

Sooner State Granger



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Master's Message...

New Growth, New Faces, New Places - State Session Location Changed To Pryor, OK

Greetings,

Welcome new Grangers. We have added two new Granges this summer. This is not a reprint but a fact; we have two more new Granges. Please welcome Adair Grange and Ketchum Grange. We have had an increase of a total of four, yes four new Granges. We are moving forward. It is called new life.

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State Session will be here before we know it. Plans are being made in preparation for the session. This year the State Session will be held October

Dates To Remember

Dec. 1 - Send Grange News to Marvin Purdy, 4202 W. Doolin, Blackwell, OK 74631, phone 580 363-5171, fax, 580 363-4296.

Oct. 18-20, 2008 - State Session, Pryor, OK.

Nov. 11-18, 2008 - National Session.

17, 18, and 19 at the Mid America Expo Center located at Pryor, Oklahoma. Hotel accommodations will be at Comfort Inn & Suites located at 307 Mid America Drive in Pryor. I will handle all reservations as I will need to make the room assignments.



Joe Fryman, National Grange Treasurer, will be special National Representative at the Oklahoma State Grange Session this year.

Each Grange should send two delegates and one youth delegate to the session. A registration form has been included in this paper. If you plan to attend the session please complete and mail the registration form to me no later than September 30. Please spread the word that this year's session is in Pryor. I hope that our new Granges in the area will have many who can attend.

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Our National Representatives will be Joe Fryman, who is the National Treasurer, and his wife, Tammy. Joe Fryman was born, raised, educated, and presently lives near Blair, Nebraska. He grew up on the family farm, producing corn, soybeans, oats, alfalfa, and hogs. His family milked Jersey cows for many years. Joe graduated from Dana College in Blair in 1970 with a degree in accounting and economics. He was a member of

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Oklahoma Grange Activities

by Debbie Borgstrom and Aliene Taylor

We hope everyone has had a great summer. Now it is time to plan for Fall. The Oklahoma State Grange 93rd Session activities are as follows:

Women Activities

Design a Towel;
Embroidery, Cross-Stitch, Paint,
Sew, Etc....

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Open Class;

Embroidery, Cross-Stitch,
Quilts, Etc....

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Design a Bag

For National Grange Convention
in Oklahoma

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Men's Activities

Open Class Wood Item

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Wood Toy or Storage Box

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Men & Women Activities

Pecan Pies, Fudge Candy, or
Chocolate Chip Cookies

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Youth Activities:

Girls

Design Hand Bag or Belt, etc.

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Boys

Model Cars, Planes,
Motorcycles, etc.

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Juniors:

Girls

Drawing, Coloring, Painting, etc.

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Boys

Drawing, Coloring, Painting, etc.

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

See you at State!

Debbie Borgstrom

Aliene Taylor

Grange Activities Directors

Master's Message

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the Army Reserve, trained as a radio repairman and as a drill sergeant. Joe served on the Washington County ASCS County Committee for nine years and on the Blair Community School Board for twenty years.

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Joe married Tammy Christensen in 1971. Tammy is the immediate past National Grange Flora. They have two daughters, Erin and Laura, and one son Matthew. They presently raise corn and soybeans on their family farm. A prenuptial agreement eliminated the dairy portion of the farming operation. Joe has also been an income tax preparer for twenty-nine years. The Frymans are members of First Lutheran Church in Blair where Joe serves on the church council. They joined Riverview Grange in 1974. Joe was elected Nebraska State Grange Master in 2004 and National Grange Treasurer in 2007. He enjoys traveling, restoring old tractors and cars, crossword puzzles, and reading farm magazines. We look forward to having them at our session.

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The business of the Annual State Session is to establish Grange policy. I hope your Grange is busy writing those resolutions. We must remember that this grass root process is what makes our country different. Everyone has a voice and it can be heard. It is only with established Grange policies that our organization can take your message to Capital Hill.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Fostering
Community Service,
Traditional Skills,
and Recreation

Lecturer's Lesson

By Deloris Walker

School has started and September is here already, so October and State Session will be here sooner than we want it to be.

I hope that we will have a lot of can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, so I hope that everyone is remembering to save them and having others save them for you also.

Please don't forget your donations for Dogs for the Deaf. Of it you have

been saving change for this project please cash it and bring it to State.

The photo contest has four age groups: 5-9, 10-13, 14-18, and 19 and over. In Section One there are 5 categories: Animals, Scenic Photos, People, Agriculture, and Christmas/Holiday Season.

Section Two consists of two or more photos that tell a story. Photos should be no smaller than 4x6, matted

if you like, color, black and white, or digital.

Hopefully, you are working on a number for the talent night. The three categories are Vocal, Instrumental, and variety (There is a six minute time limit).

The Best of Show will represent Oklahoma at the National Convention in November.

Fraternally,
Deloris Walker
State Lecturer

Oklahoma State Session

MidAmerica Expo Center

Comfort Inn & Suites

307 Mid America Dr., Pryor, Oklahoma

Oct. 16, 2008 Thursday

8:00 p.m. Officer's Practice

Executive Meeting to follow

Oct. 17, 2008 Friday

8:00 a.m. Registration for Officers, Delegates and Contest Entries

9:00 a.m. Opening of the Oklahoma State Grange

12:00 p.m. Closing of the Oklahoma State Grange

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

6:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet Activities, Talent, Junior and Membership

Awards. Granger of the Year Award, Talent Contest

Oct. 18, Saturday

8:00 a.m. Opening of the Oklahoma State Grange in the 4th Degree

12:15 p.m. Oklahoma Grange Mutual Insurance Association Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Oklahoma Grange Mutual Insurance Meeting

5:30 p.m. Delegates and Officers Dinner by Invitation

5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner

7:00 p.m. Conferral of the 5th and 6th Degrees

9:00 p.m. Closing of the Grange...

Youth and Junior Fund Raising Activities

Oct. 19 Sunday

8:30 a.m. Memorial Services

9:00 a.m. Opening of the Oklahoma State Grange

11:30 a.m. Closing of the Oklahoma State Grange and Friendship Circle.

12:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Secretaries

Take Note

By Donna Keeton

State Session is just around the corner. I hope everyone is busy writing resolutions for this annual gathering. If you have written your resolutions, I need them as soon as possible.

I would also like to have the names of your delegates and anyone else that you know who will be attending the State Session so I can start making the name badges.

Don't forget, if you send two delegates to the State Session and they are there all three days then your fourth quarter dues will be paid.

Hope to see you at the State Session during October 17-19, 2008 at Pryor, OK in the Mid America Expo Center.

Fraternally,
Donna Keeton,
State Secretary

Membership

By Mike McCann

Greetings Fellow Grangers,

Once again, time is rolling around to State Session. Did your Grange have an increase in membership this year?

Why not?

How many of your friends and neighbors did you ask to join? As a grass roots organization, the leadership is always willing and wanting to help those with any needs that might arise. All it takes is a phone call asking for help. However, we don't want to go where we're not wanted. I'm a little disappointed because not once this year did I receive a call for assistance.

I guess that goes back to our "I'd rather do it myself" mentality. It's sometimes hard to admit we need assistance. If you would like to see your Grange grow and become a beacon in the community, please give your State Master or myself a call. We're always ready to help. At the State Session this year, those Granges that did achieve growth will be rewarded for their efforts. The information about the annual convention is included elsewhere in this newsletter. I invite you to come and experience the excitement for yourself.

Fraternally,
Mike McCann,
Membership Director,
Oklahoma State Grange

JUNIOR GRANGE

Carrying The
Grange Tradition Forward!

The Location Of Our Session

The location of our Session
Just prior to today
Was to be another city but...
That's fallen by the way.

So to get to our State Session
The Pryor road's the way,
Because the prior situation is
Locked up and gone away.

When you head out to our Session
Pay attention when I say
"Don't go the prior way, or
You'll be late and miss a day."

The location is in Pryor,
And that's where it's gonna stay.
We hope that you'll remember
And not go the prior way.

doggerel by RWL

**MidAmerica Expo Center
Comfort Inn & Suites
307 Mid America Dr., Pryor, Oklahoma**

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Registration for Oklahoma State Grange Session
Return by Sept. 12, 2008

Yvonne Meritt
20545 SW 15th
Union City, OK 73090

Name _____

State Officer Delegate Director Attendee

Will spouse be attending? Yes No

Names of those sharing room

Dates you will need hotel room- Oct 16 (Thursday)
Oct. 17 (Friday)
Oct 18 (Saturday)

Type of room? King
Double Beds
NON-SMOKING
SMOKING

Any special accommodations needed? _____

From: _____

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Postage
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