



# KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



## A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

April is Grange Month, which is an excellent opportunity to promote your Grange with an open house. It can be as simple or elaborate as you would like, a formal program, or just a coffee/donut “drop in and hang out” fellowship time.

Whatever works best in your community is what should be done. On April 1st, Gardner Grange celebrated its 150th birthday with an open house, what a fitting way to kick off Grange month. Congratulations Gardner on 150 years of service. Also celebrating 150 years in 2023 will be Morning and Cadmus Granges.

The spring of the year always brings with it new beginnings. Plant life emerges from winter dormancy, birds returning to our area from warmer climates fill the skies as we put out our feeders to welcome them. With the renewals in Nature, we also sense a renewal in our thoughts and outlooks. The desire to get things accomplished outside returns and we start projects which have been in the planning stages over the winter months. Historically, the spring of the year has been a time of renewed activity in the Grange.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

National President, Betsy, recently said in a Grange Month kickoff letter, "When we chose "Raised Right Here" as our 2022-2023 theme, we hoped Granges would find ways to embrace and empower efforts being made in sustainability and resiliency in their hometowns and by the people who live there. And Granges came through!

This year, I hope Granges continue to use this theme to take pride in being "Raised Right Here." For over 150 years, the Grange has been a force for small-town and rural America, finding ways to build communities both inside and outside of our Grange Halls.

It's important for us to remember that the Grange isn't just a building but is comprised of the people who gather together to work, socialize, advocate, and improve their communities. Let's use Grange Month to continue our efforts by being visible out in our communities.

Our longstanding tradition and purpose is to make our community and world better places to be, but we are not in this alone. Wherever you look, there are organizations, people, restaurants, stores, schools, farms, and other agricultural institutions that are making your communities and hometowns better and stronger, too. During Grange Month, invite them to be a part of your meetings or your programming, as a partner or as an honoree."

Recently there was a quilting workshop held at the library in Burlington. Many Grangers enjoyed a good day of sewing and fellowship. Also, at that time, we welcomed Flint Hills Pomona to the Order. I was honored to officially present them with their charter that was presented at National Session in November. We look forward to hearing about their activities.

Have fun in your Grange Month celebrations and while enjoying the warmer weather, remember the lessons from the first degree. "As the grass awakens to life again at the call of Spring, does not each tiny spear, as it shoots from the ground, preach to you of the resurrection and immortality."

Fraternally,

*Roger*



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# PROCLAMATION

GRANGE MONTH 2023



WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, for 155 years The Grange has played an essential and lasting role in building rural and small-town America and ensuring its resiliency through advocacy and direct service; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active, empowering, and effective organization in thousands of communities around the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has a unique position in connecting rural America to urban America through agricultural appreciation and education and by creating strong community leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, even through a worldwide pandemic, The Grange continued to promote service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and residents across rural America; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is proud to be "Raised Right Here," and encourages Grange and community members to come together in celebrating hometown pride and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere desire and deserve to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly-respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Grange Month, and further, I encourage the participation of every Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

PRESIDENT  
National Grange

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# NATIONAL GRANGE



## GRANGE MONTH 2023

Brothers and Sisters,

Grange Month 2023 is here, and I am looking forward to seeing how each Grange around the country uses this month to celebrate their members and the communities in which they work.

When we chose "Raised Right Here" as our 2022-2023 theme, we hoped Granges would find ways to embrace and empower efforts being made in sustainability and resiliency in their hometowns and by the people who live there. And Granges came through!

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Together, we celebrate our 156th year of service as the nation's oldest agricultural advocacy and rural service fraternity, and what an honor it is to be a part of it. I encourage you to share your Grange stories, your "Raised Right Here" successes and more on social media, in person or wherever you can.

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber  
National Grange President

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## FROM YOUR STATE SECRETARY

Dear Grangers,

Just a reminder that the State Grange Scholarship deadline is **April 15th**. Let me know if you have any questions or need the application.

The 2022 Kansas State Grange Journal is done and available on the website. If you see any errors, please let me know. I'd like to correct it before it is printed. If you want a printed copy of the Journal, please let me know by May 1st. I want to order an appropriate number of Journals due to increased printing costs. I will order a printed copy for every State Officer.

The Kansas State Grange Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, May 13 at the United Methodist Church in Ozawkie at 9 a.m. We plan to meet following the 150th State Grange Celebration in Lawrence on July 29th. Our third meeting is planned on August 27th at the Gardner Grange Hall in Gardner at 1 p.m. "Thank you!" to the Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 for hosting us in Burlington for our last meeting. The Quilt Day was a fun get-together.

A former Grange member passed away, Stanley Little, 87, of Rossville, Kansas. He passed away on March 10, 2023. Stan was born on January 18, 1936 in Harrison County, Missouri. In 1956, Stan moved to Silver Lake, Kansas, and later married his wife of 67 years, Dixie Preston. Together they had three children. Stan was a founding member of Grove Harvest Grange #2004. Stan and Dixie were Young Couple of the Year in 1964 and were the National Grange Runner-up. Stan served on the Kansas State Grange Executive Committee from 1993 – 1996. Their son, Randal Little was Jr. Prince in 1972. Their daughter, Beverlee Little was Jr. Princess in 1978. Funeral services were held on March 14 at the Silver Lake United Methodist Church with burial at Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Sympathy cards may be mailed to

Dixie Little  
622 Griswold Ct.  
Rossville, KS 66533.

Upcoming events:

April 15, 2023 – Grange Scholarship deadline  
May 1, 2023 – Printed Journal 2022 deadline  
June 9, 10 & 11, 2023 – Great Plains Conference in Texas  
July 18 – 23, 2023 – Grange Revival, Curtis, Michigan  
July 29, 2023 – 150th State Grange Celebration in Lawrence  
August 15, 2023 – Nominations due for State Grange awards  
September 1, 2023 – All National Grange contest entries are due  
September 7, 8 & 9, 2023 – Morning Grange Pup Stand, Olathe  
September 29, 30 & October 1 – State Grange Convention in Gardner  
November 14 – 18, 2023 – National Grange 157th Convention, Niagara Falls -- Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St, Niagara Falls, New York.

Jamie Klenklen,  
Kansa State Grange Secretary

# YOUTH YAMMERINGS

Greetings Grangers!

There's not a lot to report as many youth members continue to be active in their home Granges. I wanted to take a moment to remind youth of a few upcoming events and deadlines.

## BREY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Scholarship are due to the State Secretary, Jamie Klenklen, on **April 15th**. You can find an application under "Documents" on the Kansas State Grange Website.



## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference June 9-11, 2023 in Kerrville, Texas. This will be held at the Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center. Room Rates are \$119.00 for single and double rooms (you will need to make your own reservations) Conference registration \$140.00 per attendee. Please complete one registration form per attendee. Submit the registration form with payment to, Bonnie Billquist. Email: [jbbillquist@yahoo.com](mailto:jbbillquist@yahoo.com) | Mailing Address: 311 FM 474, Boerne, TX 78006. The registration form, schedule, and any updates to the event are located at: <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/regional-conferences/great-plains-regional-conference/>. The registration form can also be located later in this newsletter. Also, be sure to follow Great Plains Regional Grange Conference on Facebook for the most up-to-date information! Remember, this conference is for ALL Grange members! There is something for everyone! Registration for the event is due by **April 20th**.



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth and Young Adults interested in applying for the National Ambassador/Young Patron or National Youth Officer team are required to attend a regional conference and participate in the public speaking contest. 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 and attend the 157th National Grange Convention in Niagra Falls, New York. Applications are due to the National director by **September 1st**.



We are planning a few fundraisers for this fall and for State Convention so please keep an eye out for that information to come! 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



*Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center  
Kerrville, TX  
Location of 2023 Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference*

**Kansas State Grange  
Ambassador/Young Patron  
Application**  
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## LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Greetings Grangers,

I am excited about the new State Lecturer Programs for this year. I am bringing back the reading contest but with a fun new twist - Bingo! Challenge yourself to read a variety of books this year. For those of you who are avid readers, you can use books that you have read starting January 1. I have created a bingo card for Juniors as well! For full details or to download a bingo card, click the links below. Happy Reading!

I also have collaborated with the Youth Department to create the Wreath/Lawn Ornament Contest and Silent Auction. Create a wreath or lawn ornament that will be silent auctioned off as a fundraiser for the youth and lecturer departments. This is to show off your skills while also supporting two departments in their annual fundraisers.

The last of my new program additions is the Personal Grange Motto Essay contest. Members are asked to choose what Grange phrase from the manual resonates the most with them and explain how they connect with it and how it is used in daily life.

I am always looking for new ideas to help promote the literacy and educational programs of the Grange. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out. For full State and National Lecturer Programs, please click the links below.

Mandy Bostwick  
 Kansas State Grange Lecturer  
 mandybostwick@gmail.com

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Greetings, Grangers!

Spring brings us new excitement, new enthusiasm, new opportunities for purpose. I hope you and your Grange are using this Springtime to grow your community service projects.

April brings us Grange Month. Use this great opportunity to boost up your current members with exciting and fun ideas, attract others with contagious enthusiasm, and share and display within your community the grassroots actions, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness actioned by the Grange. We have a story to tell. We can and do make a difference.

And finally, this year we are celebrating 150 years of Grange in Kansas. Please plan to attend the various scheduled activities being planned. Let's be joyful and celebrate us!

Best wishes,  
Randee Farmer  
KS State Grange Community Service Director  
1210 State Street  
Augusta, KS 67010  
316-644-1871 | farmermd13@cox.net



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

HAPPY SPRING GRANGERS!

I pray that everyone is doing well and survived the winter weather. We only had 1 day that the weather was bad enough for the school to have a late start. No snow days here.

I am now working full time at Wal-Mart and really enjoying it. Have met a lot of really nice people and made friends with co-workers and customers. Marysville is a small community and very laid back. Reminds me of growing up in Olathe (back in the day). Ha Ha!

As most of you know that there are a few celebrations for Kansas 150th . Gardner Grange is having an Open House on April 1st and then there is the celebration in Lawrence on July 29th. It will be so nice to be able to visit with everyone again.

On a sadder note – I need to inform everyone that Grace Moody passed away on January 25th. I have sent cards to the family members and a plant was given from the State Grange. Grace was a member of Gardner Grange. She will be truly missed by all,

If there is any other Grange members of family member that have that I should be aware of, please email me at sdthomas81756@yahoo.com.

Or you can send me a text at 785-713-0254.

Sheri Dingus  
Kansas State Chaplain



# HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

Save the Date - Saturday, July 29th, 12:00 p.m. at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, a lunch, short program and displays honoring the 150th anniversary of the Grange in Kansas. The first session of the Kansas State Grange was held July 30-August 1, 1873, at Liberty Hall and was the organizational session of the order. Come and join us, 150 years later on the same soil, to remember and reflect. Lunch reservations are \$10 per person and more information will be mailed out next month.

Three subordinate Granges had organized before the State Grange became official (the state is made up of subordinate Granges). They are Gardner Grange #68, which celebrated its 150th anniversary on April 1st. Morning Grange #227 will celebrate on June 17th. Cadmus Grange #350 will celebrate on July 22nd. Please look for further information from Morning and Cadmus.

150 years ago...

The Kansas Farmer and Spirit of Kansas newspapers, as well as local newspapers, were encouraging farmers to join together against high freight rates from railroads and high taxes, as well as joining to "have a voice" against monopolies. A farmers convention was held in Topeka on March 26, 1873. Not for one organization, but for all farmers. They were encouraged to join a farming organization and issued a "Cause of Action" at this meeting. Very similar to resolutions and policy statements we vote on today. The "Cause of Action" was anti-monopolistic, against high rates on shipping via railroad and against mortgage taxation. The Grange at that time was the largest farmers group in Kansas. It stood for all the things in their Cause, plus included cooperative buying. Farmers by the thousands wanted to join. Although the Grange itself is non-political, the Independent Reform (later called the Greenback) party in Kansas that came about soon after this convention was made up almost entirely of Grange members. Some newspapers called them the Granger party. This group elected representatives to the Kansas House and Senate but was always short on electing a governor from their party. This group later became the "People's Party" or Populists, until their platform was incorporated into Democratic and Republican platforms and Populism faded away.

Julie Durand  
Historian



# GRANGE UPDATES

## GARDNER GRANGE #68



Gardner Grange is excited for our 150th anniversary celebration to be held on April 1, 2023, 2 pm - 4:30 pm at the Gardner Grange Hall on the fairgrounds. There will be refreshments served including cake, cookies, and punch. We will have door prizes and gifts for attendees. There will also be a Quilt Raffle with the drawing to be held at the end of the celebration. The charter for Gardner Grange was signed on March 31, 1873. Gardner Grange has had continuous service to the Gardner community for 150 years. The highlights of our Community Service have been: Grange Store-late 1800s, started Teen Town-1955, organized Gardner Rural Fire Dept-early 1950s, held a benefit show to fight polio-1956, fed people at Wolf Drives, Farm sales & Jo Co Fair, built roadside Park west of town on US 56 (now Junction Park), held Tractor Pulls at fairgrounds to fund the building of our Grange Hall, candy & peanut brittle sales, started a library at Meadowbrook Hospital, and most recently sponsors the Gardner Farmers Market. We hope that you can attend our celebration. Any questions or comments send them to [Gardnergrange@gmail.com](mailto:Gardnergrange@gmail.com)

**Quilt Raffle:** Gardner Grange is selling tickets for a lap or wall Quilt size 47 x 58, made of beautiful Kaffe Fassett fabrics, sewn and quilted by Lois Barber. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the end of the 150th Anniversary Celebration on April 1. Proceeds to Gardner Grange for a new cement step that needs to be replaced.

Lois Barber,  
Secretary, Gardner Grange

*Editor's Note: Newsletter published after Gardner's event. See the next page for pictures from the event.*



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Brochures include information on benefits and responsibilities of membership, Degrees and Symbols, and more!

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*Some jewelry is now on clearance!*

Prices vary

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# GARDNER GRANGE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION





# GRANGE UPDATES

## PLEASANT VIEW GRANGE

Pleasant View Grangers recognized their members who received awards at the national convention at their January meeting. Kimber Newman and Ellen Durand each received ribbons for their Junior Grange entries at National. Kimber received more than one best-of-show award. Molly Newman received a National Grange Connector award, which was presented to her by Roger Bostwick since she could not attend the national convention this year.

Our Grange sent out Valentine's Day cards and gifts this year again to older members who may not get out as much as they'd like to. They've been well-received and are a pick-me-up during a dreary time of year. Another service project we worked on this winter are Project Linus blankets.

Several of our members attended the quilting workday in Burlington on March 4th. We turned our March meeting into an extension of this quilting day, and several completed their quilt blocks at this meeting. We would encourage other Granges to try a "work day" type of meeting, be it with quilting or something else. It's a great way to work on projects and socialize with other members at the same time.

We were saddened to hear of Kenny Kramer's passing on April 1, 2023. Kenny attended State Grange as a young adult, mostly in the 1970s, and stayed active on the county level until his retirement as a member of Plum Grove, and then Pleasant View Grange. He recently wrote a poem for the Kansas State Grange's 150th session in 2021 that was shared as part of the memorial program.

Julie Durand  
Secretary



*Pleasant View Members during the March meeting*



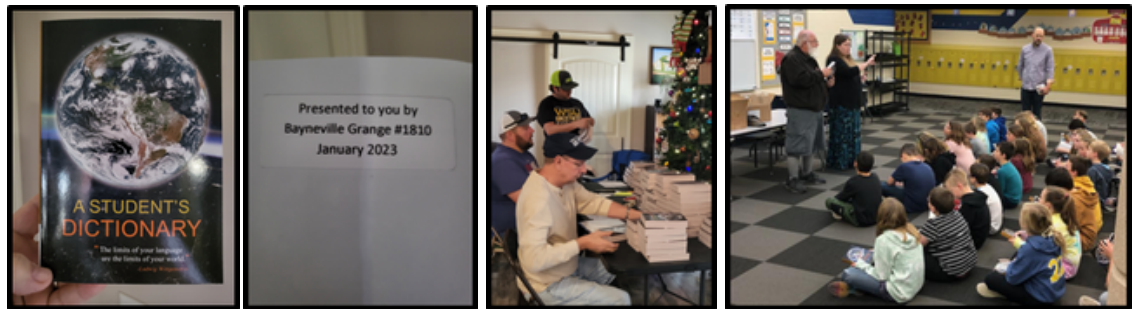
*Roger Bostwick presents Molly Newman with her National Grange Connector Award at the January meeting*

# GRANGE UPDATES

## BAYNEVILLE GRANGE #1810

We have been continually busy with projects since the beginning of 2023. In addition to the projects listed below, members participated in the State Grange Quilting Day on March 4 to make blocks for the National Grange Quilt Block Contest and Quilts of Valor. They have also planned a St. Patrick's Irish Stew Dinner to be held in Augusta on March 17 as a benefit for the new Veterans Monument Memorial.

160 dictionaries were purchased and donated/delivered to 4 Augusta District elementary schools 3rd graders. A sticker was placed in the inside cover, *Presented to you by Bayneville Grange #1810 January 2023*. This is the 8th year we've been participating in this project.



4 weighted blankets were completed and donated by our members for special needs children at Rainbows United, Wichita, KS.



100 St. Patrick's Day cards for food trays at the Robert Dole Hospital in Wichita, KS, were designed, assembled, and donated by our members.





# GRANGE UPDATES

## FLINT HILLS POMONA #49

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 hosted a State Grange Quilting Day on March 4 at the Burlington Library in Burlington. The Grange provided lunch of soup and sandwiches for the 28 Grangers participating, including members from Morning, Pleasant View, Gardner, Otter Creek, and Bayneville Granges. More than 21 quilt blocks were made for the National Grange quilt contest and Quilts of Valor.

Randee Farmer  
Secretary  
Flint Hills Pomona Grange



The official Charter signed by National Grange President Betsy Huber at the National Grange Convention in November 2022 was presented to members of Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 by the Kansas State Grange President Roger Bostwick on March 4 during the State Grange Quilting Day. The Grange is made up of 29 members from Granges in Butler and Coffey Counties.



Front-Kristee Strawder, LaVerne Smith, Sheree Damashek. Middle-Jean Schif, Baylee Holmes, Ashlee Schif, Aimee Damashek, Randee Farmer, Michael Farmer, Roger Bostwick-State President. Back-Nathan Strawder-Flint Hills Pomona President, Keaton Holmes, Aaron Schif, Richard Tennissen, Bob Schif (not pictured-Terry Damashek)

**CLAUDE AND INA BREY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## Application Rules and Requirements:

The Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to Grange members seeking to further their education. To qualify, the applicant must be a Grange member in good standing for at least two (2) years. The number of scholarships awarded varies from year to year.

An application may be obtained from the State Secretary, State Youth Director, Community Secretary, or at the website: [www.ks-grange.org/Documents](http://www.ks-grange.org/Documents).

Credit will be given on Grange participation, community, school and church activities, and scholastic standing. Additional credit is given to students majoring in agricultural fields.

The scholarship is to be used towards tuition, books, and other school expenses.

Scholarship checks will be payable at the beginning of the fall semester and at the beginning of the spring semester. Consideration will be given for other schooling situations. If your education situation changes during the year, you must notify the State Secretary immediately. Changes include but not limited to, graduation at winter semester or being unable to continue your education. In case of default by a recipient, another applicant will be considered.

## Required:

1. High School or College transcripts must accompany the application. If for some reason they are not available on the date of application, the applicant should contact the State Secretary and include a note stating reason. Transcripts must be received before the application can be considered.
2. An essay describing your involvement in Grange (including Junior Grange), School, Church, and other community activities. A resume may also be included.
3. One letter of recommendation from a school official or community member to be mailed or emailed to the State Secretary listed below.
4. The application must be postmarked or emailed by April 15.
5. Scholarship winners will be required to file a report with the Kansas State Grange on how funds are expended. Receipts are to be mailed to the State Lecturer or State Secretary. First semester receipts are due by October 2022. Second semester receipts are due by March 2023.

Previous scholarship winners are eligible to re-apply. There are no age restrictions.

Selection of winners will be made by the Kansas State Grange Board of Directors or a committee appointed by them. Decisions of the committee are final.

Scholarship winners will be honored at the State Grange Annual Banquet in October. Please plan to attend.

SEND completed application to:

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary  
Kansas State Grange  
200 Delaware Dr  
Ozawkie, KS 66070

Home phone: 785-876-2600  
Cell phone: 785-224-9011  
email: [jamie\\_klenklen@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie_klenklen@yahoo.com)

**CLAUDE AND INA BREY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023**

DUE APRIL 15, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined Subordinate Grange \_\_\_\_\_

Subordinate Grange name & number \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College or school enrolled in or plan to enroll in \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Major or proposed major, or project of field \_\_\_\_\_

These items must be included with this application:

- 1. Transcripts of high school or current college grades (if enrolled in college)
- 2. An essay describing your involvement in Grange (including Junior Grange), School, Church, and other community activities. A resume may also be included.
- 3. One letter of recommendation from a school official or community member.

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I hereby certify this member is in good standing and a Subordinate member for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Subordinate Grange Secretary signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature (for applicants under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

### June 9-11, 2023

Inn of the Hills ~ Kerrville 1001 Junction Hwy. Kerrville, Texas 78028

[reservations@innofthehills.com](mailto:reservations@innofthehills.com) 830-895-6001

Room Rates are \$119.00 for single and double rooms (you will need to make your own reservations)

Fee for the weekend: All Members: \$140.00. Please complete one registration form per attendee. Submit form with payment to, Bonnie Billquist. Email: [jbbillquist@yahoo.com](mailto:jbbillquist@yahoo.com) Address: 311 FM 474, Boerne, TX 78006

by: **April 20, 2023.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member type: \_\_\_\_\_ Subordinate Member \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH (age 14-35) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Member (Age: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grange State, Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

***Sign-A-Song:***

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbyist \_\_\_\_\_ Expert \_\_\_\_\_ Group (All levels)  
 Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbyist \_\_\_\_\_ Group

***Public Speaking:***

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared \_\_\_\_\_ Impromptu Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Spot /Elevator  
 Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared \_\_\_\_\_ Short Story \_\_\_\_\_ Impromptu

***Grange Baseball: (Jeopardy)***

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Participant:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will need to borrow a sewing machine for the quilt block workshop.

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities. I **DO** / **DO NOT** (circle one) allow them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

What time do you expect to arrive Friday, June 9th? \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Will you be staying at the conference hotel? YES NO

*If Traveling by Air please contact Samantha Wilkins (210) 838-7892.*

***GREAT PLAINS 2023 Schedule***  
***JUNE 9-11***

**FRIDAY JUNE 9**

- 4-7PM** Registration  
**7:00-8PM** Get acquainted/ Roll Call of States/Community Service Project  
Snacks will be available  
**8:00PM-9:30PM** Grange Baseball

**SATURDAY JUNE 10**

- 8:00** Breakfast Buffet
- 9 "Communication in the Digital Age"**  
Presented by: Philip Vonada, National Grange Communications Director
- 10** Youth workshop
- 11** Junior workshop
- 12:00** Lunch Buffet
- 1:00PM** Parliamentary Procedures
- 2:00PM** Quilt blocks (please let us know if you will need a sewing machine or you will be bringing your own)
- 3:0-5:00** Tour (TBD)
- 5:45** group photo
- 6:00PM-8:00PM** Dinner & Contests  
Join us for a special dinner and presentation of the Public Speaking and Sign- A- Song contests from our Juniors and Youth Members.

**SUNDAY JUNE 11**

- 8:00** Breakfast AND Farewells

# NATIONAL GRANGE NEWS

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

The National Grange Virtual Legislative Fly-In is coming up on April 26th. The event will take place via Zoom, where you'll hear updates from National Grange staff and some guests, including:

Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Janet McUlsky, President, McUlsky Health Force  
Jenna Alsayegh, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, USTelecom - The Broadband Association, as well as other government officials and advocacy partners.

Register today at <http://bit.ly/grangeflyin23>



**NATIONAL GRANGE** *virtual* **LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN**

**NATIONAL GRANGE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY IN ACTION AWARD**

submit a minimum one-page written description of your Grange's grassroots advocacy action along with at least one photo

**Deadline: September 1**

More information:  
[bit.ly/23ngadvocacy](http://bit.ly/23ngadvocacy)

## GRANGE REVIVAL

The early bird registration deadline is soon approaching. Registrations are due April 15th!

Grange Revival 2023 is scheduled for July 18-23, 2023 at Log Cabin Resort & Campground in Curtis, Michigan. Grange Revival is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget: bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!).

For more information click here to download the [2023 Grange Revival Registration Packet](#)







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**APRIL 23**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Kickoff to Grange Month 7:00 p.m. eastern Live on Facebook & YouTube
2	3 Grange Revival preview 8:30 p.m. eastern	4	5 <b>Spring Training</b> Grange Baseball practice for Juniors/Youth 8:30 p.m. eastern	6	7	8
9 <b>EASTER</b>	10	11 Membership Matters 8:30 p.m. eastern	12	13	14 <b>Date Night In Talent Show</b> hosted by Ann Bercher 8:30 p.m. eastern Live on Facebook & YouTube	15 <b>GRANGE REVIVAL EARLY BIRD DEADLINE</b>
16 <b>GRANGE FRIENDSHIP DAY</b> Youth Yammerings 9:00 p.m. eastern	17 <b>RAISED RIGHT HERE DAY</b> Ritual and the Present Day with Amanda Brozana Rios 8:30 p.m. eastern	18 <b>GRANGE APPAREL/PIN DAY</b>	19 <b>GRANGE HERO DAY</b> Serving with Passion with Chris Hamp 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 <b>GRANGE PROJECT DAY</b> The Beginner's Mindset with Philip Vonada 8:30 p.m. eastern	21 <b>COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY</b> Community Service Seminar with Pete Pompper 8:30 p.m. eastern	22 <b>GRANGE RECIPE DAY</b>
23	24	25 Lecturer's Forum with Ann Bercher 8:30 p.m. eastern	<b>GRANGE SPIRIT WEEK</b>		26 <b>VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN</b> Long Term Care and Estate Planning sponsored by 1-in-1000 Club 8:30 p.m. eastern	27 Legislative Roundtable 8:30 p.m. eastern
					28	29 "What's Next?" 3:00 p.m. eastern

Event dates/times subject to change -  
check out the National Grange Facebook  
or [nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023](http://nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023)  
for updates

**#GRANGESTORY**

**#GRANGEMONTH23**

**USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](https://bit.ly/grangemonthzoom)**

**GRANGE MONTH**

**A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT**

We would love to help promote your Grange! If you have any immediate news, events, updates, etc. to share please e-mail them to [kansasgranger@gmail.com](mailto:kansasgranger@gmail.com) with the subject line "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE". We will plan to share your news on social media and/or via e-mail. This would entail information that needs to be shared between newsletters.

If your Grange has a social media page, please let us know so we can be sure to follow you! Also, be sure to follow "Kansas State Grange" on Facebook to keep up with current happenings.



**STAY CONNECTED!**

Join National Directors on Zoom Meetings each month to get up-to-date information about their programming and upcoming events.

- Junior Jibber Jabber - 3rd Sunday of Odd Numbered Months at 8 p.m. CST
- Youth Yammerings - 3rd Sunday of Even Numbered Months at 8 p.m. CST
- Membership Matters - 4th Tuesday of Every Month at 7:30 p.m. CST

**152ND ANNUAL KANSAS STATE GRANGE CONVENTION**



Hampton Inn - Gardner Conference Center  
 151 S. Cedar Niles Road ~ Gardner, Kansas 66030  
 Call (913) 856-2100 to reserve your room!  
<https://group.hamptoninn.com/b375rr>

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
KANSAS GRANGER!**

**JULY 1ST, 2023**



**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.