

# IDAHO INSIGHTS

*The latest news and updates from the Idaho State Grange*



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Be kind  
for everyone you  
meet is fighting a  
battle you know  
nothing about.

#CULTIVATINGCONNECTIONS

## FIRTH LITTLE BUCKAROO RODEO

*Lorraine Shafer*

Members of The York Grange, founded in 1938, made a sizeable donation to the Bonneville County Fair Board for a new squeeze chute and scale combination for the fairgrounds. The first Little Buckaroo Rodeo was held in 1965 at the Firth football field, where Firth High School stands today. The makeshift arena was made up of a snow fence. In the 3rd year, the Grange moved the rodeo to the Riverview Arena and built the original wooden chutes & arena. The Grange controlled the reigns of the rodeo until 1996 when the Firth FFA Alumni Assn. was asked to help. The Alumni leased the Rodeo from the Grange from 1997 through 2002. On Jan. 21, 2003, the Firth FFA Alumni Assn. purchased the rodeo from the Grange. Several floods from the river took a toll on the Riverview Arena facilities. In 2007 the Firth FFA Alumni repositioned & built the metal center load chutes and arena we use today. In 2012 the number increased to over 400 contestants that sign up for the opportunity to rodeo. Cowboys & Cowgirls ride in from all over southeastern Idaho, and many find a trail in from out of state. Family reunions are planned around the rodeo, and many are registering 3rd generation Little Buckaroo Rodeo participants. They all go home Rodeo Champions with their shiny, new belt buckle.

Members of Riverview Grange #243 Harold Brewington, Larry Brower, Ed Hall, & Bob Wetherbee signed the first contract to make the rodeo happen. Instrumental Grange members were Harold & Leah Brewington, Ed & Edna Hall, Larry & Sarah Brower, Bob & Lou Wetherbee, Glen & Betty Cederberg, and Lloyd & Marlene Rogers. Later years included Laraine Brower Shafer, John & Vicki Davidson, Carol & Fred Mundt, Lena Olsen, John Van Eps, Kathy Van Eps, Charlene McNeely Lent, Terry McNeely, Kay & Fern Brown & many others.

## Idaho State Grange Officers

**President:** Eileen Javaux, Caldwell  
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**Lecturer:** Bonnie Mitson, Post Falls  
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**Gatekeeper:** Gene Cox, Caldwell  
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**Flora:** Alissa Javaux, Boise  
**Ceres:** LanaMarie Bear, Cascade

### Executive Committee

David Terbest, Priest River - Term Exp 2022  
Arlene Ankenman, Meridian - Term Exp 2023  
Mary Ann Knight, Bellevue -Term Exp 2024

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**Family Activities:** Arlene Ankenman  
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**Family Health/Deaf Awareness:** Lily Sorenson  
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James Conrad- North  
LanaMarie & John Bear - South  
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**Legislative:** Wayne Foster  
Dave Terbest  
**Youth & Juniors:** Colleen Foster

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"In essentials, Unity;  
In non-essentials, Liberty  
In all things, Charity"

## President's Message

**"Patrons, carry with you a feeling of  
compassion for those who strive to make  
the world a better place"**

Greetings Members,

As we celebrate the Holiday let us remember to have compassion for others. It seems that we have a lot of unkindness, in the world now. One kind gesture can make a difference to someone that is struggling.

I would like to thank all the Idaho State Grange delegates and members for a successful State Session. The hybrid sessions will probably become our normal for our future State Sessions. As we look forward to the next session the Executive Committee will be making plans for our State Session in Pocatello, Idaho. A special thanks to Family Activities Director, Arlene, and Program Director Bonnie Mitson for having their contests judged and awards provided to contestants.

From November seventh to the thirteenth Richard and I attended National Grange Conference in Wichita, Kansas. There were 34 State Granges represented and 50 Voting Delegates. Interesting news to pass along: delegates did vote to sell the National Grange Building in Washington DC.

In this issue of the Idaho Insights is the Grange Growth Policy. This document contains the resolutions that were presented to the Grange Growth and Development Committee and placed in their policy.

Next year's theme is, "RAISED RIGHT HERE." More information on this theme coming out soon. Information will be sent out to all Granges on the policies of the National Grange. It is important to read these policies as they are important to read and know before we write a resolution. It is challenging to write a resolution that isn't already in the policy.

National Grange is introducing the Heirloom Program that will educate new members and refresh the rest of us on 150 years of tradition and culture. This program is designed to impart the lessons of the Grange to new Grange members in a way that meets them at a modern level of comfort and attention span while creating a meaningful connection to the lessons that are the most important piece of the ritual work. We'll tell you more about this on page 12 of this issue.

Congratulations to William Dunne and Patricia Foster for their accomplishments as Junior Grangers. William and Patricia represented Idaho along with Johnathin Dunne and our Idaho Youth and Junior Director Colleen Foster. Well done!

*Fraternally,  
Eileen Javaux, President*

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Bonnie Mitson



President Eileen Javaux presents Michele Gumm with her Certificate.

The following granges have chosen their Granger of the Year:

**Kuna Grange** chose Michele Gumm for her outstanding contributions to the community, to the school, to the state Grange office, and to her Grange. Michele shows volunteerism at the highest level. I have always seen Michele wear a smile. I can see why she would be chosen for this High Award. Michele is truly the "Hands and Feet" of the Grange.

**Mica Flats Grange** chose Mr. & Mrs. Holbart. Combined, Chris and Dianne have served Grange for 38 yrs. They have demonstrated Leadership, Friendship, and Charity. Dianne served as her Grange president for 8 yrs, and Chris on the Exec board for 9 yrs. They are the masters of fundraising. With Chris by her side, Dianne has led the volunteers in running the largest food booth in the food court at the North Idaho State Fair, managing 80 to 100 volunteers, for 22 years. These two are the "Heart" of Grange.

**Bellgrove Grange** chose Mr. & Mrs. Ward. Dale and Elaine have worked tirelessly for the Bellgrove Grange. In 2014, just shortly before the passing of then-President Rodney Shriner - who was known for his devotion and Love of Grange - Rodney asked Dale to be the one to hold the Grange together. Giving his word, Dale has organized meetings, kept up the building and yard maintenance. Elaine has cooked dinners trying to keep the dwindling membership from slipping away. In 2018 Dale and Elaine reached out to Idaho State officers for help. With the state's help and for the next 3 years, they worked on rebuilding the Grange. Going neighbor to neighbor, they did not stop for 3 years. In July 2021, the efforts of their labor bore fruit. After bringing in 30 plus members, Dale held elections and new officers were voted on. Dale handed over the responsibilities of the Grange to the next generation. Elaine worked to educate the new members on the history of the Grange while demonstrating hospitality and fine cooking. True leadership knows it must teach the next generation, and must willingly step aside when the new leaders are ready to assume the duties. For demonstrating True Leadership in the Grange "Spirit" and empowering the next generation for success, this couple has been chosen the 2021 Idaho State Grangers of the Year. Well done good and faithful servants. These two are the "Spirit" of Grange.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman

### Sewing and Craft Awards

**Crafts:** Jewelry-1st place Donna Brobeck-Sponsored by Pleasant Ridge

**Woodcrafts:** 3rd place-Irene Lee-Blanchard Grange

**Needlework:**

**Counted Cross Stitch:** 1st place-Susan Ankenman Pennell-sponsored by Kuna Grange

**Crochet:** 3rd place- Elaine Ward-Bellgrove Grange

**Knit or crochet clothing:** 2nd & 3rd place Irene Lee-Blanchard Grange

**Quilts:** 1st place - Karissa Ward-sponsored by Pleasant Ridge

**Fidget sleeves:**1st place-Arlene Ankenman-Kuna Grange

**Sewing craft:** 1st place Irene Lee, Blanchard Grange

2nd place - Donna Brobeck

3rd place - Irene Lee-Blanchard Grange

**Repurposed sewing crafts:**

1st place: Melanie Harper Pleasant Ridge

Irene Lee from Blanchard Grange, thank you for sending a box full of items for the contest!!

### Baking Contest

Four fabulous cooks made it difficult for the judge!

**Brownies:** 1st place. Colleen Foster & Eileen Javaux, Pleasant Ridge

2nd place: Colleen Foster, Pleasant Ridge

3rd place: Alissa Javaux, Pleasant Ridge, Becky Eilers, Nampa Valley Grange,

**Quick Bread:** Eileen Javaux, Pleasant Ridge, Becky Eilers, Nampa Valley

2nd place: Colleen Foster, Pleasant Ridge

3rd place: Colleen Foster, Pleasant Ridge

**Caramel Corn:** 1st place, Colleen Foster

Thank you ladies of the west end of the Treasure valley Granges.

### Family Activities Raffle Winners

**Treasure Valley Pomona coffee basket** - Lillian Frost/Kuna Grange.

**Outdoor Grill Package sponsored by Arlene**

**Ankenman** - Matt Thornton, Upper Big Wood River.

Sales from the raffle tickets equaled \$400.00

Next year's contests will be out shortly. Please encourage your members to start working on projects.

Challenge yourself and your neighbors. It's good mentally and physically to try your hand in something new!! Winter is coming and in the words of a fellow co-worker, "Ten Feet Deep." Side note: that's when I was living in Puyallup Washington ☺



## FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

Lily Sorenson

**FAMILY HEALTH:** Let's plan ahead and think spring! Spring cleaning can help you burn some winter fat.

Spend a half-hour vacuuming furniture and you'll burn about 85 calories; spend another half hour scrubbing your floors on your hands and knees and top off another 189 calories; give every surface on your house a good dusting for 80 calories and scrub the windows and mirrors for another 153 calories. You have burned a lot of calories which is great!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Strawberries are believed to help reduce the risk of heart disease and certain cancers. The nutrients in carrots help support your immune system; help maintain healthy skin; help regulate metabolism; help maintain optimum health and they have a high Vitamin A content and are loaded with fiber!

**STAY HEALTHY:** Unfortunately, we still have COVID in our communities. Please use the three W's... watch your distance; wear a mask; and wash hands frequently. Stay safe!

**DEAF AWARENESS:** Did you know – the first electronic hearing aid was developed in 1889? Special devices using flashing lights or small vibrators alert deaf people to everyday sounds. Tip for a

hearing person to communicate with a person who has a hearing loss, get their attention first: face the person directly, avoid noisy backgrounds, don't shout, don't hide your mouth or chew food or gum while talking. Rephrase if you are not understood. Remember that the most devastating thing to say to a hard-of-hearing person who may not have heard what was said is "never mind".

I want to thank all of those that made a donation to the State Grange Deaf fund. I sent a check to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in the amount of \$550.00. I know that they'll send us a letter thanking and telling us what they bought. We received an additional donation from Bonner/Boundary County Pomona after State Session for the Deaf Awareness Fund. Thank you. Protect your hearing. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

It's never too late to donate to the Deaf Fund.

Please send donations to:

Lily Sorenson

16942 N Werrington Ct.,

Nampa 83687

or to the Grange Office.

**Make checks payable to:**

Idaho State Grange, Deaf Fund.

Thank you in advance!

## MOIR'S MUSINGS

Gordon Moir



## YOUTH AND JUNIORS

Colleen Foster

We had six members attend National Grange. William Dunne, Johnathin Dunne and Patricia Moser participated in the Youth Speech at National Grange Conference in November in Wichita, Kansas. Patricia Foster won second in the junior category for Grange Baseball.

William Dunne won 3rd in the junior Speech division.

While in Wichita, Colleen and the kids went on the junior tour to the Exploration Center. An interactive environment for space, flight, soil, weather and how all play a part in our world.



Johnathin and Patricia with Stephanie Wilkins, Junior Grange Director

## FROM THE GRACES

Alissa Javaux, Colleen Foster, Lana Marie Bear

Happy Winter Brothers and Sisters,

We hope your fall harvest was filled with bounty. Now that the fields and gardens are at rest, we have time to celebrate the holidays and share our bountiful crops over visits with family and friends. Rest and reflect on the year past and begin planning for next year.

The Graces will continue with the Quilt of Valor project in this new year. We hope that you can sew a block or two to contribute to our quilts. We were not able to award any at State Grange this year but we can help our local Granges award Quilts to Veterans across the state and wrap them in the comfort and healing of a handmade quilt.



*"While in Faith and in Hope this world may disagree, All mankind is concerned in Charity."  
(Third Degree; Flora)*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Florence Galland



EPHESIANS 4:32

## RECIPE

Alissa Javaux

### Shaved Brussels Sprout Salad with Crispy Bacon, Parmesan, & Toasted Walnuts

#### Ingredients

- 12 ounces Brussels sprouts, shaved (about 4 cups)
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus more for serving
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 1/2 cup toasted walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped (or parsley, basil, or dill)
- 4 strips bacon, cooked and coarsely chopped (or pancetta or guanciale) (optional)
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Red chili flakes, for garnish



#### Instructions

To shave Brussels sprouts, trim the ends and halve. With a cut side down, make thin slices with your knife across the Brussels sprout to shred. You can also shred them on the blade of your food processor or buy them pre-shaved.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and season to taste. Transfer to a serving platter and garnish with more olive oil and Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately or let chill for softened Brussels. Will keep in an airtight container for 1 day.

# WELCOME TO THE GRANGE!

## Mountain Home Grange #285

Cody & Kris Anderson  
 Peter & Treva Beebe  
 Chris & Lana Bingle Family  
 Kristin Blevins  
 Mike Boller  
 Brady Dial  
 Kevin Dial  
 Tara Dial  
 Wade Dial  
 Katie Glaze  
 Kellie Glaze  
 Ron Glaze  
 Lori Hanna  
 Juli Hoidal  
 Robert Kramer  
 Sally Kramer  
 Chris Largent  
 Gary Largent  
 Lois Largent  
 Nancy Largent  
 Nicole Largent  
 Terry Largent

Trey Magallon  
 Jack Merrill  
 Matt & Jenna Mitchell  
 Sharon Montgomery  
 Ron Nichols  
 Chris Nichols  
 Janie Nirk  
 Paula Nygaard  
 Aspen, Tiffany & Jason  
 Palmer  
 Jerry Rohn  
 John Rohn  
 Judi Rohn  
 Karen Rohn  
 Melissa Smith  
 Chris Strong  
 Carolyn Strong  
 Gary Strong  
 Tena Tucker  
 Dan & Brenda Udy  
 Marc & Jodi Larrabee  
 James & Jennifer Magallon

## Paradise Valley #389

Jamie & Pam Barton  
 John & DeAnne Hartman  
 Sheila Pruitt  
 Megan Johnson  
 Robin Merrifield  
 Harry Hauck  
 Edward & Ashley Perez  
 Debbie Higgins  
 Bobbie & Rene Riddle  
 May Ritz  
 Don & Gina Stolley  
 Dale & Rosanne Wanamaker  
 Herbert & Elizabeth Wood  
 Amy Fess  
 Scott Bourassa

## Bellgrove Grange #369

Joe & Joy Bjerke  
 Gabriel & Mandy Boeher  
 Chris Duboise  
 Michael & Kimberly  
 Lasneski  
 Ken & Jana Pool  
 Ben & Elisha Toews &  
 Family  
 Jody & Jan Shano  
 John & Debby Sneed  
 Josh & Merrie Young &  
 Family  
 Christopher & Angela  
 Wiese & Family



## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FIRST PLACE WINNERS



Animal Category - Eileen Rowan - Moscow Grange



Flower Category - Nancy King - Mica Flats



Family Category  
 Amber McVey  
 Sponsored by  
 Pleasant Ridge



Other Category  
 Amber Obert  
 Pleasant Ridge

# UPDATES

FROM YOUR LOCAL GRANGE

## BELLGROVE GRANGE #369

Angella & Chris Wiese



The summer at Bellgrove Grange has been a busy one. July was the month when we had enough new interest in the Grange that all positions were filled with new members! Following our first meeting, we had our executive board and president look into the damage caused by water around the chimney. The water has caused extensive damage to not only walls but also floors. We realized that we not only needed new members and events to interest them but also a lot of repairs to ensure a safe building. This would allow for continued use for our community for decades to come.

Our first fundraising event was a bake sale and Yard Sale. The community came together with donations, and we had good days of fundraising. October brought our First Pie Social and bounce house, which was a great success. With these first fundraising events, we still have a long way before we meet our matching funds.

Today we received the exciting news that we were the recipient of a \$12,000 matching grant from Idaho Heritage Trust. These funds will be used to repair our beautiful historic building. The upcoming auction of a wood cookstove, that has been in the Grange. More to follow. If interested in specific information, contact us at bellgrove369@gmail.com

We look forward to gathering for meetings and monthly potluck dinners, the second Tuesday of each month, even through the winter!



What do you call cheese that is not yours?

Nacho cheese.

## KUNA GRANGE #59

Michelle Gumm

In September the Kuna Grange put together a "Breakfast Basket" and donated it to the Kuna FFA Auction that was held on September 27th to help raise money for scholarships and competitions. The basket included three muffin mixes, coffee regular and decaf, breakfast tea, a spatula set for mixing, and a coffee cup donated by our local coffee shop Latte Da. Grange members attended the auction. Our members love to support our amazing FFA students!

On October 19th the Kuna Grange hosted a Trustee election forum at Kuna High School. The trustees were open to questions concerning their stand on being elected as a trustee for the Kuna School District. On October 23rd we held our 2nd "YES WE CAN" food drive of the year to help our community pantries. The community is always there when we need them to help us help others!

Kuna Members are also discussing the upcoming holidays and food baskets for local families in need.

The Grange is hosting in our parking lot a Cocoa Stand just in time for cool weather. If you are in Kuna, stop by and have a cup of hot chocolate and warm mini donuts... Yum!



What do you call a fake noodle?

An Impasta.

We would love to hear more about what the rest of you are up to!

Send me an email along with photos!  
Obert.amber@gmail.com

Anything over 200 words may be edited for space.

## MAPLE GROVE #244

Teresa Barnes

We hope that you are all staying healthy and enjoying the cool weather!

It is with a sorrowful heart that I report what you probably already know. We lost two dear Grange members near the end of August: Dave (Lynn) Tewalt and Harold Eshelman.

Dave, son-in-law of Merle Hansen and long-time Grange member, didn't hesitate to help out with plumbing issues at our Grange hall when asked and had a great sense of humor. Unfortunately, he passed from COVID complications and will be missed by all. Hugs and prayers go out to his family.

We also lost Harold Eshelman, my father and long-time Grange member, President of Maple Grove, and Past President of Idaho State Grange. He was very passionate about Veteran and Grange issues. His absence will be felt by everyone who knew him. Again hugs and prayers go out to his family! I have included a photo, of our Maple Grove Grange Baseball team, with both Harold (1st one on the left in bottom row) and Dave (Dave is the 3rd man from the left on the bottom row)



Our Grange has not been as active in the past two years due to COVID. We have replaced our grass in front of our hall with gravel for lower maintenance and conservation of water. It looks excellent, and mowing is going much better. We also welcomed the Red Cross into our hall for a Blood Drive and hope to continue this "partnership" in the future. We heard from one of the Blood Drive employees, "I didn't even know that this building was here." This is one way to get the word out to our community about who we are and what we do. If you have an event coming up in the future, please email me a flyer, and we will get it posted on our community bulletin board for all to see!

We have discussed Pomona Grange membership dues with our MGG members. I would be curious to know what our Granges do. Do they increase subordinate dues to

cover Pomona dues for all members, or do your members join individually? If so, does your Grange track their membership? Do your members get a dues notice from your Pomona?

Our two delegates attended State Grange and enjoyed seeing old (not an age pun) friends and making new ones too. I learned a few new things (so it's not true what they say about old dogs). Hopefully, we will be able to go to an "In-person" session by next year. Still, we know that the virtual capability allows some, who may not be able to attend, the opportunity to participate also. I still have so many questions. I will continue to reach out for answers and appreciate those who have given me guidance since the State Grange session.

I want to thank everyone who expressed care and concern, sent cards or flowers in acknowledgment of my father's passing, and thank Mary Johnson for the beautiful programs at both Pomona and State sessions.

## PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE #135

Melanie Harper

We were looking for a new community service project and providing necessary undergarments for students at local schools was proposed by members Megan Harper and Colleen Foster. A budget was decided on and Megan purchased socks and underwear to fill the clothing closets for when students need these items. The items went to Notus, Homedale, Parma and Wilder schools.



Top Right photo: Megan Harper and Colleen Foster package undergarments for distribution.

Bottom Right photo: Eileen Javaux with Cara Marchbanks, Community Resources Coordinator for Notus Schools.



# GARDEN Challenge

## LEVEL 2022

**Where does your produce go?**

GARDEN GURUS

Would you like to submit a gardening tip or trick to Garden Gurus? Email it to [obert.amber@gmail.com](mailto:obert.amber@gmail.com) Or snail mail your tip to the ISG Office

Garden Challenge: Level 2022 is a continuation of last year's Garden Challenge with a focus on; Where does your produce go? You just need to write a report of your adventures in gardening. Include descriptions and photos of your harvest and where the harvest goes from beginning to end. Each Granger that enters a report will receive a certificate and be entered in a drawing for a prize. Reports & photos can be emailed. Entries may be used by the Grange for promotional materials.

## Bonnie Mitson

The following submitted a photo of their Garden for this non-competitive Contest.

- Amber Obert & Eileen Javaux for the growing and canning process of green beans.
- Maureen Patterson for her Herb Greenhouse,
- Mary Johnson for her tomatoes and red potatoes.
- Drew Petrella for A HUGE Zucchini.
- Chase Petrella for the basket full of potatoes.
- Terri Moote for lots of garlic and concord grapes.
- Merrie Young for gardening in a barrel.
- Maryellen Decker for her raised boxes and teaching neighbor kids to garden.
- Angela Weise for her crop of green peppers
- Nancy King for the Great Pumpkin
- Jeannie Billmire for her Red Amaryllis
- Elaine Ward for her White Amaryllis

Each of these folks received a handmade gift.



I just turned down a job at my local vegetable shop; the celery was unacceptable.



## NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Policyholders' meeting of the Grange Insurance Association will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance Association, 200 Cedar Street, Seattle, Washington 98121.

This meeting may be moved to a virtual setting as we continue to monitor the pandemic. Please consult our website ([www.grange.com](http://www.grange.com)) as the meeting approaches for further announcements and potential virtual registration instructions.

All Grange Insurance Association policyholders are welcome to attend.

Signed at Seattle, Washington this 17th day of November 2021.

Brian J. Allen, CPCU, ARM, AFIS  
Corporate Secretary  
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

## NATIONAL GRANGE CONTEST WINNER



Amanda Javaux Pool Submitted a Quilt Block to the National Quilt Block Contest and received third Place.

# Reflections in Time



The Patrons of Husbandry, or the Grange, was founded in 1867 to advance methods of agriculture, as well as to promote the social and economic needs of farmers in the United States. The financial crisis of 1873, along with falling crop prices, increases in railroad fees to ship crops, and Congress's reduction of paper money in favor of gold and silver devastated farmers' livelihoods and caused a surge in Grange membership in the mid-1870s. Both at the state and national level, Grangers gave their support to reform-minded groups such as the Greenback Party, the Populist Party, and, eventually, the Progressives.

This lithograph(Left), published in 1875, is a modification of the Grange motto, "I pay for all." It asserts that the farmer is the central character upon which all society relies, with the central image of the lithograph being a farmer behind his plow, captioned, "I feed you all!" This vignette appears within a framework of twigs and oak branches, with stalks of corn and sheaves of wheat in the corners. (Gilder-Lehrman)

The Grange continues to support agriculture but membership sets the direction and activities for their Community Grange in true grassroots fashion, and those decisions seep up to the national level. Nonpartisan legislative advocacy, educational programs, service projects, and social interaction and networking are just a few of the ways local Granges serve their communities and members.

The "No Farms No Food" (Right) started showing up on cars in the early 2000s. This particular one is put out by the American Farmland Trust.



## RESOLUTIONS

### FROM IDAHO STATE GRANGE CONFERENCE

#### **AGLE-01-21. PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURE LAND**

RESOLVED: That the Idaho State and National Grange support Legislation to create viable options such as Ohio's easement, and other States that have enacted Legislation to preserve agriculture land. Also, to enforce existing planning and zoning codes and preserve agriculture land in all States. **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

#### **COBY 01-21. ANNUAL WORD**

RESOLVED that the Annual Word be discontinued in our organization and removed from the Digest of Laws as "optional". **RESOLUTION REJECTED**

#### **COBY 02-21. ANNUAL WORD RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the distribution/ mailing of the cipher and key from the Idaho State Grange office be discontinued starting with the Grange year 2022. **RESOLUTION REJECTED**

#### **COBY-04-21 COBY AMENDMENT- Article VI**

#### **COBY-05-21 COBY AMENDMENT - Article VII**

RESOLVED: That Article VI – Board of Directors be added to the By-Laws of the Idaho State Grange as submitted below. **RESOLUTION TABLED FOR ONE YEAR**

#### **GRAC-01-21 OPENING CEREMONY**

RESOLVED, that the march in and seating of the Officers part of the Opening of the Grange Ceremony be eliminated and Officers be in their seats on time to do the Flag, Bible, and Implements to open the Grange for business. **RESOLUTION REJECTED**

#### **HITR-01-21. BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IDAHO RECREATIONAL BOAT OPERATORS**

RESOLVED that the Idaho State Grange supports legislation that requires mandatory boater safety education based on the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Model Act for Mandatory Boating Safety Education. **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE!



*April 15, 2022*

CHECK OUT  
IDAHOSTATEGRANGE.ORG

for application information

## QUILT OF VALOR

THE PROJECT RED WHITE & BLUE  
EAGLE HAS HIS EYE ON YOU

# SEND YOUR QUILT BLOCKS



TO THE IDAHO STATE GRANGE OFFICE,  
C/O PROJECT RED WHITE AND BLUE.



## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY & WORD SEARCH



F	S	R	F	F	P	Y	B	S	U	A	L	C	A	T	N	A	S	L	G
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R	I	W	P	E	W	A	F	X	G	L	T	J	G	I	N	U	M	O	X
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This program is designed to impart the lessons to new Grange members in a way that meets them at a modern level of comfort and attention span while creating meaningful connections to the lessons themselves that are the most important piece of the ritual work. Values readings are short one or two-sentence snip-its that communicate a lesson or a value. As attention spans wane, even in older adults, they offer a new way to incorporate our most basic and fundamental lessons to new and seasoned Grangers to encourage thought and reflection and application to daily life, no matter your age or occupation.

Including these readings as part of your work does not change the way in which a Grange functions, the formalities of a Grange meeting, or any other part of the work of an active Grange. These suggested readings come from our degree work and other ritual and foundational documents. They fit easily into the order of business of a Grange meeting in the Good of the Order section or can be used to inspire the occasional Lecturer's program or at another appropriate time during the course of your meeting.

One example of how you could use this in programming is: (Community Service Chairperson): "I'd like to read this month's lesson and use it to have a discussion about some new ideas for service projects. The lesson comes from Installation of Officers and reminds us all that service is a big part of the Grange. It says, 'Let us work hand in hand for the good of our neighbors. Let us remember that those with trials and tribulations need our help most of all.' So, we've been talking about finding different ways to connect with our community and that our current projects have kind of run their course. Let's remember that we are supposed to help those facing trials and tribulations and come up with some ideas tonight that we can consider and think about between now and the next meeting. Then we can choose one or a few and decide how we can make an impact in our community."

Here is another value reading for thought that is included in the program book. This one is scheduled for later next year. If you have ideas on how you could tie this idea into your meetings and daily activities. *LET US KNOW!*

**"In your interactions with your fellow beings correct an error kindly, and with the smooth edge of affection, and do not bruise a wound you wish to heal."**

**(First Degree; Vice President)**

## **NATIONAL GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

As 2021 approached, we were still amid a pandemic with the Covid-19 Virus. This left some Granges unable to meet in person but many continued meetings via electronic meeting platforms. This allowed meetings to still happen and possibly bring in members from farther away to participate. Communities realize the importance of how Granges helped in their area and how the Grange helped in many ways.

As Grangers, we must remember the oaths and obligations we have taken over the years as we went through the different Degrees and installations. With all of the stress and strife throughout the country, it is important that we, as Grangers, model how we can have differences of opinion and still have a civil discussion whether it is with other members or non-members. What a spectacular way to grow the Grange through visibility and a positive attitude in our communities.

Since our founding, the Grange has had a strong sense of Christian values, plus two of our founders were ministers. To this day there are references from the Bible throughout our ritual and degree work. We, as an organization, should understand that because the nation has become more diverse, we encourage the National Grange Diversity Task Force to determine ways we can maintain our Christian values and help new members with other religious values to also feel welcome.

There is an abundance of concern regarding the funds that the National Youth/Young Adult and Junior Departments must work with. These departments rely on much of their funds coming from donations, either from individuals or Granges, and the amount of donations has declined over the years. If you were fortunate to partake in programs at the National Level as a Junior, Youth or Young Adult member, now is the time to give support back. Donations are accepted from individual Grange members, Subordinate/Community Granges, Pomona Granges, as well as State Granges. Generous donations would bolster the programming to attract more participation.

Community Gardens are becoming more prevalent in many areas of the country. Community/Subordinate Granges have a great opportunity to have open meetings in their communities on home or community gardens for all gardeners.

**Grange Growth and Development Policy Statement cont.** This is an opportunity for the Community Service and Lecturer Departments to work together in presenting these programs in and out of the Grange. What a great chance to do outreach along with other groups such as the Extension Service and Master Gardener Programs.

Unfortunately, problems have arisen with organizations, such as the Grange, sponsoring youth organizations or groups because of misconduct on the part of adults and inappropriate conduct with minors. There is an opportunity to educate Granges on what they should be aware of and what steps they should follow when entering this type of relationship. To protect the Grange organization as a whole, Granges across our nation should be advised that when entering into a sponsorship, which is not being discouraged, to exercise due diligence by requiring the following:

- Background screening by the Grange of all leaders, and/or parents who have supervisory duties over the minor children while on Grange property via the established screening program instituted by the State Grange, the payment for which shall NOT be the responsibility of the Grange.
- Executed documents relieving the Grange of liability in the event of the sexual misconduct by the organization on the Grange property.
- A Certificate of Insurance from the organization showing specific coverage for sexual, physical, psychological abuse.
- Appropriate insurance carried by the Grange itself. It is imperative that ALL Granges have insurance that is appropriate for them whether they own their own hall or not. We ask that the National Grange Executive Committee research this insurance issue that will provide guidance for Granges to make an informed decision.

A diverse membership within our organization is critical to our future. We encourage the National President and Executive Committee to continue the Task Force on Diversity. We hope that the Task Force Diversity will look further at our organization as a whole and continue their important work. We, as an organization that is over 150 years old, need to make sure we continue to be willing to adapt as needed while maintaining our values and beliefs.

We hope that Granges will embrace the tagline "Raised Right Here" throughout the year as they plan their programs. Raised: The Grange educates and trains individuals starting at age 5 and continues throughout their Grange journey. Right: as we provide this education and training, we do it correctly. Our lessons in our Degrees and Rituals teach us to look for the truth and not just blindly accept what we hear or read. Our Order prides itself on accepting those into membership of good moral character and who help their fellow members. Here: Granges historically have in the past and continue to shop locally and support businesses in our communities. Granges working with other community-based organizations where they are located have done great things for the betterment of their communities.

When National Grange sends out new programming ideas, Granges need to discuss them and then implement the ones that best suit their needs and build their Grange. Holding open meetings and utilizing the talking points that will be provided on the importance of agriculture to the local communities and businesses. Invite those same farmers and business persons to a meeting to talk about the issues they face and ask how the Grange can help. It is imperative that all Grange members supply an email address to the National Grange so all y'all (all members and Granges) can be kept informed of the ongoing programs, projects, contests, etc. It gives the National Grange the opportunity to share the Patrons Chain e-newsletter and other communications.

We encourage the National Grange to communicate to all Granges and members through their various electronic and paper means this Policy Statement to the membership of the Granges. We feel all policy statements have an important and timely message that can help our Granges in many ways. We hope Granges will also use our current policy statements as programs or glean programming ideas from them. **This policy statement covers Resolutions 601 (OH), 602 (PA), 603 (WI), 605 (NY), 607 (CT), 608 (DC), and also parts of the National President's External and Internal addresses.**

## MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE WORTHY PRESIDENT

### Excerpt from Vice President: Fourth Degree

"If we desire to encourage (children) to love rural life, we must make it labors cheerful. What a child sees makes the most lasting impression. We may tell them of the pleasures and independence of (rural life); but if their daily interaction with us shows it to be tedious, irksome, laborious, without any recreation of body or mind, they will soon lose all interest in it and see enjoyment elsewhere.

# Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

## Harold Eshelman

DECEMBER 15, 1937 - AUGUST 28, 2021



Harold Eshelman, member of Maple Grove Grange and former Idaho State Grange President and Gold Sheaf Member passed away on August 28, 2021, after a long battle with Pancreatic cancer. Following are excerpts from Harold's Obituary.

Harold was born at home in Meridian, ID, on December 15, 1937, to Ray and Pauline Eshelman. Harold attended Lake Hazel Elem, Meridian Jr High, and graduated from Meridian High School. Harold enrolled in Idaho Air National Guard at Fort Sheppard Air Force base in Texas and completed six years.

Harold majored in Science and Math at Boise Junior College where he met Jacquie Rogers. He taught at Meridian High for 11 years. He couldn't go anywhere and not run into someone he knew from those days. He developed and implemented a class called "How to repair anything". Every Friday a student would bring in a broken appliance and he would

show them what was broken and how to fix it...and they did! He was truly a "Jack of all Trades". He also taught Drivers Training at Meridian and owned several Drivers Training Companies throughout the years. In the summer he worked for the National Forest Service traveling to Oregon, Washington & California fighting fires. He worked for many chemical companies, one of which he started and owned Western Systems Company.

He was involved with many organizations, including Maple Grove Grange, where he has been the President for many years. Harold also served as the Idaho State Grange President for two years. He served in several veterans organizations – Ada County Veterans Council (where he was serving as the President), Am Vets - Post 4 (which he just started in honor of his cousin, Henry Schauer). He is a Charter/Lifetime member of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and has served in many positions with the local Chapter. Perhaps his most important work was founding Wounded Vets Fishing Alaska a non-profit – which started about 15 years ago and will continue under the watch of his daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Steven McKinney.

Harold loved to fish and hunt, a love that he shared with many family members and friends. He enjoyed working on puzzles, having booths at MGG Flea Markets, and having coffee and breakfast with his buddies. He had a great sense of humor, especially in his younger years...but he swears that he was not the instigator. He was very proud of his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids and loved "Condo" time with them even though it sometimes got crowded and loud.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 60 years, Jacquie; daughters: Teresa (JW) Barnes and Cheri (Steven) McKinney; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and numerous extended family members.

Services for Harold were held on Tuesday, September 21. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Harold's name to Alaska Wounded Vets Fishing, Maple Grove Grange, or a charity of your choice.

## David Tewalt

JANUARY 22, 1951 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Dave (Lynn) Tewalt, a long-time member of Maple Grove Grange and husband of Connie Tewalt. Passed from COVID complications. He will be greatly missed by Maple Grove Grange

## Melvin Gribble

APRIL 6, 1925 - JULY 23, 2021

Melvin Gribble member of Clearwater Grange # 299 and World War II Veteran passed away at the age of 96 at the Lewiston Veterans Home.



OCTOBER 6, 1955 - OCTOBER 12, 2021



Scott Mitson, District III Deputy and State Gatekeeper from 2016 to 2018, was called to heaven by his Lord and Savior on October 12, 2021, after a battle with cancer.

Scott Charles Mitson was born October 6, 1955, to Bonnie Jean and Leslie A. Mitson. Scott is survived by his wife Bonnie, six children, two brothers, many cousins, aunts and uncles, and the friends Scott called family.

Scott was born and raised in Post Falls, Idaho. He graduated from Coeur d'Alene High school in 1973. He pursued his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho, and an M.S. Degree from the University of Nevada-Reno

Scott went to work for Hanford from the Department of Defense and was stationed at the U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Ground. Before this, he held engineering and leadership positions supporting numerous complex hazardous operations in the automotive supplemental restraint systems field, earning four patents for advancements in automotive airbag inflator technology at Autoliv. Scott also worked in the research, development, and manufacture of military and commercial explosives and pyrotechnics ( HMX) and Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance in Space Flight applications for the Ares I and I-X rockets for Alliant Techsystems in Utah and Bastion Technologies at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Scott was deeply dedicated to the Hanford cleanup mission since he arrived at the Office of River Protection in 2014. As a qualified General Engineer and NQA-1 Lead Auditor with the Quality Assurance Division, he was a hardworking, caring person who will be missed by all who were lucky enough to serve with him.



Scott was an adventurous soul who loved rockhounding and hikes that ventured off the beaten path. He enjoyed playing different instruments that he used to minister to those around him. Scott's family and Christian faith were two essential things in his life. While he was a quiet person, he was someone whom you could count on and reach out to for help on a project, advice about a problem, or to talk.

Scott had a passion for music. He loved playing his violin with his church

worship team and the trumpet for the CDA Perfection Knots Band. He was a member of the American Society for Quality Control, North Idaho Rock, and Gem Club. Scott served over 25 years as an AWANA leader. Scott was a Boy Scout leader in Utah, Idaho, Alabama, and had a passion for VBS. Scott decorated and drove the parade float for the Winton Elementary School children's choir. A Celebration of Scott's Life was held on October 22, 2021.

## *Service to the Grange*

My heart goes out to Bonnie and the family as they mourn the passing of Scott. He was a member of the Mica Flats and Bellgrove Granges. Scott was knowledgeable in many areas, which provided good sound advice in his ten years as a Grange member. I became acquainted with Scott in 2018 when he became part of the committee that performed the Building and Grounds study. With his diligence and research, the committee was able to present the facts. In 2020 he accepted the position as one of the District 3 Deputies and was instrumental in helping to reorganize the Mountain Home Grange and gave guidance to Bellgrove Grange and Paradise Valley Granges. With that, they have increased their memberships. Also, his support of Bonnie and her work with the National Grange does not go unnoticed.

I appreciate Scott's service to the Grange and his friendship with Richard and me. His advice and calm demeanor were an asset to me as I have navigated the waters of the Idaho State Grange Presidency. He is greatly missed.

"May the example of our Brother inspire us to persevere, and when we are called to lay down our implements here on earth, may we be reunited with all our Brothers and Sisters who have labored in His glorious cause. May we enter the Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and receive that welcome plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant." We remember our Brother not as one dead - but as one gone on before us through the gates, where dwells the Great Master of us all."

~Eileen~



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