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Ohio State Grange 150 Years Looking Forward To The Future

Greetings from the State Grange Office. Hope you are having a great year. Also trying to survive this crazy Ohio weather.

Things here at the office are moving right along after some hiccups; we are getting back to normal. We are learning a lot of new things but up for the challenge. One major problem we have had no phone or internet service for at least a month. We now have acquired a new company and have full service again. Needless to say our cell phones got a lot of workout. Also had a water leak downstairs and after two tries to get it fixed, we now have a brand new back flow device. So every day brings new adventures.

A lot of activities are beginning. March is the Community Service/Lecturer Conference. Also, the Junior/Youth conference will be held. April is the Junior Sleepover at the office. The State Dart Ball Tournament will be held April 1st in Fredericktown. This brings out all the dart ball players that have been practicing for this. Family Activities will be holding their two Spring Fling days. These are well attended with a lot of interesting speakers and craft time.

April 9th is a special day for the Grange. It is the 150th birthday of the Ohio State Grange (April 9th, 1873). We hope your Grange will consider having something to celebrate this special occasion. Maybe a special program, a little history or maybe an article in your local newspaper. We are looking into setting up a committee to come up with a celebration or something for our convention in October. If you are interested or have any ideas call the office.

Looking ahead just a reminder that family campout is June 23rd-25th. This will be held at Whispering Hills RV Park in Big Prairie, Ohio. This is a fun filled family weekend. There are camper spots, tent and cabin spots. If you want to attend please call the camp as soon as possible and tell them you are with the State Grange family camp. This camp fills up quickly. Go to their website at whisperinghillsjellystone.com to see what they have available. Some families go together and split the cost. Their phone number is 330-567-2137, email whjellystone@gmail.com.

Please feel free to contact us anytime or come visit us at the office. The office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00-5:00. We look forward to seeing a lot of you at upcoming events.

Ohio State Grange Convention Hotel Reservation

Here is the phone number **614-791-1000** to use to make your reservation for the Ohio State Convention in October. Hope many of you can attend. It will be again held at the Marriott Northwest in Dublin, Ohio. The rooms will be the same as last year at 132.00 per night. If you have questions or need, please let us know. You can start making the reservations anytime.

Event Summary:

Ohio State Grange October 2023

Start Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

End Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Last Day to Book: Friday, October 6, 2023 to get the rate

Hotel offering your special group rate: Marriott Columbus Northwest for \$132.00 per night phone number **614-791-1000**

Membership Awards

If you want to order membership awards, make sure to look at the revised date on the bottom of the sheet. The lastest one was revised in 2022. If you have old sheets the prices have changed. If you need new sheets call the office and we will see that you get them. Also make sure when you are planning on giving out your awards to order them early because the certificates can take up to 4 weeks or longer to get them from National as they are in the process of moving.

Deputies, Directors and Officers Conf.

This will be held May 6th at the Highwater United Church of Christ in Knox County. Address is 1213 Dutch Ln NW, Newark Ohio 43055. This will also be the State Baking Contest. More information will be sent out soon.

Ohio State Grange Cookbooks \$10.00 + \$6.00 shipping & handling.

Buy 2 get 3rd one free.

Mike Russell 937-541-1849

Deb Russell 937-541-1903

To place your order

Summer youth Camp

Summer youth Camp will be held Monday, June 12th to Thursday, June 15th. This will be held at the Rustic Cedar lodge in Hocking Hills Logan Ohio. Hope to see a good group. More information coming soon.

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From Bad to Good!

As I reflect on 2022, so many memories come to my mind. My youngest son, Ethan, and his wife, Cara, had a baby on August 1. Since my heritage is Swiss, that is a very important date for Switzerland. Erste August (August 1) is their National Holiday with all kinds of festivities, parades and celebrations. Ethan said when we are in the Homeland sometime on that date, he is going to tell their daughter, Charlotte (my Mom's name), that there is a HUGE birthday party just for her! Such a jokester! There were many other very fond memories with my daughter, Heidi, and her family and our other son, Luke, too, with his family.

However, there were some calamities as well.

On Friday, December 16, there was a horrific car accident near Coshocton that immediately took the life of 18 year old Wesley Shontz. He was on the way to take his Freshman brother, Collin, to a school bus stop early in the morning. It brought the community together. Their Dad, Wes, teaches at Buckeye Trail in Guernsey County. Collin and a younger sibling, Xavier, are/were students at River View Schools near Warsaw. There were SO many prayers for a complete recovery for Collin not only from Coshocton and Guernsey Counties, but way beyond that. There were prayer chains, Face Book updates and requests for this family. Responses came from near and far. With the Social Media capabilities, there was even a post from someone in Canada. Two of Shanon Shontz's (the mother) close friends organized a Prayer Vigil that was held on December 21st at the Coshocton County Fairgrounds with 500 + people in attendance. Representatives from Buckeye Trail laid Wesley's Cross Country jersey on a table on the race track while several of Collin's fellow RVHS band members laid his band uniform on another table.

I was asked to speak but wasn't sure if I could do that because of the emotional impact and not being able to get thru it. However, thinking about it over night, I told myself that I needed to do it. After a little pondering and much prayer, this is what I wrote and read at the vigil.

"Hi! My name is Les Widder and I am a retired elementary teacher from Warsaw School and occasionally drive school bus as a sub for athletic and music events. When Kris Alan called me last night to speak at this event, my first response was I really didn't want to be caught up in the moment of emotion. But after thinking about it, I find it an honor to be asked and need to do this.

I have seen so many posts on Face Book with many heartfelt words. The one that spoke to me the most, was written by Denice LaRue. She prayed "Jesus, thank you for

bringing a community together. May Your goodness be seen through this heartbreaking event. Holy Spirit, wrap Your arms around the Shontz Family (Wes, Shannon, Xavier and Alyssa). May they know You in a more intimate way. Father, thank you for the love that has been shown. May the Shontz family know it all the days of their life." And I say a heartfelt AMEN!

There are so many questions about the event on this side of Heaven. But, I am thoroughly convinced that in due time, God's plan will be revealed but perhaps not until we see His Face. Shannon recently posted that several of Collin's organs will be given to other needy recipients. What a GREAT way that he will be living through other people for a long time. This will be a literal life saving event for those individuals.

Kris asked me to share a little about Wesley and Collin. My exposure to the young men was somewhat limited. However, I did get to know them a little through several ventures to and at Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, a year ago last October with Collin and several years before that with Wesley. (Shannon & I chaperone/plan those trips.) They were good kids. I also have discovered a long time ago, that former students who have crossed my path and blessed my life, may not always be recognized when I see them. About a week and half before the accident, I was in the Coshocton Aldi store. I happen to follow a tall young man that I thought may be Wesley. I had not seen him for a couple years. Then when he turned around it WAS Wesley. He had grown into a very handsome young man. We talked briefly about his experiences at Buckeye Trail school and that he planned to study more in college. We chatted a bit more and I smiled as we parted. Collin was a person of few words. I just remember his HUGE grin. He made me smile when I saw him play trombone in the River View marching and symphonic band.

I will not say 'Good-bye' but 'until we meet again' on the other side of Heaven! Fly high Wesley and Collin."

Several of Wesley and Collins teachers spoke at the funeral along with their father. It was announced that 6 other people would be recipients of Collins organs and an additional 75 people would be benefiting from tissue.

When the minister and the father spoke, the plan of Salvation was made very clear. At the end of the service, a song by Casting Crown called "Scars in Heaven" was played. Please google it, you will be blessed!

Chaplain Continued on page 5.

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150 Years Looking FORWARD To The Future



As you are preparing for your April Grange month activities, I hope you are considering doing a new community service project in celebration of our 150th Anniversary of the Grange in Ohio. As this year's theme states Ohio State Grange Looking FORWARD to the future – we should consider updating some of our programs and add interest for the next generation that will keep our Granges vital to the community.

I want to thank everyone who attended this year's Lecturer and Community Service conference at the Ohio State Grange office in Fredericktown. Shout outs go to Columbiana County for providing the breakfast foods and Knox County Grangers for providing the lunch for this year's conference. I look forward to the Granges of Ohio sharing their activities on our Ohio State Grange Community Service Facebook page as I would love to highlight 150 service projects performed this year across the state. Also the National Community Service Director regularly highlights the posts on our page on the National Grange Community Service page as well. I believe your community service publicity can be vital to your membership and getting new members to join.

I am excited that my home Grange is ready to bring back our annual celebrity omelet breakfast with local community leaders serving the public by making an omelet for them. This has been a very successful fundraising, publicity event for our Grange. We had cancelled these events due to the covid pandemic, but now is the time to bring those events back. What community service event is your Grange bringing back this year? Please be sure to share them on our Facebook page.

As you complete each project, make sure to take photographs, post them on your own Grange Facebook page, keep any newspaper clippings from the activity and keep them in a folder to help you prepare your annual report and when you have three activities completed, you will be ready to also submit the Grange in Action report to National. Ohio has now been recognized two years in a row as a State Grange in Action from having six or more Granges in our state submitting reports. We need to keep that streak going. Not to mention one of the Grange photography categories is Grange Activity so you could submit one of your photographs for the contest at convention And remember we encourage Granges to partner with other organizations and groups to perform some of these activities together. Other groups are also struggling with member-

ship and still want to perform community service so everyone wins.

If you have any questions or want my assistance, I am only a phone call or email away. I will gladly help where I can.

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This got me thinking of how this event could be compared in a very minute, minuscule way to what God did for ALL humankind some 2,000 years ago. We just recently celebrated Christ's Birth in Bethlehem Ephrathah and then we will soon be celebrating His Death AND Resurrection on Easter Morning! God knew from the very beginning that His Son would be born and then die to give Life to those that choose it! Out of Death comes LIFE!

Rural Life Sunday Service

The Rural Life service will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 8919 S. St. Rt 53, McCutchenville, Ohio 44844, This is Harry Traxler's church. All are welcome to their 10:00 AM morning service. The meal will be at 1:00 PM and the Rural Life Service starts at 2:00 PM. The phone number and email address of the church is 419-981-5808, trinityucc@bright.net. The ladies of the church are planning to prepare a meal for us with the menu to be decided. We are hoping that each participant will make a donation for the cost of the food. Any left over funds (after all expenses) will be given to the free Hope Clinic in Coshocton. **Please make your reservation no later than Friday, April 28**, by calling or texting Les Widder at 740-502-0972. Please leave your name and for how many you are reserving.

In Memory Of

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Ohio Lecturers: Educating and Entertaining For 150 Years

Grange Month will be celebrated in April along with the 150th birthday of Ohio State Grange. Every grange should do at least one thing to celebrate Grange Month Ohio State Grange's birthday. Make your community aware of the events and activities that your grange does. Newspaper articles, open houses, membership recognitions, free meals, displays in public buildings are ways to share our great organization with others.

The Lecturers and Community Service scheduled on **Saturday, March 4, 2023, beginning at 9:30.** Light breakfast starting at 9:00. Lunch will be provided. We will be talking about Ohio State Grange history, Lecturer's programs and Community Service Projects. If you have any program ideas for celebrating our birthday, please bring them to the conference to share.

The State Talent Contest is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17, 2023** at the Ohio Eastern Star Home beginning at 1:00p.m. Plan to enter and start practicing! The location may change if the home is not open to visitors, but the date will stay the same. The Best of Show will be eligible to participate in the Evening of Excellence in Niagara Falls NY in November. Entry is on page 9,

Creative Writing entries can be sent to me at any time through regular mail or email. I am including the categories and rules. **Please read the rules carefully before submitting.** Many entries are eliminated due to length.

Class A Poetry – Adult/Subordinate, including Non-Members

Class B Prose – Adult/Subordinate Theme – My Best Grange Memory

Class C Read-the-Book – Fiction

Class D Read-the-Book – Non- Fiction

Class E Write-a-song – Adult/Subordinate

RULES FOR CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES:

1. Poetry entries are limited to 300 words.
2. Class A Non-Member entries must be sponsored by a local Grange. And is the only category open to non-members.
3. Prose entries limited one typed page.
4. Read-the-Book is limited to 300 words. Tell why you enjoyed the book and why you think someone else would enjoy it. Include the suggested age level of the book.
5. For Class E, write new words to a familiar song that can be used in a Grange program. Song should contain 2-4 verses. Include the song title of the tune used. Do not include the music due to copyright laws.
6. All entries should be mailed or emailed to the State Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Entries will be displayed and/or

published in the Ohio Granger only if a statement granting permission is signed by the writer is included.

Programs to share can be entered even if your Granges are not meeting regularly. You can use them once your Grange is meeting. Remember that there are three categories: Celebrating Ohio State Grange's 150th Anniversary, Safety – Use any safety topic that is appropriate for your Grange and Any Topic. Lecturers and members can submit one program in each category. Grangers who serve as both Pomona and Subordinate Lecturers can submit two in each category.

The rest of my article will focus on National Grange Lecturer's contests and projects. All information is available on the National Grange website www.nationalgrange.org on the homepage under the Programs, click on Lecturer's Programming. All of the entry information is there along with the winners from the 2022 contests. When entering, make sure that you use the correct year's information and forms.

I would encourage all Grangers to enter the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest. If you need help with submitting your entries ask another Granger or a family member.

2023 National Grange Photo Contest 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. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

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 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grangephoto2023> by September 1, 2023.
- C. Divisions – there are four divisions:
 - Farm machinery
 - Potluck Activity
 - Gardens
 - Grange Family
- 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 September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection.

“A Quarter’s Worth”

The National Lecturer is continuing the quarterly newsletter, “A Quarter’s Worth”. Any Granger can submit items for the newsletter. Deadlines for 2023 are April 30, June 30, October 31 and January 31. The newsletter is available on the National Grange website, by email from me (if I have your email) and through the mail if requested from me.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Lecturer’s contests and projects.

National Grange Heirloom Program

March begins the second of the Heirloom Program. The quotes are great for discussion about our history, and our ritual. Many new members have never heard these quotes. Find a way to include the monthly quote in your meetings. They can also be shared on your Grange’s social media.

(March) – “The first and highest object of our Order is—to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood.” (First Degree; Lecturer)

B.2. (April) - “Those we admit into our circle are not chosen by outward appearance, and ... we are not deceived by display in dress. It is to the mind and heart that we look for all good works; therefore, in your intercourse with the world, remember that a noble mind and generous heart are often concealed beneath the garments of poverty.” (First Degree; Steward)

B.3. (May) - “The interests, the social relations and the destiny of man and woman are identical. She was intended by our Creator to be the helpmeet, companion, and equal of man—the perfecting half added to his hemisphere—thus completing the fully-globed orb of our common humanity; hence, as one, each shares the glory or the shame of the other.” (First Degree; Chaplain)

Midwest Grange Leaders Conference

June 23-25, 2023

In Wisconsin

Lots of workshops, ideas and fun.

Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Grange Baseball contests will be held.

More details will be shared when available.

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Dear Grangers,

All the new people in the State Grange Office are learning their new duties. What a joy it is to be part of a wonderful family organization where the members care about each other. This is the time of year where we can plan a different activity to try in our Granges. Ask community members to help. There are so many people suffering right now. We don't have to look far to lend a hand. Sometimes just a card can mean so much.

One thing I have noticed on our Secretary Quarterly Reports: the number on line 8 is the number you put on line 1 of the next quarterly report. If there are any questions, please give me a call and I'll try to find the answer.

I do hope your Granges nominate delegates for the State Grange Convention. I feel it is a great opportunity to see how our Grange operates at the State level. I wish everyone could have a chance to be a delegate at least once. Remember to get your voting done and form back to me by the deadline.

May you look forward to spring and have a Happy Easter. Please ask someone to join the Grange!

Blessings,

Debra Hogue

Unity Grange #1761 Columbiana County



Unity Grange, 1761 in East Palestine, Ohio recently honored five members who received membership awards. Virginia Foster, 70 years; Betty Kolbfell, 60 years, Tom Mollenkopf, 60 years and Chester Ward, 55 years. Not pictured is Louise Crane 60 years.

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JUNIOR GRANGE Honoring the Past, While Looking Forward to the Future

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We hope all are having a wonderful year so far! We are looking forward to spending another wonderful year with the juniors. We have lots of fun activities planned with some new areas to explore!

Craft Information update-

For the Tissue Paper-Stained Glass Painting- you can use any canvas that works with watercolors.

Junior/ Youth Workshop-

The date has been changed to the afternoon of 3/12/2023. This will be held at the State Grange Office. We will have speakers and updates on programming. It is a great way to explore ideas both from National and from other leaders across the state. Juniors are welcome and we often have the make it take it craft be one of the ones for competition. We would love to see you there!

Junior Grange Sleepover

Sleep over is going to be held at the state office again this year on 4/1/2023. Registration is due by 3/15/2023. The registration form is included in the link below as well as in the handbook. Registration Link - <https://form.jotform.com/230218764611048>

Day Trips (NEW)

This year we are going to have a couple of day trips. These are for the whole family to come and enjoy fun and fellowship. For the Spring Day Trip, we will be going to Columbus Zoo on 5/27/2023. More information to come but registration is due by 5/6/2023.

Baking Contest

The baking contest will be at the Deputy Meeting in May. We are hoping for another great turn out. We have been very happy with the participation but would love to see even more juniors in the event. Recipes were in the October monthly as well as the Junior Grange Leader Handbook. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Talent Contest

Remember it's not too early to get the talent contest applications in! We are looking forward to having a good turn out this year. We know when talking with parents and grandparents as well as seeing our juniors in action that we have incredibly talented juniors. We would love to see them be recognized and have them all come out and perform. The date for the Talent Show is June 17, 2023 (Location might

be changed) The talent entry is on page 13. Entry Form due 6/1/2023.

Camp

This year camp has been relocated to Camp Asbury – 10776 Asbury Rd, Hiram Oh 44234, the dates will be July 5th – 8th. Many of the offerings are the same and only the location has changed. We are excited for this new adventure! We have been diligently working on exploring this new camp along with new craft ideas, and we are looking forward to having a great turn out and another wonderful camp this year.

Registration is due by June 10th. Cost will be \$125.00 plus \$5.00 for picture if you want one and \$2.00 if you are an Ohio State Junior Grange member or to join the Junior Grange. Please feel free to share the video we have created on YouTube to spark interest to perspective Juniors. Our main goal is to build the Junior Grange up so that the future of the Grange becomes brighter. You can apply digitally (link to come later), email form to Ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com or by mail to Elizabeth Tolley 429 Hester Ave Alliance Ohio 44601.

National Art Contest

In an effort to allow our Ohio juniors to be competitive at the National level, we are going to have Art Judging for the National Contest at the End of Camp to meet the National Deadline of October 1st. The National contest is the following: Using the theme for the appropriate year (Draw or Paint a picture showing what the theme means to you). We will devote some of our craft time to give our Ohio Juniors the opportunity to complete this national competition. **If your junior is unable to attend camp but would like to join in, you can send your artwork to the state office.** We will be sure to make sure they qualify. The best of show in Art at convention will still be sent to national for display.

Membership

If at the local level you have juniors who are joining, please remember to send the membership list to the state office. This way we can keep track of all members for the state of Ohio. Also, we are asking for the local junior grange leaders to send us a list of all your juniors with address, email, phone number, DOB and date joined. You can either email them to ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com or mail them to Elizabeth.

Also, just a friendly reminder, The National Grange is requiring background checks for all leaders and individuals over the age of 18 who will be working directly with juniors as leaders and teachers. The National Grange has chosen these checks to be completed by "Safe Gatherings" at www.safegatherings.com, will include an abuse prevention module, and everything is handled through The

National Grange office. The cost per individual is \$35. They are good for two years so those that have already completed these checks last year we thank you. We encourage Subordinate and Pomona granges to consider paying for the required background checks for their junior leaders.

Fraternally yours,
Elizabeth Tolley and Sarah Casseday

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP Camp Asbury, Hiram Ohio

Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
(as to be used on camp name badge) (as of 6/24/23) (month-date-year)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Shirt size _____ Email address – Contact _____

County _____ Member of _____ Junior Grange # _____

Will join Ohio State Junior Grange at camp \$2.00 _____ now belong only to Ohio State Junior Grange \$2.00 _____

(juniors belonging to the Ohio State Junior Grange and their local Junior Grange do not pay state dues after joining)

Camp fee (includes meals, crafts, ziplining (9-14), rock climbing (5-14), canoeing, leadership course, and snacks)

\$125 _____ Picture \$5.00 _____

Make checks payable to: Ohio State Grange. Total enclosed _____ Check # _____

I understand that my child will be expected to participate in all camp activities at this year's camp and that my child will be expected to behave appropriately.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Include parents email address if form is emailed, please fill out completely, using a separate form for each camper.

Mail by June 10, 2023, to Elizabeth Tolley 429 Hester Ave Alliance Ohio 44601, or email ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com. If payment is not enclosed with this form, please note when and from whom the payment will be enclosed.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 14 ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP WHETHER OF NOT THEIR FAMILIES BELONG TO GRANGE. FOR THE \$2.00 INITIATION FEE, THEY CAN BECOME PART OF THE OHIO STATE JUNIOR GRANGE AND BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE JUNIOR GRANGE ACTIVITIES. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, COUSINS, ETC. TO COME TO CAMP AND JOIN THE FUN!

2023 SUBORDINATE TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rules are available on page 7 of the Sept./Oct. 2022 Ohio Granger. The State Grange Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon OH 43050 on Saturday, June 17, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Location may change due to Covid.

INDIVIDUAL

____ Vocal Solo
____ Piano Solo
____ Instrumental Solo
____ Reading

GROUP (Any age for Subordinate)

____ Vocal Duet
____ Vocal Group (3 to 6 members)
____ Grange Chorus (7 members or more)
____ Grange Family Talent
____ Variety Act (must include music)

Name (Leader, if group) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Grange _____ No. _____ County _____

Title of Number _____ Author or Composer _____

Deadline: All entries to be received by June 1, 2023. Mail to: Diana Nordquest, 399 Shelton Road, Salem OH 44460 or e-mail to nordquest_diana@yahoo.com

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Top of the monthly to you all! March is here and St. Patrick is looking forward to a great, safe, healthy year for all of us. Keep the positive in your life. Look out for each other whenever possible. We are looking for things for you all to participate in that will brighten your life as well as others. You do a great job collecting prescription eyeglasses for VOSH, making Linus Blankets and pillowcases for Cases for Smiles for kids with health or family problems, making comfort toys to go to the children's hospitals around the state of Ohio to soften their visit. You can continue to make dignity bibs and give them to nursing homes in your area.

It is also March Madness time! Ladies, start your engines! Ohio High School Girls basketball tournaments start March 9th – 11th at the Dayton University. College Women's tournament final is March 31-April 2 in Texas. And the WNBA is just getting their season started. Why women's why not! Not all the hip and they play the game. Just like the Grange plays the "game" hard; we work hard and help hard.

Again we want to thank Richard Sunberg for purchasing the "Reading Room" quilt. And we want to thank Bev and Phil Foutz for being his connection to the auction and the Grange. We donated the profit to "Cases for Smiles and '99 4 the One". And a major thanks to all of you who made a quilt square or two, thanks. We have squares ready for a quilt to celebrate Judy Lauby's love of music and her husband and our former State Pianist, John Lauby. The blocks are due back to us by the May deputy meeting and baking contest. If you need a piece of material call, text or email us and we will get it to you ASAP.

Hope you have tested the recipes for the baking contest over the holidays. That state contest will be coming in May. The recipes are in the monthly, on line, on F.A. facebook page and in the F.A booklet. YOUR recipe could be one used for the 2024-2025 contests. Send it to us to try. Also due on this day is your prescription eyeglasses for VOSH. You can send your Linus blankets, pillowcases for Cases for Smiles, socks for the Sock Monster, and extra comfort toys for the children's hospitals.

Before the baking contest comes Spring Fling. April 15 at Valley College Grange in Wayne County is the first date. Registration starts at 9:30 and the first speaker is around 10:00, work on contest project, lunch, second speaker and then finish project. The second date will be April 22 at Frontline Church of God in Amanda, Ohio. The agenda will be about the same. YOUR REGISTRATION HAS TO GO THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE! Please make sure if you leave a message or talk to Mike to tell which fling you will

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be attending so we have enough food and craft supplies for everyone. It is a \$20.00 fee for each conference you attend: lecturer & community service, deaf and legislative too. The registration form is on page 12 so you can mail it in. *You need to be registered by the Sunday before the meeting. See you there.*

Here is the monthly recipe taken from the Ohio State Grange recipe book 2010 page 151:

Cola Chicken

Jan Doner

Unity Grange #2116, Mercer County

4 boneless skinless Breasts	1/8 tsp. garlic powder
1 c. catsup	1/8 tsp. pepper
1 can diet coke	1/8 tsp. salt a boil.
1/2 c. chopped onion	4 1/2 tsp cornstarch
	3 T. cold water

In skillet, mix catsup, cola, onion, garlic, pepper and salt. Add chicken; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and let cook 45 minutes. Remove chicken. Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; add to skillet and bring to a boil. Cook and stir for two minutes, or until thickened. Return chicken to pan and heat through.

If this chicken is not good; talk to Jan Doner, Unity Grange #2116 or Mercer County. Just kidding it is great for a post winter dinner.

Stay Safe. Stay Positive. Stay Connected.

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

- Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners
- Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:
- 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome – all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)
- 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)
- Create a nine-patch block.
- Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.
- Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left.
- Use a scant 1/4 inch seam allowance.
- This 9-patch block should measure 6 1/2 inches, unfinished on edges.
- Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the "dark" fabrics.

- These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!
- See attached photos for example.
- Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org for guidance.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Send entries to:
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331
- C. *Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged.* However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. Please consider sending four completed squares.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged. See page 12.

GROUPS

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

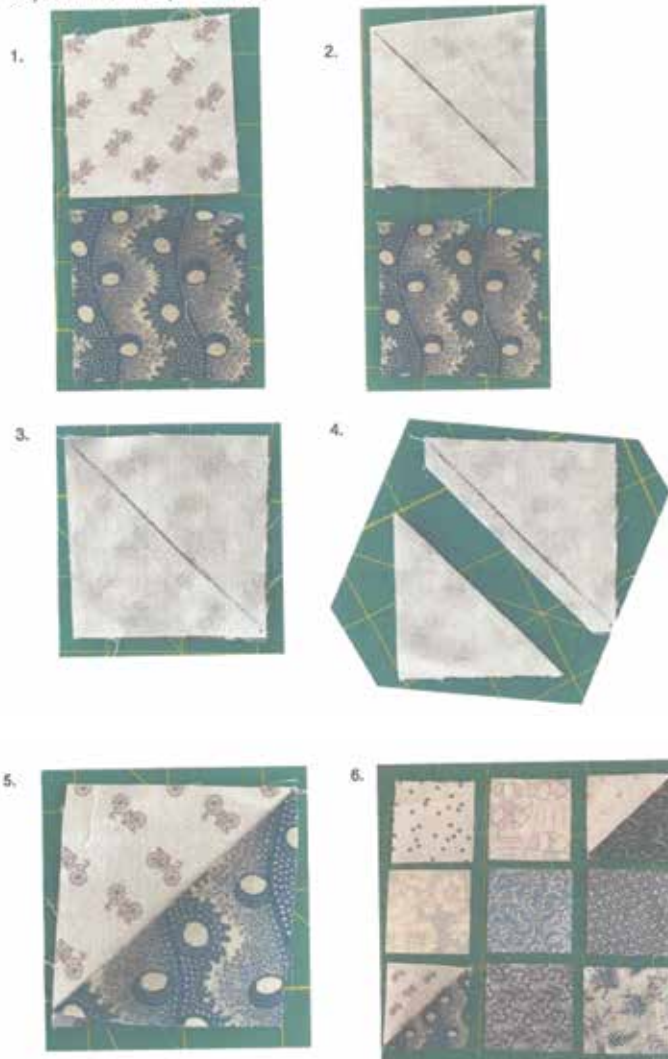
PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants

Completed 2023 National Quilt Block



Steps to make Half-Square Triangle



Car Show

sponsored by:

**Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843
and the Amanda Masons**

Saturday June 10

10:00 - 3:00

Amanda, Ohio

**Collinsville Grange #2264
Butler County**

Mike Russell, Ohio State Grange Master visited Collinsville Grange to present the 3rd place National Grange award for Community service report.



**Grange Month Awards
Community Citizen and Public Service Awards**

Award	Cost
Pomona Grange Award for Public Service (Come with a walnut finish plaque to put certificate in)	\$25.00
Pomona Grange Award for Public Service (with presentation folder)	\$10.00
Subordinate Community Citizen Award (with presentation folder)	\$10.00
Paperweight	\$10.00
Subordinate Award and Paperweight	\$18.00
Sesquicentennial Celebration Coin	\$25.00

To order these awards or download other Grange Month material go to: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2023/>

Family Activities Spring Fling Conferences

Spring Fling 1 Saturday, April 15, 2023

Valley College Grange, Wayne Co.

2411 Shreve Rd, Wooster, Ohio

Spring Fling 2 Saturday April 22, 2023

Frontline Church Of God (host: Clearcreek Valley Grange)

5195 Amanda Northern Rd, Amanda, Ohio

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

We will attend: Spring Fling 1 _____ Spring Fling 2 _____
Name _____ Phone Number _____
_____ (_____) _____
_____ (_____) _____
_____ (_____) _____

County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$20.00 per person by April 8 for Spring Fling 1 or April 15 for Spring Fling 2 to: Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Committee Person of your Grange to attend.

**2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest
ENTRY FORM**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Grange Member: Prospective/Not Yet a Member:
Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

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

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. -- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you. -- Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person. -- Please consider sending in four completed blocks to help us build the quilts! -- Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to: Ann Bercher, 777 Excelsior Blvd., Apt. #310, Excelsior, MN 55331

GRANGE MONTH 2023 PROCLAMATION

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.

2023 JUNIOR TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rules are available on page 15 and 16 of the Sept./Oct. 2022 Ohio Granger. The State Grange Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, 451 Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon OH 43050 on Saturday, June 17, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Location may change due to Covid. **ENTRY DEADLINE: June 1, 2023**

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Age as of 6/19/2022 _____

Name of Jr. Grange and Number: _____ County _____

Jr. Leader or Contact persons email: _____ Telephone # _____

Title of Number _____ Author or Composer _____

Talent

Vocal Solo 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Vocal Duet 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Piano Solo 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Reading 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Instrumental Solo 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Dance Solo 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Dance Duet 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Miscellaneous 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Chorus (4 or more) _____

Signing

Song 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Prose 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Poetry 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Spoken Word 5 - 8 _____ 9 - 11 _____ 12 - 14 _____

Group (2 or more) _____

You may enter each category only once.

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mail entry form to: Elizabeth Tolley, 429 Hester Ave. Alliance, Ohio 44601 or email to ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com

Ohio Grange Dartball Tournament

April 1, 2023

What is Dartball? Short answer- It's a family affair. That's right, unlike many sports, the entire family can participate in the sport of Dartball: grandma, grandpa, dad, mom, brothers and sisters and all of your cousins.

Dartball is a sport which can accommodate those with disabilities. It is easy to make adjustments. For example, moving the batter closer to the dartboard if a player is in a wheelchair, using a walker or dealing with limited arm movement. It is all about helping every person who wants to participate and have fun competing.

Saturday, April 1st tournament. With that being said, it is time to talk about the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament sponsored by Knox County Granges which is open to all Granges in all 88 counties in Ohio. **On April 1, 2023 the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament will be played at The Fredericktown Schools Administration building, 117 Columbus Road Fredericktown, Ohio.** The Captain's meeting will begin at 9:00am and the tournament will begin at 10:00am. Every Ohio Grange is encouraged to put a team together and participate.

How is Dartball played? Today's American style Dartball is modeled after our American favorite pastime sport-baseball. The dartboard is a 4-foot square board which resembles a baseball diamond with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, home base, foul ball, outs, and strike areas on the board. The Dartball board height it must be 54 inches from the floor to the center of the board. The 6 ½ inch Apex No.2, 3 or 4 feather wooden dart is used in all competitive matches with a pitching distance (the line from which you throw the dart at the board) of 20 feet. All darts must be thrown underhanded. As in baseball, each team takes a turn at "bat", the other team takes the "field" during the 9-inning game. Each team gets 3 outs. As in baseball, a batter can advance a runner around the bases to score a run. The team that scores the most runs at the end of 9 innings wins, or at the end of overtime innings should both teams be tied at the end of 9 innings.

Team Makeup: These rules apply specifically to the April 1, 2023 Ohio Grange State Dartball Tournament. Each team will consist of 6 to 9 players.

For each team with less than 6 players, an automatic out must be taken, but may be placed anywhere in the lineup. 5 is the minimum players allowed for a team. Junior Grangers 10 and older, are allowed to play if a team is in need of players. A team can also use 2 non-Grange members to play on their team if they cannot field 6 players. If an individual Grange does not have enough Dartball players to field a team, they can combine with other Granges from their county and/or another county to fill their roster.

Format for Tournament play will be a Round Robin Tournament. In past years, the tournament has been completed before 3 pm. The top 4 Teams receive plaques.

Lunch & refreshments will be available during the tournament.

*How do I sign up? Send your name, mailing address, email address and telephone/cellphone number to:

R. Dave Daniels, Sec./Trea.-OSG Dartball Tourn. Comm.
Cell Phone # 419-612-8178

Email: rddaniel9@gmail.com

10181 Gregg Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019*

Jordan Miller, Chair-OSG Dartball Tournament Comm.

Cell Phone# 419-307-5601

Email: jordanmiller04@gmail.com

We do have a number of previous Grange participants on our mailing list, but to be sure your county and/or Grange gets on the list, please contact Dave Daniels.

If you want to get into the April 1st Ohio State Grange Tournament and would like guidance on putting a team together, please contact Dave Daniels or Jordan Miller. We want to give everyone the opportunity to participate, and are willing to help you get there. Entry forms will be emailed/USPS mailed in February 2023 and will be available on the Ohio State Grange Web Site. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2023 (2 weeks prior to the tournament).



THE OHIO GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY FOUNDATION



16303 Village Parkway
Fredericktown, OH 43019
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No Time to Waste

Do you have a piggy bank? Are there any coins between the cushions of your family room couch? Do you keep extra coins in the console of your car? I don't think these coins will add up to enough to send your student to college. But I know where you can find a \$1000.00 Scholarship. The application deadline is April 1, 2023.

Are you a parent, a grandparent, a neighbor, a community resident who knows of someone attending college and would be helped by a scholarship from us? It is no secret but there have been ten students helped to achieve their dreams when they applied and received a scholarship from Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation.

Scholarships are given to Ohio students who are studying in the various areas of Agriculture.

The Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation was formed in 2016 to promote programs for the preservation, interpretation, and continuing legacy of the Grange. The Foundation will be an advocate for all who believe in agriculture and the needs of rural America through education and encouraging the American culture, heritage, citizenship by facilitating charitable activities to benefit those in need. The Foundation has been formed to be a Tax Exempt corporation (501C3) under the IRS rules.

The Foundation is working to promote educational opportunities through a scholarship for Ohio youth who are interested in Agricultural pursuits. We want to give \$1,000 scholarships to students for the 2023-2024 school year who desires to help in developing a better and higher manhood and womanhood in Agriculture. We are looking for a student who is enrolled at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university in the state of Ohio and plan coursework leading to a major and a degree associated with Agriculture, Food Science, Animal Sciences, Pre-Veterinarian, or Environmental Sciences. No applicant needs to be a grange member to be considered for the scholarship, just securing a degree related to agriculture.

Students who are interested in this scholarship for college must complete an application and return it to the Foundation by April 1, 2023. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified by May 15, 2023. More information will be provided on the ohiostategrange.org web site under Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation (OGPofHF Scholarship). You can also e-mail johnearlprice@aol.com

Deadline is April 1, 2023

or call 740-243-4455 for more information.

In addition to scholarships, we can also help fund educational experiences in your community for such as items for Grange Institutes, Creation of posters; Awareness of hazardous chemicals, or Farm Day Exposure. What can you do to inform your community, not just Grangers, but everyone?

Have you ever given to the Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation? It's as easy as writing any amount of check and putting it in an envelope and mailing to our treasurer. Ten dollars would be good. One hundred dollars would be better. A thousand dollars would be awesome. Ten thousand dollars would be outstanding and more would be unbelievable. Every penny goes to support scholarships and educational experiences. Due to donations given; we have been able to give 3 scholarships to young people in Ohio last year. If you are interested in preserving the legacy of the Grange please consider a donation to the Foundation, which is tax deductible. We will be glad to work with individuals in their estate planning to help fund the Foundation. We are also interested in receiving donations from Corporations with the desire to see the Grange heritage live on. We gladly accept donations in any amount from you, your grange or a memorial or in honor of a special person. A tree grows tall but a gift toward the scholarships lives on forever. Send your donations to:

The Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation
In care of Gary Brumbaugh, Treasurer
13802 Fruit Ridge Rd.
Defiance, Ohio 43512

The Ohio Grange Patrons of Husbandry Foundation Board of trustees are:

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Ed Cochran	Lee Darst
Daryl Flowers	Mike Miller
John Price	

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The next issue is planned for
May - June 2023
Please have all articles and news items
to Jim Grafton by March 20, 2023

March

- 4- Community Service/Lecturer-State Office
(Registration Required)
- 8 - Board Meeting
- 12- Youth/ Junior Conference- State Office
(Registration Required)

April

- 1- Junior Sleep Over-State Office
(Registration Required)
- 1- Dartball -Fredericktown, Ohio
- 5- Quarterly Reports Due
- 9- 150 Birthday of the Ohio State Grange
(April 9th,1873)
- 12- Board Meeting
- 15- Work Day- State Office
- 15- Family Activity Conference, Wayne Co
(Registration Required).
- 22- Family Activity Conference, Fairfield County
(Registration Required)

May

- 6- Deputy Conference - Newark
- 7- Rural Life Sunday-McCutchenville, Ohio
- 10- Board Meeting
- 29 - Memorial Day(office closed)

June

- 17- Talent Contest - Mt. Vernon

Rural Life Sunday Service

The Rural Life service will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 8919 S. St. Rt 53, McCutchenville, Ohio 44844, This is Harry Traxler's church. All are welcome to their 10:00 AM morning service. The meal will be at 1:00 PM and the Rural Life Service starts at 2:00 PM. The phone number and email address of the church is 419-981-5808, trinityucc@bright.net. The ladies of the church are planning to prepare a meal for us with the menu to be decided. We are hoping that each participant will make a donation for the cost of the food. Any left over funds (after all expenses) will be given to the free Hope Clinic in Coshocton. Please make your reservation no later than Friday, April 28, by calling or texting Les Widder at 740-502-0972. Please leave your name and for how many you are reserving.

**Ohio State Grange Convention October
26th - 29th, 2023
Marriott NW - Dublin, Ohio**

**National Grange Convention
November 14-18, 2023
Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls
Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303**