



KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

Greetings Grangers,

It's almost springtime when all Nature is bursting into newness of life. The wildflowers are making the woods and the hills glorious with their beauty; orchards are in bloom, and the air is redolent with their perfume; plowing the fields has begun and soon the Sower will go forth to sow .~ Overseer ~ First Degree

UPDATE: If you haven't heard the National Grange Headquarters building has been sold. On February 6, the sale of the headquarters closed. The sale required them to move out of the 11th floor within 30 days and relocate to the 1st and 2nd floors for six months. The materials not needed for daily operations were move to a Grange Hall in Maryland for storage.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

At the Leaders Conference, February 16-18 in Myrtle Beach a new Mission Statement was created. Strengthening individuals, families and communities through service, education, nonpartisan grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness.

Also, at the Conference it was announced that the 159th National Grange Convention will not be in Charlotte, NC as originally planned. It will now be on a Carnival Cruise leaving from Miami on November 8, 2025. Watch for more details coming soon from National Grange.

I enjoyed meeting with several Grangers in Burlington on February 24th for the Membership/Leadership Roundtable meeting and again on March 2nd for the Quilting Day. If you missed the first Roundtable meeting, the second meeting will occur April 27, at the Ozawkie Township Community Building.

The National Grange partnership with Rural Minds has generated several requests for information about any Granges that might be hosting or participating in any rural mental health seminars or having speakers at their meetings. I encourage each Grange to seek ways to be involved with Rural Minds activities. On March 27, National Grange will host a Free Rural Mental Health Resilience Program Launch Webinar at 6:00pm Central. For information and free registration visit www.nationalgrange.org/events or www.ruralminds.org/resilience. Pleasant View Grange will host a watch party for anyone interested at the Ozawkie Township Building with doors open at 5:30.

I'm sure you are making plans for Grange Month activities to promote your Grange in April. National Grange has promotional materials, calendar of events, social media activities and ideas available to download for Grange Month at www.nationalgrange.org/events.

President Hamp has issued this proclamation, RESOLVED, I Christine E. Hamp, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Grange and Grange member in this celebration by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community, that will guarantee the Grange is stronger tomorrow than it is today, and that ensures we always stand Grange Strong!

Happy Spring, Happy Grange Month

Fraternally, Roger

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Grangers,

I hope you all have had a great start to your 2024. I hope you all have had a chance to download your 2024 Reading Bingo and have been able to mark off a few squares! If you haven't downloaded your bingo sheet It is available on the Kansas State Grange website.

With Grange Month upon us, now is a great time to start on your entries for the 153rd State Convention. Contests Include:

- Wreath/Lawn Ornament Contest
- Holiday Treat Contest
- Photo Contest
 - Abandoned Buildings
 - Clouds
 - Monuments
 - State, County, or Community Fair
- Personal Grange Motto Essay

For full rules and guidelines please download the Kansas Lecturer Guide.

In lieu of a talent show this year, the Lecturer's Department will be hosting a Cornhole Tournament throughout session as well as having a game night one night of convention. Look for more details In the Summer 2024 Issue of the Kansas Granger.

Fraternally,
Mandy Bostwick
KSG Lecturer
mandybostwick@gmail.com

April, Come April

All winter long I have waited for April --
April, come April, with rain In your hair!
All through the snowtime, the cold time, the longing
For April's gay springtime has laced my despair.
April, come April, with rain In your hair.

All winter long I have waited for singing--
April, come April, with birds everywhere.
Robins and redbirds and killdeer come calling;
Blackbirds and frog song enchanting the air
Of April, come April, with wind In your hair.

All through the winter, I waited for planting--
April, come April, with seeds to be sown!
Snowdrifts were blanketing all of the garden
But I knew that tulips were down there below.
April, come April, with seeds to be sown.

All through the winter I waited for laughter--
April, come April, with April Fool's Day!
Whimsy and chuckles, merriment falling
Into the lap of a gay holiday.
Thank you, dear April, for coming our way.

Ruth Leslie Thompson
Fairplain Grange #1719

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Program Guide](#)

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[Junior Bingo
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FROM THE STATE SECRETARY



The Journal of Proceedings for the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange is now available as a "pdf" file. If you haven't received it by email from me and would like a copy, please send an email to me so I can forward a copy to you. Each Grange will receive a printed copy of the journal, and they will be available at the upcoming I.D.E.A.S. meetings.

I also have a digital pdf copy of the 1940 Grange cookbook, please send me a request for that and I will email it to you.

Thanks again to Jamie Klenklen, past State Secretary for all her help and for organizing the Journal this year.

State Grange dues/membership reports are now due, if your Grange has not sent them in yet, please do so **now!**

Also, please don't forget that State Grange scholarships are due April 15. They can be emailed or mailed to me, postmarked by **April 15**

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*153rd Annual
 Kansas State Grange
 Convention*

GARDNER

September 27-29

Gardner, Kansas



HAMPTON INN

GARDNER CONFERENCE CENTER

151 S. CEDAR NILES RD.
 GARDNER, KANSAS, 66030

(913) 856-2100

RESERVE YOUR ROOM:

[HTTPS://GROUP.HAMPTONINN.COM/CY40V2](https://group.hamptoninn.com/cy40v2)

ROOM RATE: \$129 PLUS TAXES

GROUP NAME: KANSAS STATE GRANGE

(FOR ROOMS ON THURSDAY NIGHT PLEASE CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY)

YOUTH YAMMERINGS

Greeting Grangers!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well! There are just a few things to report on as we go into the Spring quarter of our Grange year. It was good to see several youth attending the membership meeting in February and the Quilt Work Day in early March. I encourage youth and young adult members to continue to be active in these state-wide events as well as their local Granges!

Oklahoma will host the Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference this year in Claremore, OK. The dates are July 12-14. Registration Forms and additional information regarding the conference can be found at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/regional-conferences/great-plains-regional-conference/>. The registration form is also included in this issue. As a reminder, the regional conferences are designed for the whole family to be able to attend! I hope several Kansas Grangers can attend. Registration is due on June 1st! If there are Youth/Young Adult members, needing assistance with registration fees, please contact Molly Newman for an opportunity to receive per diem.

National Grange Youth/Young Adult Ages have recently changed. Please note that the following changes will take a rolling effect over the next 2 years. Grange Youth: Age 14-20, Grange Young Adult; Age 21-30 (Present-Nov 2025); Age 21-25 (Starting November 2025). For those interested in applying to participate in the National Youth Officer Team, you must be between the ages of 14 to 30. For those interested in applying to be National Youth Leadership Team (Ambassador, Young Patron/Couple), you must be between the ages of 16 to 26.

Kansas will maintain the age ranges for Youth to be 14-21 and Young Adults to be 22-35. For those interested in applying to serve as the Kansas State Grange Youth Ambassador or Young Patron(s), please submit applications by **July 1st**. An application is posted on our website under "Documents". Winners will be notified by August 1st and announced officially at State Session. Those chosen to represent Kansas will have the opportunity to apply for the National Youth Leadership Team (if you meet National age requirements) and attend the 158th National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. Applications are due to the National director by **September 1st**.

Finally, I am excited to announce our latest fundraiser! I had been asked by several members if we could bring back a Kansas State Grange shirt design from the 90s circa around the Delaware River Valley Festival era. We were able to bring back a similar design as well as an updated design to offer to Kansas State Grangers! Check out more information about the fundraiser on the next page!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15	Brey Scholarship Applications Due
June 1	Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference Registration Due
July 1	KSG Youth/Young Patron and Young Couple Application Due
July 12-14	Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference in Claremore, OK
Sept. 27-29	Kansas State Grange 153rd Annual Convention in Gardner, KS
Nov. 12-16	National Grange 158th Annual Convention in Bettendorf, IA

Thank you as always for your continued support of Kansas State Grange Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,
Molly Newman
Kansas State Grange Youth & Young Adults Director





YOUTH YAMMERINGS (CONTINUED)

KANSAS STATE GRANGE

APPAREL

ORDERS DUE APRIL 15

Purchases support the Kansas State Grange Youth & Young Adults to attend Regional or National events.



Kansas State Grange Youth & Young Adults are happy to announce the Kansas State Grange Apparel Store! There are several styles and colors of shirts to choose from and each shirt comes in two designs! We also added hats to our apparel items. There are several types of hats to choose from as well which feature two embroidered designs or a leather patch emblem! The leather patch is a great option for ANY Granger state or nation-wide!

Orders are due by April 15th. There is an option to ship or pick up. These will be available to pick up at the April 27th Roundtable Meeting hosted by Pleasant View Grange #1459 in Ozawkie.

To shop our KSG Apparel Store please visit: <https://houkdesigns.chippily.com/KSgrange/>

Thank you to Shelby with [Houk Designs](#) for working with us and making our vision a reality!

Applications available now!

BREYMEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE APRIL 15

P-H GRANGE

IN MEMORIAM



Eldon Rothwell

July 26, 1947 - December 30, 2023

Gardner #68



Don Whitten

January 8, 1932 - February 1, 2024

Grove Harvest #2004/ Carbondale #754



Stacy L. Branscum

May 9, 1979 - February 3, 2024

Bayneville #1810

Past State Lady Assistant Steward

"...and when we are called to lay down our implements on earth. May we enter the Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and receive that welcome plaudit: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over 300 food tray postcard kits for the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital were distributed in February to Pleasant View, Gardner, Morning, and Otter Creek Granges to complete. Pictured below are those completed for Easter by Melanie Bostwick, Pleasant View Grange.

Also distributed were over 100 cards kits and adult and childrens coloring sheets to include in boxes of cards to service persons abroad. Thank you, GRANGERS, for continually supporting the KS State Grange C.A.R.D.S. Project (Caring About ouR Deployed Servicepersons)

Randee Farmer
 Kansas State Grange
 Community Service Director



QUILTS OF VALOR

We are pleased to report that we have 4 quilt tops in process of being quilted currently, with more being worked up. We also have 2 official nominations as of now with more being talked about.

**** Upcoming deadlines ****

Send quilt blocks to:

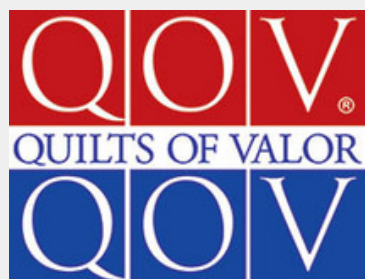
Please complete block(s) and/or toppers to be made into QOV quilts and send /deliver to Lois Barber or Randee Farmer by June 1 in order to get quilted.

2024 Nomination Form: Due by July 4 to Randee Farmer or Lois Barber. Forms can be found on the Kansas State Grange Website
<https://www.ks-grange.org/quilts-of-valor>

Randee Farmer, 1210 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010 farmermd13@cox.net
 (316-644-1871)

or

Lois Barber, 31807 W 168th Ct, Gardner KS 66030 lois.barber@yahoo.com (913-522-7452)



GRANGE UPDATES

PLEASANT VIEW #1459

Pleasant View combined President's Day and Valentine's with a trivia "contest" at their February meeting. It was everyone trying to beat Susan Kramer (which we didn't). In March, our community service chair Melanie Bostwick gave the program on some new project ideas. Members immediately adopted two of the ideas to work on this year. The bad weather in January caused us to miss that meeting.

We had several members attend, and a few members complete quilt blocks at the quilting day in Burlington in March. The National Grange-sponsored Zoom meetings called "Lessons of the Degrees" was a hit with members. High Priest of Demeter and Pleasant View member Roger Bostwick is the presenter for this program. The first one (First Degree) is available on the National Grange YouTube channel if you missed it.

Pleasant View is looking forward to hosting the I.D.E.A.S. membership meeting on April 27th in Ozawkie. We hope you can join us. More information appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

Roger Bostwick and Audrey Trowbridge recently attended the WIBW Farm Profit Seminar in Hoyt in early March, as Grange representatives. Audrey is working towards being a presenter on rural mental health issues. The National Grange has a partnership with Rural Minds to provide educational seminars to rural Americans about mental health issues. Rural Minds and National Grange will be presenting "Rural Mental Health Resilience Program Launch Webinar" on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. Pleasant View will be hosting a watch party at the Ozawkie Township Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Two Pleasant View members are currently serving on National Grange teams recently appointed by National President Chris Hamp. Molly Newman is on the Junior Grange Team, which does the planning and directing of the Junior Grange program. Julie Durand is on the Grange Hall of Fame Team, which works to induct new members to the National Grange Hall of Fame.

Julie Durand
Secretary



Flag Presentation at March Meeting

GRANGE UPDATES

BAYNEVILLE GRANGE #1810

Two members attended the State Roundtable and seven members attended the State Quilt Day, both held recently in Burlington.

Two new members of Bayneville come to us by demit from Neosho Valley Grange – Betty Reynolds and Jo Ann Raaf. We welcome you!

Our beloved Stacy Tennissen Branscum, age 44, lost her battle with cancer February 3. Stacy was not only a Grange member but family to many of us at Bayneville. She was past Lady Assistant Steward of the KSG. She is survived by her husband Tim, son Bodee, and daughter Brooke of the home in Arkansas and her father Richard Tennissen, Augusta, and numerous family and friends.

Member Tyler Hook completed 100 St. Patrick food tray cards for the Robert Dole VA Hospital.

144 dictionaries were delivered to the four elementary Augusta School district schools 3rd graders in March. This was our 10th year to provide this donation.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior members on their recent achievements in Scouting. Landon Funk received the Order of the Arrow and crossed over the bridge to become an official Boy Scout. Jace Funk (Wolf) and Langston Farmer (Lion) received awards at the recent recognition ceremony.



Top L-R: Stacy Branscum, Tyler Hook making cards, Augusta Third Graders with dictionaries, Bottom: L-R: Landon Funk receiving Order of the Arrow, Jace Funk receiving award, Langston Farmer receiving award



GRANGE UPDATES

GARDNER GRANGE #68

In January we hosted a Barn Quilt painting event and 16 ladies made a 2' x 2' wood barn quilt in colors of their choice. We had a great time and hope to do it again next year, if you're interested contact Lois or Alice.

Gardner Grangers are making plans for the upcoming Gardner Farmers Market season. It will start on Thursday, May 23 and end September 5, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be 2 dates that there will not be a market, July 4, and August 1. We sell hamburgers to raise money for our Grange scholarship, so please come visit us.

We also continue to volunteer at the Joy Closet, several members volunteer frequently, but as a Grange we volunteer together when there is a 5th Saturday of the Month, from 10 am - 2 pm. Here we are volunteering last December 30. We were saddened to lose two of our members over the last 3 months, Eldon Rothwell, 34 year member; and William Voights Jr., 53 year member.

Lois Barber
Gardner Grange Secretary



Photo on Left:
Melissa Anderson on
right, with her mother
Loveda Burnet

Photo on Right
Grangers at Joy Closet
L-R, Doug Finnicum, Sandy
Finnicum, Alex Barber, Max
Barber, Audrey Barber,
Jim Barber, Lois Barber

FLINT HILLS POMONA

Flint Hills Pomona Grange will again host a state quilt day on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Public Library In Burlington. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. More details later!

Flint Hills Pomona Grange will host a Degree Day In 2024! Date and location to be advised.

STATE QUILT DAY



With almost 30 people in attendance from 4 different local Granges, not only did this group accomplish several quilt blocks, a birthday was celebrated and two of our Granges in Kansas were presented with their 2023 Grange in Action certificates by President Roger Bostwick! Congratulations Bayneville Grange and Gardner Grange!



Thanks to Flint Hills Pomona for hosting such a fun event!



Grange Month 2024 Grange Spirit Week

April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
#GrangeStrong Day	Rooted Day Show off your Grange's roots in the Community	Resilient Day Show how your Grange has helped overcome obstacles	United Day Show how your Grange unites members & your communities	Grange Shirt Day	Grange Project Day	Grange Future Day Share what you hope your Grange looks like in the future!

Share on Social Media with #grangemonth24 and #grangestrong

WELCOME, ELEANOR MARIE!



Mandee and Jacob Shaver are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Marie, born on March 7th. Grandmother is Kristee Strawder and Great Grandmother is Laverne Smith.



KANSAS STATE GRANGE

I.D.E.A.S MEETING

JOIN US

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH | 10AM-2PM



WWW.KS-GRANGE.ORG

- Interactive Discussion
- Decision Making
- Exchanging Ideas
- Advancing Engagement
- Strategic Workshops

April 27th | 10am-2pm
Ozawkie Township Building
524 Kiowa Dr
Ozawkie, KS 66070

Pleasant View Grange will provide sloppy joes, please bring a side or dessert to share.

As a community service project PVG is asking attendees to bring a gently used book for their Little Free Library.

**2024 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

July 12-14, 2024

Claremore Conference Center

Holiday Inn Express

1400 Country Club Road

Claremore, Ok 74017

918-283-4877

Room Rates \$92.00 Double or King

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Member type: Subordinate Member _____ Youth (age 14-35) _____ Junior Member _____ 5 & Under age _____

Address _____

Email address (if applicable) _____

Grange State & Grange Name Number: _____

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions/food allergies we should be aware of?

MEALS:

Continental Breakfast included with stay.

Friday Evening: Build your own Sandwich & Get acquainted beginning at 5:30

Saturday Lunch & Dinner will be served.

REGISTRATION:

Registration forms and fees need to be to Billy Shufeldt by **June 1st, 2024**

\$50.00 ADULTS & YOUTH

\$25.00 JUNIORS

5 & UNDER FREE

There will be a basket weaving class Saturday afternoon.

Each State is asked to prepare and present a 30 -45-minute workshop of their choosing.

Event schedule TBA.

The community service project is donations of items or money to the local women's shelter SafeNet Services Inc.

Laundry Detergent and personal Items etc.

Please send money and Registration form to:

Billy Shufeldt (918)842-0242

6399 NS 413 RD

S Coffeyville, OK 74072

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Kickoff to Grange Month 8:30 p.m. eastern Live on Facebook & YouTube (not Zoom)	2	3	4	5 Fellowship First Friday 8:30 p.m. eastern	6
7	8	9	10 Long Term Care and Estate Planning sponsored by 1-in-1000 Club 8:30 p.m. eastern	11	12	13
14 #GrangeStrong Day	15 "Rooted" Day	16 "Resilient" Day	17 "United" Day Membership Matters 8:30 p.m. eastern	18 Grange Shirt Day	19 Grange Project Day	20 Grange Future Day
21	22 Grange Spirit Week	23	24	25	26	27
28 What's Next? with Philip Vonada 8:30 p.m. eastern	29	30 Lecture's Forum with Tom Gwin 8:30 p.m. eastern				

Event dates/times subject to change -
check out the National Grange Facebook
or nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023
for updates

use link: bit.ly/grangemonthzoom

#GrangeStory
#grangemonth24



APRIL 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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1: KICKOFF TO GRANGE MONTH 8:30 P.M.
Watch on the National Grange Facebook page
Join National Grange President Christine Hamp and other Grange leaders for this fun night, kicking off Grange Month!

5: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday
Join us for this fun monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and the chance to connect with Grange members from coast to coast! Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.
April topic: #GrangeStrong! This month's First Friday will highlight the importance of physical fitness - and recipes incorporating **spinach**.

10: LONG-TERM CARE & ESTATE PLANNING 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/GrangeMonthZoom
Sponsored by the 1-in-1000 Club
This Zoom, led by an elder care lawyer, will lay out some of the best practices for planning for long-term care and handling your estate.

14-20: GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK
Join in on social media, sharing each day's topic. Highlight the work *and fun* of the Grange!

17: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/matters
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.

23: LECTURER'S FORUM 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/LecturerForum
Join National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin to learn about what's happening in the National Lecturer's Department - from contests to programming, and more!
Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org

28: "WHAT'S NEXT?" 8:30 P.M.
Connect: grange.biz/GrangeMonthZoom
Led by Communications Director Philip Vonada, this webinar will ask the question - "where do we go from here?" when it comes to building enthusiasm and participation across the country.



JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:
AG AWARENESS
YOUTH FOCUS AREA:
ACTION



ABOUT THE GRANGE

The Grange was founded in 1867 and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization that advocates for Rural America and Agriculture. With a strong history in grassroots activism, family values, and community service, the Grange is part of more than 2,100 hometowns across the United States.

The Grange was the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 50 years before Congress adopted the same. Our passionate style of grassroots vigor has ensured that the average citizen is fully represented in public policy dialogue for nearly 150 years.

Family and community are the foundations of the Grange. Family values are promoted, taught, and woven into Grange activities and events. We are proud to have generations come together to learn from one another and build a stronger America, one community at a time.

2024 KANSAS GRANGER DEADLINES

QUARTER 2 - JUNE 15, 2024

**QUARTER 3 - AUGUST 30, 2024
(PRE-CONVENTION)**

QUARTER 4 - DECEMBER 15, 2024

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