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# Schedule of Events of the 152st Annual Session of the Illinois State Grange

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Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL, September 8-10, 2023

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Friday, September 8, 2023

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**8:30 AM – Noon**

Registration & Contest entries in place in display room

**10:00** State Officers Practice                      Sixth Degree Practice

**1:00 PM**    Open in the Sixth Degree – **Lynette Schaeffer**, Master-President

*Open to all Delegates and Grangers attending*

Roll Call of Officers    Close in the Sixth Degree    Open in the Fourth Degree

Presentation of Lena Shufeldt, National Grange Flora, Oklahoma State Grange President, Billy Shufeldt

Roll Call of Delegates

Adoption of Order of Business –Frank D Wurth, Chair Exec Comm

Meeting place for 2024

Invitation of Meeting Place 2025

Reports –Treasurer (Budget), Secretary (credentials), Exec Committee (summary of past year)

**2:15** Recess

**2:30** Election of Officers

Appointment of Session Committees Assignment of Resolutions

Committee Instruction by Master and Overseer    Resolutions to the committees

**4:00** Grange Closed in the Fourth Degree

Committee Meetings

**6:00** Main Banquet

**7:00** Evening Program

Introduction of Special Invited Guests

Summary of Address of State Master – **Lynette Schaeffer**

Community Service Awards – **Heather Ellwanger**, Director

Membership Awards –Robin Kindberg, Secretary

**8:30** Committee Meetings

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## Saturday, Septmeber 9, 2023

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- 7:30** Ag Chairman: Joan Fidler                      Speaker: - IL Representative – Charles Meier
- 8:15** Opening in Fourth Degree                      Roll Call of State Officers  
Roll Call of Delegates                      Reading and Adopting of Minutes
- 8:45** Junior Grange Report and Awards, **Mindy Schiefer**, Director
- 9:45** Report – Committee on Finance & Accounts
- 10:00** Recess
- 10:15** Committee Reports
- 11:30** Family Homemaking Projects Luncheon –**Emilie Ellwanger**, Director
- 1:15 PM** Obligation of Fifth Degree – Karie Blasingame  
Conferring of Sixth Degree – IL State Grange Officers
- 3:00** Recess
- 3:15** Legislative Director – **Marion Thornberry**
- 3:30** Surprise  
Committee Reports
- 5:15** Grange Closed in Fourth Degree (Take possessions with you)
- 6:30** Youth/Young Adults Banquet – **Karie Blasingame** & **Marisa O'Dell** Directors
- 7:30** Evening Program  
Talent Show –**Ethan Edwards**, Lecturer  
Auction

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## Sunday, September 10, 2023

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- 8:15 AM** Celebration of Life – **Henrietta Keller** Past President
- 8:45** Opening in the Fourth Degree – Youth/Young Adults Officers  
Roll Call of Youth Officers                      Roll Call of State Officers  
Roll Call of Delegates  
Reading of State Minutes
- 9:00** FAC/AG – Final Reports and Sash Transfers  
Community Service Booklets, – **Heather Ellwanger**, Director  
Lecturer Report – **Ethan Edwards**  
Committee Reports  
Completion of Remaining Business/Installation of Officers  
Closing of the 152nd Annual Session

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

JOAN FIDDER, CHAIR

Well we finally got our rain, but it is going to be in the 90's now. Let's keep our fingers crossed that our gardens make it through this heat wave.

Don't forget our roadside bouquet category in our ag contests at State Session. This weather has been perfect for the weeds! So stop and pick some on your way to Springfield in September. We will also have some items available for you to choose from to make your bouquet when you get to the convention if you prefer to participate that way.

See you all at State Session (coming up real fast). I am looking forward to working with my committee and having a wonderful display of produce.

Broad Hollow Grange Report

Broad Hollow Grange held a potluck for the community on Friday, July 7th. Participants enjoyed hot dogs, fried chicken, barbeque sandwiches, salads, watermelon, brownies, key lime pie and much more. Since it was the week of the 4th of July, a short patriotic program was provided. The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag opened the program, then "Country Directions" was shared. "America the Beautiful" was sung, and all tried to guess the answers to a patriotic quiz. Everyone sang "God Bless America," and the program closed with an inspirational saying. Participants hunted for red, white, and blue miniature Uncle Sam hats and red, white and blue glittery bows. The hall and tables were decorated in red, white, and blue since it was the week of the 4th of July.

The charter was draped in memory of Roland and Elsie Heidenreich and Don Mueller.

A hundred and twenty dictionaries were provided to 3rd grade students this past school year at the public and Catholic schools in New Athens and Freeburg.

Leaf River Grange #1812

Leaf River Grange named longtime volunteer Laura Werner their 2023 Citizen of the year. They presented her with the award at Leaf River Summer Daze. As Leaf River Grange's Community Citizen of the year they recognized her commitment to the community. She shows up whenever there is a job to be done. And does that job with a good attitude and a smile.

Werner is the past president of the Leaf River Lions Club, co-secretary of the Leaf River Summer Daze,

involved with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and her church. Congratulations to Laura Werner.

Gobbles from Turkey Hill

Our new floor installation will be finished soon. The dining hall is refreshed with new paint and new floor just in time to show it off at our upcoming Ham and Peach on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go to the Grangers who came out to help move all the furniture so the installers could do the job.

Preparations are underway for the Ham and Peach Dinner. Spiced peaches have been made and this week we will make our peach sauce to be served with our delicious ham from Wennemans Meat Market.

Our July fundraiser has been completed. Nine Grangers worked a total of 157 hours in the Funnel Cake/ Corn Dog trailer supplied by Worthy President Charles Treser. Many Grangers supported us by buying their lunch or dinner from the trailer. Ten generous Grangers contributed funds to the project to help us meet our goal. Volunteers will install the system soon.

We are selling our jams and jellies at two markets this year, The Swansea Farmer's Market and The Vine Street Market in O'Fallon, IL. Our jams and jellies continue to be a valued product. We will also be selling them at the Ham and Peach Dinner.

This may not sound like a busy month but the floor project, fundraiser and Ham and Peach Dinner preparation certainly filled our time. We hope to see you on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

HAM & PEACH DINNER

Turkey Hill Grange

Corner of South Greenmount Rd  
and Highway 15  
(Next to Eckert's)

Sunday, August 13, 2023  
10:30 am - 2 pm  
Dine-In Buffet Style or Carryout

Adults: \$16  
Children 6-12: \$8  
Tots 5 and under eat free  
Major Credit Cards Accepted



MENU	
Ham	
German and American Potato Salad	
Peach Sauce	
Green Beans	
Cole Slaw	
Spiced Peach	
Peach Cobbler	
Peaches & Ice Cream (Dining Room Only)	



## Illinois State Grange Youth

We are getting ready for State Session. Hope y'all are too. The time has also come to ask for volunteers for the drill on Sunday. So please reach out to either Karie or Marisa if you are planning on marching. When you check in and drop off your entries give us the secret word ( pollinator) for a special treat.



Karie just got back from Grange Revival in Michigan and she had fun. Definitely looks like it was a great turnout. I definitely want to go next time for sure.

Karrie and Marisa CO-Youth State Directors

### Beaver Valley Grange #1791

July 14, 2023 meeting was held at the Beaver Valley Community Grange Hall which started at 7:00 pm. Agriculture report given by Steve Paulson was about having sufficient food supply in our future. May need to change the way we farm and consider vertical farming and the use of hydroponics. Community Services hours were given and put into the report for State Grange.

Deaf activity report given by Rick O'Dell enlightened everyone on ways to address the Deaf Community. Start a sign language class; host a "silent" dinner; host a silent film or film about deafness; host a deaf coffee chat at a cafe; do a deaf activity fundraiser. Discussion on the Fairground bathroom project, and other details of the upcoming Fair. T-shirts are available to order for the Fair, as well as our own Beaver Valley Grange T-shirts. When we work at the Fair we should be wearing our BVG T-shirts. Jerry Paulson reported that he would love to see a "pollinator" flower garden somewhere on the fairgrounds.

Health Education report by Marisa brings up the headline of the FDA approving the 1st Over The Counter birth control pill. The CDC is facing major funding cuts

and children's immunizations are lagging behind for the upcoming school year. There was a report on the Pomona picnic and Steve Paulson gave a safety report with one question: Who is the most at risk on the farm? (Answer: children and the elderly). The Youth Fairboard group are planning another Historical Tour with Al Henninger – contact Ruth Blasingame to attend. Our Home Ec Clean up day is July 26th at 5:00 pm. After this, we reviewed all the Resolutions going to State Grange to be voted on.

Fraternally submitted,  
Dayle Paulson, Publicity

**NOTE: Roster correction lists for the Illinois Granger will be given to the delegates at State Session. Please make these corrections to both the mailing list and the email list. I am constantly making corrections but I can not keep the lists current without help from the Granges.**

**Editor - Ruth Blasingame**



## Leroy Community Grange News

LeRoy presented their Distinguished Citizens award winners at a picnic on June 14th. Congratulations to Amanda Stefanick, a 9-1-1 Dispatcher for the Boone County Sheriff's office as our Non-Granger citizen, Jessica Ribovich a Kindergarten teacher at Manchester Elementary School as our Teacher of the year, Mike Gosnell, a Deputy with the Boone County Sheriff's office as our Police Officer of the year, Jim Ames, our LeRoy Granger of the year and Dan Drall, Lt. with the City of Belvidere Fire Dept. as our firefighter of the year! Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and thanks for all you do for our community! Dan Drall was not present.

Submitted by Denise Temple



## Legislative Report

Marion Thornberry, Chair

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

We are getting closer to celebrating our State Grange Conference. I hope everyone has or is getting close to having their projects completed and their resolutions in. You realize that as the Legislative Director I need to review them before they go to committee

On July 23,24 and the 25th I attended a UCCI Conference. It was held at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL. The Conference consisted of numerous Legal Firms. The conference was held for County Board Members Statewide. You ask what has a Conference for County Board Members have to do with the Grange, you gather information from all means available.

I believe the following pertains to all organizations. If you were born between 1928-1945 you are in the silent group, if you were born between 1946-1964, you are in the Boomer Generation, if you were born between 1965-1980, you are in the Generation X group, 1981 - 1996 you are a millennial, 1997- 2012 you are Generation Z. You say we knew that. Yes but do we use this to advance our Granges?

If you are in the Silent Generation it is time to become an advisor, not a leader. If you are in the Boomer Generation, you can still be a leader but you really need to be a trainer. If you are in the Generation X Group, you should be a true leader. If you are a Millennial you should be in a Junior Leader roll. If you are in The Generation Z group, the groups that came before you should be teaching you how to become better Grangers and preparing you to replace them in Leadership rolls.

With that I will sign off and we will see you in September at State Session. May God Protect you, Marion and Jean.

## Community Service

Heather Ellwanger—Community Service Director

I hope you are having a great summer so far. The Boone County Fair is almost here and that means that State Grange Session will be here before we know it.

We all need to collect the shelter supplies for Tails. Items needed are dog and cat food, treats, blankets, toys , shampoo, grooming supplies and anything that you would need for a pet.

Make sure to bring as much as you can to State Session. The Grange and the person who brought the most items will be rewarded.

**Community Service Books were due Aug 1, 2023. If you have not gotten yours to me, do it quickly.**

## Family Activities Committee

Emilie Ellwanger—Chair 815-353-8361

### RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!

Donations will be accepted at State Session or contact me and I will bring them down for you. Please label with your name or Grange name. Please be generous, remember proceeds go to support the Memorial Scholarship. The Raffle tickets are ready and are attached at the end of the email edition of this Granger. You can also get them from me or from your Grange. The Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

I hope you are all having a great summer and that you are having fun finishing up all your projects. The entry forms are attached at the end of the email edition of this Granger.

Either form can also be mailed by contacting Ruth Blasingame at 815-299-7884

Looking forward to seeing you in September in Springfield.

## Boone County Youth Fairboard

The Boone County Youth Fairboard has hosted two Fairgrounds History Tours this summer. Both times we filled both of our people mover wagons with about 35 people. The first time we even had some walkers. The tour lasts about an hour and is narrated by Al Henninger and Jack Ratcliffe. They have both been involved with the fair since the Granges took it over in 1957. They know all the history of the Fairgrounds which we have been adding to since 1963. They talked about how we purchased the land, when buildings were built, fires, buildings moved on to the grounds and many other things that have happened over the years.

After the tour everyone was invited into the Grange hall to enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes provided and scooped by the Boone County Youth Fairboard members.

Youth Fairboard is open to any youth age 11 and up, 6 grade thru 12th grade. We currently have 12 kids. They are helping at the Fairgrounds, in the ticket office, everywhere they are able.. During the Fair they have a concession trailer selling shirts advertising the Fair.

This year we will be hosting Lynette Schaeffer, Illinois State Grange President, in front of our Trailer. She will be passing out information on the Affordable Connectivity Program, bringing broadband to rural areas.





## Flora Grange #1762

Flora Grange did not hold a meeting in the month of July, however, we met at the Boone County Fairgrounds and we held our annual work night. Those present enjoyed scraping and sanding down picnic tables, then painting them. Other raked leaves, and still others worked on the handicap ramp at the grandstand area.

Those present kept busy doing various jobs to make our fairgrounds look better for those attending the fair this year.

Following work at the fairgrounds, we all went to Culvers and enjoyed Culvers great custard or a sandwich or cheese curds.

Also, just a reminder, Flora Grange will have the breakfast food stand on Tuesday and Saturday mornings (be there by 5:30 am) to work and on Thursday, the noon

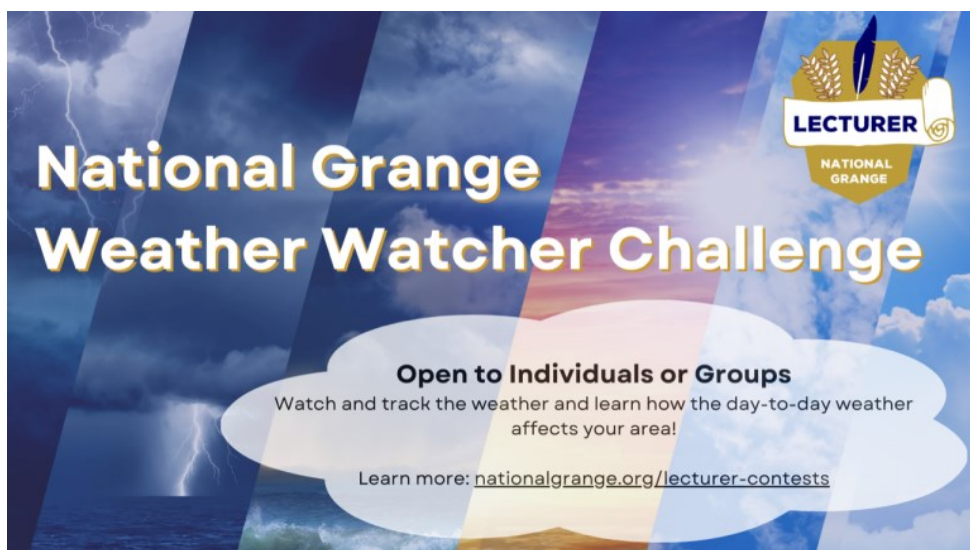
dinner stand, Pulled Pork sandwich or dinner, starting around 11 am to when we sell out.

I am sure Laurel could also use some help at Gate #6 on Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. Give her a call at 815-222-6173, or if you have questions about the breakfast or lunch stand also. She can always use your help.

Our August meeting will be one week later, due to the fair, so mark your calendar for TUESDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 7 PM AT THE FLORA GRANGE HALL.

Also, special thanks to those Flora Grange members who came out to help with the Pomona Grange clean-up night on Wednesday. Thanks to Ruth, Don and Heather for the nice meal following the clean-up.

See you-all at the fair!!





## Calendar of Grange Events

- 8/1 State Session Meal Reservations Due  
8/1 Distinguished Grange Application Due  
**8/1 Community Service Deadline**  
8/8-13 Boone County Fair  
8/13 Turkey Hill Ham and Peach Dinner  
8/19 Emerald Mound Grange Big Breakfast  
8am – 10am  
9/1 Grange in Action Report Due  
**9/8-10 Illinois State Grange Session**  
**11/14-18 National Grange Session-Niagra Falls NY**  
**2024**  
National Session Quad Cities 11/10-17

**Donations: Memorial Scholarship**

**Donations: Illinois Granger**

**\$100 Floraville Community Grange**

**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.

**Ruth Blasingame 815-299-7884**

**illinoisgranger2017@gmail.com**

**8711 Deer Run Drive Belvidere, IL 61008**





## Chaplain's Corner

Charlotte Mehrrens

Wow, here it is the last few days of July and we are ready for the extra busy month of August to start. The kids are getting excited about going back to school, fall sports will be starting, farmers will soon start looking ahead to fall harvest season. There are hundreds of things to do before the cold weather rolls around.

We are busy repairing damages from the big storms that hit our areas June 30. The damage has to be repaired by the time winter comes or we shall have frozen water pipes where our water tanks are. Some buildings lost metal siding and the windows need to be repaired before cold weather moves in.

But we are so blessed that no one was injured or killed. We give thanks that God was with all of us and kept us safe, God is so great!

God bless each of you and keep you in His care during this busy month. Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Bless those who have wonderful things happening to them, a new school, new friends and new beginnings. Everything is possible though Christ our Lord.

Until next time, God bless you!

“Well done good and faithful servants

Don Mueller

1930-2023

Broad Hollow Grange

Don was a US Air Force Veteran and he was a teacher and instructor for the US Navy and Dept. of the Interior for 32 years.



Elsie Heidenreich

1930-2023

Broad Hollow Grange

Elsie was a long time member of the Grange.



IN NO OTHER OCCUPATION DOES A  
MAN'S DAILY LABOR BRING HIM  
INTO SUCH CLOSE COMPANIONSHIP  
WITH THE GREAT CREATOR AS IN  
THE CULTIVATION OF THE SOIL.

Second Degree; Chaplain



FAC ENTRY FORM

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ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE FAMILY ACTIVITIES RAFFLE

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