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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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DON'T LET THE CONNECTION GO COLD

As we are not permitted to meet, we ask you to share these newsletters  
by forwarding this or printing and mailing to your Grange friends

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A STEP TOWARD NORMALCY**

*By Betsy E. Huber, National Grange President*

Greetings from your National Grange Headquarters, where we are beginning to welcome staff back at least part-time. We still hear peaceful demonstrations in the street every afternoon, but some of the plywood protection has been removed from store fronts nearby and things are very slowly opening up again, even though the pandemic continues.

It is still a strange time! While some Granges are again holding in person meetings outdoors or with social distancing, many State Granges are making plans for state sessions with delegates only in attendance. Some are brainstorming totally virtual sessions in case that becomes necessary this fall. You will need to do what your state's Governor requires and what your own members feel comfortable with. My own Pomona is planning a July 11 picnic meeting outdoors, with social distancing and boxed lunches—no shared food! If you do decide to meet, just be wise and careful and protect our more vulnerable members.

Meanwhile, most fairs, festivals, and parades have been cancelled and it looks like it will be a quiet, peaceful summer—although time seems to be flying by as quickly as ever. Your National Grange staff and directors have been busy setting up contingency plans for contests and programs to replace the Regional conferences and National Convention activities.

And now that you have more time at home, I expect lots more entries in all our contests! The Youth sponsored Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests deadlines have passed, but there's still plenty of time for quilt blocks, photography, and Community Service notebooks. Be sure to complete your Distinguished Grange application by August 1. If you have generations of family in the Grange, check out the Grange Legacy Family application on the website and have your family recognized with a certificate of appreciation. And there's still time to practice that talent to perform in the Evening of Excellence.

Be sure to stay tuned for announcements about the daily Cultivating Connections programs and any announcements about your State Grange Sessions and other activities. Enjoy the wonderful summer weather!

## **LECTURER'S PHOTO CONTEST UPDATE**

The Photography Showcase of the Best of Show winners from each State Grange at National Convention has been canceled. In its place will be a Virtual Photography Contest – open to ALL members and non-members, regardless of age. Entry Form is attached.

## **IMPROVISE, ADAPT, OVERCOME**

*By Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Membership & Leadership Development Director*

The United States Marine Corps says that all Marines are “trained to improvise, adapt and overcome any obstacle in whatever situation they are needed.”

The evening of June 14<sup>th</sup>, Redwood Valley Grange #382 in Redwood Valley, California presented “Live at The Grange,” an evening of musical talent digitally broadcast. This Grange is fortunate to have a number of members who are professional musicians, performers and artists, so this event was a natural display of the time and talent available to the Grange. They also used this as an opportunity to connect with the community, explain the Grange mission & activities and ask for donations to further Grange projects. The event was broadcast on their website as well as on YouTube. This event is the prime example of a Community Grange adapting and overcoming the challenge of creating community engagement during COVID.

This event highlighted the special talents of the members at Redwood Valley Grange. All Granges across the country are filled with members who have special and unique talents to share with the wider community. During this time where Grange cannot meet and hold community activities like we are accustomed to, we should be looking at how we can improvise, adapt and overcome this particular challenge. Does your Grange have a wealth of musical talent like the Redwood Valley Grange? Are there artists of other mediums who could teach an art project on a zoom call? Can your Grange host a community forum about how to create community while remaining socially distanced?

Engagement with members and community is critical in normal times, but even more so during COVID. Community Granges have always been notable community centers for enlivening activities and events. At your next meeting (digital or socially distanced), take the time to map out a plan for an event that engages the community and shows how the Grange benefits both them and the community. This may even mean dusting off your grange.org website and updating social media. No matter how it looks, be ready to improvise from the way we’ve always done things, adapt to the current situation, and overcome the challenge we face.

For more information about Redwood Valley Grange, you can visit their website [redwoodvalleygrange.com](http://redwoodvalleygrange.com) or Facebook page [facebook.com/RVGrange/](https://www.facebook.com/RVGrange/). To watch their “Live at The Grange,” see it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQgqCfCcpgo>



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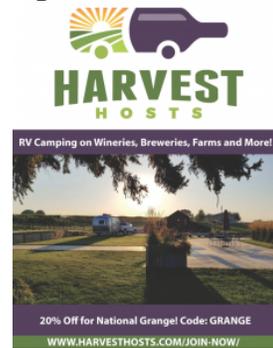
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## MEMBER BENEFITS: 20% off Harvest Hosts Membership for RV-ers

Grange members can now enjoy 20% off their membership with Harvest Hosts, which has more than 825 partner sites across the U.S. and Canada that allow members with RVs to stay one night free on the property of an agriculturally-oriented business. In addition to the ag-based destinations, individuals can add to their membership the “+ golf” option that includes more than 350 golf courses.



There is an app associated with Harvest Hosts that provides maps of the destinations, trip routing and planning and much more. Members of Harvest Hosts can also enjoy other RV-oriented savings. Grange members with RVs are encouraged to check out Harvest Hosts at [harvesthosts.com](http://harvesthosts.com) and use the code GRANGE at checkout.



## Cultivating Connections Daily Live Events

Available to view live at the starting time listed or anytime thereafter on either channel:  
[facebook.com/NationalGrange](https://facebook.com/NationalGrange) or [youtube.com/NationalGrange](https://youtube.com/NationalGrange)

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Date	All times Eastern	
Friday, June 19	@ 4:30 p.m.	ASL/Deaf Culture Language 11
Saturday, June 20	@ 8:30 p.m.	Date Night In 12.0
Sunday, June 21		No Show Scheduled. Happy Father's Day!
Monday, June 22	@ 2:30 p.m.	Worth 1,000 Words: Importance of Photos & Great Pic Tips
Tuesday, June 23	@ 5 p.m.	911 What's your Emergency? How to be a good 911 reporter
Wednesday, June 24	@ 4 p.m.	Legislative Update with Burton Eller
	@ 7 p.m.	BINGO with PA State Grange. Contact Lizzie at <a href="mailto:publicrelations@pagrange.org">publicrelations@pagrange.org</a> for details
Thursday, June 25	@ 5 p.m.	Summer: The Grange's Second Degree (ONLY IN FACEBOOK – GRANGE HERITAGE FORUM GROUP)
Friday, June 26		No program scheduled.
Saturday, June 27	@ 8:30 p.m.	Date Night In 13.0: Ode to Junior Grange Camp!

*All livestreams are sponsored by Grange Foundation and available at any time after the close of the event at [facebook.com/nationalgrange/video](https://facebook.com/nationalgrange/video) or at [youtube.com/nationalgrange](https://youtube.com/nationalgrange).*

*If you have suggestions or questions, contact Amanda at [communications@nationalgrange.org](mailto:communications@nationalgrange.org)*

## Grange Resource Binder now available



The Grange Resource Binder is a comprehensive tool for Community Granges that outlines important information on business procedures, Grange meeting procedures, Grange law, Grange officer resources, and program resources. Each Resource Binder is 434 pages that comes with a flash drive that contains certain documents in a digital format.

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 \$30\* FOR BINDER & FLASH DRIVE; \$10\* FOR FLASH DRIVE ONLY

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## **ALERT: YouTube Contest, “With Justice for All,” Seeks Submissions from Students About the Effect of Covid-19 and Recent Tragedies on Their Educational Experience**

*Prizes include 11 scholarships for students who best address the question, “How has your school delivered on the promise of equal access and educational excellence, particularly during these challenging times?”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Center for Education Reform (CER), in partnership with the Freedom Coalition for Charter Schools, the Children’s Scholarship Fund, and the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, today launched “With Justice for All,” a national YouTube contest for students.

Over the last few months, students and schools have faced significant challenges from distance learning and national tragedies. Times like these highlight how a great education is the most important asset a student has to effectively change the world.

So CER decided to ask students directly: Has your school delivered on the promise of equal access and educational excellence, particularly during these challenging times? Tell us how well your school did — or didn’t do — in providing you a great education.

“We want you to be able to take charge of your education,” said Jeanne Allen, CER’s founder and chief executive. “We want to assist you in writing the next chapter of your education story. Tell us your story, and we’ll tell everybody who needs to know, especially those in power.”

Videos must be shorter than three minutes, hashtagged with **#MyEducationVideo**, and submitted to **MyEducationVideo.com** by 11:59 PM EDT on July 4, 2020. Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of celebrity judges. Awards include 10 \$2,500 scholarships — and one \$20,000 scholarship — to the high school or college of a student’s choice. Winners will be announced during a live-streamed ceremony (date and time T.B.D.), and their videos may be shown to delegates at both of the 2020 national conventions this summer.

“We’ve designed this contest for students ages 13 and older, because we know it can be hard to get your ideas about education heard when you’re a kid,” said Allen.

For more information, visit **MyEducationVideo.com**.

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