

# IDAHO INSIGHTS

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



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“Snowflakes are one  
of nature’s most  
fragile things, but  
just look what they  
can do when they  
stick together.”

~Vista M. Kelly

#CULTIVATINGCONNECTIONS

Burton Eller, National Legislative Director

Excerpts from Mr. Eller's 2020 Report

**Agriculture and Food Policy.** Few expect major changes in farm policy for 2021. Food policy initiatives are more likely. Will we be able to make the temporary food policies permitted during the pandemic more permanent?

These include relaxed rules to encourage direct farm to consumer sales, allow truckers delivery flexibility with the 24-hour rule, expedite donations to food banks and more. However, if all three branches of government are controlled by one political party, some out of the ordinary food policies will likely emerge. Trade could become even more of an economic and diplomatic challenge. Watch for attempts to roll back the “waters of the U.S.” rule that gave farmers and ranchers relief from over-reaches by the Clean Water Act.

**Health Care.** Healthcare will consume most of the Grange’s public policy time in 2021. COVID-19 therapies and vaccines and who gets vaccinated in what order will be both medical and political questions. How much insurance at what price will patients be able to afford? Drug pricing debates will escalate. Treatments for chronic pain to move patients away from opioids and other addictive drugs look promising.

**Telecommunications.** The pandemic-caused disruptions to daily life have done more to raise awareness of the rural-urban digital divide than anything for a decade. Students cannot attend classes and do homework without dependable internet. Telemedicine is useless without dependable internet.

Telework doesn’t happen without dependable internet. Congress and the White House responded in 2020 with levels of funding not imagined a decade ago. Challenges for the Grange in 2021 will be to assure these funds are used wisely and efficiently, rights-of-way and access challenges are addressed, and the way is cleared for mixed-technology systems to reach the last mile of rural America. cont. on page 16

## Idaho State Grange Officers

**President:** Eileen Javaux, Caldwell  
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Arlene Ankenman, Meridian - Term Exp 2023  
Mary Ann Knight, Bellevue -Term Exp 2021

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**Family Activities:** Arlene Ankenman  
**Community Service:** Bonnie Mitson  
**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

Greetings to all.

Another Holiday Season is approaching us. We will be celebrating differently this year, but we have hope that next year will bring our families and friends back together in person; for now, we will be relying on creativity and technology to keep in contact.

Another Grange Year is in the record book, and we are ready to begin another year. As I start my second term as Master/President of the Idaho State Grange, thank you for your support. I will do my best to move the ISG forward with new ideas and work with the National Grange Programs and resources to improve our programs.

Some of our successes during 2020 were: Idaho State Grange secured a 5-year lease on our Office B after not having a tenant since 2017. The new quarterly report forms are extremely easy to use, and have no printing cost. Another cost savings for the ISG is the lawnmower that was purchased, and I mow the lawn. In our Idaho Insights each quarter, our editor has been able to bring you fun, history, and information. Please send articles about your Granges and communities to be included in the paper. Idaho had a net gain of 7 members, with Blanchard Grange placing third in the Nation with a net increase of 52 members. Thank you, Blanchard Grange #440, for all your hard work.

ISG has a very resourceful slate of officers and directors that are ready to go with new contest and programs. I hope our members will help them be successful by participating in contests and programs. Check their articles in this issue of Idaho Insights.

State and National Grange Sessions: On October 17, 2020, Idaho State Grange held our first Virtual Session, I felt like we were successful, but we have lots of room for improvement. Watching other virtual State Sessions and participating in the National Grange Convention, I learned that we have options and the resources available to have resolutions presented and voted on when conducting future virtual meetings. The National Grange had a two-day session where an election for two executive committeemen was held. Voting was conducted by email during the meeting. All committee meetings were conducted by ZOOM before the session started. All that was required was that we had a computer and email address and be dressed in casual business attire.

My goals for this year are to increase membership in our smaller Granges, visit your Granges once it is safe to do so and have at least one resolution from each Grange that is not currently part of Idaho or National Grange policy. The policies of the National Grange are available on the National Grange website.

Bless all of you and your families during the Holidays.

*Fraternally,*

*Eileen Javaux, President*

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Arlene Ankenman

There has been a disturbance in the force! We can't relive the past but we can learn from it and go forward. I remember observing many interesting discussions at Locust Grove Grange, and some of them got really heated, if you know what I mean. But after the meeting was over with, those heated discussions turned in to, tractor breakdowns, price of feed going up, beef, and milk prices going down. And my favorite "what recipe did you use for those delicious treats."

I want to see everyone's smiling faces at Grange meetings or something more up to date at Grange zoom! Which is foreign to a lot of us. May not have all the computer etiquette down, but I am working on it. Its time to move forward with the beat of music and the weight on your left foot and raise your right heel! Oh wait, that's the start of another line dance. I have been using this time to reconnect with old friends and dance partners.



### Fidget Sleeves

Sponsored by Family Activities Director, Arlene Ankenman has added a special contest to Goals and Awards. This project

provides a community service. Fidget Sleeves reduce stress for dementia patients. The knitted or crocheted cuffs allow people with anxiety and fidgeting something to fiddle with. If a patient has an IV, this can also protect the insertion site.

Sleeves may be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any product. A cash award of \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 will be awarded to the top three sets of sleeves. All sleeves will be donated to a local care center facility in the host region and continue this project for each District of our State.

Dude, there's a **baby** in the salad...



We talked of the good ol' days of hitting the dance floor and before long we were all doing one of our favorite dances. We all face north and turn to your right becomes the new description instead of face the bandstand and turn towards the mechanical bull.

I have had the time to reflect on what is important. Took four large totes full of fabric to a neighboring church for their quilt projects. Yarn has slowly been disappearing. Which is a good thing, it means I have not been out in the world, adding to the stuff in full 3rd bedroom of farm stuff, from a 2-story farm house in New Plymouth. I may get that main project finished by spring. (lol). Watching old shows, and remember, Lisa knows more about farming than Oliver does. So do yourself a favor, LAUGH!, Go for a WALK, Learn a new DANCE! Argue with the cat over a skein of yarn you don't care for.

Remember WE ARE All in this together.

I have made a few changes to the Family Activities contests, which I hope you will all take the time to read and ENTER a favorite project!



## AG Notes

Gordon Moir



I guess it is fitting that I start these notes on the day that it snowed and was a cold 31 degrees all day long. It's going to be a long winter! The Zoom convention went very well after our people learned how to get the volume up so we could all hear. Thank you!

We here in South Eastern Idaho have pretty much got all things put in for the winter. Some of the range cows will hopefully stay out until December 1st.

The elections are over and can hope for things to settle down somewhat. We need to be optimistic if we can, even in the Grange. I have read that some drug companies are close to having a vaccine ready soon.

Well, my window washer guy is due in a few minutes so will close for now.

~Gordon



## FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

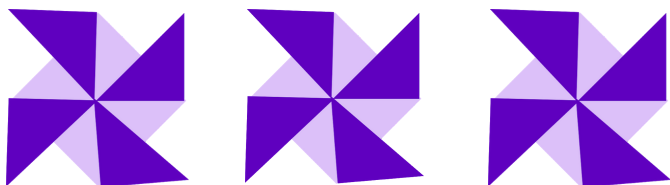
*Lily Sorenson*

### FAMILY HEALTH: DID YOU KNOW?

- Never stifle a yawn. The physical mechanism of a good yawn actually cools down your brain, leading to better mental efficiency.
- Crack open a classic. Good literary fiction improves connectivity and function in our brains and helps strengthen imagination too.
- Chew gum. Research shows that chewing increases cerebral blood flow enough to help you remember words much faster - - - handy when you're blanking as you say hello to your new neighbor.
- Avoid scheduling more activities than you can handle. Control stress. Being under stress can increase your risk of getting sick.

Fight the colds and flu - - - your flu shot (you got yours, right??). It's not too late to get yours.

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!!



## Lecturer's Report

*Bonnie Mitson, Lecturer*

Remember there are opportunities to be involved in the Grange beyond day to day.

First, and very exciting is that the 2021 National Grange Quilt Block Pattern has been announced by Chris Hamp, National Lecturer.

This year's block is the:

### Pinwheel

Rules:

- National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- All entries must be received by the National Lecturer by October 31, 2021
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- Check [Idahostategrange.org](http://Idahostategrange.org) for the pattern.

**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.

Don't be fooled by thinking your ears are "tough" or that you have the ability to "tune out" noise. If you think you've "gotten used to" noise you're routinely exposed to, then most likely you've already suffered damage and acquired a permanent hearing loss. Educate yourself about the damaging effects of noise and what you can do to prevent your exposure to noise. Have routine hearing checks with your doctor to monitor your hearing.

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 \$635.00. I know that they'll send us a letter thanking and telling us what they bought.

Protect your hearing and be safe!

It's not 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!



2021



## GARDEN CHALLENGE

FROM THE STATE LECTURER

Gardeners and Grangers can make a garden out of a cup and seed packs or large gardens in the backyard.

**The challenge is:** Write a report on the adventures of starting your garden. Include photos from start to finish and the produce, flowers, (the amaryllis you got for Christmas), or succulents you grew. Report if you are involved in a community garden. Or you started one for a neighbor.

Include descriptions and photos of canned produce from your garden, flower arrangements, or potted plants.

Every Granger that enters a report will receive a certificate and be entered in a drawing for a prize. A drawing will be held at the state session in October of 2021. Reports/photos can be emailed. Reports may be used by the Grange for websites and newsletters.





## From the Court of Flora, Ceres and Pomona

Brothers and Sisters,  
Our State session was a little different this years but even virtual we had a great session, we would like to welcome Colleen Foster as our new Pomona and congratulate Bonnie Mitson on her new position as State Lecturer. We look forward to the next two years as the graces have some new projects in the works. We have gone over the last three degrees and now we will discuss the fourth degree.

The fourth Degree Candidates: Husbandmen and Matrons

The Lesson: Fidelity

Symbols: Winter-Old Age- The feast

Emblem- The Agate

Scene- A Farm in Winter Season

It is now the fourth degree, in the Grange, on the farm and in our lives. The seasons of preparation, culture and harvest have passed. It is in the home that we enjoy the fruits of our labors in the fields of the farm and the fields of life. In winter, the season of rest from active toil, we sit down with our families, our friends, and neighbors, enjoy together the good things our labors in the lower degrees have brought us. So also, in old age we enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life surrounded by friends and in a happy home.

## Turkey Noodle Casserole

### Ingredients:

2 cans (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup or 98% Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 cup milk

2 cups frozen peas

2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken

6 ounces (1/2 of a 12-ounce package) medium egg noodles, cooked and drained

2 tablespoons plain dry bread crumbs

1 tablespoon butter, melted

### Instructions:

**Step 1:** Stir the soup, milk, peas, turkey and noodles in a 3-quart casserole.

**Step 2:** Stir the bread crumbs and butter in a small bowl.

**Step 3:** Bake the turkey mixture at 400°F. for 30 minutes or until hot and bubbling. Stir the turkey mixture.

Sprinkle with the bread crumb mixture.

**Step 4:** Bake for 5 minutes or until the bread crumb mixture is golden brown.

## Chaplain's Corner

Florence Galland, Chaplain

State Grange Session is over for another year. It was a new experience! It was done on Zoom. The Grange business and election of officers were all done in one day. I enjoyed the session and we didn't have to march.

I was asked to be State Chaplain for the next 2 years. I want to be of help and service to all Grange members.

With the Covid 19 pandemic, we want all of our members to stay healthy so here are 3 things we need to do: (1) wear a mask; (2) wash your hands; and (3) put distance between each other if you need to go out.

May God be the center of all needs, cares, health and happiness.

Florence Galland, State Chaplain

*Therefore encourage one another  
and build one another up, just as  
you are doing. "*

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:11**



And  
The angel  
said  
unto them  
Be  
Not afraid for behold  
I bring you tidings of  
great joy which shall  
be to all the people.  
Luke 2:10

# Quilt of Valor

Tom Byrns and Mischa Brady



Lana Marie Bear and Alissa Javaux wrapped Tom Byrns and Mischa Brady with their Quilts of Valor at the Idaho State Grange Conference, while Colleen Foster (not pictured) read their biographies.

Throughout Idaho Grangers have awarded over 20 Quilts to Veterans throughout the last four years.

The Quilt of Valor program focus' on providing quilts for those most in need of comfort and healing first; those who need to know their sacrifice is acknowledged, those who need the affirmation of a hug, and those who never heard the words "Welcome Home."

**Who is eligible for a QOV?** Any service member or living veteran who served in one of the following branches: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Members of the activated National Guard and activated or active duty-special work (ADSW) reservists are included. The Army National Guard and Air Force National Guard are components of the Army and Air Force respectively. Merchant Marines activated from 1941 to 1945. Additionally, anyone who serves at the Dover Mortuary Facility is eligible.

- Served during declared war, conflicts, police actions, peacekeeping missions, and counter terrorism operations and/or times of peace.
- Service during, but not necessarily limited to, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Beirut, Granada, Bosnia, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraq, Afghanistan, anti-terrorism operations, and terrorism attacks against Armed Forces personnel is included.
- Only veterans with an Honorable or General Discharge status are eligible.
- QOVF does not award QOVs posthumously.

The Graces will be continuing their project to collect quilts, or quilt blocks to make quilts and award them to as many Veterans as possible. Stay tuned for the new quilt block in the next issue!

# WELCOME TO THE GRANGE!

Clearwater #299

Linda & Cordell Van Meeteren

Harrison #422

Dave & Debbie Hogan

Brian Riberich

Mica Flats #436

Joe & Sara Petrella

Most granges are not meeting in order to meet social distancing guidelines. That doesn't mean Grangers aren't busy. We're still cultivating connections and providing community service.

## PLEASANT RIDGE GRANGE #135

Melanie Harper

Lecturer Vesta Cox set up a missing man table in honor of Veteran's Day.



While we have not been busy the hall has plenty of activity. We were able to refinish the floors and paint the walls. Richard, Eileen, Gene, Vesta, Melanie, Amber and Alissa removed items from the walls and put time in after to return items to their rightful places and tidy up.

## KOOTENAI COUNTY POMONA GRANGE # 7

Martha Cook

Meeting was held August 8 at Harrison, and election for officers was held. Oscar and Joe retained the offices of President and Vice-President. Martha Cook will be secretary. Clyde Mooney was elected to the Ex. Board to join Dianne Holbart and Don Heikkila. The November 14 meeting was to have been at Medicine Mtn Grange, but was cancelled due to Covid risk.

Check out the Grange Calendar for events.

## MICA FLATS GRANGE #

Martha Cook

### Our Grange NEWS:

Mica Flats Grange went ahead with meetings in September and October, but cancelled November's meeting due to cases of Covid increasing in community and in region. Governor Little put the state back into Stage 2 restrictions, so no rentals over 10 people in our hall. Happy Family club cancelled their November meeting as did two or three HOA meetings. MFG held election of officers in September: Congrats to Nancy King, president, Jeannie Billmire, VP, Lee Northrop, Steward, Bonnie Mitson and Bill Turner, assistant Stewards, Julia Pond, Lecturer, Michael Pond, Gatekeeper/Greeter, Dianne Holbart, Secretary, Randy Duncan, Treasurer, Judy Schmand, Chaplain, Graces: Martha Cook, Ceres, Corinne Johnson, Flora, Katie Johnson, Pomona, and our Executive Board: Bobbi Northrop, Oscar Mooney and Chris Holbart. We accepted the resignation of EC Board member, Gretchen Hauser, as she will be moving to Vermont. We hope to drape the charter at a later meeting for two members whom we have lost this year, Vera Weniger and Joe Johns. Oscar Mooney and Chris Holbart dug up aging water lines in back yard in early October and replaced pipes as needed. Water treatment device will be hooked up later. Our hall was used as local polling site for the Nov 3 election. Stay safe, don't forget to wear your masks and have a happy holiday season!!



### Quiz Answers



1. 1919
2. Winter
3. Corn
4. Nampa Valley, Pleasant Ridge, and Bellgrove.



## Latah Pomona Grange # 178 & Moscow Grange #452

Anita Falen

Some history of the Latah Pomona Grange has been supporting the Latah County 4-H Extension program since 1955. Old treasurer ledgers show that funds have been granted every year in one way or another to the Latah Extension Program. In 1975, the Latah Pomona Grange started an incentive award to encourage 4-H members to continue their participation. These selections are based on recommendations submitted by the 4-H organizational or project leaders. Leaders submit recommendations for 4-H members, who have tried to do their very best and need an incentive. Requirements are to finish at least one project with any placing for any age group for first, second- and third-year members. Leaders know what youth may struggle being involved in 4-H projects especially their first year or have had a challenging livestock or general project. The green incentive ribbon has been very popular and some past stories show how inspiring that big "green" incentive ribbon has been for youth. This year Latah had two recipients for the Pomona Incentive Award from the Potlatch 4-H Club in the sheep project: Dean Ownbey and Ellie Ownbey.

Gerald and Grace Ingle were stalwarts in the Kendrick Grange and held numerous positions in the Grange as well as Latah Pomona Grange. Gerald and Grace were also 4-H leaders in the Big Bear Ridge Club and supported the Latah County 4-H and Extension Programs throughout their lives. The Gerald and Grace Ingle Memorial Award was created to honor outstanding 4-H youth in Latah County. Their children, Donald L. Ingle and the late Marjorie M. McBride, delegated memorial funds to the Latah Pomona Grange. The Ingle Family believed everyone benefits from their experiences in the 4-H and Grange programs.

The Gerald and Grace Ingle Memorial Awards are given to older 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, citizenship, and leadership. Youth must be 15 by the application due date, submit an application for the award to his/her 4-H leader, members are strongly encouraged to participate in the teen leadership project and/or show leadership the year of their application, and have the organizational and project leader prepare written comments for the member. The cash award can be won twice by eligible 4-H members. The Latah Pomona Grange and Moscow Grange oversee the funds and selection for the Ingle Memorial Award. This year the \$250 cash award went to Jacob Krick, Cow Creek Kids 4-H Club at Genesee.

Due to COVID requirements of the UI-Extension program the annual 4-H awards potluck presentations were canceled. Presently, individual clubs are to disperse awards for 4-H projects this year in a safe environment.

Unfortunately, we do not have photos of the recipients for the Pomona Incentive or Gerald/Grace Ingle Memorial awards.



## EDGEMERE GRANGE #355

David Terbest, President

Our Grange is holding a Drive-Thru Christmas Lights Event on Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 4pm-6pm at our facility. We will be setting up Christmas themed light displays for the community to drive-thru and enjoy while staying safe in their own vehicle. We are planning on giving patrons cocoa, pre-packaged treats, and giving kids in attendance a small gift. Candy canes will be handed out by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

We started planning this family event and got the word out on Facebook in the form of a public event. To date, we have over 600 people interested in attending! This has exceeded our wildest expectations! We need help in the form of tangible donations such as hot cocoa, treats, and small children's gifts. A gift card/gift certificate would also be extremely helpful! Any form or amount of help from your business would be greatly appreciated! We are a community organization and we want to hold a safe and fun event to help lift our community's spirits! If you are interested in setting up a light display for your business at our event, please text Shannon 208-597-5591. We thank you for your consideration! We hope you will partner with us on this community event!

In addition to the Drive-thru Christmas event we will be providing a full "Christmas Meal Box" including Turkey and Hams to 30 local families in need this Holiday Season also on December 20th.

We raised \$1,200 in donations plus local grocery stores have stepped up with food donations and discounts.





# Reflections in Time 100 Years Ago

JANUARY 1919

## 11th

Annual Session of the Idaho State Grange  
Cancelled due to a very bad outbreak of the Flu.  
~Ferrin G. Harland, Secretary

JANUARY 1920

## 8

New Subordinate Granges opened

JANUARY 1920

## 3/4 of 1 Cent

National Grange submitted an amendment to the  
Constitution to each State Grange to raise dues.

We cannot let the new year roll in without:



FEBRUARY 11, 1920

## 19th Amendment

Idaho Ratified the 19th  
Amendment



AUGUST 18, 1920

## 19th Amendment

Is ratified and becomes part of the Constitution  
and women officially have the right to vote.

"I think, with never-ending gratitude, that the young  
women of today do not and can never know at what  
price their free speech and to speak at all in public  
has been earned."

– Lucy Stone

## EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENTS

### ADDRESS BY W.W. DEAL, 1920

**Education:** We reiterate our position of former years that our already splendid rural school systems shall be increased in effectiveness and scope to the extent that each of our rural boys and girls shall have an equal chance to attain the standard of learning in both grade and high schools with the city boy and girl. We do not regret the money spent in education and are willing to go further if efficiency in the cause will warrant.

We also again call attention to the present day necessity for farm trained farmers to successfully meet the demands of our present times. Farming is not only labor, it is a business and it is a skill, it must be fortified by men educated for the farm, and we know of no better than the specializing in our state Agricultural school of our farm boys. We believe Idaho should have another branch of her Agriculture College and that location in the irrigated districts in southern part of the state and which would specialize in irrigation and irrigation products.

**Taxation:** The tax question to the farmer is always a vital one. Many land speculators who are unwilling to improve their holding, are yet more than ready to profit by the labors and improvements of the actual resident, yet who are as ready to dodge the burden of the community or the state when taxes are assessed. Someone must look into the expenditures of public funds and ascertain if possible if it is justified for the farmers of Idaho to be compelled to pay from two to three times as much in taxes in one year as in a previous year. To a great many of the Idaho farmers the prophesied end of the world seemed closer than some thought. It became the habit when two farmers would meet instead of customary remarks about the weather or the health of the family. It would be "good morning neighbor have you paid your taxes" and the coming Millennium and tax-less state seem about a standoff as a race winner.

**Conclusion:** Another year of Grange activities is past and we are at the door of new opportunities and new endeavor. Let us each lay aside our prejudice or differences and with one accord make the year and its opportunities that are before us of the most for ourselves, our homes, our state, our country and its flag, not forgetting that we are all patrons and are in this great and noble charter for a great and noble purpose.

Master, W.W. Deal

# Bloom Where You Are Planted

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

## Guest Authors

### December

- Make your garden plan remembering to rotate your crops.
- Inventory your seeds and determine what you need.
- Keep an eye on your trees for damaging snow loads.

### January

- Cool Grown super early tomatoes can be started at the end of the month

### February

- Good time to prune trees while still dormant (exceptions: maple and birch)
- Prepare beds that thaw early (near house or reflective wall)
- Cut back plants like geraniums that have been wintered over in the house
- Start onions, leeks, shallots
- Start annuals which require a long growing season, like lobelia, petunia and snapdragons.
- If you have a cold frame or greenhouse consider direct sowing cold tolerant greens towards the end of the month.
- Bring out bulbs forced in November, water and put in bright room
- Start artichokes for planting out in walls o' water



USE SAND OR SAWDUST-BASED PRODUCTS TO DEAL WITH ICY SPOTS NEAR BEDS OR LAWN

From Idaho Falls Community Garden Association - [www.ifcga.org](http://www.ifcga.org).



Grange Insurance Association (GIA) Chairman of the Board, D. Thomas McKern, is pleased to announce that GIA will again fund 25 scholarships for the 2021 – 2022 school year, totaling \$33,500.

In addition, GIA is honored to award the \$1,000 Paul and Ethel Holter Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift of Mrs. Holter's estate, and the \$1,000 Dee and Ina McKern Memorial Scholarship, funded by a gift from the McKern family.

Applicants may apply for either an academic or a vocational scholarship. Three awards are for students wishing to pursue vocational studies and 22 awards are for academic studies. The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and the remaining winners will receive \$1,000 - \$2,000 each.

### APPLICATION FORMS CAN FOUND AT:

[www.grange.com/scholarships](http://www.grange.com/scholarships)

**Application deadline is March 1, 2021.**

Funds awarded for the 2021-2022 school year.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

## Missing Man Table



Pleasant Ridge Lecturer Vesta Cox set up a missing man table at their last meeting before Veteran's Day. We wanted to know more about this ceremony for our missing soldiers. Each item on the Missing Man Table represents the emotions and feelings reserved for those who did not come home. We will never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to serve and fight for our freedom. The symbolism of the Missing Man Table: **Table** - round, to show our everlasting concern for our missing men. **White cloth** - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve. **Red rose**- displayed in a vase, reminds us of the lives of these Americans and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith while seeking answers. **Red ribbon**- symbolizes our continued determination to account for our missing. **Slice of lemon**- reminds us of their bitter fate; captured and missing in a foreign land. **Pinch of salt**- symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty. **Lighted candle**- reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead. **Bible**- represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. **Inverted glass**- symbolizing their inability to share a toast. **Empty Chair**- the seat that remains unclaimed at the table. (<https://warmemorialcenter.org/missing-man-table/>)



## Don Johnson Memorial Scholarship Awarded to: **Kaitlynn Hettinga**



Former Kuna High Student Kaitlynn Hettinga is currently pursuing a degree in agricultural economics at the University of Idaho and afterwards, plans to attend law school. Katie is hoping to pursue a career involving agricultural policy.

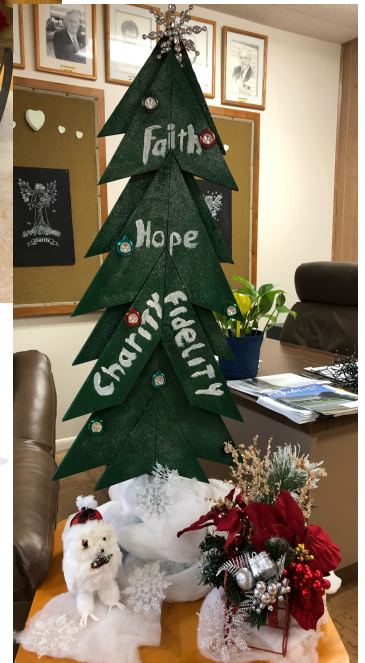
Scholarship Applications are due April 1, 2021. Go to [IdahoStateGrange.org](http://IdahoStateGrange.org) for more information.

## Santa's Helpers

A Santa's helper in the form of Arlene Ankenman stopped by the Grange Office to add a little cheer. We know the holidays will be a little different this year. Many traditions will be scrapped but we will come up with new ones.

Edgemere Grange created a drive-thru Christmas experience. Many are still donating money or food to make sure everyone has a good meal for the holidays. In order to spread good cheer this season the CDC recommends that we:

- Safely prepare traditional dishes and deliver them to family and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others (for example, leave them on the porch).
- Participate in a gratitude activity, like writing down things you are grateful for and sharing with your friends and family.



### Quiz Time

1. What year was State Grange Session cancelled?
2. What season does the Fourth Degree Symbolize?
3. What is the Ceres tribute in the Fourth Degree?
4. What Granges are 100 years old in 2020?

Look for the answers on Page 7



# Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

## IN MEMORIAM

### Maynard Fosberg

We lost another of the greatest generation and a pillar of the Moscow and University of Idaho community with the death of Maynard Axel Fosberg, who passed away peacefully in his sleep Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, due to effects of the coronavirus. He was 101.

Maynard was born July 7, 1919, with twin sister Eva to Axel and Helen Fosberg in Turlock, Calif. He grew up on the family farm in Turlock. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1940 and was stationed at Lamoure Air Force Base in charge of a photo lab, then to Denver for training for gun cameras in the Army Air Corps. Eventually he was transferred to Lakeland, Florida, for reconnaissance training, then to Thomasville, Georgia, to train on P1 fighters as a gun camera specialist. He was honorably discharged in 1945 from the service as a technical sergeant. He was awarded the Quilt of Valor March, 2020, for his work as a photographer to aid pilots of fighter planes find enemy targets during WWII.

He met Margaret Williams, his future wife, in Thomasville, GA and they were married in May 1947. They had two children, Stephanie and Mark, and eventually six grandchildren. He was always involved with his children's varied activities.

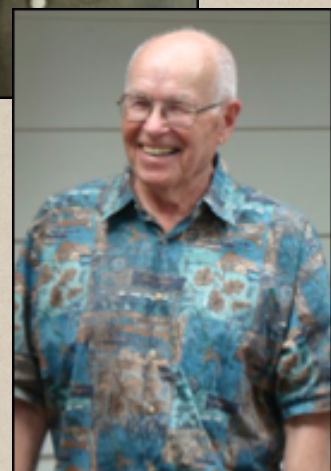
After his service, he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning his Bachelor of Science degree (1947), his master's degree (1949) and his doctorate (1963) in soil science all from Wisconsin.

Maynard and Margaret moved to Moscow in 1949. Maynard worked as a soil professor with the University of Idaho from 1949 until his retirement after 40 years in 1989. During his time at the U of I, he developed one of the largest soil monolith collections in the United States with 232 total monoliths and contributed one to the World Soil Museum Monolith collection in the Netherlands. He published more than a hundred research papers on soil projects in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Georgia. During his career, he mentored more than 20 graduate students as well as 20+ students in other colleges, universities and disciplines. He developed the UI-Pedology Soil Laboratory that supported his research and students.

Active in retirement, he took over the annual high school FFA Idaho State Land and Soil Evaluation Program for 18 years. He rode in the Chief Joseph Trail Ride for two years while in his 80s. He was also instrumental in restoring natural Palouse prairie from farm land with the Latah Soil and Water Conservation Service and Palouse Land Trust.

Maynard was a humanitarian in all walks of his life here on planet earth at the University of Idaho as a soil scientist, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, UI-sports programs, UI-Arboretum as well as his community involvement in Rotary, Moscow Grange #452, Latah Pomona Grange #17, Latah 4-H Extension program, FFA program, two horse clubs, Boy Scouts, giving school tours, banded birds for Smithsonian bird migration studies, winter bird counts for Cornell University, his church, and promoting never ending ideas and projects for his community and farm located on D' Street, Moscow since 1951.

Maynard was preceded in death by his parents; twin sister Eva; brothers Raymond, Marion, Harold and Kenneth and his daughter, Stephanie, in April 2020. His son, Mark (Karen) Fosberg, of Spokane Valley, survives, along with his six grandchildren.



### Memories Build a Special Bridge

Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part to help us feel we're with them still and sooth a grieving heart.

Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind, They build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.

~Emily Matthews



# IDAHO STATE GRANGE

## Virtual Session of Idaho State Grange

It was a different experience to hold State Conference through Zoom. We managed and learned a lot through the process. Elections were held through a new process and everyone's patience with this new way of doing things is much appreciated.

### The following are your Idaho State Grange Officers for 2020-2022:

President: Eileen Javaux, Pleasant Ridge #135  
Vice President: Dianne Holbart, Mica Flats #436  
Lecturer: Bonnie Mitson, Bellgrove #369  
Steward: Oscar Mooney, Mica Flats #436  
Assistant Steward: Joe Axtell, Rathdrum #351  
Lady Assistant: Frances Robertson, Rathdrum #351  
Chaplain: Florence Galland, Nampa Valley #131  
Treasurer: Warren Eilers, Nampa Valley #131  
Secretary: Mary Ellen Decker, Bellgrove #369  
Gatekeeper: Gene Cox, Pleasant Ridge #135  
Pomona: Colleen Foster, Pleasant Ridge #135  
Flora: Alissa Javaux, Pleasant Ridge #135  
Ceres: LanaMarie Bear, Alpha #368

### Executive Committee:

David Terbest, Edgemere #355 - Term Exp 2022  
Arlene Ankenman, Kuna #59 - Term Exp 2023  
Mary Ann Knight, Upper Big Wood River #192 - Term Exp 2021

### Directors:

Family Activities: Arlene Ankenman  
Community Service: Bonnie Mitson  
Family Health/Deaf Awareness: Lily Sorenson  
Membership: Don Heikkila & James Conrad - North  
LanaMarie & John Bear - South  
Agriculture: Gordon Moir  
Legislative: Wayne Foster & Dave Terbest  
Youth and Junior: Colleen Foster

### Deputies

District I: Wayne Foster  
District II: Gordon Moir  
District III: Scott Mitson and Jeannie Billmire

# CONTESTS & PROGRAMS

## Family Activities Contest

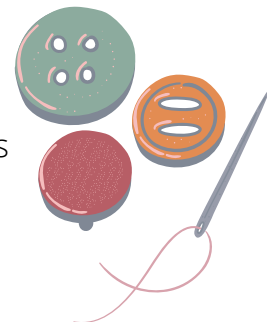
### Baking Contest

- Brownies
- Quick Bread
- Carmel Corn



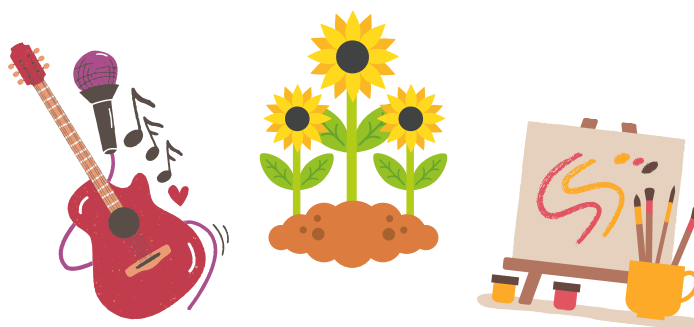
### Needlework and Craft Contest

- Afghans
- Doilies
- Embroidery
- Needle Work Crafts
- Quilts
- Fidget Sleeves
- Sewing Crafts



## Lecturers Program

- Lecturer of the Year
- Grange Month
- Garden Contest
- Granger of the Year
- With Pen In Hand
- Idaho Photography Contest
- Art Contest
- National Grange Talent Contest
- National Grange Quilt Block Contest



## MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE WORTHY MASTER

## *Fidelity*

As we in form thus enclose you within a sacred circle,  
so does this Grange in the name of our Noble  
beneficent Order pledge to you a pure friendship,  
enduring through life, to shield you from harm. And  
now brothers and sisters, loose hands, let us ever hold  
fast in firm our obligations of Fidelity.

FOURTH DEGREE

# NOTES FROM NATIONAL GRANGE

## ZOOM CONVENTION

**Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President**

The 154th Annual National Grange Session is completed, and it is certainly one for the history books! All 52 delegates plus officers participated virtually, with "Session Central" taking place in the National Grange Headquarters, Washington DC, with only staff present in person.

Zoom sessions were held for a total of 14 hours over two days and 97 resolutions were deliberated, two officers elected, and a meaningful memorial service conducted. Earlier in November the eight committees Zoomed for many hours to discuss, amend, and make recommendations on their resolutions and policy statements. Although we would rather have been together in person, it was great to see and chat with friends, but we missed having you there!

Of course, during this Thanksgiving week, we are reflecting on all the things we have to be thankful for. We were able to hold a National Grange convention and accomplish all our necessary business. Our Grange is alive and well, even though the many challenges of 2020. We all have plenty to eat—if you don't, please call your local Grange; I know they would be happy to help. We still have family, even though we may not be able to gather around the table for a big dinner this week. We have technology to be able to talk with them even if we can't be together.

The harvest was plentiful, and we have faith that next year will bring another season of planting and harvesting. We are indeed most blessed, and I am thankful for all of you and your Grange work in the local communities. Happy Thanksgiving!



## MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**Excerpt from Joseph Stefenoni's Report for National Grange**

As we move into a new year, the focus of the membership department will be digitally engaging with as many Grange leaders or future leaders as possible. While we all hope that in-person events will return over the next year, digital trainings will remain a regular part of the educational platform for the department. As I have been working with groups of individual Grange leaders teaching them to create strategic plans, I hope to start working one-on-one with specific State Granges to assist them in doing the same for their State Grange.

Their strategic plans will take a practical look at their current status and where they would like to be in the future. This will include evaluating financial and time resources & limitations, evaluating structural challenges and impediments and identifying opportunities for exposure to the public to build our name recognition. In addition to this planning, we will also be working with State Granges to develop member mentoring programs tailored to the Grange in each state.

Assisting the Granges in Nevada will also be a high priority, helping them to reach the point of organizing their State Grange. The membership department will continue teaching about the changing landscape of generational shifts in our society and connecting with Millennials. To facilitate this, a number of presentations and workshops have been held in addition to a monthly Zoom meeting. This information is the foundation which we will build from over the next year to lay out plans for membership development in our Granges. As we are able to move back toward some in-person activities & events, State Granges should be working to empower Granges at the local level to reignite their passion for our organization. It is at the community level that the heart of the Grange lives, and it is our duty to strengthen the Grange from the bottom, up. Stronger Subordinate/Community Granges will create stronger State Granges, which in turn will secure the future of the National Grange. I am looking forward to assisting our State Granges with this in any way I can.

Finally, I am looking to work with State Granges to develop growth plans where they strategically evaluate where they think Grange organizing needs to occur in their state. Brothers and Sisters, it is a pleasure to serve this organization and I look forward to working with and assisting all Grange leaders to drive us into a prosperous future, looking forward to the place at which all our hopes center.

# NOTES FROM NATIONAL GRANGE

## Continued from front page.

**White House.** The occupant of the White House could drive major public policy initiatives during 2021, the first year of the term. Fresh off the election cycle, Presidents historically tend to be most successful passing their agenda in the first year. Watch the role the newly elected Vice President plays during 2021. Will he/she lead Congress or vice versa? The VP may be more of a policy-driver than normal.

**Congress.** Control of the Senate and House next year will determine whether the President's policy initiatives see the light of day. If the Senate, House and White House are held by the same party, policy initiatives will move at warp speed. If the Senate and House are held by different parties, this will serve as a check-and-balance on policy initiatives no matter which party occupies the White House.

**Coronavirus and the Economy.** These are the two elephant-in-the-room serious concerns facing everyone in the world right now. How many viral waves will engulf the planet over what time period? Will there be enough food and can it be distributed to those in need? The answers will drive public policy initiatives in 2021. Then, once the viral infection rate subsides, what will it take to rebuild our economy over how many years?

**Taxes.** COVID-19 relief packages have added immense deficits to the country's debt. How soon will we begin making payments against that debt and who will be taxed to make those payments? Some tax policy discussions will likely take place in 2021. The direction of those tax discussions will largely depend upon the Senate and White House. Be on the lookout for a roll-back of the latest tax cuts, a corporate tax increase, an increase in the capital gains tax rate, higher taxes on the nation's wealthiest individuals and higher death taxes on estates.

**Climate Change.** Watch for a plan to put the U.S. on a path to zero carbon pollution from the electric sector by 2035 and net-zero emissions nationwide by 2050. The goal will be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the burning of coal, oil and gas and replace these fuels with renewable energy. Incentives for agriculture to sequester carbon could be part of the equation as well as a move to reduce animal agriculture production. Major infrastructure initiatives could have far-reaching climate change requirements.

**A Divided Nation.** A September poll by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget confirmed Americans lack consensus on national goals and have starkly different views about the future direction of the country. Democrats rank "improving health care affordably" and "improving racial injustice" as top priorities. Republicans rank "having a strong and growing economy" and "putting America first" as top national priority goals. Overall, however, more than 80 percent of Americans hold such values as free speech, equal justice under the law, and ensuring everyone has an opportunity to succeed as defining national values. According to Michael V. Murphy, the Committee's initiative director to address the root causes of our growing divisions observed, "One thing this poll tells us is that efforts to unite our divided nation are going to have to start at the community level, where people come together every day to solve hard problems and work toward the common good."

## More on membership, from Joseph Stefenoni

As State Granges look at where to allocate their time and financial resources for membership development, these [net gain] Granges are the place to start. By assisting those Granges achieve a net gain of just one or two members, we will be walking through the door of a national net gain in our fraternal membership. For the 2019-2020 membership year, the following Community Granges led the country in membership growth.

### Top 3 Net Gain Granges

Grange Name - Number State - Net Gain		
Big Cabin.	#156 OK	102
Simoore.	#857 CA	58
Blanchard.	#440 ID	52



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February 1st – Spring (March-May Issue)

May 1st – Summer (June-August Issue)

August 1st – Fall (September-November Issue)

November 1st - Winter (December-February Issue)

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## Grange Events

- Dec 3 - Mica Flats Meeting -cancelled or by Zoom. (check via micaflatsgrange@msn.com)
- December 6 - Pleasant Ridge Holiday Dinner
- Dec 18 - NOTE\*\* 4-H Jolly Workers of Mica program will be on FACEBOOK this year - NO gathering at the grange hall.
- Dec 31 -Mica Flats Square dance - cancelled while Idaho is in Stage 2
- January 4 - Pleasant Ridge Meeting - 6pm
- Jan 7 -Mica Flats - Business Meeting - TBD
- Dec 12 - Mica Flats - Pinochle/Games - 7pm
- Jan 9 - Mica Flats - Pinochle/Games -7 pm

"Instead of getting even or teaching someone a lesson when they do you wrong, consider teaching yourself a lesson instead. Revenge keeps you psychically connected to another in a negative way. Release yourself through the liberating act of forgiveness and learn a truly valuable spiritual lesson."  
~Sri Gawn Tu Fahr