



# ILLINOIS GRANGER

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In essentials...Unity  
In non-essentials...Liberty  
In all things...Charity

County Pomona Grange report by C J Leinbach, Master; "We held a joint picnic with Winnebago County Pomona Grange at the Boone County Fairgrounds on August 19, attended by about 3,000 patrons. Brother Needham, National Lecturer of Kansas, gave the principal address of the afternoon..."

National Grange news I would like to share with you all. The National Grange now has a Youth Protection Policy and in that Policy NG is recommending that the state Granges run background checks on those who deal with 16 and under members. Safegatherings is the recommended site for the background checks. All those who will be going to National Session to work with those under 16 should consider checking out the website for background check.

National Grange mission statement. "The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness."

As Betsy mentioned in the letter to IL State Grange the National Grange building is in need of major repairs. Illinois has been collecting Pennies - Lincolns for National Grange building fund. National Grange has started a "Raise the Roof \$@day while we are at session and all those who want can continue until next session. Donations to National Grange building fund. " If you want to donate \$1 for each day of session please put it in the container up here or on the Master's station - I will make sure the money gets to National Session from IL State Grange members. Anyone / any Grange wanting to donate - please send check to National Grange Foundation - Building Fund. Persons can receive letters from National Grange for tax purposes. The roof is being repaired now at a cost of \$87000.

We have received a judgement on the case against Keepin it Cool. The air conditioning company that fraudulently claimed repairs were made or needed to be made. Getting the money will be another matter because the person doing the work has passed away and his family is now running the company.

National Grange and CA State Grange vs the Guild and Bob McFarland issues continue to persist. The National Grange and CA State Grange are working together, and we believe we are near settlement. But nothing is being taken for granted and we are trying to work in the best interest of the National Grange and its members.

I hope that many of you have subscriptions to the Good Day magazine. This next issue will have information from me - look for my article and a recipe. If you have subscriptions - make sure you are current with the payment.

I am a member of the Grange Foundation and on that committee we are always working to raise funds to further promote education, through Youth Leadership Fund, Junior Grange Development Fund,

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 15-18 - Broad Hollow Branson trip

Oct 19 - Flapjack Fundraiser Belvidere Applebee's for County Line Grange 8-10 am

Oct 26 - Prairie Grange Trunk or Treat 2-4 pm at the Grangehall parking lot

Oct 26 - Prairie Grange Halloween Party/Potluck 5 pm come in costume all welcome

Oct 27 - Turkey Hill's Wurstmarkt Dinner

Nov 4-9 -National Grange Session - Midwest host, Volunteers needed

Nov 17 - Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner

Nov 19-21 - Broad Hollow Grange Christmas Branson trip

### ***Recurring events:***

Belleville Old Town Market every 1st Saturday beginning in May (THG)

THG BBQ every Thursday afternoon beginning in May

Please send me any important dates, obituaries, donations for your Grange.

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*Lynette Schaeffer President Illinois State Grange*

## Master Presentation Friday Night

Don and I were busy this past year with Grange activities and you can read about it in the report. State Session in Belleville, GRIT at Hopewell, Indiana and Michigan State Sessions, National Session in Stowe Vermont,, I was proud that we had several families mentioned and represented for the Legacy families, Paulson, Summer (Wade), Guth (Wade), Stutz (Helms), Heberer/Helms (Heberer), and Zerban (Schaeffer). Members of those families to stand and then all the legacy families please join them. And proud of Turkey Hill recognized as Distinguished Grange. Master's Conference in Wichita KS, Leadership conferences at Emerald Mound and Community Grange Halls, Executive Committee meetings, Grange Month, Grange Picnic in Springfield on my birthday, Midwest Grange Leadership Conference in Milford, IN, IL was well represented, and I was glad to see all of you. Grange Revival in Ozark AR (another being planned in 2021). I have gone to Washington DC to Grange Headquarter building a couple times and held several Zoom conferences. And several Zoom meetings for the Grange Foundation. Plus Shiloh Valley, St Clair County Pomona.

I believe this is the first time in my memory that we are meeting at the Boone County Fairgrounds. In my research the first time ISG was in Belvidere was at the 51st State Session, December 12 - 14, 1922. The meeting was called to order in the Fifth degree by Master Eugene A Eckert at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Belvidere. I believe that the Steward was Wesley M Sarver, Winnebago Cty, Chaplain was Mrs E A Johns, Winnebago Cty, Edith Fuller, Boone Cty, Ceres, G F Hubbard, Winnebago Cty Executive Committee. If you know the Granges that these people were from please let me know. As part of the session delegates were invited to the National Sewing machine factory in Belvidere - it was unclear if they took the tour. According to the Boone

## Come One - Come All All Grangers invited

### Grange Resources and Information Training (GRIT)

October 12, 2019 at Bluff Grange Hall, 8567 IL Route 163, Millstadt, IL

or

October 27, 2019 Flora Hall, 2105 Stone Quarry Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008

Both will start at noon with potluck, presentations start at 1:00 PM. Bring food to share.

Come see and hear about the programs and contests for the upcoming Grange year.

Presentations by Agriculture Committee Chairman, Community Service Director, Communication Director, Editor, Family Activities Chairman, Historian, Junior Director, Lecturer, Legislative Director, Master, Membership Director, Secretary, Website, 2019 National Session/Youth

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# September News from Flora Grange

By Lindakay Ebel

Flora Grange held their September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 with 34 members in attendance. Master Ebel called the meeting to order, roll call was taken, minutes of the Aug. 20th meeting were approved.

Applications for two new members were approved, Allyson S. Aves and Kaye Abolins, and Jack Ratcliffe inducted them. Members welcomed them into Flora Grange.

Reports were given by standing committees: Deb Silvers gave final rules for the Family Activities for the ISG convention this weekend; Chaplain Donna West reported no one was ill at this time, their Grandson, Shawn will be going in for brain surgery, prayers needed. Theo Hildebrand celebrated her 101st birthday on September 1st.

Emalee Colver reported the quilting group met Labor Day weekend. Roger Miller, Agriculture, said things are progressing. Al Ebel reminded everyone to bring entries to the Ag Dept. at the ISG convention in Belvidere on Friday morning. Emalee Colver reported Ken Ramsay of the Farmland Protection will be the speaker at the Ag breakfast, be sure to attend.

Jack Ratcliffe, Building & Grounds reported the new ramp is completed, built by Flora Grange member Jim Trevathan, propane tank also painted by Jim. Windows needed to be painted yet. The showcase which came out of Rogene Littlejohn's home was installed in the back of our meeting room by Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe, Jim Trevathan and several others. It was suggested we give Jim some kind of donation for making the ramp. Motion was made to give him a gas card.

Lindakay Ebel, Membership reported 6 of the 7 Granges in Boone County recruited new members this year, proud of them. She welcomed the new members this evening. She reminded Grange members this starts a new Grange year, to go out and try and try to recruit new members.

Bob Scherer reported the winners of the talent from the Boone County Fair will be playing at the fair appreciate dinner. Jack stated they are starting to build the new beef wash station.

Lindakay Ebel had a written monthly financial report for all Grange members, including all income and expenses for the past month, as well as year to dates.

Master Ebel reported there will be set-up Tuesday – Thursday, each day starting at 4 pm for the convention at

the fairgrounds, however, you can come during the day to help also. Convention starts on Friday, bring in your entries 8:30 am – 12 noon, convention begins at 1 pm – Sunday at noon, then clean-up.

Our fall roast bee dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 17th, will discuss more next month, also the dictionary's. Kathy Spears stated Two Rivers Headstart needs help with some painting and making raised flower beds. Laurel Ratcliffe said she and Kathy Spears will form a committee and work on this project.

Sharon Fidler and the Juniors showed the painted rocks and other projects they were working on for the ISG convention. Joan Fidler, program stated there are

Emalee Colver stated this is the last night to collect 'G' bills for this year to help raise money for the project. She collected some 136 this evening, for a total of 686 this year. Congratulations to everyone for giving this year. Our delegates, Al and Lindakay Ebel will take to the Illinois State Grange convention and present them.

Birthdays this month include June Mach on the 6th, Wayne Lyford and Myrna Hodson on the 16th. And Jim Trevathan on the 28th.

October meeting is Tuesday, October 8th, 7 pm. Hostesses are Loren and Pat Due and Kathy Spears.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served and members enjoyed fellowship together.

## Troy Grove

Troy Grove Grange met September 19, 2019 at 7 PM at the Hall. 7 sisters and 2 brothers were present.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer made a motion that we give \$100.00 to the Mendota Christian Food Pantry in November and \$100.00 to LaSalle Pads in February. Sue Ladson seconded. Motion passed by membership. Roy Plote reported that the Troy Grove nomination of Mark Dallas as Police Person of the year was voted first place for State. Roy will present the certificate at the Dixon Police Station.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that he had attended the open house at the new flour mill. It will have a projected processing capacity of 3 million pounds per day. Jim also reported that our crops are in need of sun and heat.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported on the proposed taxation on legal cannibas sales.

The Rochelle container division will be closing.

In communications Janet Plote reported the commission for the post office lease has been paid.

Hope well Grange sent information on joining the Tri-County Pomona. After discussion Sue Ladson made a motion to decline in joining. Jim Weber seconded. Motion carried by the membership.

The next meeting of Troy Grove Grange will be October 17, 2019 at 7 PM at the Hall.

## Troy Grove Grange

Troy Grove Grange met August 15, 2019 at 7 PM at the Hall. 7 sisters and 3 brothers were present.

Agriculture Chairman Jim Weber reported that a government agency was reporting a projected average corn yield of 169 bushels per acre. Common consensus was that this may be a high number. The market dropped after this report. 40% of the corn was planted after June 5.

Community Service Chairman Ethel Bauer reported the annual Community Service report was mailed in.

Legislative Chairman Roy Plote reported that Avery went to the Illinois State Fair for FFA. While there he saw Governor Pritzker. Congressman Adam Kinzinger met with farmers to discuss ongoing problems.

Youth Chairman Ethan Plote reported on two of his projects. He was at the Wisconsin State Fair to assist and also helped at a homeless shelter.

Election of officers was held. Betty Meznarich made a motion that the following slate of officers be elected. Ethan Plote seconded. Motion was passed unanimously by the membership.

Master - Roy Plote.  
Overseer - Ethel Bauer.  
Lecturer - Joan Dennison  
Steward - Mary Patricia Westfall.  
Assistant Steward - Sue Ladson  
Lady Assistant Steward - Harriet Kelchner.  
Chaplain - Avery Plote  
Treasurer - James Weber.  
Secretary- Betty Meznarich  
Gatekeeper - Jim Meznarich.  
Ceres - Janet Plote  
Flora - Joyce Hoelzer.  
Musician Roy Plote

Executive Committee- Joan Dennison '20 - Betty Meznarich '21 - James Weber '22

Janet Plote reminded the membership that State Session will be September 13 to 15 at Boone County Fairgrounds. Betty Meznarich read the resolutions being presented for consideration. Ethel Bauer made a motion that Janet's meals be paid by the membership if she goes. Betty Meznarich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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## Turkey Hill

After the August Granger input, we had a successful concession stand at the Sparta Shooting Range at the end of July. Following that, our main August was our very successful annual Ham and Peach Dinner on Sunday Aug 11 where 53 members and 11 community service workers were involved serving over 700 meals. A Memorial Service was held during our regular meeting for our members who went to the Grange above this past year. The successful Thursday afternoon BBQ ended the last Thursday of August.

September 10, we prepared and served a chicken dinner for the local Farm Bureau. Their program was most interesting and informative on Grain Bin Safety featuring a farmer who was rescued moments before sliding into the emptying auger and serious injury.

The September regular meeting began with a well presented and informative presentation by Larry Betz, President of the Belleville Historical Society on noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright. He showed many pictures of Wright's buildings across the US including the Dana Thomas House in Springfield, IL, as well as discussing the reasoning behind his designs. (Do you know why there are no mantles above any fireplace in his homes?) Reports of the recently held Illinois State Grange were given including the announcement that our Community Service Report received first place, and that our Grange will be honored at the National Convention in Minnesota in November as a Distinguished Grange for the seventh consecutive year. So far this year the Jam and Jelly Team have made over 600 jars of the delicacy. Officer elections were held with Jane Helms being elected as President for the coming year and our current President, Dick Frette becoming our Vice President. Three applications for membership were received and two of the new members receiving the Welcoming Ceremony. Welcome! Judy Brindley and Edith Robinson.

Looking Ahead: Annual Wurstmarkt Sunday Oct 27, 2019

## Prairie Grange

Prairie Grange meeting was called to order on Sept. 16, 2019 by Overseer Adam Ellwanger. Master Ruth Blasingame was under the weather. Secretary minutes were accepted as corrected. Committee reports were heard:

Members are encouraged to start working on their needle craft projects for next year. It's never too early.

Youth did an exceptional job of performing the drill at State Session. A special thank you was sent out to sisters Sara Ellwanger and Carrie Fischer for choreographing the drill. Most of the kids who were in the drill had never been to State Session let alone marched in the drill. They did an awesome job.

Prairie Juniors will be having an Award's Night on October 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM and everyone is invited to attend.

For Community Service Prairie Grange received 3rd place on their book and 2nd place for the Average Hours Served per member at 273 hours. The people that Prairie Grange nominated for Teacher of the Year Cooper Simon-Tobin, Firefighter of the Year Paul Severson and Non-Granger of the Year Dani Klaus all won at the state level and Robin Kindberg was selected as Granger of the Year. Congratulations to all the winners! Prairie Grangers also donated 1273 items to the Just Breathe 815 project.

We talked about State Session in great detail. Overall consensus was that it went very well. We do need to tweak a few things if we have it in the future. Meals were good and were served quickly. Saturday night Band was good. Ag Auction was completed in record time of 28 minutes and we raised the most money ever around \$1100.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the GRIT Conference either Saturday October 12 at Bluff Grange in St. Clair County or at Flora Grange in Belvidere in Boone County on Sunday October 27. There will be a potluck at 12 Noon both dates followed by the meeting

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at 1:00 PM Be sure to come to one of the meeting and find out what is happening and what you can take back to your Granges.

There will be a Trunk or Treat event from 2- 4 PM on Saturday Oct. 26 at the fair grounds. Please come dressed in costumes and have your trunk decorated and filled with candy. This will be open to the Boone and Winnebago Grangers and their families and we may invite the local 4-H Clubs to join us.

There will be a Halloween Party/Potluck for Prairie Grangers and their families on Oct. 26th at 5:00 PM. Come and have a howling good time.

Prairie Grangers donated money to the Illinois State Grange Scholarship Fund in honor of Sister Jan Fruit who recently passed away.

Prairie Grangers will be collecting Teddy Bears and Stuffed Animals for the next two Grange meetings. These animals will be Tossed at the Rockford Ice Hogs Teddy Bear Toss in early December. They will then be given to hospitals, Police, Firemen and First Responders to give to children in emergency situations for comfort. So bring on the Teddy Bears!

Oct. 19, 2019 will be the Strides 5K Run for Breast Cancer that Prairie Grange Sponsors so come out to Rock Valley College on that date an participate.

Prairie Grange meeting was closed in full form at 8:21 PM and refreshments and fellowship followed.

## County Line Grange

Our regular meeting was held Sept. 11. Hosts were Deb Zellman and Tim and Barb Fitch. Thanks for the good food.

Three new members were introduced. Ed and Sheri Cosman and Lori Anderson. We welcome them to our Grange.

Committee reports were given. Tim reported that grass is growing and fields are yellowing. Linda reported that 105 food baskets were given out on food distribution day at the Salvation Army. Ruth brought decorations to honor 911. We had a moment's silence to honor the victims of that day. It was reported that we had a good Fair this year. We broke our attendance record. Meals at the Grange food stand sold out, and a lot of breakfasts were sold.

We have Meat raffle tickets for sale for our Scholarship fundraiser. Drawing will be held at Hometown Christmas. We are having a flapjack fundraiser breakfast at Applebee's in Belvidere on Oct. 19 from 8-10am. Please come and support us.

We had discussions on a private party fundraiser we did Sept. 9, breakfast profits, and State Grange Conference. We held elections for a new Fairboard member and Executive position. Our Planning Committee meeting will be at Noah and Linda's on Sept.24.

Meeting was closed and penny March was held.

## Big Thunder Grange

August 22, 2019 meeting was started at 7 pm by Master Dave Geske with the Pledge. Al Henninger led the prayer. Secretary's report from June was read and approved. The treasurer was out so there was no treasurer's report.

Ag and Legislative reports were given. We welcomed five new members tonight.

Thank you to Al and Darlene Henninger and their helpers for a great job at the information booth during the Fair. The Fair was a great success and the weather was awesome. Thank you to everyone who made the Fair great.

The September meeting began at 7 pm with the Pledge and a prayer by Al Henninger. Roll call of officers and secretary's report were given. Treasurer's report was given.

Fall storage starts on Oct 19-20, 26-27, and Nov 9-10.

Dave and Sharyn Geske were our delegates for State Session. Riley Konieczki participated in the Rose Drill. 3 members took the 5th and 6th degrees. 3 members participated in the Youth Drill.

Big Thunder made and served lunch for State Session of soup, salad and sandwiches. Thank you very much for all the help.

We have gotten 7 new members so far.

Wally, a member and veteran is trying to raise money for a new service dog for training. His beloved service dog recently passed away. A Go Fund Me page has been set up by Brandi at Oodles and Doodles Dog Grooming. Any questions, contact Brandi at 815-543-1412. Please consider donating to this great cause.

Thank you Crystalyn, Erica and Kayli for a good lunch. Bonnie Miley, Publicity

## Broad Hollow Grange

At the August meeting of Broad Hollow Grange, Community Service reported the report has been sent in to the State Chairman. The State Community Service project is items for homeless youth which will be collected at the State Grange Session. A basket will be donated for the State Family Activities' Basket Raffle, and the packet of resolutions have been received. Agriculture reported Wall Street is no longer making loans to farmers, the hemp regulations are supposed to be ready this fall, and broiler growers are afraid their contracts will be cancelled. Farm prices are suffering since production is higher than demand. A list of rural issues that the Presidential candidates support were available. The National Grange is urging the Senate to keep Part D of Medicare. The Cadillac Tax Repeal is being proposed by Congress which would hurt small businesses and farmers. Japan is America's 4th largest major buyer of U.S. beef, pork, dairy, wheat, wine, fruits, vegetables, and other products. Member are urged to contact their Congressmen who are home on break.

The first all-Grange Campout held in Ozark, Arkansas, had over 60 in attendance. Several more cancelled due to the hot weather. Dictionaries will again be donated to schools in Freeburg and New Athens to all the third graders.

The program consisted of jokes, August Happenings, "Maxines Rule's of Life," an August quiz, and a reading, "Not Enough Time." Members enjoyed fellowship and refreshments after the meeting.

## Leroy Grange

September 11, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Rocky Temple. Pledge and prayer by John Kennedy.

Secretaries report was emailed. Tami Temple motioned to accept, Sue Zelasko 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurers report reviewed. Calvin Downey motioned to accept, Joe Muzzillo 2nd, motion carried.

Correspondence from Bob Koehn, Colleen Leich and Samuel Brick were shared.

Old business: Fair wrap up report from Denise Temple. Strawberry Shortcake booth profits were \$4,479.66, minus donation to B1 Food pantry for their assistance of \$880.00, making our total profit \$3,599.66. The fair breakfast check was also presented. Thanks to everyone who helped out at these events. State session is

September 13 - 15th, and we will be serving breakfast on Saturday morning. Tami Temple discussed the menu and Rocky & Denise Temple, Sue & Wayne Zelasko, Carol Mulholland volunteered to assist. Arrive at 5:00 a.m. to set up and cook, will serve from 7 - 8 a.m. Jeff Vance will donate milk. Carol Mulholland will put a basket together for the raffle/silent auction. Sandi & John Kennedy will be our delegates.

New Business: Hometown Christmas craft show is coming up, Sue Zelasko asked who would be interested in making items for a booth. Calvin Downey brought some samples, a wood Christmas tree, and a snowman.

We received a letter asking if we would once again sponsor the 4-H photography and woodworking awards.

Carol motioned to sponsor the awards, Jeff 2nd, motion carried. Tami made a suggestion that we use our trailer for other events for money making opportunities and maybe let someone else take over the strawberry shortcake booth at the fair. Some ideas were offered. Rocky asked if the Snowmobile club could use the trailer for their grass drag event to take entry fees. There were no

objections. Carol asked if we had a Code of Ethics. We will see if the National Grange has one. Ed Kasper discussed a raffle idea, and will check into more details and report back at our next meeting. Calvin will call ComEd to find out why our grange building is having power issues.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. Paul & Tami Temple to provide refreshments.

Tami motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sue 2nd, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Denise Temple, secretary

## Prairie Grange

The July meeting of Prairie Grange found our members doing what we do best - Enjoying a delicious potluck meal at our annual Picnic.

A short meeting followed the meal, our Community Service Chairman Robin Kindberg presenting Prairie Grange Community Service Awards:

Non-Granger of the year - Danielle (Dani) Klaus - She deals with Heather's Hope Organization for people with cancer.

Teacher of the Year - Cooper Simon-Tobin - She is a teacher and Administrator at Montesorri Academy in Rockford.

Fire Fighter of the Year - Paul Severson - He has been on the Boone County District #2 Fire Department for 25 years.

Subordinate Granger of the Year was presented by Master Ruth Blasingame to

Robin Kindberg - She is a 39 year very active member of Prairie Grange

Congratulations to all the Winners!

We sang happy birthday to Al and Darlene Henninger who are both 90 years young and to Fay Ellwanger who turned 75 years young.

Otherwise our members are busy preparing for the Boone County Fair which is August 6-11th and getting ready for State Grange Session which will be September 13-15th at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Hope to see everyone there!

## Notice from Ruth

The deadline for the November issue of the Granger will be October 25. This is so that we can get the paper to press before we leave for National Session. Thank You.

This issue will feature all the new contests and news for next year. If your Grange is starting something new please let me know.

## Enterprise Grange

Tom McCaw spent over 800 hours volunteering in the Southern Illinois area. Tom is a Korean War Veteran and serves as the Commander of the Korean War Veterans Unit of Southern Illinois. Tom spends numerous hours handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting money at stores in the area for the Veterans Home in Anna, Illinois. He presented them with over \$4,000 for the Veterans' use and to remodel some of the rooms.

Tom is a volunteer at the Nice Foundation in Highland, IL where he packs and helps ship meals and school supplies to children in Nicaragua. He also serves on his church council and performs many duties there plus frying sausage for church breakfasts, acquiring new stoves for the kitchen, and instrumental in remodeling the bathrooms.

At Enterprise Grange, Tom serves as the Chaplain and helps with our yearly fundraiser of cooking Apple Butter. In the past, Tom oversaw the project of installing a ramp to make our hall handicap accessible and got the city to make two places for handicap parking.



***Tom McCaw is receiving the Grange Member Community Service Award from the Lecturer, Brain Keller, of Enterprise Grange.***



2019 Winners

Illinois State Grange Agriculture Contest  
Albert Q. Ebel III, Agriculture Chairman

TOTAL ENTRIES: 168

I. VEGETABLES (90 ENTRIES)

1. Green Beans – 5 Entries  
1st – Noah Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Lindakay Ebel – Flora  
3rd – Albert Q. Ebel – Flora

2. Golden Wax Beans – 2 Entries  
2nd – Carolyn Wheeler – Guilford Hope  
3rd – Lindakay Ebel – Flora

3. Beets – No Entries

4. Cabbage – 2 Entries  
1st – Patti Lee – Prairie  
2nd – Lyle Lee – Prairie

5. Cauliflower – 1 Entry  
1st – Allen Fidler – Flora

6. Cucumbers – 4 Entries  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Patti Lee – Prairie

7. Eggplant – 4 Entries  
1st – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Mary Brubach – Prairie  
3rd Joan Fidler – Flora

8. Garlic – 2 Entries  
1st – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Mary Brubach – Prairie

9. Gourds – 6 Entries  
1st – Marilyn Hoffmann - Floraville  
2nd – Randy Eckert – Floraville  
3rd – Albert Q. Ebel, III - Flora

10. Most Unusual Shaped Vegetable – 3 Entries  
1st – Noah Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Kay Ollman – Flora  
3rd – Gene West – Flora

11. Okra – 1 Entry  
1st – David Donley – Turkey Hill

12. White Onions – No Entries

13. Yellow Onions – 3 Entries  
1st – Eugene Wheeler – Guilford Hope  
2nd - Noah Mullins – County Line  
3rd – Linda Mullins – County Line

14. Sweet Peppers – 8 Entries  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Patti Lee – Prairie  
3rd – Lyle Lee – Prairie

15. Hot Peppers – 6 Entries  
1st – Noah Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Linda Mullins – County Line  
3rd – Lyle Lee – Prairie

16. Red Potatoes – 4 Entries  
1st – Mary Brubach - Prairie  
2nd – Kevin Brubach - Prairie  
3rd – Kay Ollmann – Flora

17. White Potatoes – 7 Entries  
1st – Linda Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Noah Mullins – County Line

18. Sweet Potatoes – No Entries

19. Squash – Acorn – 2 Entries  
1st. Gene West – Flora  
2nd – Donna West – Flora

20. Squash – Winter – No Entries

21. Sweet Corn – No Entries

22. Tomatoes – Cherry – 8 Entries  
1st – Allen Fidler – Flora  
2nd – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Noah Mullins – County Line

23. Tomatoes – Red – 9 Entries  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Carol Neff – Broad Hollow

24. Tomatoes – Yellow – 7 Entries  
1st – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Kenny Joseph –Enterprise  
3rd – Linda Mullins – County Line

25. Vegetable -Other – 2 Entries  
1st – Noah Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Joan Fidler – Flora

26. Zucchini – 4 Entries  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie  
2nd – Kevin Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Noah Mullins – County Line

II. FRUIT (12 Entries)

1. Apples, Red – 2 Entries  
1st – Noah Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Linda Mullins – County Line

2. Apples, Yellow – 1 Entry  
1st – Lindakay Ebel – Flora

3. Cantaloupe – No Entries

4. Crab Apples – 1 Entry  
1st – Randy Eckert – Floraville

5. Grapes – No Entries

6. Pears – 3 Entries  
1st – Randy Eckert – Floraville  
2nd – Donna West – Flora  
3rd – Gene West – Flora

7. Plums – No Entries

8. Pumpkins – 4 Entries  
1st. Gene West – Flora  
2nd – Donna West – Flora  
3rd – Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville

9. Watermelon – 1 Entry  
1st – Christina Schaeffer – Shiloh Valley

III. HERBS (1 ENTRIES)

1. Potted Herbs – No Entry

2. 2. Collection of Herb  
1st - David Donley – Turkey Hill

IV. FIELD CROPS (29 ENTRIES)

1. 3 Ears of Corn – 12 Entries  
1st – Ralph Weldy – Progressive  
2nd – Doug Kinginzer – Progressive  
3rd – Albert Q. Ebel – Flora

2. Longest Ear of Corn – 6 Entries  
1st – Albert Q. Ebel – Flora  
2nd – Roger Miller – Flora  
3rd – Sharon Miller – Flora

3. Indian Corn – 1 Entry  
1st – Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville

4. Popcorn – No Entries

5. Tallest Stalk Corn – No Entries

6. Corn – 1 Qt. Bag (3 Entries)  
1st – Karrie Kindberg - Prairie  
2nd – Sara Ellwanger – Prairie  
3rd – Vic Klein – Floraville

7. Oats – 1 Qt. Bag (1 Entry)  
1st. Sara Ellwanger – Prairie

8. Soybeans – 1 Qt. Bag (1 Entry)  
1st. Vic Klein – Floraville

9. Wheat – 1 Qt. Bag (2 Entries)  
1st – Vic Klein – Floraville  
2nd – Ralph Weldy – Progressive

10. Sunflower – Largest Head (3 Entries)  
1st. Sara Ellwanger – Prairie  
2nd – Linda Mullins – County Line  
3rd – Noah Mullins – County Line

11. Tallest Sunflower Stalk – No Entries

V. FLOWERS – (15 ENTRIES)

1. African Violet Plant (1 Entry)  
1st – Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville

2. Succulents (3 Entries)  
1st – Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville  
2nd – Linda Mullins – County Line  
3rd – Janice David – Hopewell

3. Houseplants (2 Entries)  
1st – Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville  
2nd – Patti Lee – Prairie

4. Asters (No Entries)

5. Cosmos (No Entries)

6. Marigolds (1 Entry)  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie

7. Zinnias – (1 Entry)  
1st – Mary Brubach – Prairie

8. Any Other – (5 Entries)  
1st – Myrna Hodgson – Flora  
2nd – Patti Lee – Prairie  
3rd – Mary Brubach – Prairie

9. Fairy Garden (2 Entries)  
1st – Linda Mullins – County Line  
2nd – Robin Kindberg – Prairie

VI. ANTIQUES: (14 ENTRIES)

1. Farm Related Antiques: (3 Entries)  
1st – Al Ebel – Flora  
2nd – Lindakay Ebel – Flora  
3rd – Kevin Brubach – Praire

2. Household Related Antiques: (8 Entries)  
1st – Lindakay Ebel – Flora  
2nd -Mary Brubach – Prairie  
3rd – Kebin Brubach – Prairie

3. Child Related Antiques (3 Entries)  
1st – Mary Bruback – Prairie  
2nd – Lindakay Ebel – Flora  
3rd – Albert Q. Ebel – Flora

VII. JUNIORS: (3 ENTRIES)

Miniature Fairy Gardens  
Ages 5-8  
1st – Carly Powell – Prairie  
2nd – Scarlett Ellwanger – Prairie  
3rd – Savannah Anderson – Prairie

BEST OF SHOW:  
VEGETABLES (Tomatoes) Mary Bruback, Prairie  
VEGETABLES (Sweet Peppers) Mary Bruback, Prairie  
FRUIT (Pumpkin 200#) Gene West, Flora  
FIELD CROPS (Indian Corn) Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville  
FLOWERS – (Houseplant) Marilyn Hoffmann, Floraville  
FLOWERS – (Fairy Garden) Linda Mullins, County Line  
ANTIQUES – (Household Related) Lindakay Ebel, Flora

2019 Community  
Service Report

We had another great year for community service. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate an ENTIRE TRUCKLOAD of items to Just Breathe 815 along with \$614 in monetary donations. Just Breath 815 provides a safe place for teens and young adults to go where they can find resources and the support they need to succeed. Kevin Ware, the founder of Just Breathe 815 spoke at the main banquet at State Session to tell us about the great work his organization does and how our donations would help them.

Here is a summary of the 2019 Illinois State Grange Community Service Awards:  
Most Donations to Just Breathe 815:  
Grange: Prairie Grange  
Grange: Leroy Community Grange (second place Grange in lieu of Non-Granger Award)  
Granger: Marilyn Hoffman  
The Granges with the largest participation per member were:  
First Place – Hopewell Grange – 285 Hours per Member  
Second Place – Prairie Grange – 237 Hours per Member  
Third Place – Leroy Community Grange – 155 Hours per Member  
Fourth Place – Guilford Hope Grange – 154 Hours per Member

Community Service Reports:  
First Place – Turkey Hill Grange – David Donley - \$100  
Second Place – Hopewell Grange – Elaine Hecathorn - \$75  
Third Place – Prairie Grange – Robin Kindberg - \$50  
Fourth Place – Flora Grange – Laurel Ratchliffe - \$25  
Most Improved Report – Leroy Community Grange – Sandi Kennedy  
Teacher of the Year: Cooper Simon-Tobin – Nominated by Prairie Grange  
Fire Fighter of the Year: Paul Severson – Nominated by Prairie Grange  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Mark Dallas – Nominated by Troy Grove Grange  
Non-Member of the Year: Danielle (Dani) Klaus – Nominated by Prairie Grange  
Junior Granger of the Year – Jaydon Fisher – Nominated by Hopewell Grange  
Granger of the Year – Robin Kindberg – Nominated by Prairie Grange.  
Thank you for your support in 2019 and let’s plan to do even more in 2020!  
Fraternally Submitted,  
Tracey Jones  
IL State Grange Community Service Director



Hello Grangers,

Just want to introduce myself: My name is Robin Kindberg your new ISG Secretary and I am excited to take on this role.

There are lots of important things to cover here:  
--QUARTERLY REPORTS - These will be given in your Secretary packet at GRIT Conferences and I need them back as soon as possible. You can email them to me or send it via mail. Just send them soon.

---CERTIFICATE SHEET - These will also be in your packets and please fill them out and send them to me as soon as possible so I can get them ordered from National.

---ROSTER CHANGES - PLEASE send the officers and committee changes to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so I can make the necessary changes to the roster. If you have any changes during the year please send them to me also.

---GRIT CONFERENCES - Will be Saturday October 12 at Bluff Grange in St. Clair County and on Sunday October 27 at Flora Grange in Boone County. There will be a potluck beginning at noon on both days and the meeting will follow at 1:00 PM. Please try to attend for you will be given lots of important Grange information that you can take back to your Granges.

---Articles in the Granger - I will try to write one every month so watch for my article.  
If you need to contact me here is my information:  
Send quarterly reports to:  
Illinois State Grange Secretary  
Robin Kindberg  
12971 Olson Road  
Caledonia, IL  
Phone # - 815-978-0452  
My Grange email is robinkindberg5@gmail.com

Any questions feel free to contact me and I will try to get the answer and if I can’t I will find someone who will.

Thank you and Hope to see everyone at one of the GRIT Conferences in October.  
ISG Secretary





*Master Jodi Johnson Prairie Grange*  
*Overseer Marisa O'Dell Beaver Valley Grange*  
*Lecturer Sammantha Meyers Prairie Grange*  
*Steward Bryson O'Dell Beaver Valley Grange*  
*Assistant Steward Sara Ellwanger Prairie Grange*  
*Lady Assistant Steward Carrie Fisher Hopewell Grange*  
*Chaplain Athena O'Dell Beaver Valley Grange*  
*Treasurer Cassidy Renken Hopewell Junior Grange*  
*Secretary Chloe Konieczki Big Thunder Grange*  
*Gatekeeper Don Ellwanger Prairie Grange*  
*Ceres Katie Renken Hopewell Grange*  
*Pomona Phoebe Calabrese Flora Grange*  
*Flora Delphine Calabrese Flora Grange*  
*Executive Committee*  
*Rebecca Meyers Prairie Grange*  
*Riley Konieczki Big Thunder Grange*  
*Mark Saksri Foreign Exchange student from Thailand*  
*Flagbearer Phillip Jones Prairie Grange*





# Membership2018/2019 Year

*By Lindakay F. Ebel  
Membership Chairman*

The 2018/2019 State Grange Membership year is now official behind us. Special thanks to all Grange members that recruited a new member this past year.

There are 24 Granges in the State of Illinois and this year members from only 12 Granges recruited new members. This year we recruited 47 new Grange members; however, the sad news is, we lost 60 Grange members, some through death.

I have enjoyed representing you as your Illinois State Grange Membership chair for the second year (also the Boone County Membership Chairman and the Flora Grange Chairman). I enjoy writing a message each month in the Illinois Granger, and I thank Ruth for publishing my articles each month, and I hope you have taken the time to read them.

I look forward to the 2019-2020 Grange year, hopefully we will have a better year, we can only give it our best. Special thanks to Charles Treser of Turkey Hill Grange that lives in the southern part of Illinois and works with membership in that area; as he is always willing to order the membership awards for me and help in any other way. Thanks Charles, I really appreciate your help.

The 2018-2919 Membership awards given out at our ISG Session in Belvidere on Friday evening included the following:

Bars for the plaques received in previous years:

Marilyn Hoffmann – Floraville Community Grange #1918 – 5 New Members

Victor Klein – Floraville Community Grange #1918 – 5 New Members

Laurel Ratcliffe – Flora Grange #1762 – 4 New Members

Jack Ratcliffe – Flora Grange #1762 – 4 New Members

Albert Q. Ebel, III – Flora Grange #1762 – 4 New Members

Lindakay Ebel – Flora Grange #1762 – 4 New Members

Grange Cash Awards:

\$5 for each new member joining:

Beaver Valley Grange #1791 \$10.00

Big Thunder Grange #1940 \$15.00

Bluff Grange #1826 \$5.00

County Line Grange #1751 \$30.00

Flora Grange #1762 \$65.00

Floraville Community Grange #1918 \$25.00

Guilford Hope Grange #6 \$10.00

Hopewell Grange #1747 \$10.00

LeRoy Community Grange #1873 \$5.00

Prairie Grange #1832 \$20.00

Progressive Grange #1811 \$5.00

Turkey Hill Grange #1370 \$35.00

Class C - Hat, Scarf, & Mitten/Glove Set

No Entries

Class D - Afghan

1st Ann Johnson

Class E - Table Runner or Doily

No Entries

Class F - Other (dishcloths, pot holders)

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2nd Ann Johnson

3rd Joan Fidler

GROUP 2-NIFTY NEEDLES:CROCHET

Class A - Afghan Baby

1st Joan Fidler

2nd Marilyn Hoffmann

3rd Linda Mullins

HM Patti Lee

Class B - 2 piece or more Baby Ensemble

No Entries

Class C - Hat, Scarf, & Mitten/Glove Set

No Entries

Class D - Afghan

1st Stephanie Barber-BEST OF SHOW WINNER

2nd Myrna Hodgson

3rd Terry Chestnut

HM Royann Touchette

Class E - Table Runner or Doily

1st Linda Mullins

2nd Joan Fidler

Class F -Other(dishcloths, pot holders)

No Entries

GROUP 3 - EMBROIDERY

Class A - Pillowcases (Pair)

1st Sharon Holmes

2nd Joan Fidler

3rd Angie Dickerson

HM Karen Hart

Class B - Handkerchief or napkins

1st Marilyn Hoffmann

2nd Debbie Silver

Class C - Other embroidery project (not plastic canvas)

1st Joan Fidler

2nd Angie Dickerson

GROUP 4 - COUNTED CROSS STITCH (not in frame and back must be open for judging)

Class A - Any item 6x6 or smaller

1st Karrie Kindberg

2nd Joann Wienrank

Class B - Any item 6x6 or larger

1st Kay Ollmann

2nd Mrs. Robert Lyford

GROUP 5 - QUILTING

Class A - 12x12 Pieced Square (unfinished)

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2nd Joann Wienrank

3rd Kay Ollmann

HM Sally Campbell

Class B - Hand Quilted Quilt (finished)

1st Judith Brindley

Class C - Machine Quilted Quilt (finished)

1st Emalee Colver

2nd Sharon Fidler

3rd Sharon Holmes

HM Mary Jean Lane

Class D - Rag Quilt

1st Patti Lee

Class E - Quilted Handbag or Tote

1st Mary Jean Lane

GROUP 6 - JEWELRY

Class A - Homemade Gift Set-Necklace, bracelet, & earrings

1st Debbie Silver

2nd Angie Dickerson

3rd Marilyn Hoffmann

Class B - Miscellaneous Homemade Jewelry

1st Angie Dickerson

2nd Debbie Silver

GROUP 7 - DECORATIVE WREATH

Class A - Floral

1st Angie Dickerson

Class B - Non-floral

1st David Donnelly

2nd Marilyn Hoffmann

3rd Angie Dickerson

GROUP 8 - FOODS

Class A - Cookies any flavor

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2nd Katie Renken

3rd Patti Lee

HM Nathan Williamson

Class B - Keto Cookies any flavor 3 on a small plate and 12 on a large plate.

1st Angie Dickerson

Class C - Bread: White, Wheat, or Rye ½ loaf on a

small plate and large loaf.

No Entries

Class D - Quick Bread: Banana, Pumpkin, Zucchini ½ loaf on a small plate and large loaf.

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2ndMary Ann Joseph

3rd Patti Lee

HM Vivian Johnson

GROUP 9 - CARDS

Class A - Birthday

1st Kelly Kindberg

2nd Angie Dickerson

3rd Sally Campbell

HM Robin Kindberg

Class B - Christmas

1st Angie Dickerson

2nd Kelly Kindberg

3rd Robin Kindberg

HM Karrie Kindberg

Class C - Any other occasion/holidays

1st Royann Touchette

2nd Angie Dickerson

GROUP 10 -RECYCLE/REPURPOSE

Class A - Recycle/repurpose a pair of jeans into a purse or tote bag

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2nd Angie Dickerson

Class B - Recycle/repurpose a shirt or dress into an apron or a pillow

1st Gladys Williamson

2nd Angie Dickerson

FOR JUNIORS ONLY

GROUP 10 - Decorated T-Shirt

Class A - 5-7 years

1st Scarlett Ellwanger

Class B - 8-10 years

1st Dominic Walker

2nd Jackson Dinges

Class C - 11-14 years

No Entry

GROUP 12 - FOODS

Class A - Bar Cookies (not Rice Krispie Treats)

Ages: 5-7 years

No Entry

Ages: 8-10

1st Charlotte McGowan

2nd Jack Williamson

Ages: 11-14

1st Cassidy Renken

2nd Chelsea McGowan

Class B - Trail Mix using dried fruits, nuts, cereal, crackers, etc.

Ages: 5-7

1st Rosie

2nd Scarlett Ellwanger

3rd Marilyn

HM June

Ages: 8-10

1st Adele

2nd Lucy

Ages: 11-14

1st Phoebe

2nd Emma Rutledge

GROUP 12 CARDS

Class A - Birthday

Ages: 5-7

1st Cooper Williamson

Ages: 8-10

No Entry

11-14

No Entry

Class B - Christmas

Ages: 5-7

1st Savannah Anderson

2nd Scarlett Ellwanger

Ages: 8-10

1st Charlotte McGowan

2nd Dominic Walker

3rd Jackson Dinges

Ages: 11-14

1st Chelsea McGowan

Class C - Any other occasion/holidays

Ages: 5-7

1st Scarlett Ellwanger

2nd Savannah Anderson

Ages: 8-10

1st Jackson Dinges

2nd Dominic Walker

Ages: 11-14

No Entry

## FAC Wrap Up

*Jennifer Tobin-Tinch*

Hello Everyone! I want to thank the Illinois State Grange for the honor of being allowed to serve as FAC Chair for the 2019 148th Illinois State Grange Session. I had a great time and learned a lot! I would also like to thank Sharon Fidler, Lori Henrichs, and all the wonderful people that helped me at state session. I couldn’t have done it without you all!! Here are the prize winners for FAC and I apologize for any names that might be misspelled.

2019 FAC Prize Winners

GROUP 1-NIFTY NEEDLES: KNIT

Class A - Afghan Baby

1st Mrs. Robert Lyford

2nd Joan Fidler

3rd Ann Johnson

Class B - 2 piece or more Baby Ensemble

1st Ann Johnson

2nd Joan Fidler





## Junior fun at Anderson Japanese Garden

### ISG Junior Department

*26 Entries from 12 Juniors representing 4 Junior Granges*

#### 2019 State Session Winners

##### *Zen Garden*

Age 5-7: first-Savannah Anderson, Prairie; second-Carly Powell, Prairie;  
third-Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie

Age 8-10: first-Jackson Dinges, Prairie; second-Dominic Walker, Prairie

##### *Decorated Rocks*

Age 5-7: first-Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie; second-Carly Powell, Prairie;  
third-June Mack, Flora

Age 8-10: first-Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise; second-Jackson Dinges, Prairie; third-Adelle Mack, Flora

Age 11-14: first-Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise; second-Emma Rutledge, Turkey Hill; third-Phobie ?, Flora

##### *Recycling*

Age 5-7: first-Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie

##### *Wabi-Sabi*

Age 5-7: first-Savannah Anderson, Prairie; second-Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie

Age 8-10: first-Dominic Walker, Prairie; second-Jackson Dinges, Prairie

Age 11-14: first-Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise

##### *Origami*

Age 5-7: first-Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie

##### **Photography: Water Towers**

1st Place: Gladys Williamson, Enterprise Grange

2nd Place: Nathan Williamson, Enterprise Grange

3rd Place: Carol Neff, Broad Hollow Grange

H.M.: Vivian Johnson, Union Grange

##### **Photography: Heritage**

1st Place: Laurie McGowan, Enterprise Grange

2nd Place: Nathan Williamson, Enterprise Grange

3rd Place: Carol Neff, Broad Hollow Grange

H.M.: Angie Dickerson, Bluff Grange

##### **Photography: Illinois—Nature**

1st Place: Laurie McGowan, Enterprise Grange

2nd Place: Todd Hegge, Flora Grange

3rd Place: Gladys Williamson, Enterprise Grange

H.M.: Nathan Williamson, Enterprise Grange

##### **Creative Writing: Poetry—Changes**

1st Place: Angela Dickerson, Bluff Grange

##### **Creative Writing: Prose—What if I were a child again?**

1st Place: Vivian Johnson, Union Grange

2nd Place: Charlotte Mehrtens, Bluff Grange

3rd Place: Angela Dickerson, Bluff Grange

##### **Paintings, Drawings, & Pastels**

1st Place: Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

\*Best of Show

2nd Place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

3rd Place: Kay Abolins, Flora Grange

H.M.: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

##### **Dimensional Media**

1st Place: Dave Donley, Turkey Hill Grange

2nd Place: Kay Abolins, Flora Grange

##### **Personal Collection**

1st Place: Vivian Johnson, Union Grange

2nd Place: Beverly Smith, Perryville Grange

3rd Place: Karrie Kindberg, Prairie Grange

H.M.: Kelly Kindberg, Prairie Grange

##### **Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornament**

1st Place: Kay Ollman, Flora Grange

2nd Place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

3rd Place: Linda Mullins, County Line Grange

H.M.: JoAnn Wienrank, Flora Grange

##### **Subordinate Grange Banner**

1st Place: Shiloh Valley Grange

##### **Juniors, Age 5-7**

##### **Creative Writing: Prose—What will I do when I'm an adult?**

1st Place: Max Myers, Prairie Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie Jr. Grange

3rd Place: Savannah Anderson, Prairie Jr. Grange

H.M.: Carly Powell, Prairie Jr. Grange

##### **Paintings, Drawings, & Pastels**

1st Place: June, Flora Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Carly Powell, Prairie Jr. Grange

3rd Place: Xander Herrera, Prairie Jr. Grange

H.M.: Savannah Anderson, Prairie Jr. Grange

##### **Handcrafted Holiday Ornaments**

1st Place: Scarlette Ellwanger, Prairie Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Savannah Anderson, Prairie Jr. Grange

3rd Place: Carly Powell, Prairie Jr. Grange

H.M.: Max Myers, Prairie Jr. Grange

##### **Juniors, Age 8-10**

##### **Photography: Industry**

1st Place: Jack Williamson, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Water Towers**

1st Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Heritage**

1st Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Jack Williamson, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Illinois—Nature**

1st Place: Jack Williamson, Enterprise Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Creative Writing: Poetry—Changes**

1st Place: Jack Williamson, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Creative Writing: Prose—What will I do when I'm and adult?**

1st Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Dominic Walker, Prairie Jr. Grange

3rd Place: Jackson Dinges, Prairie Jr. Grange

##### **Paintings, Drawings, & Pastels**

1st Place: Adel, Flora Jr. Grange

2nd Place: CeCe Evans, Hopewell Jr. Grange

3rd Place: Lucy, Flora Jr. Grange

H.M.: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Dimensional Media**

1st Place: Matthew Fidler, Flora Jr. Grange\*

\*Best of Show, Junior Division

2nd Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornament**

1st Place: Jocelyn Myers, Prairie Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Jackson Dinges, Prairie Jr. Grange

##### **Web-based Project**

1st Place: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

##### **Juniors, Age 11-14**

##### **Photography: Industry**

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Water Towers**

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Heritage**

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Photography: Nature**

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Creative Writing: Poetry—Changes**

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

##### **Paintings, Drawings, & Pastels**

1st Place: Lizzie Fidler, Flora Jr. Grange

2nd Place: Phoebe, Flora

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Chaplain’s Corner  
Charlotte Mehrtens

We are just around the corner to the start of fall and many things occur during this time of the year. The fall leaves will be turning to the beautiful reds, yellows and oranges. The dust will be seen for miles around from the farmers combines harvesting their crops, The air takes on a different smell as the earth gets ready to settle into the winters sleep soon enough. Even the night air takes on the cool crisp air feel especially around the camp fire or bon fire. There is something in a fall night with the full moon that just brings you closer to our God.

There is one thing I would like to request from our Grange family that being that this fall we send extra prayers for the farmers of our nation many are so stressed from the loss of livestock from floods, weather keeping them from getting their crops planted in the spring or harvested this fall. We all know we have no control over the weather and that is in our God’s hands. They have depression and feelings of failure and feel they cannot take care of their families because of crop failures. We need to stay alert to our neighbors and their needs if they are having a hard time, we need to be better friends to them and listen to their struggles. There is help and we need to be there for them.

Thank you to Boone County Grangers for the warm welcome and for a job well done for State Grange Session I’m sure that those who attended feel the same way. Your hard work really showed. We pray for those who are ill that they will be healed and pray for those of you who have lost loved ones praying for all of you.

My family thanks each of you for all of your concerns for Don he is still weak and still has the nurses and therapist weekly. God Bless each of you with His love enjoy the fall weather as God provides for our needs.



Marie Bertha Edwards (nee Knobeloch), 96, passed away early Tuesday morning, July 9, 2019 following a severe stroke. Born on her family’s farm in Shiloh Valley, her strong identification with her family, farm life, and her German heritage along with her early life experiences during the hardships of the depression had formative impacts on her. She excelled in school, attending Rentchler School, a two-room country elementary school, and then graduating as valedictorian from Mascoutah High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Chemistry at Southern Illinois University and was awarded a scholarship for graduate work at the University of Illinois, where she earned a Master’s in chemistry. She briefly worked as an industrial chemist at Mallinkrodt Chemical Company in St. Louis before becoming a teacher at O’Fallon Township High School. Her major professional accomplishment was to establish, organize, and lead the Chemistry Department at the newly-formed Belleville Junior College starting in 1946.

In 1951, she married Delwin Edwards who had joined the junior college faculty as a chemistry



teacher in 1948. After the birth of her first child, she retired from teaching to raise her children. Her young family was struck by tragedy with the death of her 11-year-old son, George, in a traffic accident. Later she and her husband embarked on another career raising strawberries, vegetables, and irises on the farm in Shiloh Valley where she was born, recently designated as a Sesquicentennial Farm. She was a long-time member of Christ United Church of Christ in Belleville.

She was a loyal member of Shiloh Valley Grange for 83 years, serving as Lecturer and Matron several times and regular pianist. A tireless enthusiast for Grange competitions, Marie was a frequent award winner in Agriculture and Family Activities. contests. Twice she won recognition for her creations in the National Sewing Contest and shepherded her family to two appearances in the National Grange Family Talent Contest.

A dedicated mother, her children are forever grateful for the love of family, gardening, music, nature, learning, literature, and laughter she instilled in them. Her curious mind and perseverant nature were ever present.

Obituaries

Janice E. Fruit 1948-2019

Jan Fruit was a 50 year member of Prairie Grange, she served as the secretary for 25 years. She received the Secretary of the Year award from the State Grange in 1998-1999. Jan and her husband Wayne Fruit were Young Couple in 1972. Jan served the Boone County Fairboard as a Home Economics Building Supervisor for 28 years. She will be missed.

Master

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American Arts and Culture Fund, Community and Leadership Development Fund , Deaf Awareness Fund, Kelley Farm Preservation Fund , and General Endowment . The Quilt Raffle tickets \$5 each – Karie, Chris and I have tickets – I do not care who you get them from just get a ticket. I’ll bring it home if you win.

One of my heroes Abe Lincoln said “By all means, don’t say “If I can” say “I will”

Heroes - Thanks to all the Officers, Committee Chairs, Directors, Deputies (all stand) all of your help makes the IL State Grange. You are all superheroes to me. Thanks for completing your mission with faith, hope, charity and fidelity. Thanks to all those who attended all the State and National Grange events in the last year. Thanks to all those who have participated in the Grange Programs and Contests.

We have lost a Great Grange Hero. Sister Arline Magee passed to the Great Grange above. She served as Illinois Granger Editor, IL State Grange Lecturer, ISG Community Service Director, ISG FAC Director, National Grange Community Service Committee, chief cook at many Spring Fling/ Camp ISG Youth events, many Subordinate and Pomona offices, my proofreader and good friend. Many Grangers from the whole state participated in the Grange Service and I thank you all for that dedication to Arline.

Theguardian.com defines “a hero is someone who gives of himself, often putting his own life at great risk, for the greater good of others. “ Some of the 10 ten words that are associated with heroes : Courage, Passion, integrity, Honest, Confidence, Patience, Selflessness and Caring. So courage is defined by Veterans or active military, every Law Enforcement, Firefighters – Would any one in those please stand – you are Grange Superheroes. Please be seated. Courage can also be defined as someone who is passionate about their community and starts a project to make it better or courage in legislative activities and takes a stand. Grangers meet that definition. Passion, Integrity, Honest, Confidence, Patience, Selflessness and Caring – defines each Granger I know – You are all role models, you have passion for our communities, are honest and truthful in what you do, have confidence that what they are doing is right for the community and the Grange. Grangers are selfless and care for others. Grangers are Superheroes. Superheroes and Grangers have faith in God, nurtures hope, dispense charity and nurture hope.

“By all means, don’t say “If I can” say “I will”

Donations

A donation of \$150 was presented to the Granger from Wayne and Nancy Lyford. Thank you very much for that donation.

A donation was made in honor of Jan Fruit to the Memorial Scholarship fund from Prairie Grange.

Donations to the Granger can be sent to Ruth Blasingame 8711 Deer Run Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Donations to the scholarship fund should be sent to Kevin Joseph, State Treasurer, 701 O’Fallon-Troy Road, Lebanon, Illinois 62254. Please also send a note or email to Ruth so I can include your donation in the Granger.

Results

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3rd Place: Nathan Evans, Hopewell Jr. Grange

H.M.: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

Dimensional Media

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

Web based Project

1st Place: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Jr. Grange

Talent Contest

1st Place: Bryson Odell, Beaver Valley Grange

2nd Place: Brad Wade, Hopewell Grange; Justin Schaefer, Shiloh Valley Grange

3rd Place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Thank you all for making this such a successful Lecturer’s contest. Next year’s contests will be announced at GRIT in October. I’m hoping we’ll have even more entries next year!

Ethan Edwards

Agriculture Report

By Albert Q. Ebel, III

I would like to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to all who made the 2018-2019 Grange year for the Agriculture program a big success. We had 168 entries at the Illinois State conference in Belvidere this year, was not sure what we might have, due to the crazy year with the weather.

The list of winners and number of entries in each category with the winner’s name, Grange and county are listed in the Illinois Granger. We did add some new category’s this year and deleted a few, was very happy with the turn out of entries, and I thank everyone that brought them in.

Special thanks to my committee Earl David and his wife Janice, Justin Schaeffer, Sharon Holmes, Myrna Hodgson and my wife, Lindakay Ebel who checked in all the entries and placed them in all the correct categories for the judges. Entries were up this year, which I was very pleased with.

Special thanks to Robin Kindberg for the beautiful table centerpieces at our morning Ag breakfast and the Harvest Blessing bags, Apples from Edwards Apple Orchard of Poplar Grove, Handouts, pads, and pens from Boone County Garden Club and handouts from University of Illinois for our 77 early morning breakfast guests.

Special thanks to our speaker, Ken Ramsay, Caledonia who spoke on ‘Farming Today and Tomorrow, a Grain Farmer’s Perspective’; heard a lot of good comments on his presentation. Special thanks to ISG Chaplain Charlene Mehrtens who offered prayer and to my wife, Lindakay Ebel for all her help during my year as chairman of the Ag committee, I could not have done it without her help.

The Ag Auction was a huge success this year, and I will not mention names, (I will forget someone) however, many wine baskets, a beautiful wooden homemade cross was donated, decorated cookies and breads, many mums, a Grange cookbook which was published many years ago, and special thanks to all who donated your contest entries. The auction this year brought in \$1151.00, a record year ever, I am told. Good job Lyle Lee, auctioneer, and all who bid!!

I wish Earl David the best and know he will do a great job as the 2019-2020 chairman with Justin Schaeffer as the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 from the North remains to be named at this time.

The event would not be possible without each and every one of you!