



# Illinois Granger

*In Essentials... Unity*

*In Non-Essentials... Liberty*

*In All Things... Charity*

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## *Lynette's Visions and Wisdoms*

The National Grange Theme for 2021 – 2023 Raised Right Here!

There are numerous ways to go after this phrase- changing your accent word. **Raised** Right Here **Raised Right** Here **Raised Right Here.**

**Changing the word** to verb, adjective, adverb, exclamation.

**Raised** - Dictionary definition – adjective – elevated to higher position or level; more intense or stronger than normal;

**Right** - adjective – morally good, justified or acceptable; Trust or correct

adverb – correct; to the furthest or most complete or degree

noun – a moral or legal entitlement to have or obtain something or to act in a certain way

verb – restore to a normal or upright position

**Here** – adverb – in, at or to this place or position; used when introducing some thing or someone

exclamation – used to attract someone's attention; indicating one presence in a roll call

So as you can tell there are many ways to go with this theme and I hope you are creative with it to grow your Grange. Lets have fun with this theme.

A little bit of a summary of IL State Grange

Activities - Interests – Pursuits .

Please read my whole report in the delegate packets and will appear in the Journal.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Illinois State Grange Session was a great meeting; much was planned and all the extra events. Thanks to all the extra planners and helpers, through your assistance the event was a success. The delegates worked hard via Zoom prior to the meeting to get a good start on resolution and committee work. Thanks to all the delegates for their hard work. Thanks to National Grange President, Betsy Huber for attending the meeting and being part of ISG

Spotlight on Grangers

None this month

## Calendar of Grange Events

9/24 GRIT Conference 12 Noon Potluck/Meeting Boone County Fair Admin Bldg Basement

9/25 GRIT Conference 12 Noon Potluck/Meeting Floraville Grangehall—4165 Floraville Rd. Waterloo IL

10/23 Chicken and Dumpling Dinner- Bluff Grange 11-1:30 Call by 10/17 to order—Charlotte 618-978-2655

11/15-23 National Grange Session Sparks NV

Nugget Casino Resort

7/18-23 Grange Revival Curtis MI (UP)

## 2024

**National Session Quad Cities** 11/10-17

**Ongoing** : Turkey Hill Farmers Markets

Every week Thursdays 10-2 in Swansea and Saturdays 9-Noon in O'Fallon

## Donations: Memorial Scholarship

**\$20 Emalee Colver - Flora Grange - in memory of Jim Joseph**

## NOTE:

**Please send me any important dates, members in nursing homes, rehabs, or senior living, obituaries, donations, births, weddings, any good news from your Grange so I can add them to the newsletter.**

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150<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to Henrietta Keller, David Donley, Patti and Lyle Lee, Brian Keller and Bev Smith for all of their hard work as the planning committee for the 150<sup>th</sup> session. Resolutions - we could use more – I am sure that there are issues in your community, in this state and in this nation that could use a resolution to improve.

152<sup>nd</sup> session will be in Springfield next year at the Northfield Inn, September 7 – 10 a week early than normal. It will be election of officers.

There were several scholarships awarded to young IL Grangers. I am hoping many of you will donate to the Honor/Memorial scholarship fund.

The IL State Grange Executive Committee has awarded several Hall Improvement Fund, always remember if your Grange Hall is needing improvement contact me or a member of the Exec Comm to get the application. This matching fund grant is available. The hall appearance makes a lasting first impression.

I was thrilled to be a part of the Grange Foundation second telethon raising funds for the Juniors and Youth of the National Grange.

The 155<sup>th</sup> National Grange Session was November 9-13 in Wichita, KS. Don served on Conservation Committee, and I was on Agriculture Committee. We started early with zoom calls for the committees to review present policy. The Peterson Farm Brothers, musical farming brothers from Kansas were there. Also attending was former FCC Chairman Ajt Pai and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. Delegates discussed the National Grange Building. Ethan Edwards was a Grange Fellow. Ruth Blasingame was Amanda Rios' assistant. 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. Thanks to all the IL Grangers who attended and participated in the session. Don and I were glad to have other IL Grangers attending the session. Thanks to Emalee, Sharon, Joan, Vivian, Karie and Ruth.

Don and I attended President's conference in Myrtle Beach. It was a hybrid event with great workshops and programs.

Two highlights of the year were when I met Rosemary nee Kirk, past IL State Grange Chaplain and daughter of Past State Master/President Dorsey Kirk. Rosemary is downsizing and thought there were items ISG would be interested in. I went to Oblong IL and collected the items. The most prized are the Assembly of Demeter sashes. And congratulations to William 'Dan' Cook the Law Enforcement of the Year for National

Grange. He is an officer from Belleville, IL, submitted by Turkey Hill Grange. I attended a Turkey Hill meeting to present the plaque. It was a great presentation with lots of media coverage and Belleville Police Department members attending.

The GRIT events September 24 (Boone County Fair Administration Bldg) and 25 will be in St Clair County, definite site not yet set. All Grangers are invited to attend to gather information on all contests and programs. Much information will be shared at Grange Resources Information Training [GRIT].

This year has been trying and upsetting for several Grangers and Granges. As we try to muddle through issues with the treasury of the IL State Grange. Let me just simply state a few items, in no specific order.

In order to simplify the ISG funds we are combining all the different accounts into one banking system which has locations throughout the state creating a cohesive unit. There was limited communications between past Treasurer and the current Treasurer resulting in lost and missing documents.

This has caused concern for several Granges, I am sorry that there was a belief that some were wronged – however I believe for the best of the ISG it was the correct decision to make. The economy at this point has much lower interest being paid to accounts. The Grange accounts are custodial accounts by ISG. A custodial account is a financial account set up for the benefit of a Grange administered by the State Grange who has a fiduciary obligation to the Grange. The ISG is searching for unaccounted for accounts. We are not claiming wrong doing on any one's part. Be aware that we are doing all we can do to find all the accounts and information. We are all working with several banks and with the IL State Treasurer for unclaimed funds. I will speak privately with those Granges that ask.

### **Department Recognition**

Agriculture committee - Thanks, Mary Brubach chair, Joan Fidler and Steven Kinzinger for all their hard work. Joan will be taking over as chair right after State Session. The new committee member will be announced tomorrow

Communications / Publicity / Editor – thanks to Ruth Blasingame for her tireless work in this position. The Illinois Granger is filled with valuable information for the Grangers of IL. Thanks, Ruth, for helping with the Grangers informed.

Community Service Director – Heather Ellwanger has agreed to take over as the Community Service Director. Thanks for her hard work.

Family Activities Committee - Thanks to Lori Henricks and her committee JoEllen Coleman for their work. Jo-

Ellen will serve as chair, right after this State Session. Two new people to be on the committee will be announced tomorrow.

Historian - Bev Smith has been compiling records and information of the history of the Illinois State Grange. Thanks, Bev, and her committee Brian Keller and Jan David for your efforts and articles.

Junior Director – Melinda Schiefer worked hard to get Junior active again and to keep the Juniors active. Thanks, Mindy, for your efforts.

Lecturer – Thanks to Ethan for your programs and unique contests.

Legislative Director – Anyone interested in serving in this position just let me know. Thanks to Marion Thornberry for accepting the position as Legislative Director.

Membership - Thanks to all the efforts of the Grangers to increase the membership of IL State Grange, and Robin Kindberg for completing the reports in a timely manner. As you have probably already heard we had a net gain in membership!! YAHOO.

Youth Director – Karie Blasingame, thank you for all your efforts. Thanks for planning Spring Fling and the ISG statewide picnic.

Webmaster – Thanks to DJ Joseph for her efforts to keep the IllinoisStateGrange.org website current and appealing.

#### **National Grange points of interest**

Trademark issues ever plague the National Grange, thanks Livestock information in a fast turnaround. The current issue is with tagging devices for livestock. If you see a trademark infringement let me know. You as a Grange are allowed to use the logos and trademarks in any legal manner. The National Grange Executive Committee is still looking into options for the Grange Building at 1616 H St NW.

I hope that you all subscribe to Good Day magazine and have read the article about the building.

Bonding information was handed out this afternoon, be aware that the deadline is December this year.

Don, Lana and I went to help to start the scanning and sorting of documents at the National Grange headquarters.

#### **In Memorium**

We remember State Officers and Committee Chairs that have passed to the Great Grange Above. It was a great sadness that we remember past State Grange Master/President, 1965- 1992, Russ Stauffer. He also served the National Grange as Overseer/Vice President, Treasurer and a cast member for the 7<sup>th</sup> degree. “His family was grateful to all the Grangers who attended his service. And my brother-in-law Jim Joseph, he served as Steward and Youth Chairman. “Well Done Good and Faithful Servants.”

Thanks to the Granges of Boone and Winnebago Counties for hosting the 151<sup>st</sup> annual Illinois State Grange meeting. Thanks to all those Grangers who helped with the preparing and helping with the session. Thanks to the Boone County Fair Board for their assistance. As COVID 19 seems to be in the rear-view mirror, most are not wearing masks. So I am glad to be able to meet in person for the 151<sup>st</sup> session.

October 5 – 8, 1962 60 years ago we were in Rockford at the Ballroom of the Faust Hotel, Frank Niffenegger called the meeting to order, William Brake, Michigan State Grange Master and National Grange Lecturer was the NG representative. There was a quartet contest, and the second-place group was from Guilford Hope Grange. Barbara Pepper, Ruth Ann Lyford, Lois Lyford, and Janice Lyford. Dorsey and Blanche Kirk, Past Master of IL State Grange were presented with Sashes of Order of Demeter, and they are currently part of the collection of items from their daughter, Rosemary.

The closing of the Master’s address that year – and I believe that these words are still very relevant today “*The work of this session is now in your hands and I trust and believe that care will be taken that nothing is said and done which is not the best interest of our Order, our Country and Mankind.*”

*I am fully convinced that never was a time in Grange service that promised more than now. The necessity for its growth and strength becomes more clearly demonstrated to those who have the interest of Agriculture at heart. Its future success will be measured by the amount of intelligent prudent leadership, backed up by the enthusiasm and confidence. We have not succeeded or accomplished as much of what was hoped for this all too short year. Yet we have the self-satisfaction of believing that what little effort has been put forth had but one aim in view, the dignity and advancement of the Order. Cooperation is the keynote of success. With it we can accomplish whatever we undertake. Without it we are doomed to failure and disappointment. Let us trust that with a united effort during the coming year. We may be able to make progress to which all may look with pride in time to come as a bright mark on the pages of the history of the IL State Grange. “*

Those words were relevant then and now!



Hello everyone,

Well one Grange year has come to an end and a new one has begun. This year there will be a few changes so read this information carefully.

1. I am asking all secretaries to make a list of your Grange members and send it to me ASAP. Include name, address, phone numbers, email, birthdates and the date they joined your Grange.
2. When you get a new member please photocopy the application and send it to me. National Grange wants us to keep better track of new members and when they join.
3. Quarterly dues are due September 30<sup>th</sup> – NEW – If your dues are NOT POSTMARKED within one week after date due to the ISG Secretary. A Grange deputy will be notified and they in turn will notify the Grange about the Late Fee and Your Grange will be sent an invoice for a \$25.00 late fee. This is being done because National Grange is charging the State Grange a late fee if our dues are late to them.
4. 2023 Roster – These went home with Delegates at State Session. They must be returned to the ISG Secretary before September 10<sup>th</sup> so I can get the rosters ready for delivery at Grit.
5. Bonding forms – These went home with you Delegates at State Session. They need to be filled out and sent back to the ISG Secretary before November 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. GRIT CONFERENCE – Saturday September 24 at the Administration Building at the Boone County Fairgrounds with a potluck to be at noon and conference to start at 1pm. Sunday September 25 will have a potluck at noon and conference to start at 1pm. Location to be determined – watch email for more details. This is open to ALL GRANGERS. Lots of information is passed out so come and join us.
7. Still need By-Laws from each Grange for our records per National Grange request.
8. NEW – when ordering seals and/or 25 year certificates you will be charged \$5.00 for shipping and handling per order at the state level

Ex: you order 1 -25yr certificate cost is \$12.00 + S&H \$5.00

Total cost is \$17.00 to the ISG Secretary

Ex; you order 1-25yr certificate and 3 seals

Total cost will be 12(cert) + 9(seals) + 5(S&H) = \$26.00 total

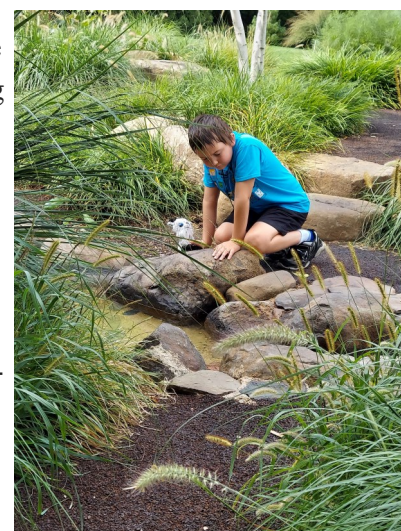
Any questions contact me otherwise I will see you at the GRIT Conference

Robin Kindberg

Illinois State Grange Secretary



Junior Grangers Avery and DJ Wurth visited a special Lego exhibit at the Klehm Arboretum while the adults took care of business during this year's state session. 15 displays were scattered throughout as part of the Sean Kenney's Nature Connects. Number of bricks used, and hours it took to build were posted at each display. If you are in the Rockford area, it is on display through September 11, 2022.



## **2022 Winners- Agriculture Contest**

### **Vegetables**

#### **Green Bean**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

#### **Wax Yellow Beans**

#### **Beets**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

#### **Cabbage**

#### **Cauliflower**

#### **Cucumbers**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

#### **Eggplant**

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Fitch- County Line

2<sup>nd</sup> MaryAnn Joseph- Enterprise

3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Joseph- Enterprise

HM Barbara Fitch- County Line

#### **Garlic**

#### **Gourds**

#### **White Onion**

1<sup>st</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

#### **Yellow Onion**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

#### **Sweet Peppers**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

HM Ken Joseph- Enterprise

#### **Hot Peppers**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Red Potatoes**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

HM Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

#### **White Potatoes**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

HM Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Sweet Potatoes**

#### **Carrots**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

#### **Winter Squash**

#### **Sweet Corn**

#### **Cherry Tomatoes**

1<sup>st</sup> Jane Zeien- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Joseph- Enterprise

#### **Red Tomatoes**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

HM Lyle Lee- Prairie

#### **Yellow Tomatoes**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Zucchini**

1<sup>st</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

#### **Largest Zucchini**

1<sup>st</sup> Ken Joseph- Enterprise

2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Zeien- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

HM Patti Lee- Prairie

#### **Most Unusual Vegetable**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

### **FRUITS**

#### **Apples- Any Color**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

#### **Cantaloup/Muskmelons**

1<sup>st</sup> Ken Joseph- Enterprise

2<sup>nd</sup> MaryAnn Joseph- Enterprise

#### **Grapes**

#### **Pears**

1<sup>st</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Pumpkin**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

#### **Watermelon**

### **HERBS**

#### **Potted Specimen-1 Herb**

1<sup>st</sup> Jerry Paulsen- Beaver Valley

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Hoffman-Floraville

#### **Collection of Herbs**

1<sup>st</sup> Jerry Paulson- Beaver Valley

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Hoffman- Floraville

### **FIELD CROPS**

#### **Corn**

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Ratcliffe- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Laurel Ratcliffe- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Longest Ear of Corn**

1<sup>st</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Ratcliffe- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Laurel Ratcliffe- Flora

#### **Indian Corn**

1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Hoffman- Floraville

#### **Popcorn**

#### **Corn- 1 quart Bag**

1<sup>st</sup> Karrie Kindberg- Prairie

#### **Oats- 1 quart Bag**

#### **Soybeans- 1 quart Bag**

#### **Wheat- 1 quart Bag**

1<sup>st</sup> Karrie Kindberg- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Al Ebel- Flora

#### **Sunflower- Largest Head**

1<sup>st</sup> Sara Ellwanger- Prairie

### **FLOWERS**

#### **Roadside Bouquet**

1<sup>st</sup> Sara Ellwanger- Prairie

#### **Flower Garden Bouquet**

1<sup>st</sup> Jane Zeien- Prairie

#### **Cut Sunflowers**

#### **Zinnias**

1<sup>st</sup> Ken Joseph- Enterprise

2<sup>nd</sup> MaryAnn Joseph- Enterprise

3<sup>rd</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville

#### **Potted House Plant**

1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Mundy- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville

3<sup>rd</sup> Ellis Mundy- Prairie

HM Linda Kay Ebel

#### **Potted Succulent Plants**

1<sup>st</sup> Lana Korte- Floraville

2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Kay Ebel- Flora

3<sup>rd</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville

#### **African Violet Plants**

1<sup>st</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville

2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Ellwanger- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Dawn Mundy- Prairie

HM Ellis Mundy- Prairie

#### **Marigolds**

1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie

2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie

3<sup>rd</sup> Marilyn Hoffman- Floraville

HM Sara Ellwanger- Prairie

### **MARKET BASKETS**

Individual Market Basket



**1<sup>st</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville**  
**Group Market Basket**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floraville**  
**ANTIQUES**  
**Poster w/explanation**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte Mehrtens- Bluff**  
**VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS**  
**Any Jam or Jelly**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Joan Fidder- Flora**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville**  
**Pickles**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Patti Lee- Prairie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Lee- Prairie**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Fidder- Flora**  
**HM Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville**  
**Honey**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville**  
**Salsa**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Marilynn Hoffman- Floraville**  
**Best of Show**  
**Name: Patti Lee**  
**Grange: Prairie**  
**Category: Pumpkin**  
**Best of Show**  
**Name: Jerry Paulson**  
**Grange: Beaver Valley**  
**Category: Herb Collection**  
**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT**  
**AG CONTEST WINNERS**  
**POST ON INSTRUMENTS OF**  
**AGRICULTURE**  
**VEGETABLES -ANY CATEGO-**  
**RY**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Scarlett Ellwanger- Prairie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Scarlett Ellwanger- Prairie**  
**Age Group 11-14 year olds**  
**FARM SAFETY POSTER**  
**FOOD PRODUCTION POSTER**  
**DRY GOURD PROJECT**  
**BEST OF SHOW JUNIOR PRO-**  
**GRAM**

### **Broad Hollow Grange News**

Broad Hollow Grange hosted the St. Clair County Pomona Grange in August 10. Illinois State Grange Master/President, Lynnette Schaeffer, said Boone County is hosting the Illinois State Grange for the annual session. The evening consisted of a

meeting, program, and refreshments. Hope Kapelski, Floraville Community Grange, was presented with a college scholarship from the Illinois State Grange and the Granges in the state. She gave an update on her college activities. A representative from each Grange reported on their activities--furnishing desserts at a local fish fry, cooking apple butter to sell, their Grange's picnic, pulled pork fundraiser, ham and peach dinner fundraiser, sprucing up their hall, Chicken and Dumpling Fundraiser a Trivia Night, a Grange-sponosred trip, and other activities.

Illinois State Grange Master/President, Lynette Schaeffer, reported the Grange's historical records at the National Grange is being digitized starting from 1867 on. The National Grange sponsored a Telethon to benefit programs for Grange Youth (ages 14 on up) and for Grange Juniors (ages 5 thru 13) which was a big success. The State Grange Session in 2023 will be held in Springfield and in 2024 St. Clair County will host the Session.

Resolutions submitted by Granges throughout the state were discussed so delegates, Charlotte and Don Mehrtens, can vote on them at State Grange Session. Alternate delegates are Don Schaeffer and Frank Wurth, Jr.

The program consisted of a song, "If You're Happy and You Know It," a quiz on travel, a skit ("What Are You Looking at?"), and an inspirational item, "Be Like a Tree."

Refreshments were served after the meeting. Tables were decorated by season, and everyone sat at the table's decorations by the season their birthday occurred.

Broad Hollow Grange is sponsoring two trips to Branson for the Christmas shows. There's still room on the November 1st - 3rd trip. The package includes bus transportation, reserved seating at six shows, lodging at Branson Towers, all meals from Tuesday noon to Thursday noon, baggage handling, taxes and meal tips, and tip for the bus driver plus other items. For further information and a flier and itinerary, call Carol Neff, at (618) 539-6113.

Due to Covid restrictions, our Grange has not been able to provide dictionaries to local schools for several years. This past fall, dictionaries were provided to each student in the 5th grade and this spring to the 3rd and 4th graders.

Carol Neff was the delegate to the annual session of the Illinois State Grange held recently. Thanks goes to the members of the Granges in Boone County for the job they did hosting the session,



### **Junior Entries**



## **Lecturer's Column**

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It was wonderful to reunite with so many Grange friends at the State Session in Belvidere in August. We had a successful albeit smaller display of entries in the Lecturer's Contests this year.

I'll be announcing the categories for 2023 at GRIT. As has been my intention, I'll try to have at least one new category along with those that seem to attract participation.

Until then, here's how participation went in the 2021 contest.

There was a total of 43 (plus quilts) entries submitted in 14 categories. 17 of the entries were from Juniors. These entries came from 14 individuals representing 6 Subordinate Granges.

The winners were as follows:

### **Unfinished Quilt Block**

28 entries (18 Judged, 1 men's division, Not Judged)

First: Debbie Silvers, Flora Grange #1762

Second: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange #1762

Third: Linda William, Flora Grange #1762

Honorable Mention: Debby McCauley, Flora Grange #1762

### **Evening of Excellence Talent Showcase**

7 entries

Winner: Jokes: Steve Paulson, Beaver Valley Grange

Songs: Adam Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

Hand workout: Scarlett and Sara Ellwanter, Prairie Grange

Skit: Vivian Johnson, Patty Bearth, Carol Neff, Nancy Lyford, Charlotte Mehrtens, Ruth Blasingame (various Granges)

Song: Katie Renken, Hopewell Grange

Original Story: Trisha Renken, Hopewell Grange

Jokes: Frank Wurth, Enterprise Grange Junior.

### **Photography**

12 entries (8 adult, 4 junior)

*Category: "Bridges"*

Adult

First: Laurie McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Ethan Edwards, Shiloh Valley Grange

Junior, 11-14

First: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second, Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: "Selfie"*

Adult

First: Laurie McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Ethan Edwards, Shiloh Valley

Third: Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley

Junior, 11-14

First: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second, Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: "Time Lapse"*

Adult

First: Laurie McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: "Sky"*

First: Ethan Edwards, Shiloh Valley

*Category: "Agriculture"*

First: Jane Helms, Turkey Hill Grange

### **Creative Writing**

3 entries

*Category: "Prose – Surprise"*

Junior, 11-14

First: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: "Poetry – Snowfall"*

Junior, 11-14

First: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

### **Media Arts & Crafts**

21 entries (11 adult, 10 junior)

*Category: Paintings, Drawings, & Pastels*

Adult

First: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

Second: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Junior, 11-14

First: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: Dimensional Media*

Junior, 11-14

First: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: Personal Collection*

Adult

First: Wayne Lyford, Guildford Hope

Second: Beverly Smith, Perryville Grange

Third: Brian Smith, Perryville Grange

Junior, 11-14

First: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Second: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornaments  
Fabric/Needlework*

Adult

First: Kay Ollmann, Flora Grange

Second: Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley Grange

Junior, 11-14

First: Charlotte McGowan, Enterprise Grange

*Category: Handcrafted Holiday Tree Ornaments*

*Other Materials*

Adult

First: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Second: Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley Grange

Junior, 11-14

First: Chelsea McGowan, Enterprise Grange

Junior, 8-10

First: Savannah Anderson, Prairie Junior Grange

Second: Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie Junior Grange

*Category: Before & After*

Adult

First: Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley Grange

*Category: Bird House*

Adult

Best in Show

First: Dave Donley, Turkey Hill Grange

**Group Project: Subordinate Grange Banner**

3 banners displayed

Enterprise Grange

Perryville Grange

Shiloh Valley Grange

## **Family Activities Committee Contest Results**

State Session 2022

### **Group 1 Knitting:**

#### **Baby Afghans:**

First Place: Ann Johnson, Prairie Grange

#### **Baby Items (1 or more):**

First Place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Winter Wear:**

First place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Second place: Ann Johnson, Prairie Grange

Third place: Patty Bearth, Shiloh Valley Grange

#### **Any other item not listed above:**

First place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

### **Group 2 Crocheting:**

#### **Baby Afghans:**

First place: Kay Ollmann, Flora Grange

#### **Baby items (1 or more):**

Kay Ollmann, Flora Grange

#### **Dishcloths:**

First place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Any other item not listed above:**

First place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Second place: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

### **Group 3: Miscellaneous Needlework**

### **Embroidery Items:**

First place: Linda Kay Ebel, Flora Grange

Second place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Any other item not listed above:**

First place: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange

Second place: Ethan Edwards, Shiloh Valley Grange

### **Group 4: Quilting**

#### **Unfinished Square – max size 16 ½ x 16 ½ inches:**

First place: Emalee Colver, Flora Grange

Second place: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Table Runners:**

First place: Linda Kay Ebel, Flora Grange

Second place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

Third place: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange

#### **Quilt – queen, full, twin:**

First place: Sue McGill, Flora Grange

Second place: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Quilt – Baby quilt:**

First place: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange

Second place: Kay Ollmann, Flora Grange

Third place: Jean Thornberry, Flora Grange

### **Group 5: Sewing**

#### **Clothing – 2 or more items:**

First place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Pillow:**

First place: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange

Second place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

#### **Any other item not listed above:**

First place and Best of Show: Kay Ollmann, Flora Grange (doll)

Second place: Ruth Perley, Flora Grange

Third place: Sharon Fidler, Flora Grange

Honorable Mention: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

### **Group 6: Miscellaneous**

#### **Jewelry – Bracelet:**

First place: Mary Donley, Turkey Hill Grange

Second place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

Third place: Sara Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

#### **Jewelry – Necklace:**

First place: Mary Donley, Turkey Hill Grange

Second place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

#### **Jewelry – 2 or more pieces:**

First place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

#### **2 Holiday Cards – mounted:**

First place: Karrie Kindberg, Prairie Grange

#### **2 All Occasion Cards – mounted:**

First place: Deborah Zellman, County Line Grange

Second place: Karrie Kindberg, Prairie Grange

Third place: Deborah Zellman, County Line Grange



**Fabric Wreath:**

First place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

Second place: Joan Fidler, Flora Grange

**Group 7: Food****Quick Breads – any kind/one loaf:**

First place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

Second place: Mary Ann Joseph, Enterprise Grange

**Fudge/Candy – any kind – 12 pieces:**

First place: Marilyn Hoffman, Floraville Grange

**Cookies – any kind – 1 dozen:**

First place: Mary Ann Joseph, Enterprise Grange

**Juniors - Bracelets:**

First place: Carly Powell, Prairie Grange

Second place: Scarlett Ellwanger, Prairie Grange

Third place: Emsley Foley, Prairie Grange

Honorable Mention: Eva Marie Gass, Prairie Grange

**Flora Grange news**

Flora Grange held their August meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Flora Grange Hall with some 31 members in attendance.

Membership applications were approved for Robert and Joann Bailey and Sue McGill. Jack Ratcliffe obligated the Bailey's into Flora Grange membership.

Reports of standing committees were heard: Family Activities: Deb Silver reported she has tickets for the raffle for the upcoming State Grange Convention. Quilting: Emalee Colver reported they will be quilting this weekend at the hall; all are invited to bring their projects and join the two quilting groups. Building & Grounds: Jack Ratcliffe stated they installed five new lighted exit signs and reported he will be getting bids on replacing several of the windows in the Grange Hall. Legislative: Marion Thornberry reported a new gun control bill is being presented to the senate for a vote, and he also reminded members of the election in Boone County to be held soon. Membership chairman, Lindakay Ebel welcomed the new members, the Bailey's, into Flora Grange and reminded the membership that new members are needed. Agriculture Bob Scherer reported the crops look good this year and prices are staying up. Chaplain, Emalee Colver reported on members she has sent cards to the last several months, as well as those she visited. Fairboard: Jack Ratcliffe gave a report on the Boone County Fair, stated the attendance was the second highest, 218,068 this year. He thanked everyone for all their help before, during, and after the fair. Bob Scherer also thanked those who helped him. Youth Fair Board: JT Ryan reported the Youth fair board will be meeting on Thursday.

Lindakay Ebel reported she turned in Flora Grange's Community Service book on July 30. She stated it was a challenge as she had never done this project before. She encouraged members to turn in reports as events happen, to take pictures of their events, if possible and save thank you notes and to give to her directly.

Lindakay Ebel had copies of the financial report to all in attendance and went over all expenses and income and balances of each account. Motion was made to accept her report.

There was some discussion about the ordering of T shirts, hats and name tags, Marion Thornberry volunteered to inquire about the cost of the t-shirts and report at the next meeting.

Members were reminded of the Illinois State Grange Convention held at the Boone County Fairgrounds August 26-28. Members are encouraged to attend. Master Al Ebel and Lindakay Ebel are Flora Grange's delegates. They are looking for help to clean the floors in the buildings and to start setting up for the conference starting on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

\$37.00 was collected in "G" Bills by Emalee Colver, which will be designated for a project at a later time. Birthdays, Marion Thornberry celebrated his birthday today, August 16<sup>th</sup>, anniversaries this month, Theresa & Ron Eucker, 34 years and Jerry & Karen Hart, 52 years.

Next Flora meeting, September 13, 2022, 7 p.m., hostesses, The Fidler Family

**Turkey Hill Grange #1370**

The Turkey Hill Grange members met on August 12, 2022 at the Grange Hall. The program was presented by Rom Mossbach telling about the features and activities of S.A.V.E. in the Belleville area. Charles Treser, President, then opened the meeting. Chaplain Nikki Wilcox led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by the National Anthem. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The following officers were then installed: Charles Treser President; Marlene Frazer Vice-president; Program Director Tami Hughes; Secretary Chris Bersett; Treasurer Marilyn Coe; Chaplain Nikki Wilcox; Steward John Rutledge; Asst. Steward John Manfredi; Lady Asst. Steward Barb Joseph; Greeter Jane Bonaldi; Flora Carol Young; Ceres Jill Connors; Pomona Judy Brindley; Exec Board Mary Kaye Richter, Karen Gipson, Mardy Eisloeffel, Ron Bersett, Jane Helms and Stacy Rutledge.

David Donley said all plans for the Ham & Peach Dinner on Sunday August 14 are ready to go. Everyone who attended the trip to the Diamond Mineral Restaurant in Grant Fork enjoyed the trip and the dinner, thanks to Marlene Frazer who made all the plans.

Plans were discussed concerning our fundraiser of the year which is serving three meals a day at "100 Years of Progress" show near Belleville. Many members will be helping with this large project. The meeting closed with the Grange Salutation and a prayer. Our next meeting will be on September 9, 2022.



## Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrtens

Welcome to September, hard to believe it is that time of the year already, but it is. The kids are back in school, weather is cooling down and life continues on. There is a corn field across from our house and on one corn stalk there is this one leaf that twirls around in the breeze, I have been sitting here thinking that isn't that the way life is. We go in circles to get things done and the next thing you know we start all over again. Life is so great that the little things we do in life for others may not seem like much but it really is. It's like the seasons of life that we begin small and each year we grow stronger and stronger until the time comes that we begin to slow down and the next generation comes around to help improve life. Our Lord has blessed us with so much and He is so good to us, thank Him every day for your blessings.

It was so great to see all of you at State Session. God gave us great weather and provided us with great friends, food and fellowship thank you all for working so hard and keeping things running smoothly. The Grange is such a great family.

To those who have lost loved ones this past month may the Lord bless you with His love and keeping. We rejoice with those who have happy hearts may you find much happiness in your life.

Blessings and love to each of you.

**Don and Charlotte Mehrtens** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 23rd with their family. They have one daughter and son in law Kim and Mike Mueller, three grand children Brad and Abigail Rolland, Abbie and Ronnie Bates and Lindsay Mueller. Two great grand sons Carson Rolland and Lane Bates.

They are active in Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, Illinois and active in Bluff Grange, St. Clair County Pomona Grange, Illinois State Grange and National Grange.

### Recipe for Jo Ellen's Romaine Salad

2 heads of Romaine lettuce - cut in thin strips

3-4 green onions - chopped

Combine

Brown 8 oz of sliced almonds in a skillet with 4 Tablespoon sugar and 2 Tablespoons butter. Stir frequently until caramelized. It can burn quickly!

Mix together 4 Tablespoons sugar, 4 Tablespoons vinegar, 1/2 Cup oil, 1 Tablespoon parsley flakes, and a dash of Tabasco sauce. Mix well. This can be made ahead.

Combine the greens, almonds and dressing right before serving. I pour dressing on just to coat lightly, I always have some dressing left.

Enjoy!!!

