

# SOONER STATE GRANGER

August 2016

**Master Message** I hope everyone has had a safe and productive summer while working their gardens and crops and while doing all your haying. It looks like we have had a very good year for hay. It's hard to believe summer is all but over and our children are headed back to school. It seems that time passes so much quicker in this day and age.

We had a great turn out in June at the Great Plains Regional Conference. We had our very special guest Sister Betsy Huber, National Grange President. We also had Roger and Melanie Bostwick of the Kansas Grange, Charlene Shupp Espenshade, National Youth Director and Brodi Olds, National Youth Ambassador. We had 25 youth and 21 Juniors, 48 adults for a total of 94 Grangers attending over all. I would like to say a great big thank you to our Lecturer and Membership, Youth and Junior directors for doing a great job on all the workshops and keeping everyone entertained and involved. I would like to thank Betsy Huber, Roger Bostwick, Charlene Shupp Espenshade and Brodi Olds for putting on workshops on Saturday it would not have been a successful conference without them.

There was really great participation in the public speaking and sign-a-song contests on Saturday night. Stephanie Nutter won Best of Show in Public Speaking and will represent our Great Plains Region at the National Grange Convention in Washington DC in November.

I hope everyone is working on their Community Service reports which is due September 1st and all other reports that are coming due. Also don't forget about the Lecturers contests and the Grange Activities contests, I hope everyone is entering every contest they can and our exhibit room will be overflowing with exhibits. Registration forms for the Oklahoma State Grange Con-

vention are due no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There will be a State Grange EC Board meeting at Richard & Marie Volz's house on September, 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 1 pm.

It is time to be working on resolutions for State session, the resolutions will be due to the State Secretary Jeannie Harrington and the State Master by October 6, 2016, you can email them to us.

The Oklahoma State Grange session will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa OK on October 21-23, 2016. On Friday October 21, 2016 at the Celebration Banquet the Theme of the Banquet is a **BLACK TIE AFFAIR**. We are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary so wear your best and come celebrate with us.

Our Representatives from National Grange will be Roger Bostwick and his wife Melanie from the Kansas Grange. Roger is the Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter and we look forward to seeing them at our State Grange session.

The National Grange Convention is in Washington DC this year on November 15-19, 2016. Ann Keeton has been selected to take part in the Communication Fellows program, there she will instruct in many aspects of communication from interviewing someone to editing a news article. Hopefully she will bring back what she learns and can assist our subordinate Granges. We will need to make a list of any others that would like to attend this year's National Grange convention and see where our finances are so we can decide what the Oklahoma State Grange will be able to pay for toward the trip. If you want to go, let me know by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

See you in October, Fraternally

Billy D. Shufeldt, Oklahoma State Master (918-842-0242) bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com

## Lecturer Department

Hello Grangers,

### READING PROGRAM

The reading program began on May 1st and will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Your reading logs will be due September the 15<sup>th</sup> and must include the following: Name of participant, Grange, Title of book, Author, Number of pages. The age group will be **4-14 and 15 and older**. Please send reading logs to me at [annkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:annkeeton@yahoo.com) or by mail to 17773 S Santa Fe PI Mounds, OK 74047.

### PHOTO CONTEST

We will also continue our photo contest this year. There will be three age groups for each category which will be **5-10, 11-18 and 19 and older**. The categories are as follows:

Road Trip

Celebration

Nature

Agriculture

Selfie

Also, don't forget the new contests. I would encourage the Lecturer's to push this in their local Granges.

### RESUME BUILDING

The resume will be judged over design, flow, punctuation, and professionalism. I would encourage you to use real information. The age range for this will be 16 and older.

### SHORT STORY

The last contest that I will have is a short story contest. There will be two age groups for this as well. The ages are **5-14 and 15 and older**. The topic is open and the short story requirements are: Title, Author, Grange, Must be handwritten in print leaving a space between each line written. The story has a 1,000 word max and no minimum. The story will be judged on creativity, punctuation, and meeting all requirements stated above.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. Please feel free to contact me about any of the contests @918-373-3956 or at [annkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:annkeeton@yahoo.com).

Ann Keeton

### Editors Notes

Dear Grangers,

We deeply apologize for the missing June newsletter. It is an unfortunate error. We have been to the post office where the papers are mailed and they do not have a record of the paper being mailed. We have been to the printer and he tells us that it has been mailed. So it is really hard to say where the blame occurred. We honestly thought the paper had been mailed on June 17 as that is the date the post office deposited our

check. So the short answer is the printer has been fired and we are in the process of searching for a new printer and mailing processor.

**Newsletter is published quarterly. Items to be included in the newsletter are due:**

**Dec. 1, 2016**

Change of address and articles may be submitted to:

Kay and Yvonne Meritt ,Co-Editors  
[Soonerstategranger@gmail.com](mailto:Soonerstategranger@gmail.com)

### SECRETARIES TAKE NOTE

Well here we are with summer almost over and school starting again soon. Summer sure is going by fast and Oklahoma State Session is just around the corner. Hope everyone is making plans to attend.

I need to ask each Grange to send me a list of:

1. Names of your Officers
2. Names of the deceased members of your grange for this year
3. Reports for each of your granges
4. Resolutions you are bringing to State Session, as soon as possible

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**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
CONVENTION  
101<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 21-23, 2016  
Crown Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills  
7902 S. Lewis Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74136  
(918)-492-5000**

**Registration Form**

**Grange Name**

No# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State Officer Youth Junior Delegate Director Member Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State Officer Youth Junior Delegate Director Member Guest

Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)

Double \_\_\_\_\_ or King \_\_\_\_\_ or Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_ lease  $\sqrt$  each day room is needed.

Meals:

Friday Luncheon:

Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: Black Tie Event) Choose of Chicken Foresterre \_\_\_\_ or Bourbon Cherry NY Strip \_\_\_\_\_

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Child's plate of Chicken Tenders and Fries available \_\_\_\_\_.

Saturday Luncheon:

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Meal: Buffet of Sliced Roast Sirloin and Herb Roasted Chicken Breast

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Child's plate of Chicken Tender and Fries available \_\_\_\_\_.

**REGISTRATION FEE**

\$20.00 ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 CHILD (ages 5-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send money and registration form to Billy Shufeldt RT. 1 Box 342-14 South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

(No later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016) Cost of rooms are \$96.00 per night not including tax comes with up to 4 breakfast tickets per room.

**Cont. from page 2 Secretaries take notes-**Just a reminder that if you haven't paid your Second Quarter Dues, you need to get them in ASAP. Also remember to send your assessments for each member. Thank you for your prompt payments!!!

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS TO:  
**JEANNIE HARRINGTON**  
RT. 1, BOX 250  
WANN, OK 74083

Fraternally,  
Jeannie Harrington

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Grangers,  
State session will once again be a time of remembrance of those Grangers who have died during the past year. Please submit the names of the Grangers to the State Secretary prior to the state session so we can honor them during the memorial service.  
Meet you at the Gate  
By Barbara Bailey  
A beautiful garden now stands alone,  
Missing the one who nurtured it  
But now she is gone,  
Her flowers still bloom, and the sun it still shines,  
But the rain is like tear drops, for the ones left behind,  
The weeds lay waiting to take the gardens beauty away,  
But the beautiful memories of its keeper are in our hearts to stay,  
She loved every flower even some that were weeds,  
So much love she would plant with each little

seed,  
But just like her flowers she was part of Gods plan,  
So when it was her time he reached down his hand,  
He look through the Garden searching for the best,  
That's when he found Robin, it was her time to rest,  
It was hard for those who loved her, to just let her go,  
But God had a spot in his garden, that needed a gentle soul,  
So when you start missing Robin, remember if you just wait,  
When God has a spot in his garden, She'll meet you at the gate.....  
Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/meet-you-at-the-gate>  
Fraternally submitted,  
Yvonne Meritt, State Chaplain

## Hello PJ's and Juniors,

Well, it looks like school is in for most of you by now, and it is now time to start getting ready for state session. This year state session is going to be held in Tulsa at the same place we had the Great Plains conference. We had a great turn out at the conference and hope to have a good attendance for state session. We are going to be doing things a little different this year and we hope that you have been practicing your parts that we gave you on Degree day back in March. We will be putting on the opening and closing of the Junior Grange, so it will be our time to shine, so if you haven't been practicing your parts you need to. Also, we need you to bring a pair of socks to state session and a pair of jeans. We will be wearing jeans and a t-shirt during the opening and closing of the Junior Grange. The t-shirt will be provided for you, so just remember the jeans. We are asking you to bring a pair of socks for an activity we are planning to do. We have a lot planned and hope that each junior will be able to attend.

We have come up with a few contests again this year and hope to have all of you participate in the contest, also the lecture and grange activities have contest as well for you to participate in. The age groups will be 4-8 year olds and 9-14 year olds. The first contest for the 4-8 year olds is to make a picture using 100 items. The first contest for the 9-14 year olds is to draw a picture of what you would look like when you are 100 years old. The second contest for 4-8 year olds is to make something out of recycled items. The second contest for 9-14 year olds is to create a game out of recycled items. We hope that you will be active and participate in these contests. We can't wait to see all of you in October at the 100<sup>th</sup> year state session.

Fraternally submitted,  
Scheneista Procter  
State Junior Director  
Debbie Borgstrom  
Audrey Bowers  
Michael Case  
Committee members

# Youth Department

Well here it is July and it is a hot one, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far, as it will be over before we know and all the kids will be headed back to school.

We had a great turnout at our Great Plains Regional Conference that was held in June at Tulsa, we had Betsy Huber, Charlene Shuppe Espenshade & Brodi Austin here with us representing National's.

There were 25 Youth, 21 Juniors, 48 adults, at our conference it was great, Friday was get acquainted with everyone. On Saturday we had Charlene Espenshade did a workshop over Apathy Not Allowed & Brodi had a game for the youth to play it was fun watching the youth try to figure out who they are it was written on a piece of paper attached to their backs. Saturday afternoon we all loaded up and headed out to The SafeHouse Tulsa where three groups of our youth were locked in rooms and had to figure out the clues to get out. We had two different groups go into the rooms and the 1<sup>st</sup> group got out in 21 minutes with lots of time remaining and the 2<sup>nd</sup> group was able to get out with fifteen minutes remaining. The third group was headed to the door but the time ran out before they could get to it. In their defense they were in the hardest room to get out of. It was a great time.

Saturday evening was the evening of Excellence we had the best turn out with so many

different

Entries for the speech contest from Wizards, Antibullying, Giraffes, Football, & Pet Adoption they all did a great job. Stephanie Nutter got Best in Show in her Age group and Ryan Foley got best of show in his age group, good jobs to the both of you. Stephanie will go on to Nationals in November and represent Oklahoma.

Our State Session will be held in Oct, 21-23, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa, OK. We will have a very busy weekend the youth will be serving the Lunch on Friday, and the Lunch on Saturday, also on Friday evening will be our celebration banquet the theme will be **BLACK TIE AFFAIR** we are celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. It will be required for all the youth to be dressed up nice for this Dinner. I hope to see all of my youth at our State Session in October.

Also anyone who wants to attend the National Grange Convention Nov 15-19 in Washington D. C. needs to let the Master Billy Shufeldt know by September 15<sup>th</sup> they need to see what the Oklahoma State Grange finances will cover. Congratulations to Ann Keeton for being selected to be on the Communications Fellows Program for our National Grange Convention.

Good luck to all of our Junior High, High School & College students as they will be headed back to school in August and September.

Fraternally Submitted

Welina Shufeldt Youth Director

## Grange Activities

Hello Grangers,

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and staying cool. The state session will be here before we know it, and we have included the contest for each group. We hope everyone will participate in the fun, and enter the contest to show your many talents.

### Women:

- Adult coloring page (can color with anything example markers, color pencils.)
- Christmas ornament made out of anything
- Make your favorite cookies

### Men:

- Wood sign can be made out of anything pallet, old wood barn.

- Small storage organizer can hold tools, cords, things for desk.

- Cross made out of anything.

### Youth:

- Wind chimes out of anything.
- Make something out of plastic spoons.
- Make something out of plastic bottles.

### Junior:

- Decorate pumpkins
- Make something out of milk jugs
- Make something out of Popsicle sticks.

Enjoy your summer, and stay safe.

Fraternally Submitted,

Lisa Evans and Aliene Taylor Activities Directors  
Committee: Lori Monroe, Charbrice Evans

# Oklahoma State Grange 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Session

## Thursday, October 20, 2016

- 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Grange Mutual Insurance Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm State Officers practice

## Friday, October 21, 2016

- 8:00 am Registration of entries for Grange Activities & Lecturer's Contests  
Registration of Delegates, Officers  
Members & Guests
- 9:00 am 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange  
Opens in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree
- 9:30 am Lower to 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Roll call of Officers & Directors  
Roll call of Subordinate Grange Delegate  
Recognition of Guests  
Welcome to Tulsa by Visitors Bureau  
Response by Overseer, Robert Bailey
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am State Master's Address  
Committee Resolution Assignments  
Reports  
Announcements  
Closing of the Grange  
  
(Hosted by Oklahoma State Grange)
- 12:00 pm Luncheon: Fundraiser (Youth serving for tips)
- 1:30 pm Committee Meetings
- 6:00 pm Celebration Banquet – Theme (Black Tie Event)  
Welcome: Billy Shufeldt, Master  
Prayer: Yvonne Meritt, Chaplin  
Dinner  
Scholarship Award  
Billy Shufeldt, Master  
Grange Activities Awards: Lisa Evans  
Junior Awards: Scheneista Proctor  
Lecturer Awards: Ann Keeton  
Membership Awards: Jerry Taylor & Carl Shufeldt  
Granger of the Year: Membership Directors & Billy Shufeldt, Master  
Talent show: Lecturer: Ann Keeton

## Saturday, October 22, 2016

- 9:00 am Open in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Roll call of Officers & Directors  
Roll call of Delegates  
Adoption of First Day Minutes  
Announcements
- 9:45 am Election of Officers  
Committee Reports and  
Officer Reports
- 10:30 am Break

- 10:45 am National Priest Archon  
Roger Bostwick
- 11:15 am Continue Reports
- 12:00 pm Luncheon: (Hosted by  
Grange Mutual Insurance)

- 1:00 pm Grange Mutual Insurance  
Annual Meeting
- 2:00 pm Grange Mutual Insurance  
Meeting of the Board Meeting
- 3:30 pm Session Resumes  
Continue Reports  
Junior Department present  
Opening and Closing of the  
Junior Grange
- 5:00 pm Meeting Adjourns
- 5:30 pm Dinner: (Hosted by  
Oklahoma State Grange)
- 7:00 pm Session Resumes  
Raised to the Fifth Degree  
Fifth Degree Conferral  
Raised to the Sixth Degree  
Sixth Degree Conferral  
Lower to the Fourth Degree  
Grange Closes

## Sunday, October 23, 2016

- 9:00 am Worship and Memorial Service  
Chaplain, Yvonne Meritt
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am Open in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Roll call of Officers & Directors  
Roll call of Delegates  
Adoption of Second Day Minutes
- 10:30 am Installation of Officers  
Committee Reports  
Announcements
- 12:00 pm Closing of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Session

### Membership

Fellow Grangers,  
We hope everyone is doing well and will see you at State Session. It looks as though membership will have a substantial gain again this year. I would like to remind everyone to send their membership reports in so we can credit your subordinate grange with members gained. The count for membership gains end with the second quarter.

Fraternally,  
Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor  
Membership Directors

# The Grange 150th Anniversary Four Minute-Movie Contest!

Get out your cameras or even your phones and put together your own amazing four-minute-movie celebrating Grange! And here's the best part: The prizes sponsored by the National Grange Foundation!

The top three finalist will receive up-to a \$200 travel stipend, Friday and Saturday night accommodations at the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange in Washington DC, and two tickets to the Celebration banquet where the winning movies will be shown and first, second, and third place awards announced!

- First Place: \$1000 Cash Prize!
- Second Place: \$500 Cash Prize!
- Third Place: \$250 Cash Prize!

All entries will be judged on content, quality, and creativity. The top seven videos will be part of a social media popularity vote August 15 - August 31, 2016, with the top three favorites moving on to the finalist round at National Session in Washington, DC on November 19, 2016.

There are no limits to the themes of your four minute movie as long as it showcases Grange! Suggestions to get your wheels turning include—but are not limited to:

- How Grange has impacted my life
- The Grange Story: Our history and heritage
- Why I love Grange!
- Grange accomplishments, wins, and successes
- Why I joined the Grange, why I say

### Deadlines:

July 1, 2016: SUBMISSIONS OPEN

August 15, 2016: SUBMISSIONS CLOSE, midnight PST

September 1 - September 15, 2016: Top seven finalist

popularity voting contest  
 September 16, 2016: Top three finalist announced  
 November 19, 2016: Prizes awarded at National Grange Celebration Banquet

### Rules and Details:

This contest is open to all Grange members! Videos must not exceed four minutes in length (not counting credits).

Individuals may only enter one submission, but may also be included in an additional group submission.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed submission form and waiver no later than MIDNIGHT (PST) on AUGUST 15, 2016.

**Late entries will not be accepted.**

All entries remain the property of the creator, but to qualify for any prizes, a waiver allowing the Grange to use the video for promotional purposes must be signed at time of submission.

Members of Sesquicentennial Committee will qualify the top seven videos to move onto the public voting round. The top three videos will be judged by a qualified judge outside of the organization's membership.

Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee reserve the right to remove any entries from judging due to themes, language, or violence deemed inappropriate for an all-ages audience.

Due to large file sizes, submissions should be uploaded to DropBox, Google Drive, or similar program. Submissions will be considered complete upon receipt of sharing link emailed with entry form to:








150videocontest@nationalgrange.org

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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	<b>Sept 17 1:00 p.m.</b> State Ex. Comm Meeting @ Richard Volz
<b>Aug 15</b> National Grange Video Contest closes	<b>Oct 21-23</b> OK State Session
<b>Sept. 1</b> Community Service Reports Due	<b>Oct 22</b> Annual Oklahoma Grange Mutual Association Meeting
<b>Sept 15</b> Reading Logs to be sent to Ann Keeton	OK State Grange Master Billy D. Shufeldt Rt. 1 Box 342-14 South Coffeyville, OK 74072 918.842.0242
<b>Sept 15</b> State Grange Registration due	
<b>Sept 15</b> Turn in request to attend National Grange to State Master	



## Grange Mutual Insurance Association of Oklahoma

In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Association, you are hereby notified that the **Regular Annual Meeting** of the membership will be held at:

Crown Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills  
7902 S. Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 12:00 Noon (meal will be provided; **Please RSVP** 800-871-2479)

The following members have been nominated for 3 year term on the Board of Directors: Two will be selected.

### 2016 Annual Meeting Election

Robert Bailey  
Carl Shufeldt  
Kay Meritt

**Agenda:** 12-1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm Call to order  
Declaration of quorum  
Welcome  
Registration closes  
Report of Secretary  
Report of Treasurer  
Election results  
Adjournment