

GRANGE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2024



GRANGE HAPPENINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2024



I have been getting calls about the postcard concerning insurance that we Grangers have been getting in the mail wondering if it is real or a scam. I talked to Brenda Rousselle who then talked to Former National Master Betsy Huber. Here is Betsy's response.

Hi Brenda,

Yes it's real, it's a new National Grange benefit, insurance coverage for accidental death. You don't have to do anything to be covered for that. If you return the postcard an agent will contact you to sell you health insurance and National Grange will receive a commission. If you don't respond they won't contact you. Thanks. Betsy

From Middle Branch: due to a devastating fire at our hall on January 20, our activities will be temporarily suspended. Our very thoughtful firefighters, some of whom are Grange members, were able to save our charter. We will keep you posted but in the mean time, please keep our membership in your prayers.

3rd Heart of Vermont Pomona will meet at Saint Barnabas Church in Norwich Vermont for their February meeting. 10AM Program will be in the form of a field trip after lunch to the Montshire Museum. A fun hands-on science museum. If you wish to attend, please let Master Lois Wakefield know. We get a discount if there are 10 or more people, This will be the Youth program.

3rd Feb. 3, Capital City Grange: 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Grange meeting: we'll be talking about all the tasks that need to happen to keep our Grange and our Hall going.

5th February 5 - Mountain/Valley Pomona meets at Bartonville Grange with Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 and meeting to follow. Meeting is weather-dependent.

9th Blue Spruce Grange will have our State Representatives visit us for a pot luck dinner followed by a Q&A. The meeting will start at 5:30 at the First Congregational Church in Essex Junction.

Feb. 10, Capital City Grange: 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Kids Trade & Play: our monthly clothing exchange for kids and their families. Come and check out our large selection of clean, un-ripped and un-stained clothing for kids aged new-born to Junior 12, all inspected and sorted by size, plus some maternity and women's clothes. And books! and games! If you have it, we ask for a \$5 donation per family, but no one is ever turned away. Donations also accepted, to be inspected by our corps of volunteers. For more info, see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kidstradeandplay>, or email lead organizer Erin Barry: birthsinnerlight@yahoo.com.

Feb. 11, Capital City Grange: 3:00 to 4:30 PM, Dance Sing and Jump Around: our monthly dance for kids and their grown-ups! With live music by local musicians, and entertaining songs, dances and games, this is a fun event for everyone. Main organizer Liz Benjamin, assisted by Stan Carlson, leads the way. There are also health snacks at the short intermission. It's FREE for kids, and we ask for a \$5 donation per adult--but no one is ever turned away! For more information, see the website: <https://dancesingandjumparound.weebly.com/>

12th February 12 - Evening Star Grange meets at their Hall at 6:30 pm.

23rd Blue Spruce Grange will have a meeting on February 23. It will be a business meeting with Health having the program. The meeting will start at 6:30 at the First Congregational Church.

24th February 24 - Evening Star Grange will sponsor a Rest Stop Fundraiser at the Guilford I--91 Welcome Center from 7 - 5pm or until food is gone. We are inside and warm, so come on down and visit us!

FEBRUARY 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

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JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

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2: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M.

A new program! Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday
Join us for this fun NEW monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and the chance to connect with Grange members from coast to coast! Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.

February topic: Lunar (Chinese) New Year, which includes a look at history and traditions and a cooking lesson on a traditional Chinese dish, plus a game!

7: RURAL MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCE WEBINAR 8:30 P.M.

Join leaders from **Rural Minds** and the **National Grange** as we introduce the Rural Mental Health Resilience Program to our Grange members via Zoom.

16-18: NATIONAL GRANGE LEADERS' CONFERENCE

National Grange leaders, State Grange Presidents, and more will be gathering in Myrtle Beach, SC. Be sure to ask them what they learned afterward!

21: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M.

Now on a new night! Connect: grange.biz/matters
Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.

21: 1-IN-1000 CLUB MEETING 8:30 P.M.

Connect: grange.biz/in1000
The **Grange Foundation's** 1-in-1000 Club will hold its annual meeting. Want to join this Club to help secure the longevity of the Grange? Visit www.grangefoundation.org to learn more!

27: LECTURER'S FORUM 8:30 P.M.

Connect: grange.biz/LecturerForum
Join National Grange Lecturer Tom Gwin to learn about what's happening in the National Lecturer's Department - from contests to programming, and more!
Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org

MARCH 1: APPLICATIONS FOR THE ERNESTINE KEISER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DUE

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