklist another month this year or as a guide throughout the year to celebrate the Grange.



Amanda Brozana Rios

## National Grange Photo Contest Entry Information

### STATEMENT OF INTENT:

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange.

### RULES:

A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.

B. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange21photo> by October 31, 2021.

C. Divisions – there are three divisions:

- Selfie
- Close-up/Macro
- Barns

D. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.

E. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.

F. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.

G. Any entries received after the October 31, 2021 deadline will not be judged.

### PRIZES:

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division:

- 1st - \$50
- 2nd - \$30
- 3rd - \$20





EVERYONE CAN ENTER OUR

## NATIONAL GRANGE 2021 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Get all details at [bit.ly/ng21fotocon](http://bit.ly/ng21fotocon)  
Submit entries at [bit.ly/grange21photo](http://bit.ly/grange21photo)

## Now's a Great Time to Support the Washington State Grange Foundation

### Here's how you can help:

#### Looking for a way to help?

Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

[amazonsmile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile)



#### Do you shop at Amazon?

You can make a difference in 2021. Shop for gifts at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592> to generate donations for the Washington State Grange Foundation (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). You MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website.

#### Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?

Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.



## The Grange Exchange

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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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