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May - June 2024

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**The Birth Month Flowers**

**January's** primary birth flower is the carnation, and the secondary flower is the snowdrop. The **February** primary birth flower is the violet, and the secondary flower is the primrose. The **March** birth flower is the daffodil or referred to as the jonquil (which is simply a type of daffodil). The primary **April** birth flower is the daisy, and the secondary flower is the sweet pea. The **May** birth flowers are the lily of the valley and hawthorn. The primary **June** birth flower is the rose, and the secondary flower is honeysuckle. The primary **July** birth flower is the larkspur, and the secondary flower is the water lily. The primary **August** birth flower is the gladiolus, and the secondary flower is the poppy. The primary **September** birth flower is the aster, and the secondary flower is the morning glory. The primary **October** birth flower is the marigold, and the secondary flower is the cosmos. The **November** birth flower is the chrysanthemum. The primary **December** birth flower is the narcissus (such as the paperwhite narcissus), and the secondary flower is the holly, which has small white berries that give way to the festive red berries that we see at the holidays.

**Quarterly Reports**

**Quarterly Reports are due the 5th of January, April, July and October.**

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### **THE GRANGE TODAY: Stepping Up To Meet The Challenges Of Tomorrow**

As the winter weather is behind us, the flowers and trees are in full bloom. Now is the time to plan your Grange year. If you want to have a successful Grange year, it is time to plant the Grange seeds in your community.

The Community Service/Lecturer's conference was well attended March 2nd at the state Grange office. There was a lot of great information shared to take back to the individual granges.

State Grange dartball tournament was held April 6th in Fredericktown. This is always a well attended event and was again this year. A lot of fun was had by all attending. More information will be out in the next issue.

The Family Activities Committee again held two Spring Fling Days. The first one was April 13th at Valley College in Wayne County. The second one was held April 20th at the Frontline Church of God in Fairfield County. Both were well attended with interesting speakers and fun crafts. A fun time for all who attended.

The Deputies, Directors and State Officers conference was held Saturday, May 4th. This was held at the Highwater United Church of Christ in Newark Ohio. Also held that day was the state baking contest. This was a day of fellowship and information on various items. Want to thank Cindy Campbell and the church for serving the delicious lunch.

Rural Life Sunday was also held at the Highwater United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 5th. The lunch was again furnished by the church again and we thank them again for a great lunch. Les Widder did a wonderful service following the lunch.

Ohio will be hosting the Midwest Grange Leaders Conference June 21st-23rd, 2024. It will be held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. More details in the Lecturers article.

Ohio will be one of the 7 host states for the 2024 National Convention this fall. This will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa November 12th-16th, 2024. Mark Naylor is the overall convention chairman. Diana Nordquest is in charge of the showcase room. Also Cindy Campbell will be in charge of the hospitality room on Friday November 11th. If you are planning on attending the national convention and would like to help out please contact the people in charge.

We want to wish you a great beautiful Spring and Summer.

## 158th National Grange Session Isle Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa

The Midwest Host Region is busy planning for a busy fun-filled 158th National Grange Session at Isle Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa. On Monday, November 11, 2024, participants will enjoy a narrated lunch cruise on the Celebration Belle Riverboat. Tickets will be available when registering for the convention.

A wide variety of workshops will be offered starting on Wednesday, November 12th and continue throughout the week. Workshops will include Grange related topics as well as personal growth opportunities.

New this year, tours will be offered starting on Tuesday through the week. Some of the possible sites include a robotic dairy farm, Family Museum, John Deere Pavilion, and John Deere Harvester Works.

The Community Service project for 2024 National Session will be "Wreaths Across America".

Registration opens in May. Watch the "The Patron's Chain", "Good Day" magazine and the National Grange website for updates and registration details.

### **Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence**



The Ohio Bicentennial Commission 20+ years ago painted barns in each Ohio counties. Last Summer "The Barn Artist" Scott Hagan painted the first of what we hope will be dozens of barns for the America 250-Ohio.

They are asking Grange Members in Ohio to help find suitable barns to paint. The ideal barns would have these qualities.

1. Near a well-traveled road so plenty of people will see it.
2. Wood barns are preferred, but metal barns are more common and they work with them.
3. Barns with "faces" that are oriented Southward.



They would need a photo of potential barns. The barns owner's name and contact information.

More information about the America 250-Ohio Commission can be found on at [www.america250-ohio.org](http://www.america250-ohio.org).

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## Proverbs for the People

This devotion will be a continuation from last month's writing. Instead of a quiz, words of wisdom will be shared from the February 21, 2024, issue of The Vendor and the Book of Proverbs.

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There is only one group of people who don't have problems and they are all dead. Problems are a sign of life. So, the more problems you have, the more alive you are. ~ Norman Vincent Peale

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You were born an original. Don't die a copy. ~ John Mason

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Better to say nothing than to add something irrelevant. To speak suitably, consider both what is fitting and when it is appropriate. ~ William Penn. (And this is one I am still working on!!!!)

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It is better that a child should cry than its parents should. ~ Yiddish proverb

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Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it. ~ William Penn

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The bitterest cup with Christ is better than the sweetest cup without Him. ~ Ian MacPherson

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Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper. ~ Author Unknown

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Sweat is the cologne of accomplishment. ~ Heywood Shale Broun

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Charity sees the need, not the cause. German proverb

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The reproduction of Jesus Christ on the canvas of everyday life is the finest of the fine arts. ~ R.R. Williams

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A person's religion is not what he or she professes to believe; it's reflected in the way they live. ~ John Luther

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We are too apt to be more concerned about our reputation than for truth. ~ William Penn

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Liberty means responsibility. That is why more people dread it. ~ George Bernard Shaw

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It is better to remain silent and appear a fool than to speak and remove all doubt. ~ Unknown

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I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind. ~ Kahlil Gibran

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May the hinges of friendship never grow rusty ~ Unknown

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It is impossible for a person who attempts many things to do them all well. ~ Xenophon

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The Christian life could be described as getting to know God better every day. A friendship which does not grow closer with the years tends to vanish with the years. And it is so with us and God. ~ William Barclay

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Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others. ~ Jacob M. Braude

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The American ideal is not that every person shall be on a level with every other, but that every one shall have liberty without hindrance to be what God made them. ~ York Trade Compositor

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A mind unemployed is a mind unenjoyed. ~ Unknown

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When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, and others build windmills. ~ Chinese proverb

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Be sure of this: The wicked will not be unpunished, but those who are righteous will go free. ~ Proverbs 11:21

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With the mouth the godless destroy their neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape. ~ Proverbs 11:9

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He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it. ~ Proverbs 11:27

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Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. ~ Proverbs 12:18

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The Lord detest lying lips, but He delights in people who are truthful. ~ Proverbs 12:22

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He whose walk is upright fears the Lord, but he whose ways are devious despises Him. ~ Proverbs 14:2

I always enjoy the Words of Wisdom from the Biblical Book of Proverbs. I also enjoy the whimsical wisdom from other people, too. I pray you do, also. Applying them to our lives (especially me) can sometimes be difficult to do!

**Another reminder that Highwater United Church of Christ (1213 Dutch Lane NW, Newark) will host the annual Rural Life Sunday on May 5, 2024, with a meal at 1:00 PM and service at 2:00 PM. This is Ned and Cindy Campbell's home church. Morning services are at 8:30 & 10:30 AM and all are invited to either service as well.**



## How To Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could get access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful.

Scammers often update their tactics to keep up with the latest news or trends, but here are some common tactics used in phishing emails or text messages:

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. The message could be from a scammer, who might

- \* say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts — they haven't
- \* claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — there isn't
- \* say you need to confirm some personal or financial information — you don't
- \* include an invoice you don't recognize — it's fake
- \* want you to click on a link to make a payment — but the link has malware
- \* say you're eligible to register for a government refund — it's a scam
- \* offer a coupon for free stuff — it's not real

Here are signs that an email is a scam, even though it looks like it comes from a company you know — and even uses the company's logo in the header:

- \* The email has a generic greeting.
- \* The email says your account is on hold because of a billing problem.
- \* The email invites you to click on a link to update your payment details.

While real companies might communicate with you by email, legitimate companies won't email or text with a link to update your payment information. Phishing emails can often have real consequences for people who give scammers their information, including identity theft. And they might harm the reputation of the companies they're spoofing.

For additional information go to: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>.

## Did You Know?

Mayflower plant (*Epigaea repens*) is a trailing plant with fuzzy stems and clusters of sweet-smelling pink or white blooms. This unusual wildflower grows from a specific type of fungus that nourishes the roots. The seeds of the plant are dispersed by ants, but the plant rarely produces fruit and trailing arbutus wildflowers are nearly impossible to transplant. Due to the plant's particular growing requirements and destruction of its habitat, mayflower trailing arbutus wildflowers have become very rare. If you are lucky enough to see a mayflower plant growing in the wild, do not attempt to remove it. The species is protected by law in many states, and removal is prohibited. Once trailing arbutus disappears from an area, it will probably never return.

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**GRANGE YOUTH**

## **Grange Youth: Stepping into the future with new challenges and adventures**

**Be Proud. Be Leaders.  
Be Grange Youth.**

Hooray for warmer weather! I hope that everyone is enjoying the sunshine and getting ready for a fun summer. There are so many ways for Youth to get involved with Grange this summer, and I hope you take the opportunity to be an active Grange participant at both the local and state levels. Subordinate leaders and members, I encourage you to find ways to include the Youth in your Grange to take an active role in activities so they can learn from our longstanding members and to perhaps even share new ideas that may help build membership for the next generation, for they are the future of our Grange. Youth, in addition to working on your Pillar projects, here are some of the upcoming Ohio State Grange summer activities for you to put on your to-do list.

### **Baking Contest: May 4th**

This is your chance to show off your baking skills! Remember those delicious M&M Blonde Brownies that we had at Winter camp (thank you for baking, Hailey!)? That's our Youth recipe! The recipe is super easy to make, tastes delicious, and baking it for the contest gives you a good excuse to "have" eat a piece or two. The recipe is on page 6 of the Sept-Oct 2023 Ohio Granger magazine (which you can find on the ohiostategrange.org website if you don't have a hard copy of the publication). Just send a few pieces of the brownies on a paper plate with your Deputy for the May 4th judging. **ALL YOUTH ENTRIES GO TO STATE**, not just county winners, so your chances of winning something are really good! I also encourage you to make the baked goods to participate in the subordinate contest (because you are subordinate Grange members!) found on page 18 of the September-October 2023 magazine. Good luck to all contestants and happy baking!

### **Grange Youth Summer Camp: June 10-13th**

Youth Summer Camp is upon us! Hope to see you June 10-13th at Lone Star Lodge in Hocking County (Logan, OH). Campers should arrive between 5-9 pm on Monday evening and depart by 10 am on Thursday morning. The lodge we are staying in is absolutely gorgeous and is situated on flat ground, so we have a fantastic area for outdoor games and activities, and of course, evening campfires.



During Winter Camp, the Youth shared ideas of what they want to do at Summer Camp, besides relax in the two hot tubs, so we are planning on fun activities including glow ball, corn hole, baking,

and more! We will also be exploring the beautiful Hocking

Hills area and making lots of great memories. During camp we will be having Youth officer elections, practicing for the convention opening drill, learning about Grange histo-



ry, working on Pillar projects, and more! We are excited to host Ewing Grange Tuesday evening for their annual cookout with the Youth and look forward to a fun game of Grange Jeopardy with them. Watch our Facebook page, Ohio State Grange Youth, for updates on Youth Summer Camp including a schedule of events, packing list, etc. Be sure to send in your Youth Summer Camp registration form- we need your registration and \$100 payment by May 31st to have your t-shirt ready for camp!

The Youth asked to do three community service projects at Summer camp: (1) volunteer at the Humane Society, (2) pack children's snack bags for the food pantry, and (3) make cards for Grangers who need a little pick-me-up (like we did at Winter camp). I am so grateful that our Youth are community-minded and understand the importance of service and would love to get all Ohio Granges involved in our efforts.

(1) Humane Society: I have spoken with the Hocking County Humane Society and they are excited for us to help! At Winter camp, the Youth made dog toys out of scrap fabric, so they will also get to donate those when we go there to work.

(2) Food Pantry Snack Bags: We need YOUR help! We need donations of individually wrapped, non-perishable, child-friendly snacks so we can build snack packs for the food pantry. Ideas include fruit gummy snacks, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, dried fruit, etc. You may send your donations with your Deputy who can give it to me at the May Deputies Conference, deliver the donations to the Ohio State Grange office, send with your Youth attending

Summer Camp, or contact me to arrange for a different pick-up arrangement. We are hoping to get a lot of donations so we can pack several bags for children in need.

(3) Cards for Grangers: We need YOUR help! Please email ohiograngeyouth@gmail.com with information for Grangers who would appreciate a “thinking of you” card to help brighten their day that our Youth will make at Summer camp and then send via USPS. We will need the following information for the Grange members that you send to us: first & last name, address for us to mail the card, and Grange name.

**Talent Contest: June 15th**

This year’s talent contest will be held on June 15th at the Ohio State Grange state office beginning at 1pm, and we hope that you can participate! Check out the Lecturer’s article on page 10 of the March-April 2024 Ohio Granger magazine for more information.

**Family Campout: June 21st-23rd**

This year’s Family Campout will be held at Whispering Hills Jellystone RV Park in Big Prairie. If you and your family would like to attend, please refer to page 3 of the of the March-April 2024 Ohio Granger magazine for more information.

**Junior Grange Camp: July 7-10th**

Junior Camp will be held at Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, OH and they need Youth to serve as camp counselors. Please reach out to our Junior Directors at ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to apply to be a camp counselor.

Wishing you all a very safe and joyful summer! Be Proud. Be Leaders. Be Grange Youth.

**Youth Ambassadors  
Amilyah & Brayden**



Youth Ambassadors, Amilyah and Brayden assisting Mile Branch Grange, Columbiana County with their Easter Egg Hunt. They also attended the Darke County Grange banquet.

**Don't miss the fun!  
Register today for  
Youth summer  
camp!**

**Summer Youth Camp Registration  
Lone Star Lodge, Hocking Hills  
June 10 - 13, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Grange \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle one) Small Medium Large XL 2XL

**Registration and payment due by May 31st to receive a shirt at camp!**

Summer Youth Camp is \$100.00 per person. Mail registration to The Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE OHIO STATE GRANGE.**

If you have any questions or concerns contact Jennifer Cox at 740-438-2351 or the state office at 740-694-0211.

**Camp Details:**

Campers should arrive between 5 and 9 pm on Monday evening and depart by 10 am on Thursday. Medical information and participation forms will also need to be completed and turned in prior, or upon arrival to camp. Watch the Ohio Grange Youth Facebook for more information. Please contact Jennifer Cox with questions.

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By the time this has reached you spring should have finally arrived. We love this time of year as there are more options for our Juniors to be active outside and for outside family activities.

We hope all are having a wonderful year so far, we are looking forward to our in person visits with the juniors that are just around the corner. Below, please find details of our planned activities

### Talent Contest

Remember it's not too early to get the talent contest applications in. We are looking to have a good turn out this year, we have learned over the past year that we have some incredibly talented juniors and would love to see each one come out and perform. The date for the Talent Show is June 6/15/2024 at The State Grange Office. The talent registration will follow in this article and it is due 6/1/2024 to Beth.

### Family Day Trip

This years first family day trip will be 5/19/2024 we are excited to tour the capitol building, we are working diligently to secure reservations and at the time of this writing, we are still waiting to hear back from them. Once we finalize the agenda we will send it out in the newsletter, on Facebook and in the event group itself. We hope to see many of you there as we are encouraging it to be a whole family event and friends are welcome.

### Camp

We are excited to announce our new camp location! With any new camp there are some new exciting activities this year and we are very excited! Camp will be held at Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine the dates will be July 7 – July 10, 2024. 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 as this covers the dues for that member or for a new camper to join the Junior Grange. Please feel free to share the video we have created on YouTube to spark interest to prospective Juniors. Our main Goal is to build the Junior Grange up so that the future of the Grange becomes brighter. You can apply digitally to [Ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com](mailto:Ohiojuniorgrange@gmail.com) or by mail to Elizabeth Tolley, 429 Hester Ave., Alliance, Ohio.

### Background Check

Also, just a friendly reminder, The National Grange is requiring background checks for all leaders and

individuals over the age of 18 that 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](http://www.safegatherings.com), will include an abuse prevention module, and everything is handled through The National Grange office. The cost per individual is \$35. Also, the State Master Mike Russell would encourage a fingerprint background check as an alternative to Safe Gatherings. This can be done through your local Sheriff's Department. We encourage Subordinate and Pomona Granges to consider paying for the required background checks for their junior leaders.

### Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Baking Contest 5/4 at Deputy Conference

Family Day tour state capitol 5/19

Talent Show 6/15

Talent Application due 6/1 (page 9)

Camp Registration due 6/10 (page 9)

Junior Camp- Camp Wilson 7/7-7/10

Fraternally yours,

Elizabeth Tolley and Sarah Casseday

### National Grange Cookbooks

The National Grange is offering the 1976, 1979, and 1986 cookbooks as digital PDF downloads through both the Grange Supply Store and [issuu.com/grangeoodday](http://issuu.com/grangeoodday).

For just \$5 each, you can own the Bicentennial Year Cookbook, Family Cookbook from Country Kitchens, and The Glory of Cooking.





## 2024 JUNIOR TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Rules are available on page 11 and 12 of the Sept./Oct. 2023 Ohio Granger. The State Grange Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio State Grange Office, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019 on Saturday, June 15, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m. **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

## JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP REGISTRATION

**Camp Wilson, Bellefontaine July 7 - July 10, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(as to be used on camp name badge) (as of 7-7-24) (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 (5-8), 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, 2024 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!**

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## “In Step to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

The calendar says that it is spring but it is snowing as I write this article. Hoping when you read this article that we are enjoying beautiful weather and the bright colors of the green grass and beautiful flowers.

The State Talent Contest is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Ohio State Grange headquarters beginning at 1:00 p.m. Entries due June 1st. National Grange has decided to eliminate the Evening of Excellence so our Best of Show will not need to travel to National Session to perform.

I received the first Creative Writing entry this week. Looking forward to many more. Remember that you can send entries any time. Email entries are great! You can also mail your entries to me by September 1st.

Thank you to all who attended the Lecturer/Community Service Conference. Great ideas were shared throughout the day. We ended the day enjoying ice cream sundaes.

### 2024 National Grange Lecturer’s Garden Design Contest STATEMENT OF INTENT

Share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

#### RULES

**A.** The National Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone.

**B.** All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2024. Submit entries at: <http://grange.biz/grangegarden2024>

**C.** All entries must be received electronically as a single PDF file. (If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at [pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org))

**D.** Groups and Divisions:

#### 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)

- a. Container Garden
- b. Raised Bed Garden
- c. Ground Space Garden

#### 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)

- a. Container Garden
- b. Raised Bed Garden
- c. Ground Space Garden

#### 3. Group (all ages)

- a. Container Garden
- b. Raised Bed Garden
- c. Ground Space Garden

**E.** Definitions:

**a. Raised Bed Garden:** Raised beds are freestanding garden beds constructed above ground level. "Raised bed" means that the soil level in the bed is higher than the surrounding soil and implies a size small enough to work in without stepping onto planting area. Raised beds are enclosed with box-like frames to provide structural support and prevent erosion and may be constructed using a variety of materials. Beds can also be elevated for gardeners who want to avoid bending to the ground while working.

**b. Container Garden:** A container garden can be a single pot with one or more plants in it, or several containers with multiple plants in each or a single plant per container, or a mixture of containers with various configurations of plant mixtures. Containers may be pots made from a variety of materials, baskets, planters or other objects that work effectively as a home for garden plants.

**c. Ground Space:** any area of a ground level space cordoned off for growing garden plants (fruits, vegetables, flowers and other plant materials). Plants must be directly planted into the soil. Configurations of this garden plot may be in rows, square foot or broadcast.

**F.** Entries must include a written description that includes:

a. Name of gardener, Group and Division (ex. Individual Adult: Container) Grange name, number and location, contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

b. Purpose of the Garden: examples include purposes such as: herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc.)

c. List of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach, Poblano Pepper, etc.)

d. Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in late August.

**G.** Any entries received after the September 1, 2024 deadline will not be judged.

**H.** Winners will be announced at the 158th National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.

#### PRIZES

• Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in each Division.

• Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

#### ENTRY

- Submit entries at this link: <http://grange.biz/grangegarden2024>

**2024 National Grange Lecturer's Weather Watcher Challenge**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

**GUIDELINES**

**A.** The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.

**B.** All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2024.

**C.** Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <http://grange.biz/grangeweather2024> or mailed as a packet to:

Tom Gwin, National Lecturer  
PO Box 1186  
Olympia, WA 98507-1186

**D. Groups:**

- 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
- 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)

**E. Divisions:**

- 1. One Month
- 2. Three (3) Months
- 3. December 1, 2023-August 31, 2024

**F. Entries must include:**

- 1. Entry information
- 2. Completed Weather Watcher Forms for your Division

**G.** Any entries received after the September 1, 2024 deadline will not be judged.

**H.** Winners will be announced at the 158th National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.

**I.** Monetary Awards will be given to 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in all divisions of each group

**Star Grange # 778  
Meigs County**



Opal Dyer: Star Grange #778, Meigs County donates hygiene items to the Meigs Cooperative Parish twice per year to be distributed to needy people with food baskets.

**Midwest Grange Leaders Conference  
June 21-23, 2024  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH**

**2024 SUBORDINATE TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Rules are available on page 23 and 24 of the Sept./Oct. 2023 Ohio Granger. The State Grange Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio State Grange Office, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019 on Saturday, June 15, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**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, 2024.** Mail to: Diana Nordquest, 399 Shelton Road, Salem OH 44460 or e-mail to [nordquest\\_diana@yahoo.com](mailto:nordquest_diana@yahoo.com)

## **Ann Shank - Lyn Shank**

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**STAY SAFE**

**STAY CONNECTED**

**STAY POSITIVE**

When this magazine comes out we will have had our two "Spring Flings". The first Spring Fling was in Wayne County and the second in Fairfield County. We want to thank our host Granges, Valley College and Clear Creek Valley. We also want to thank our speakers for coming and giving great insight into helping our communities and the planet. Check out our facebook page for pictures and comments. Ann and I would like to thank Sharon Knepper from Nimishillen Grange for donating the plastic storage and take home bags for our craft.

In May we sent our baking judges home full and coming off their sugar high from your great baking. We will post the winners in the next magazine. I know the cookies, bread, cake and healthy bars will be great because they always are. We collected eyeglasses for VOSH at this meeting and Harry Trexlar took them for us.

In June our committee will be getting together to come up with the 2024-2025 baking contest along with the other projects and contests. We get together for lunch, but never have to buy dessert because usually everyone brings their ideas and samples. This is another overstuffed dessert trial day. Our waitress usually enjoys the afternoon delights too. We want this to be your contests, so if you have any ideas for next year we would greatly appreciate them. We will be using some of the ideas you wrote on your reports, YES, we do read the reports and write them down.

Ann and I will be going this summer to Hartville Flea Market or Rogers Flea Market to try to find hardware items to make into the Hardware Store: Misc. Hardware Sculpture. Limited size: 6 inches x 6 inches x 6 inches. You could also find something for the Phone Stand Holder, 10 inches x 10 inches, each or even the Trivet for Hot Dish, 10 inches x 10 inches x 1 inch. They are any medium (material). Remember all the classes in the Hardware Store section are open to potential members.

Remember we are helping our Lecturer with the "Quilt of Valor". Diana has more recipients than she has quilts for and thus needs blocks. We are asking you to make several blocks. Pick one to enter in our contest and give the rest for the quilts so our veterans can receive this special acknowledgment. If there is anyone who would like to help Diana put the quilt tops together, please call her.

The Sockless Monster will be getting hungry this fall. We are asking for new socks in all sizes as well as misfits and the Sunday socks (holey). Continue to collect

prescription eyeglasses for VOSH. Talk to the WalMart optometrist and see if they would be willing to donate some or all of their unneeded glasses and your own optometrist, as well.

Have a safe and warm summer and help your fellow person.

### **Family Campout**

Family Campout will be held from June 21st to 23rd. This will be held at Whispering Hills Jelly Stone RV Park, 514 Big Prairie, Ohio. This is a family filled weekend, time to just relax and visit with friends. It is in Holmes County so there are a lot of places to visit or just take in all the activities at the park. They have over 200 RV sites and 13 full-service cabins with full kitchens, full bath, towels, bedding, dishes & cookware are provided. Heated outdoor pool, camp store, concession stand, mini golf, outdoor movie theater, dog park, community fire pit, WiFi, jumping pads and many other activities.

Meals are on your own except for Saturday night evening meal and that is potluck with the group. Contact the park office after April 15th to see what is available or to make reservations at 330-567-2137 tell them you are with the Grange camping group. Military and senior citizens get a 10% discount. This camp fills up fast so double check with the office as soon as possible if you would like to come. The cost of the cabins can be shared by more people. We would like to see a good group. As of this writing, our numbers are way down. Hope to see you! website [whisperinghillsjellystone.com](http://whisperinghillsjellystone.com)

### **National Grange - View From The Hill**

#### **USDA Issues Tighter "Product of the USA" Label**

A new regulation by the Department of Agriculture requires any meat, poultry or egg packaging bearing "Product of the USA" or "Made in the USA" terminology must come from animals that are born, raised, processed and packaged in the United States. This issue has been widely debated since the 2015 repeal of mandatory country-of-origin label was repealed. That action was taken to avoid retaliation by Canada and Mexico following a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling against the United States. Without the mandatory language, concern spread among producers about the use of "Product of the USA" terminology on foreign-born meat that was only packaged or processed in the U.S. The National Grange has strong policy supporting the new label and appreciates USDA issuing the final regulation.

## Debra Hogue, Secretary

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Spring is officially here. The beautiful flowers are blooming between the snow flurries!

Everyone is busy doing more activities. Our County Pomona Grange members signed Easter cards at our meeting for our shut-ins. The next day after church and lunch our family went to visit those Grange members in the nursing homes. They were so surprised to see us and their smiles melted your heart. Something we need to do more often.

Last evening our second oldest grandson called and wanted to know if his fair heifer had a calf yet. Our middle son went to go check on her and came back to get Dad (she needed help). A healthy new baby "girl" was delivered. I am curious what my grandson will name her. Grandpa has appointed that job to him. He comes up with some interesting names that are not our typical ones we have had over the years. Some examples are Fondue and Fijita.

The Grange Delegate Election papers are starting to come in. Please remember to fill in all the lines and stamp the Grange Seal on and record the number of votes for each candidate. Please mail as soon as possible before the May 1st deadline. The State Grange appreciates your interest and willingness to serve as delegate at State Grange Convention.

Over the past month I have been busy planning a spaghetti benefit for our young neighbor girl who has had many health problems for over nine years. I have been amazed how many Grangers, friends and businesses have all been so generous in helping to support the event. When we all work together, wonderful things are accomplished. It has brought many people together that probably wouldn't have had any connection otherwise.

Remember to be thankful for our many blessings and answers to prayers. Enjoy this beautiful season and be safe working outside.

Debra Hogue

## Duplicate Charter Application

Effective May 1, 2024, there will be a Duplicate Charter Application and a \$25.00 fee for a duplicate charter. This fee covers the staff time to review and authenticate the original charter applications, materials for shipping, and postage. This form is available on the National Grange website under the Member Resources tab in the Leadership Documents and Secretaries Forms.

## Secretaries Of The Month

### March

Secretary	Grange	County
Lonnie Totten	Monroe-Dan Emmett #847	Knox
Julia Wilson	Range Community #2739	Madison
Pat Payton	Roseland #2668	Richland
Cheryl Prost	Union #1783	Wayne
Shirley Gordon	Winfield #1473	Tuscarawas

### April

Gail McCrady	Perry #2729	Stark
Diana Lands	Saltcreek Valley #2314	Pickaway
Michelle Barstow	Stovertown #2076	Muskingum
Mary Gessel	Neelyville #299	Morgan
Carolyn Boze	Cove Spring #2414	Miami

## Membership Awards

### 75 Year

Hazel Broughton	Bath Grange #1331	Summit Co.
Janet Anderson	Bath Grange #1331	Summit Co.

### 70 Year

Margaret Hardesty	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.
Patricia Wallace	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.

### 65 Year

Edward Pal	East Plymouth Grange #1548	Ashtabula Co.
Dorotha McCormick	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.

### 60 Year

Alene Barnes	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.
Sharon Stewart	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.
Sally Hale	Waterford Grange #231	Washington
John Smolen Jr.	East Plymouth Grange #1548	Ashtabula Co.

Lee Darst	Bath Grange #1331	Summit Co.
Larry Bates	Perry #2729	Stark Co.
Jerry Beatty	Miami Grange #2158	Logan Co.

### 55 Year

Maurice Hammon	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.
Kay Hine	Bath Grange #1331	Summit Co.
Judith Misinec	East Plymouth #1548	Ashtabula
Charles Strayer	Miami Grange #2158	Logan Co.
Jean Stout	Miami Grange #2158	Logan Co.

### 50 Year

Michael McCormick	Neelyville Grange #299	Morgan Co.
Lundy Hooten	Little Muskingum Grange #2621	Washington Co.
Connie Beatty	Miami Grange #2158	Logan Co.
Chris McBurney	Perry Grange #2729	Stark Co.
Michael Bolton	Collinsville Grange #2264	Butler Co.

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## “NO BARRIERS FOR DEAF PEOPLE”

Greetings to all,

From the sharpest corner in Ohio, the big ‘C’ Conneaut. Our surprising sun and warmth in February coincides with the bright outlook for “No Barriers for the Deaf Community” throughout Ohio Granges. I want to thank everyone who took the time to read my last article and I hope you enjoyed it. Let me just recap very briefly, the goal of the article was to encourage the collaboration between the Deaf officer and the Chaplain to provide hope, spiritual guidance and moral well-being of Grange members, to stay connected to God. The purpose of those studies was to bring awareness how this growing disability will effect society. Individuals with hearing issues often feel frustrated, lonely, helpless, and afraid causing them to withdraw from public and family gatherings such as church and Grange functions.

**Moving forward, some interesting facts related to the history of American Sign Language:**

1. 1620 Juan Pablo de Bonet inspired by an Italian man named Geronimo Cardano, was the first to publish a book on Sign Language.
2. 1755 In Paris, Abbe Charles Michel de L’Eppe was the first to start Sign Language in school. This lead to finger-spelling and the use of gestures that is still used today.
3. 1817 Thomas Hepkins Gallaudet introduced Sign Language to America.
4. 1853 David Bartlett was the first to use Sign Language in school for the Deaf and hearing.
5. 1863 America had created twenty-two schools for the Deaf.
6. 1864 Thomas Hepkins Gallaudet started the first college in America for the Deaf called Gallaudet College.

Let me ask a few questions. Does sign language only benefit the Deaf community? Is the American Sign Language (ASL) recognized as a foreign language? As a parent, have you ever thought about teaching sign language to your toddler or should ASL be taught in school for the hearing? There is a misconception of what the correct answer is, which has led to a disadvantage for the Deaf community. It’s important for the Granges to address these questions if the goals are to ensure ‘NO BARRIERS FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY.’

The false impression that ONLY Deaf individuals should know ASL is just that, false. ASL may have been created for the Deaf but there are many benefits for the hearing community. It is important for Granges to find ways to bridge the gap in communication between the Deaf

and the hearing communities. Bilingualism is defined as knowing and speaking two languages. Most don’t think of English and ASL together as bilingualism. Recently there is a growing number of hearing people willing to learn to use sign language as their primary language or secondary language to enhance the opportunity to form connections with the Deaf community. More and more Deaf individuals are beginning to be a big part of the hearing community. They are taking on roles in the workforce as employees and managers, students and teachers in schools, or customers in one’s business. In addition, knowing ASL as a hearing person is helping the aging population who are diagnosed with LATENT deafness communicate their needs. Every day, the nursing profession uses basic ASL to communicate with hard of hearing patients when delivering care.

The first step in addressing barriers is awareness. When individuals were asked if they should learn ASL as a second language, they had the misunderstanding that there is very little need or use for it, since on the national level it is not a recognized language. This is false, since 2019, ASL education took a positive turn in the US. Many of the colleges and universities accept ASL as a foreign language such as Ohio State University, Ohio University, and Kent State. Sherman Wilcox, Ph. D. of the University of New Mexico maintains the ASL fact sheet that lists the colleges and universities that accept ASL as a foreign language across the U.S. In addition, Mr. Wilcox stated in several states, ASL is now required by law as acceptable in fulfillment of high school language graduation requirements.

Now that ASL is a recognized language in the U.S., studies have shown that the sooner individuals are exposed to ASL, the more fluent they will become. Learning Sign Language can be for many different reasons. One major reason is to enhance a child’s learning environment. Implementation of Sign Language during infancy, nursery schools, and preschools has many benefits in early childhood development and learning. More parents today are exposing their children to a second language at an early age of infancy. Early age children who learn hand gestures for letters and objects before they can speak have a higher success rate in language development and are better communicating their needs. Special needs children such as those with Autism, Down syndrome, and Aphasia especially benefit. With ASL as their primary language and a speaking language as their secondary, studies had shown a tremendous growth in speech and were able to use motions that represent the words to see, hear, and feel to communicate. When

these children can effectively use basic Sign Language, their parents, family, and caregivers better understand the child's feelings and needs, reducing the child's frustration when trying to convey them. This allows the child to have confidence in themselves to communicate to others.

According to Daniels (1994, 1996, 1997, 2004) research supports the use of Sign Language in the hearing classrooms and early childhood learning environment. The studies focused on early childhood K-3rd but later included K-12 and it showed hearing children were at age appropriate or above in reading, spelling, and sound identification. I encourage you to read her studies and ask yourself why schools are not mandated to teach ALS as a bilingual language for the hearing. When schools add ALS to the school curriculum, students experience not only a different language and culture but a language they can use in everyday life. It also opens opportunities for them to be leaders as educators, interpreters, and workers at many government agencies.

I would like to emphasize Mike's goals of seeing the Ohio State Grange build and strengthen the Junior, Youth, Family and Deaf Activities Programs. What better way than to incorporate ASL curriculum in these programs such as Language Arts and Culture. Kevin reminded us while some projects have run their course, Ohio Granges need to be planning new. What an honor it would be to see Ohio Grangers be the future leaders in a building bilingual culture. Ohio Granges could offer two approaches, to continue to include ASL to be taught within the Grange itself, or a more community friendly approach could be after school programs. As the Deaf Director, I will be asking Granges to make a monetary donation to purchase ASL dictionaries, posters, and digital materials. These supplies will be available for any child wishing to learn but cannot afford them. I am currently developing a Grange Deaf Activities Report. Please make all monetary donations to OHIO STATE GRANGE and add intended for ASL deaf activities projects. 'STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE WITH NEW CHALLENGES AND ADVENTURES' while assuring 'NO BARRIERS FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY'

Thank you. Till next time, have a blessed day!!!!

Theresa Hass

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Change is in the air! I know as humans we are truly not comfortable with most change. Did you know that generally only 20 percent of people are "change friendly". They're clear advocates who willingly embrace the change. Another 50 percent of folks sit on the fence. They assume a so called neutral position, trying to figure out which way to lean. They're not necessarily hostile to change, but they are not helping like they should. The remaining 30 percent are the resisters. They are antagonistic toward change and often deliberately try to make it fail.

How many of you are shaking your head as you have tried to start a different community service project or change how an existing community service project has been done. You are not alone - but take heart. Change is inevitable and we do not want to become obsolete or unnecessary like some large organizations (i.e Kodak or Polaroid). So if you see that participation is dropping off on some of your events or projects maybe it is time to reevaluate them. Ask for feedback from others.

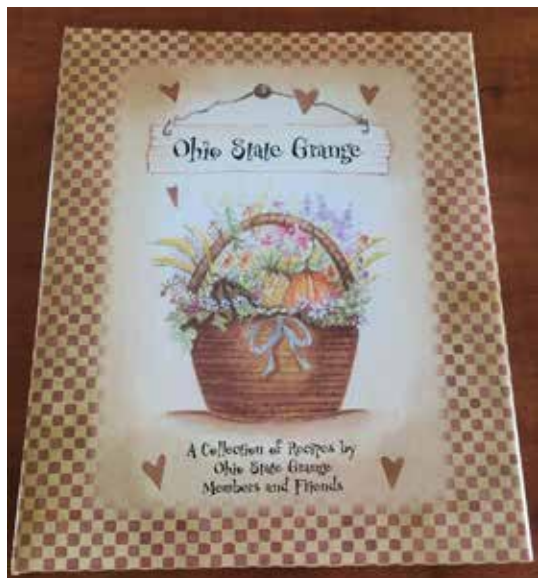
I was so excited when they added cornhole to the annual Horse Shoe pitch contest. Most individuals have more access and availability to learn and play cornhole. Our photography and art contests include photos taken with your phones and computer generated art. We must continue to change with the times.

You probably read in the March and April issue of our Grange magazine that our new National Grange President Christine Hamp announced a new 2024 – 2025 theme "Grange Strong: Rooted. Resilient. United. Try to incorporate this in sharing what your Grange is doing – Share how you are rooted in your community. Showcase your resilience through your Grange history and be united in support of building up our Granges. #GrangeStrong

Speaking of National Grange, I am still asking all Ohio Granges to submit a one page Grange in Action report to National so that Ohio can continue to be a State Grange in Action. You still have time to submit a donation to the Ohio State Grange for the Flying Horse Farms, please try to do that soon so that we can have a nice check presentation for them at our annual convention. Also, remember to recognize a school teacher, law enforcement and fire fighter in your area and submit those nominations to be judged with your annual community service report. As always, I am here to answer any questions that you may have regarding any of your service projects. I am so excited as summer brings on the county fair season and I look forward to you sharing about your fair displays food stands and other activities you use to share your Grange spirit.

Fraternally Kevin Evans

## Ohio State Grange Cookbooks



**\$10.00 + \$6.00 shipping & handling.**

**Buy 2 get 3rd one free.**

**To place your order contact:**

**Ohio State Grange 740-694-0211**

**Mike Russell 937-541-1849**

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The next issue is planned for

**July - August 2024**

Please have all articles and news items  
to Jim Grafton by May 20, 2024

### Calendar

#### May

4 Deputies, Directors, State Officer Conference,  
Knox County

5 Rural Life Sunday, Knox County

#### June

10-13 Summer Youth Camp, Lone Star Lodge,  
Hocking Co.

12 Board Meeting, OSG Office, Fredericktown

15 Talent Contest, OSG Office, Fredericktown

21-23 Family Campout, Big Prairie

21-23 Midwest Grange Leaders Conference

#### July

5 Quarterly reports due

7-10 Junior camp at Camp Wilson, Bellefontaine

10 Board Meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

#### August

14 Board Meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

#### September

1 All reports and resolutions due to directors and  
state office except FAC reports.

11 Board meeting OSG Office, Fredericktown

## Midwest Grange Leaders Conference

**June 21-23, 2024**

**Bowling Green State University**

**Bowling Green, OH**

Plan to attend a weekend filled with workshops, fellowship and fun!

The conference will be held in the Education Building on the Bowling Green State University Campus. Meals will be in the meeting room and/or All-You-Can-Eat Cafeteria.

Lodging will be in dorm rooms with 2 xl twin beds and private bathroom.

All buildings are ADA accessible and within a 2-minute walk.

#### Price for the event:

Conference Fee \$130, which includes Friday supper, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast, and double occupancy room.

Single occupancy rooms are available for an additional \$64.00.

Hotel options are available across from the campus. Conference rate will be adjusted for those staying in hotel.

#### What to Bring

Silent Auction Item wrapped with clue attached

Bedding and shower Items

Snacks for the dorm area. All snacks in meeting room will be provided.

Clothes appropriate for the weather.

#### Special Notes

There will be no Public Speaking, Sign-a-Song or Grange Baseball contests at the conference. Each state is responsible for selecting and sending their representatives to National Convention.

We are looking for 2-4 volunteers from visiting states to present a 30-45 minute workshop/activity.

Contact Diana Nordquest at 330-853-6329 or nordquest\_diana@yahoo.com with any questions. Registration form and schedule will be available soon.

## Ohio State Grange Convention

**October 24 - 27**

**Marriott NW -**

**5605 Blazer Parkway Dublin, Ohio**

## National Grange Convention

**November 12 - 16, 2024**

**Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf**

**1777 Isle Parkway**

**Bettendorf, IA 52722**

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