



Illinois Granger

In Essentials... Unity

In Non-Essentials... Liberty

In All Things... Charity

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Spotlight on Grangers

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Happy Thanksgiving



Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms

Well the weather of southern IL has changed to cold and raining. Last weekend, after GRIT, there was quite a storm. Wind damage and empty wagons blown into gate, and a large calf hutch flew about 20 feet. No real damage.

The Celebration of the IL State Grange Session 150th anniversary is in the books. It was nice seeing some of you. I believe much of the session went well, thanks to the Anniversary committee Thanks to Henrietta Keller, David Donley, Patti and Lyle Lee, Bryan Keller and Bev Smith for all of their hard work as the planning committee for the 150th session. Everyone enjoyed the 'style show', meeting Oliver Hudson Kelley (as portrayed by Ethan Edwards) and seeing the reenactment of the first meeting of the IL State Grange. Thanks to those re-enactors. Please send any pictures to me lschaeffr@gmail.com. We will be creating a book of IL State Grange History, 150 years. Many pictures will be included. If you have older pictures you would like included please send scans to me ASAP. Any items that you want to make sure we include in the history please let me or Bev Smith know. Thanks to the committee of State Session meeting via Zoom to complete much of their work prior to the meeting. Thanks to Tracey for her work as Community Service Director, Thanks to David Donley for being Legislative Director, for Chairs Sharon Fidler (FAC) and Justin Schaeffer (AG). Thanks to St Clair County Pomona for hosting the meeting, and everyone else for all they did to make the meeting a success. One resolution has been sent to National Grange to be discussed at session. Congratulations to Deb Wade being elected to Executive Committee and Marilyn Hoffmann for being elected Flora. See you all at the session in Boone County at the fairgrounds August 26 – 28.

Thanks to all who attended the GRIT (Grange Resources, Information and Training). Thanks to Gene and Paula Lohrman for making the trip from IN, Gene was recently elected President of Indiana State Grange, to the conference at Hopewell Grange Hall on October 24. Thanks to the presenters for their hard work.

Spam messages have been coming to Grangers that look like they are coming from the National Grange. If the National Grange does not owe you money – you did not win any money! Be aware of all email messages be sure who they are coming from.

Congratulations to Prairie and Turkey Hill for being selected as Distinguished Granges for IL. I am very proud of both of these Granges and thank them for all their efforts in the name of the Grange.

National Grange Session will be November 9-13 in Wichita, KS. Don will be Conservation Committee, and I am on Agriculture Committee. We will be starting this next week with zoom calls for the committees to review present policy. I can't wait. The Peterson Farm Brothers will be there as well as former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. We will be discussing the National Grange Building. As you probably remember those attending the ISG meeting voted to sell the building. Ethan Edwards will be a Grange Fellow this year. Karie will be Amanda's assistant.



GRIT important points I shared

Are you getting emails from the National Grange for the Patrons Chain or the View from the Hill? If not make sure your email is in the National Grange database. Make sure your secretary or Robin have the correct emails, so that the database is up to date. Have you looked at the National Grange DATABASE and started to update your Grange's information, birthdays or at least year. This information is needed for benefits that we could be eligible to get via National Grange. Look often at the National Grange for Benefits. Loretta Washington works hard to have new benefits available to us.

Any Grange wanting to use the IL State Grange Zoom license just let me or Karie know. Granges can meet this way, State Committees and any other Grange group can meet this way. Just make sure we can set you up. It only takes a few minutes if you decide at the last minute to hold the meeting that way.

Each Grange should have a copy of the Illinois State Grange Bylaws [(each Grange had been given copies in 2015), They were in a blue binder and National Grange Digest of Laws, the book is on the NationalGrange.org. If you need copies let me know. Since the Digest has been reviewed several years ago I have started a By-laws committee Trisha Renken has agreed to be chair. This committee will be updating the Bylaws – any questions or concerns please check with them. Talk to Trisha or myself if you are interested in serving on the committee. The meetings will start in January and will probably mostly be held via Zoom. I would like to have at least a basic report for the next State Session. If you need a copy please contact me via email and I'll send you a current copy.

G Bills – thanks to all of you for your support to the Honor Memorial Scholarship Fund. Remember the Scholarship fund when a member passes away or if anyone wants to make a donation. Scholarships will be available to Grangers who have been Grangers 1 year and pursuing a college or trade school. The interest is not that great. Please consider making donations to the Honor Memorial Scholarship fund. We will give the G bill collection a break for a while.

Promote your Grange in any public media you can – Let others know what you are doing in your community – that is the key to a happy healthy Grange – and a happy healthy Grange gets new members. Work with other Granges and Grangers it only makes us stronger. RALI – Rx Abuse Leadership – those Granges want more of the bags for disposal of old prescriptions please let me know. We will do a request for more of them. Let me know the number you need/want for your Grange. Work with your local pharmacy for setting up your own drug take back day or a day to distribute the drug disposal bags. Promote that day and time. Great EASY community service project.

Good Day Magazine – have you subscribed? I hope that all of you have subscribed there are forms here.

Illinois appears in many of the magazines. Make sure you renew subscriptions in a timely manner. Look on the label to see when you will expire. National Grange Membership Director, Amanda Rios is looking for Regional Membership leaders. This year I am not appointing a membership director. All the deputies are now appointed as membership directors. I will be holding a Zoom meeting for all the deputies. Grange Foundation is looking for more board members. If you are interested in learning more about Grange Foundation and being a board member please let me know.

Bonding letters have not yet arrived from National Grange, they will be sent out when they arrive.

Taxes – eform 990 – keep them current. Need any help, please contact me or Karie or Robin.

We are leaving for National in a week so next month I'll have information about National session.

Fraternally, Lynette

Illinois State Grange Juniors

Dot and her new friend Alice slept in while I traveled to Hopewell Grange to present the projects for 2022. They had a busy night trick-or-treating at a local camping area. If you missed GRIT, check with you local Grange, or the list has been sent to the webmaster so you can find it on the Illinois State Grange website.



2022 Illinois State Grange JUNIOR DEPARTMENT Contests

All Junior Contests - Individual must be a Junior, or 1+ member

Three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. Entry age as of 1/1/2022 (National Guidelines)

****Any entry that is not labeled and does not follow rules may be disqualified from judging, but may still receive a participation ribbon.****

Maximum size is given in measurements of length-by-width-by-height

Mini-Juniors: Any child who is 5 by September 1, 2022 may send up to 3 entries to session. These projects will not be judged as other age groups are, but will receive participation ribbons.

Junior at Heart: Any Granger over the age of 20, as of September 1, 2022, may submit a project. These projects will be voted on by fellow Grangers for Best of Show .

Passport ~ Host State – Nevada

Small World - Ancient Egypt

Make a 3-D display (Maximum size 10x10x8"high) or poster (up to 11x14" finished size after mounted for stability) which represents the country. Identify and explain at least three items of country.

Recycling - Shoebox Mini-Float

To help celebrate the 105th year since the first Juvenile/Junior Grange was chartered in IL we will be decorating a shoe box. Can be any small box with maximum size of 14x10x6"

Bible Stories - Joseph

For this project make something that pertains to the story of Joseph...example - dreamcatcher, coat of many colors

OR give a short speech sharing what you have learned about him. 3 minutes long maximum.

All wrapped up

Make a usable item from duct tape.

Sands of Time

Make an item that relates to time... example -clock, sundial, hourglass

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Beverly Smith

State Session was a great success! Our founder Oliver Hudson Kelley (a/k/a Ethan Edwards) made a surprise appearance. Many Grangers celebrated our 150th year of the Illinois State Grange by dressing up in vintage attire. Henrietta and company put on an entertaining style show. Dave Donley along with many participants organized a skit highlighting our history. I displayed many Grange memorabilia from the 1870 and 1880's. I also displayed these at the GRIT Conference. (This can be listed in a future article)

I want to thank the Hecathorn Family for giving me some special Grange notebooks from JoAnne Calhoun. Next month I will write more about these books.

After the State session, the Lyfords and I visited the Keller Farm. We were greeted by Henrietta and her son Mike. We got the grand tour. We enjoyed the beautiful view of their farm and all the animals too. Henrietta said her grandchildren are very interested in the farm and help make decisions on improvements.

On September 16 I visited Archie "Red" Randolph at his home in New Milford. His wife, Janice passed away last year. Their daughter MaryAnn has been working on the house so she had several Grange items to give me. Many photos and news clippings were of Grange events that happened in Winnebago County. I spent some time adding these to my notebooks. I had so much fun.

On September 28 I attended Guilford Hope Grange (now my affiliate Grange) at the Ebel's Farm. Al and Lindakay have the most immaculate farm I have ever seen! Their hard work has really paid off. It is located in the Kingston area just south of Belvidere. After the meeting we played a fun game and then we all headed out to Lindakay's "Red Farm Antiques" store. Wow! There were so many lovely antiques!

The autumn season really was apparent today- sunshine, colorful leaves, pumpkins, temperature in the 70's, corn being picked, squirrels scurrying about, my mower mulching up the fallen leaves. I do love this season, but I have memories of when my folks and I used to travel northern Illinois to install Grange officers. My favorite Granges to install were Waltham and Troy Grove Granges. Marlin Hoelzer would give me a bunch of the gourds from their garden that were the table decorations!

2022 AG Contest

VEGETABLES

- 1.Green Beans (5)
- 2.Wax/Yellow Beans (5)
- 3.Beets (4)
- 4.Cabbage (1 head)
- 5.Cauliflower (1 head)
- 6.Cucumbers (3)
- 7.Eggplant (1)
- 8.Garlic (3)
- 9.Gourds (3)
10. White Onions (3)
- 11.Yellow Onions (3)
- 12.Sweet Peppers (3)
13. Hot Peppers (3)
- 14.Red Potatoes (3)
- 15.White Potatoes (3)
- 16.Sweet Potatoes (3)
- 17.Carrots (3)
- 18.Winter Squash (1)
- 19.Sweet Corn (3 ears)
- 20.Cherry Tomatoes (5)
- 21.Red Tomatoes (3)
- 22.Yellow Tomatoes (3)
- 23.Zucchini 6-8" (1)
- 24.Largest Zucchini
- 25.Most Unusual Vegetable

FRUITS

- 1.Apples-any color (4)
- 2.Cantaloupe/Muskmelons (1)
- 3.Grape (3 bunches)
- 4.Pears (4)
- 5.Pumpkin (1)
- 6.Watermelon (1)

HERBS

- 1.potted specimen of an herb-named
- 2.Collection of Herbs, 4 or more

FIELD CROPS

- 1.3 ears of Corn
- 2.Longest ear of Corn
- 3.3 ears of Indian Corn, husked
- 4.3 ears of Popcorn
- 5.Corn (1 quart bag)
- 6.Oats (1 quart bag)
- 7.Soybeans (1 quart bag)
- 8.Wheat (1 quart bag)
- 9.Sunflower-Largest head

FLOWERS

- 1.Roadside Bouquet
- 2.Flower Garden Bouquet
- 3.Cut Sunflowers (3 stems)
- 4.Zinnias (4 stems)
- 5.Potted House Plant
- 6.Potted Succulent Plant
- 7.African Violet Plant
- 8.Marigolds (3 stems)

MARKET BASKETS (8 or more items)

- 1.Individual Market Basket
- 2.Group Market Basket

ANTIQUES

Poster with Explanation of Antique

JUNIOR

- 1.Poster of an "Instrument of Agriculture"
- 2.Vegetables (see above categories)
- 3.Farm Safety Poster
- 4.Food Production Poster
- 5.Dry Gourd Project

VALUE ADDED PRODUCT

- 1.8oz.jar of Any Jam/Jelly
- 2.Jar of Pickles (must be labeled what type of pickle)
- 3.8oz. of Honey
- 4.Jar of Salsa

"Instrumental to the Industry"

By Mary Brubach, Agriculture Committee Chair

This past September/October Karie Blasingame and I traveled North to Madison, Wisconsin to enjoy the World Dairy Expo, while watching my nephews show and visiting an Granger who was partaking in his 50th WDE. The theme this year was "Instrumental to the Industry".

In the area of Agricultural there is so much that is "Instrumental to our Industry". For instance "Periodicals" of all types are very important to those of who find themselves employed or even have an avid interest in Agriculture.

It is through all the different types of "Periodicals" that many learn about new equipment, new research, or even a different use for an old tool.

What periodicals do you read or subscribe to, to keep yourself up to date, or remanence about days gone by.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY POMONA

We meet October 18 at the home of Wayne and Nancy Lyford with a potluck supper before our informal meeting. Information learned at state session was discussed and a reminder about attending the upcoming GRIT conference on October 24.

Our next meeting will be December 13 at Alpine View Restaurant.



2021-2022 Agriculture Contest Information

Illinois State Grange

2022 Ag Chairman: Mary Brubach 7525 Lawrenceville Rd. Garden Prairie, IL 61038 marysue83@hotmail.com
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Rules and Information

1. 1 entry per person in each category.
2. Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, Field Crops, Flowers and Junior Division must be grown or harvested between Sept. 2021- Sept. 2022. They will be auctioned off unless otherwise stated at Drop-Off.
3. Market Baskets:
 - a. Must fit 30" table length
 - b. Must be set up by entrant or representative
4. Antique Poster
 - a. Must Include Pictures of said Antique
 - b. Antique must be at least 100 years old.
 - c. Must Include an Explanation of Antique, and its use, etc...
 - d. Size of Poster must not exceed 22"x28"
5. Flowers
 - a. Roadside Bouquet must be made up of wild flowers, or flowers collected from along the road
 - b. Flower Garden Bouquet must be made up of flowers grown in your Flowerbeds, around your home.
6. Junior Contest
 - a. Poster of Instrument of Agriculture- Pick a piece of equipment, or something that can be used in Agriculture. Explain what this "Instrument" is used for, include pictures. Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - b. Poster on Farm Safety- Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - c. Food Production Poster- Poster must not exceed 22"x28" or Tri-Fold Poster 36" x 48".
 - d. Dried Gourd Project- Make something from a dried Gourd. (If you are in need of a dried gourd, please outreach me.)
 - e. Vegetables/Fruit/Herbs/Flowers- Many Juniors help their family members garden. So, they are more than welcomed to enter any of those categories. Upon entry we will mark them as a Junior Entry.
7. Value Added Category
 - a. All products must be made during the growing Season of 2022

Calendar

Nov 7 Wurstmart Turkey Hill 10:30-1 carry out only
 Nov 9-13 National Grange Convention – Wichita KS
 Nov 12 RSVP Emerald Mound 100th
 Nov 14 CANCELLED Flora Grange Roast Beef Dinner
 Nov 24 Deadline for December Illinois Granger
 Jan 15 Deadline for 4th Quarterly Report to Robin
 Dec 4 Emerald Mound 100th Anniversary

Donations to the Illinois Granger
 \$20 Mindy Schiefer – Emerald Mound
 Donations to Memorial Scholarship Fund
 \$100 Troy Grove Grange – In memory of lost members

NOTE:

Please send me any **important dates, obituaries, donations** from your Grange so I can add them to the newsletter.

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Family Activities Committee Contests 2022

2022 Chairperson

Lori Henrichs

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Group 1 Knitting

A.Afghan

B.Baby Afghan

C.Baby items one or more

D.Dish Cloths

E.Winter Wear

F.Any other item not listed

Group 2 Crocheting

A.Afghan

B.Baby Afghan

C.Baby items one or more

D.Dish Cloths

E.Winter Wear

F.Any other item not listed

Group 3 Misc. Needlework

A.Embroidered item

B.Counted Cross Stitch

C.Plastic Canvas

D.Any other item not listed

2023 Chairperson

JoEllen Coleman

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Group 3 Misc. Needlework

A.Embroidered item

B.Counted Cross Stitch

C.Plastic Canvas

D.Any other item not listed

Group 4 Quilting

A.Unfinished square – max size 16
½ x 16 ½ inches

B.Table Runner

C.Quilt-queen,full,twin etc.

D.Baby Quilt

E.Quilt of Valor (for US Veterans –
will send to National)

Group 5 Sewing

A.Apron

B.Clothing – one item

C.Clothing – 2 or more pieces

D.Pillow

E.Any other item not listed

Group 6 Miscellaneous

A.Jewelry – Bracelet

B.Jewelry – Necklace

C.Jewelry -2 or more pieces

D.2 Holiday Cards-mounted

E.2 All Occasion Cards-mounted

F.Fabric Wreath

Group 7 Food

A.Quick Bread

Any kind – one loaf

B.Fudge/candy

Any kind – 12 pieces

C.Cookies any kind one dozen

D.Decorated Cake

E.Decorated Cupcakes one doz

F.Decorated Cookies one dozen

Group Project (from one or more
Granges)

Hand made Quilt

A.Hand-stitched

B.Machine-stitched

Strive not
to be a
success,
but rather
to be of
value.

-Albert
Einstein



Lecturer Winners 2021 Unfinished Quilt Block

- 1.Emalee Colver-Flora
- 2.Debra McCauley-Flora
- 3.Debbie Silvers-Flora

Photography-Tall

- 1.Laurie McGowan-Enterprise
- 2.Karie Blasingame-Prairie
- 3.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1,Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise

Photography-Selfie

- 1.Karie Blasingame-Prairie
- 2.Laurie McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1.Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise

Photography-Comic Video

- 1.Laurie McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1.Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise

Photography-Water

- 1.Henrietta Keller-Enterprise
- 2.Emalee Colver-Flora
- 3.Laurie McGowan-Enterprise
- HM Karrie Kindberg-Prairie
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- Jr 1.Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise

Photography-Time Lapse

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora
- 2.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- 3.Ruth Blasingame-Prairie

Creative Writing-Prose

- 1.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise

Creative Writing-Poetry

- 1.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- Jr 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise

Media Arts & Crafts

Painting, Drawing & Pastels

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora
- 2.Angie Dickerson-Bluff

Dimensional Media

- 1.David Donley-Turkey Hill
- 2.Joan Fidder-Flora
- Junior

- 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- 1.Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise

Perosnal Collection

- 1.Patty Bearth-Shiloh Valley
- 2.Vivian Johnson-Union
- 3.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- Junior

- 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- 1..Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise
- 1.Scarlette Ellwanger-Prairie

Handicraft Holiday Tree Ornament

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora

- 2.David Donley-Turkey Hill
- 3.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- HM Mary Donley-Turkey Hill
- Junior

- 1.Chelsea McGowan-Enterprise
- 1.Charlotte McGowan-Enterprise
- 1.Scarlette Ellwanger-Prairie

Group Project: Grange Banner

- Bluff Grange
- Floraville Community Grange
- Shiloh Valley Grange
- Turkey Hill Grange

Evening of Excellence Talent Showcase

- Hilda Koluch-Turkey Hill
- Brad Wade-Hopewell
- Justin Schaeffer-Shiloh Valley
- Ethan Edwards-Shiloh Valley

Family Activities Committee Contest Winners 2021

Knitting-Afghan

- 1.Ann Johnson-Prairie
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- 2.Mrs.Robert Lyford-Guilford Hope

Knitting-Baby Items

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora

Knitting-Dish Cloths

- 1.Debbie Silvers-Flora

Knitting-Winter Wear

- 1.Joan Fidder=Flora
- 2.Patty Bearth-Shiloh Valley
- 3.Ann Johnson-Prairie
- HM Vicky Donley-Leroy

Knitting-Any other item not listed

- 1.Ann Johnson-Prairie
- 2.Joan Fidder-Flora

Crochet-Afghan

- 1.Patti Lee-Prairie
- 2.LindaKay Ebel-Flora
- 3.Kay Ollman-Flora

Crochet-Baby Afghan

- 1.Sara Ellwanger-Prairie

Crochet-Dish Cloth

- 1.Debbie Silvers-Flora
- 2.Patti Lee-Prairie
- 3.Joan Fidder-Flora

Crochet-Any other item not listed

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora

Embroidery-Counted Cross Stitch

- 1.Mrs.Robert Lyford-Guilford Hope
- 2.Kay Ollman-Flora

Embroidery-Plastic Canvas

- 1.Ruth Perley-Flora
- 2.Karrie Kindberg-Prairie
- 3.Robin Kindberg-Prairie

Embroidery-Any other item not listed

- 1.LindaKay Ebel-Flora

- 2.Angie Dickerson-Bluff

Sewing-Clothing Set of Two/More

- 1.Mrs.Robert Lyford-Guilford Hope

Sewing-Clothing One Item

- 1.Mrs.Robert Lyford-Guilford Hope

Sewing-Face Masks

- 1.Mrs.Robert Lyford-Guilford Hope
- 2.Emalee Colver-Flora
- 3.Christina Schaeffer-Shiloh Valley
- HM Marilyn Hoffman-Floraville

Sewing-Apron

- 1.Debbie Silvers-Flora
- 2.LindaKay Ebel-Flora

Quilting-Unfinished Square

- 1.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- 2.Emalee Colver-Flora
- 3.Joan Fidder-Flora

Quilting-Table Runner

- 1.Ruth Perley-Flora
- 2.Charlotte Mehrtens-Bluff
- 3.Joan Fidder-Flora

Quilting-

Quilt,Twin,Full,Queen,etc.

- 1.Joan Fidder-Flora
- 2.Ruth Perley-Flora
- 3.Emalee Colver-Flora
- HM Sharon Fidder-Flora

Quilting-Baby Quilt

- 1.Kay Ollman-Flora

Quilting-Quilt of Valor

- 1.Emalee Colver-Flora
- 2.Mary Jane Lane-Flora
- 3.Kaye Abolins-Flora
- HM Joan Fidder-Flora

Quilting-Any other item not listed

- 1.Ruth Perley-Flora
- 2.Sharon Fidder-Flora
- 3.LindaKay Ebel-Flora
- HM Joan Fidder-Flora

Misc: Jewelry-Bracelet

- 1.Marilyn Hoffman-Floraville
- 2.Debbie Silvers-Flora
- 3.Angie Dickerson-Bluff
- HM Scarlette Ellwanger-Prairie Jr

Misc: Jewelry Sets-2 pieces

- 1.Debbie Silvers-Flora
- 2.Marilyn Hoffman-Floraville
- 3.Patty Bearth-Shiloh Valley

Misc : 2 Holiday Cards

- 1.MaryBeth Lee-Turkey Hill
- 2.Robin Kindberg-Prairie

- 3.Karrie Kindberg-Prairie

Misc : 2 All Occasion Cards

- 1.Karrie Kindberg-Prairie
- 2.Robin Kindberg-Prairie
- 3.MaryBeth Lee-Turkey Hill
- HM Angie Dickerson-Bluff

County Line Grange

We had our regular meeting on Oct. 13. This was also our Halloween party. Heather and Linda were hosts with help from Tamra and Kim. We enjoyed soups, crackers, cheese, chips, cornbread and a very good Halloween cake. There was lots of candy and treats. Ruth and her decorating committee did a wonderful job on the decorations. Thank you to all of these ladies.

We had lots of nice costumes. Barb won first place with her gentleman costume. Jo Ellen won second with her Hocus Pocus costume and Linda got third with her Hospital gown and naked butt. Everyone had a good, fun time. We welcomed new member Jackie to our meeting.

Minutes were voted on and accepted. Committee reports were given. Tim reported that we have had some good rain lately. Looks like there is going to be good crop yields. Harvesting seems to be going smooth. Ed gave a Fairboard report. John said even though our road doesn't look too bad it should be cleaned. We will be doing our road clean-up on Saturday Oct. 11.

Anna said everyone should check out our website. Some pictures have been added to it, but she would like more

Secretary reports, communications and Treasurer reports were given. We will be doing Habitat-for-Humanity lunches for the next two Saturdays.

Discussions were held on doing Trim-A-Tree and other upcoming projects. Ed said we have some plastic collected for a second bench for the Museum, but need more.

Tamra gave her Lecturer's program. It was a Halloween Trivia. Prizes were awarded to the winners. Linda gave out the prizes won from FAC activities to the winners.

We closed our meeting. "G" dollars were collected and Penny March was held. Have a safe, healthy and fun Halloween.

NEWS FROM HOPEWELL GRANGE

By Janice David

October is probably the busiest month of the year for Hopewell. We look forward to hosting Grangers from around the state at GRIT on October 24. May we have good weather and good fellowship.

Plans are in place to have our annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on Thursday evening, October 28. Raber meats will again prepare and cook our sausage on site. The company still awaits a grand opening of its new facility nearly three years after its buildings were destroyed by fire, but it continues to offer some catering services. The health department has cleared us to provide the meal as dine in or carry out. We hope for good weather and many hungry diners. On Saturday, October 30, we will offer the community a craft and vendor fair. This will run from 9 to 3 at the hall.

October is also the month when we have a wiener roast at Hopewell. That was held in conjunction with

our regular meeting on October 11. Because of the extended rainy period (and rain predicted for that evening) the wieners were cooked indoors! Literary program for the evening consisted of a number of funny readings.

Looking ahead, Hopewell plans to have its annual chili supper and dues paying meeting for members on January 10. Since the February meeting falls on Valentine's Day, the members agreed to substitute a trip to Barn III dinner theater on February 12.

Union Grange

Our October meeting was held at Russ Stauffer and Elaine Hyer's home. Russ is in Wesley Willows health care facility so was unable to be with us.

Linnea Miller, state session delegate, gave her report of what transpired.

We voted to donate money to 5 local charities: Miss Carly's, Veteran's Drop In Center, Rock House Kids, Salvation Army and Noah's Ark.

Our November meeting will be at Sally Campbell's November 6.

Beaver Valley Grange #1791

October meeting held on 10/8/2021 with Master Brian O'Dell presiding. Count was 11 plus 2 guests.

Membership accepted Miranda Klens as a new member – Welcome Miranda! Community Services hours were given. Discussion on new community service projects for us and Pomona. Committee reports were given for

Agriculture and Legislature. Certificates were handed out to Community Service Chair Dayle Paulson and Master Brian O'Dell – two year's worth!

GRIT will be the 24th at Hopewell Grange. Our delegates Rick & Renee O'Dell gave us a report on State Session and decisions on Resolutions.

Dayle to work on a new logo for BVG. It was decided to give

to a family from Salvation again this year for Christmas. Our Christmas party will be at Susan Banks this year on Dec. 3rd. Lecturer program was given by Jerry Paulson on the Rusty Bumble Bees – very interesting.

Fraternally submitted, Dayle Paulson, Publicity



2022 Illinois State Grange Youth Department Deadline Checklist

Feb 1 – Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship. Youth or Junior

March 4-7 or March 12 Possible Dates for Spring Fling event – details to come

April 15 – GISYE Host or Exchangee

May 1 Grange Picnic –Location to be Determined

June 24– Grange Baseball at Midwest Grange Leadership Conference

June 24 – Grange Ritual Contest

June 24-26 Midwest Grange Leadership Conference in Iowa

July 15 – National Grange Communications Fellows

August 26 - Grange Display Contest

August 26 - State Session Projects

Lecturer's Department - Ag Department - Family Activities Department

Junior Department (Junior at Heart) - Community Service Department

August 26 - Junior Mentor Award

August 26 – Horizon Leadership Program

August 26/September 1 - G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Project

September 1 - Distinguished Youth Program

September 1 - Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award

September 1 - Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award

September 1 - Parliamentary Procedure Contest

September 1 – John Trimble Legislative Experience

September 1—National Grange Youth Officer Team

News from Flora Grange

Lindakay F. Ebel

Reports of standing committees included: Quilting by Emalee Colver, in which the two groups will be meeting this weekend from 9 am to 3 pm at the Flora Grange Hall, bring your own projects and a sack lunch. Deb Silver, Family Activities reported she is waiting for the new activity director to come out with her list of items for the new year. Chaplain Emalee Colver gave her report on those members in which she has sent cards to this past month.

Community Service, Laurel Ratcliffe had letter from Salvation Army on dinners for Thanksgiving. Motion was made to send them \$100.00 donation. Laurel also reported that the Flora Producers 4-H Club will be meeting at Flora Grange Hall on the 4th Tuesday for their meetings. Flora Grange will be Ringing the Bell at the bank for the Salvation Army in Belvidere on November 20 to 8am to 12 noon, she has a sign-up sheet.

Lindakay stated that Boone County Pomona Grange will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd, 7 pm at the Grange Hall at the fairgrounds. This will be the election for the fair board officers. Your dues must be current and must have been paid before June 30th, 2021.

Hometown Christmas is December 3-5 in Belvidere, and the Juniors will be getting a Christmas tree for a family again this year and will either make or purchase ornaments, lights, and tree skirt.

We discussed the Fall drive-thru roast beef dinner we talked about for November 14. Motion was made to postpone the dinner until a later date, seconded and passed. We will be selling Butter Braid, return your forms to Laurel Ratcliffe by November 16 with the money; to be delivered on November 22nd. \$14.00 each.

Program, Jack Ratcliffe passed out a scramble game that Mike Ratcliffe put together on trees. Unscramble, keep track of time it takes you to do this, may be a prize for this at the next meeting?

Emalee Colver collected \$38.00 in 'G' bills tonight. Emalee Colver made a motion that the 'G' bills we start collecting from now on, until the time we hold The Wall That Heals go for that.

Community Service

Grangers, I would like to thank you for all of the well wishes and congratulations that I got after taking the Community Service Director position. I know that it will be a lot of work but, I know that it will also be fun and rewarding to see everyone helping to get this years project done. I also want to thank you for the money that was donated at State Grange on Sunday. It means a lot that other people know how important this project is. I will have more information at the GRIT conference. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally, Heather Ellwanger
Community Service Director



Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving Day



Here it is the end of October, and another year is about to pass us by again. We always ask each other where does the time go, we all get a little older, and days pass into weeks, months and yes years follow.

This fall for us anyhow the weather has been different it is the end of October and all most all of the leaves are still and the trees, still mowing the lawn, warm days and cool nights. Windows open to enjoy this time of the year usual yes. Temperatures staying in the mid fifty at night and still no frost, but remember God is in charge and that can change at any time. The trees are starting to change colors, corn fields, bean fields are disappearing and wheat is being planted for next year's harvest.

Thank our Father in heaven that He provides for each of us in our times of need. Praise the Lord for all things great and same.

We pray for those who have loss friends, or loved ones the Lord will provide peace and comfort to them. We thank the Lord for His Blessings and happy times we receive from Him in our time of joys and happenings in our life.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Notes from the Editor—Ruth

Please be constantly updating your mailing list.
Please consider taking the newsletter by email.
Please watch for the deadlines for articles.

Each Grange can have no more than one column as needed. Please send pictures from your Grange happenings. I am open to suggestions and criticism.

Who are these Grangers????

