

Sooner State Granger



Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President

Greeting fellow Grangers, I hope this finds everyone healthy and doing well. Since last we spoke, we have finally received enough rain to get the grass growing but not enough to put water in our ponds, I hope your area is doing better. I know most of farmers

around here have had to make many hard decisions on whether to ride it out or sell their cattle.

Our annual Degree Day, held on April 1st, 2023, in Ponca City OK. hosted by the Cherryvale Grange

221 was a great success. There was 50 Oklahoma Grangers that attended that day, and eight Grangers took the first four degrees. Four Youth that did the Degree work they were, James Proctor - Big Cabin # 156, Faith Ryan - Cherryville # 221, Ryan Meritt - Prairie # 334 and Allison Ward - Prairie # 334. And we had Four Adults that took the Degree work they were, Roy Weidner Cherryville, Louise Weidner, Lisa Ryan and Kevin Ryan all of Cherryville # 221. I want to thank all of my State Officers for coming and putting on the four Degrees, you all did a great job. And I would also like to thank the Cherryville Grange for hosting our annual Degree Day, the facility and food were very good, and we all enjoyed your hospitality.

I would like to congratulate Miss Charli Moore of South Coffeyville Grange # 351 for being awarded the Brad Keeton Memorial scholarship. Charli

is a first-year nursing student at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK. Charli and her family have been active Grange members for many years, and I am proud to have them all as members. I hope everyone will join me in congratulating Charli and supporting her through journey while becoming a nurse.

We have twenty-one Oklahoma Grange members attending the Great Plains Regional Conference hosted by the Texas State Grange in Kerrville, TX. We will be leaving on June 9th and returning on June 11th. Texas has several workshops and a community project scheduled for all of us to participate in. I will try to give you a full report when we return.

The 108th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held on October 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2023 at the Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK. 74017. Most of us will be arriving on the evening of October 19th at the hotel and the Oklahoma State Grange Executive Board will have a board meeting at 6:00 pm and the Grange Mutual Insurance Board will have their meeting a 7:00 pm with the State Officers having drill practice afterwards. Registration forms need to be sent to me by September 15th, 2023. Registration Fees will be \$20 per Youth and Adults and \$10 per Juniors ages 5-14, please fill out one registration form per person so we can get a good count on everybody. I will make all the hotel reservations so make sure you indicate what type of room you prefer, Also, all



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Juniors will stay in their parent's room unless pre-arranged, so if you need an extra room for your children please let me know.

The Theme for the celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct 20, 2023, will be Black Tie Masquerade would love to see everyone dressed up.

Everyone needs to remember to keep your Community Service Project Books up to date as your Grange performs your local activities in your community. Also your Granges need to be working on Resolutions to present at the State Session along with speeches and any talents they might want to perform at the Celebration Banquet.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can

reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com or mail to 4253 NS 406 Rd. Wann, OK 74083 or phone number main 918-559-9507.

Also, if anyone would like to post anything on our state website, please fill free to contact Yvonne Meritt at 405-262-3354 or email her at sooner-stategranger@gmail.com.

If anyone needs anything from me, please feel free to contact me anytime.

_Fraternally Submitted

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Directors

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor

Dear Fellow Grangers

We hope all are doing well and ready for summer. The first quarter of the year showed a slight

fall after having a good gain in the fourth quarter of last year. At the end of the fourth quarter, we had 5610 member. We now have 5438 members for a drop in membership of 172 members. We hope the summer months will bring people out and we can gain the membership back. Thank everyone for the work you are doing to make a successful Grange in Oklahoma.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sheila Shafer-Conrady, State Chaplain

Just off Memorial Day weekend and all ready looking on to the 4th of July, as I write this it's clear summer is on its way. These holidays to honor our veterans who paid the price of freedom with their lives and the signing of the Declaration of Independence make me ponder on the concept of freedom. As your Chaplain I wondered what does the Bible tell us about freedom? Well, Google it. I did and found freedom mentioned 23 times. Apparently it was a subject held high long before the good old USA was thought of. I would like to share with you my 3 favorite Bible verses on freedom. They also tie into my theme of a year of "Grange Giving" quite nicely.

1 Peter 2:16-17

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."

2 Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. "

Galatians 5:13

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

I hope these inspire some thoughts on freedom and freedom in Christ and how that calls us as servants in service to others.

Have a great summer and God Bless, your Oklahoma State Grange Chaplain Sheila Conrady

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
108th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 20-22, 2023**

Registration Form (Per Room)

**Holiday Inn Express
1400 Country Club Rd
Claremore, OK 74017
(918)283-4877**

Grange Name and # _____

Name _____ State Officer → Youth → Junior → Delegate → Director → Member → Guest →

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Address _____

Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)
Please √ type of room needed.

Doubleor King or Handicap

Cost of rooms are \$79.00 per night not including tax.
Please √ each day room is needed.

Thursday Friday Saturday

Meals: Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

Friday Lunch

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: "Black Tie Masquerade")

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Luncheon: Complements of Grange Mutual Insurance.

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Dinner is on your own.

Please list food allergies _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20.00 ADULT _____

\$10.00 CHILD _____ (ages 5-13; Juniors room with Parents)

Total included with form: \$ _____

Please send money and registration form to:

Billy Shufeldt

6399 NS 413 RD

South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

State Master will make all room reservations. (No later than September 15th, 2023)

Oklahoma State Grange takes care of only one room per Subordinate Grange.

Comments: _____



DEGREE DAY FUN

Candidates



Desserts



Juniors

SECRETRIES TAKE NOTES

Jeannie Harrington State Secretary

I pray everyone is staying safe, healthy and having a wonderful spring. It is great to see everything beginning to turn green and the flowers bloom.

By the time you read this newsletter Degree Day was in Ponca City, OK and was well attended with eight candidates taking the degrees. It is always a great time to get together with our Grange family.

The Great Plains Conference in Kerrville, TX will be June 9-11, 2023. Master Billy has chartered a bus for all who are attending. The Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be October in Claremore, OK at the Claremore Conference Center with the Holiday Inn Express next door. Plan to attend.

It will soon be time for the second quarter dues to be paid. The \$1.00 assessment fee for each member will also be due on this report.

I truly appreciate my fellow grange secretaries and how you take care of the dues in a timely manner. You are all great to work with. You make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler.

If you need to reach me, my email is: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com

My phone number is 918-559-9507 and my new 911 address is: **4253 NS 406 Road, Wann, OK 74083. Please update to this address.** I still have my Post Office Box 716, South Coffeyville, OK 74072.

You can send your reports to either of these addresses.

Fraternally,
Jeannie Harrington
State Secretary



Hello Youth and Young Adults,

Hey guys! I hope everyone is doing great and having an amazing start to their summer break!

Degree Day was April 1 st , 2023, and we had 4 new youth candidates join us to take their 1 st -4 th Degrees and can now officially be called Youth Grangers. So, let's give a big congrats to James Proctor of Big Cabin Grand #156, Ryan Meritt of Prairie Grange #334, Allison Ward of Prairie Grange #334, and Faith Ryan of Cherryvale Grange #221 we are so excited to have y'all join us this year! I want to thank all the youth that came out for Degree Day to participate it was great seeing you all!

Now on to things to remember! Our state session is October 19 th -22 nd 2023 in Claremore, OK at the Holiday Inn Express, if you are receiving the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship you are required to be at state session Friday or Saturday,

please do not forget, but I would love to see you there both days if possible! We will be serving dinner at the banquet Friday night and lunch on Saturday, and we will also be presenting the 5 th Degree on Saturday so I would appreciate it if no one left after serving lunch. We also have National Session coming up in November there will be more information to come on that!

I hope everyone has a great summer and if you need me, please feel free to contact me!

Please join our Facebook page: Oklahoma State Grange Youth

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LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Donna Keeton State Lecturer

It is hard to believe that Spring is almost gone and summer is here. Before you know it, it will be time for State Session. I hope everyone is working on the Lecturer's contests. I enjoyed the Degree Day, while there I gave out pictures of the coloring contests just ask your local Subordinate Master for a copy. I am putting the contests in again to refresh your memory. All categories will have the following age groups: 5 to 9, 10 to 14, 15 and older. All entries must be brought to the Oklahoma State Session to be held in Claremore, OK. The categories will be as follows:

Photography: Submit a 4 x 6 photo, put name, Grange, and age group on back (no backing necessary) All photography categories are up to the participants interpretation.

- Community Service in Motion
- Sights of Spring

It's a Good Day to Be a Granger

Writing: Submit a 500 word maximum handwritten or typed story on the below topic. Submit the essay with name, Grange, and age group written on the back. No names on the front page.

My Grange Superhero

Drawing: Submit a drawing on a 8x 10 paper with name, Grange, and age group printed on the back. Can use any utensils in creating i.e. Crayons, markers, or pencils, etc.

Painting: Submit a painting using Watercolors. Must be on a canvas no larger than 11 x 13. Print name, Grange, and age group on the back.

Color a Picture: Color the picture that was published in the Sooner State Granger March 2023 or can be found on www.oklahomastategrange.net in the Lecturers section. There will be an added age group of 1 to 4 for this particular contest. Print name, Grange, and age group on the back.

2023 NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

Quilt Block 2023 STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Send entries to: Ann Bercher, National Lecturer 777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310 Excelsior, MN 55331
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157 th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. Please consider sending four completed squares.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged. Found on the National Grange website under contest rules.

GROUPS

- Group I - Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II - Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants

BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS

Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics: 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome - all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid) 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)

Create a nine-patch block. Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.

Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left. Use a scant ¼ inch seam allowance. This 9-patch block should measure 6 ½ inches, unfinished on edges. Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the “dark” fabrics. These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better! <https://www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-National-Grange-Guide-to-Contests.pdf>

Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org for guidance



Hello Junior Grangers,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break! It's hard to believe that the school year is already finished and now summer has officially begun. We had fun at Degree Day this year. We only had two in attendance, but we still had fun making crafts and playing games. We also talked about what they wanted to see and do at the state session this year. We know it sounds crazy to mention the state session, but it will again be here before we know it.

We are making lots of plans to make it another fun state session. We will have some crafts, games, and will be doing some competitions again this year. We hope to see us grow some more, so invite your friends to come and have fun with us. We will have more details in the upcoming newspaper about what we will be doing at the state session. We hope that everyone will be able to attend and everyone stays safe and healthy this summer!

Fraternally submitted,
Scheneista Procter
State Junior Director
Audrey Bowers
Debbie Borgstrom
Kim Knight
Committee members

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Lisa Evans , State Director

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The State Session will be here before we know it. I have included the contest so there will be plenty of time to create your entries. The community books will be due September 23rd 2023. The forms can be found on the Oklahoma State Grange Website Please mail the books to Lisa Evans PO Box 504 Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349.

Junior: Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas

decoration, paper towel craft.

Youth: Decorate a Pumpkin, Create jewelry out of any material, Create a Christmas ornament.

Women: Make a Christmas ornament, create a Christmas centerpiece out of any material, and create something out of a recycled item.

Men: Create a sign for the home out any material, make an outdoor Christmas decoration, make a picture frame out any material.

DEGREE DAY



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