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**President's Report
Joe Fryman**

Greetings to all. A cooler than normal summer is ending in Nebraska. Many folks have said this has been one for the record books.

Our annual Grange Bus Trip this year was to Colorado, where they also were experiencing a cooler and wetter than normal summer. On behalf of those on the trip, I want to thank the Colorado State Grange and Victory Grange for such wonderful hospitality. It was good to renew acquaintances and make new friends. There are so many beautiful and interesting areas in Colorado to visit. If you are in the Denver/Aurora area, I suggest planning a visit to the Colorado State Grange Museum. It contains a wonderful collection of Grange memorabilia.

The Nebraska State Fair is coming up in Lincoln, August 28 and running through September 7. As many of you know, 2009 is the last year for the fair in Lincoln. The 2010 Nebraska State Fair will be in Grand Island, Nebraska. The Nebraska State Grange will again have a booth at the fair in Ag Hall. If you are interested in helping out in the booth, contact Erv Rolofson and we will get you more information and tickets. Once again, we will have

games, prizes, and a new display look.

On the heels of the State Fair comes our Nebraska State Grange Convention September 18, 19, and 20, 2009 at the Riverside Inn/Howard Johnson Motel in Grand Island. The phone number is 308-384-5150 to make reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Grange to receive the Grange room rate. Our National Grange Representative will be Jennifer Dugent Communications Director for the National Grange. Jennifer is very talented in communications, computers, and graphic arts. She will be sharing many interesting ideas on these topics at our state session. There will be a Nebraska State Grange Executive Committee meeting Friday morning, September 18 prior to convention start up. At 11:30 AM Friday, everyone is invited to assemble at the motel to head downtown for lunch followed by a tour of several interesting downtown businesses. This year we will need to elect an Executive Committee member plus someone to fill the vacancy of Overseer due to the shocking and untimely death of Paul Hansen. Please note in this newsletter the transcript of the radio report I gave as a tribute to the many years Paul gave to the Grange in Nebraska. A complete, tentative convention schedule is included with this newsletter.

The National Grange Convention will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan November 17-21, 2009. Please consider attending the National Convention this year. This will be one of the closer conventions to Nebraska and it will be an opportunity to see what goes on there as we prepare to help host the 2011 National Grange Convention that will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Thanks to all Grangers for making this Grange year a success. I hope to see many of you in the next month.

**NEBRASKA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
September 18, 19, 20
Riverside Inn Grand Island
308-384-5150**

****Check for important Grange tour
information in Grand Island on
page 8****

Meet the National Grange Representative



Jennifer Dugent

Jennifer Dugent is the Communications Director of the National Grange and a Seventh Degree Member of Potomac Grange #1. Jennifer was hired by the National Grange in 2005 as a Communications Assistant and Graphic Designer. She was promoted to Communications Director in 2008.

Jennifer earned a Bachelors Degree in Visual Communications at Towson University, graduating with honors. Before working for the National Grange, she worked for the Archdiocese of Baltimore as an art educator, as well as graphic designer for Siri Nadler Graphic Designs. She also runs her own graphic design business.

Jennifer has an extensive background in non-profit administration, working on membership recruitment and retention, club building, public relations, visual branding, social networking, and websites for organizations such as Kiwanis International, Circle K International,

American Legion, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Outside of the Grange, Jennifer enjoys traveling, watching ice hockey, painting, and Irish dancing. She currently resides in Arlington, VA.

News Letter Articles are due by November 15
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GRANGE FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Phyllis Tooker, Director

CONVENTION TIME –FUN TIME

I hope you view the State Grange Convention this way. Yes, there is work to be done but interspersed with the connecting with people you don't get to see very often, entertainment, competitions etc. it is a most enjoyable time.

I hope many of you arrive in time to take part in the Friday afternoon tour (see program). The stores in Grand Island that will be expecting Grangers are a clock store, pottery, wood and an antique store. There will be demonstrations etc. to make this most interesting. You will be divided up so that the groups at each store will be small enough to make seeing and hearing possible and then the groups will rotate. Darlene Janing has done a

magnificent job getting "good stuff" for us lined up again this year.

We will have an ice cream social Friday evening as we did last year but I found out that while we must serve the ice cream in the hospitality room, it can be eaten in the atrium or about anyplace except in our meeting rooms. This will relieve the congestion in the hospitality room and allow people to visit easier. The State Grange is providing this so there will be no charge. Come and enjoy!

The continental breakfast on Sunday morning will be handled the same way except there will be a basket for a donation. Being able to spread out into the atrium should make these activities much more enjoyable.

Be sure to load your cars with lots of entries for the contests and for the Country Store. We also need our items we use for community service – the Toys for Loving, Pop Tabs for weighing, Premie Items and Linus Blankets.

Grange members are always coming up with wonderful ideas. Michelle Renner shared a different way to make s'mores. Buy the fudge striped cookies and the large marshmallows. Put the cookies, striped side down on a microwavable plate, top each cookie with a marshmallow. Microwave until the marshmallows puff up. Take out of the microwave and top with another cookie, solid chocolate side down. Two cookies take 5 seconds in my microwave but times will vary. It just doesn't take very long. This is just one of the things I learned on the bus trip. Thank you for sharing this Michelle.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in the Grange Family Activity's Room at the convention. Come and we'll have a good visit.



**Program Director
Darlene Janing**

This summer I was asked for some thoughts on how to make an event run more smoothly. A flippant answer escaped before any consideration had been given to the question. A light remark that is a concept others might think true. This moment in time has caused a lot of thought since then. The question has been addressed and hopefully with a satisfactory solution thanks to some very considerate people.

We have often been told to "think before we answer". Isn't it just amazing how easily we forget. If this is the way we answer persons outside the Grange or those who do not know us well. What do they think?

As we work at starting and continuing our Grange work, I would like to think that the principles of the Grange shows in everything we do. This would be no different from other organizations that we attending and hopefully are contributing to their success.

This is just some food for thought and also shows just how human we are. Thinking takes planning, energy and making use of the knowledge that we have been given. By working together and sharing the responsibilities, most challenges can be met giving satisfaction to the things we do.

For some, doing the physical can also be a challenge. We do our usual tasks sometimes by habit and give little thought to the thought process that was needed when we first learned a skill. By showing patience towards others, the bar has been raised as a task is completed.

Thanks again to all of you who plan to participate in our State Session. Your support is what makes doing the jobs of the respective offices possible. As you fill out your reports, take satisfaction in the work that you have been doing; continue to be creative as you meet the needs of your community. As always, share

your ideas with others so that each Grange has programs that will make your members want to be there.

Photo entries are due Saturday September 19th by 10:00 a.m. when a judge will be there to view your pictures.

**Don't forget our
Grange Radio Program on
KNEB 960 at 1:20 p.m. and
KRVN 880, KTIC 840 at 1:40
p.m. on Fridays to help keep
you better informed about
Grange**

**Legislative Report
Richard Janing, Chairman**

The State Technical Committee of the Nebraska Natural Resources and Conservation Service consists of one representative of each farm organization, each commodity group, state agencies and federal agencies such as fish and wildlife and representative of U.S. Congressmen. The committee meets quarterly and has the duty of making recommendations to USDA for conservation programs to be carried out in Nebraska. Conservation practices that are adopted and funded by Congress then become part of the USDA farm bill. Producers can then request federal cost sharing for practices that will benefit their operation.

The most widely used practices in recent years have been the Conservation Reserve program, (CRP) and the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was new in the 2002 farm program. This involves a multitude of practices in both grain production and grassland management. Applying for a contract was time consuming because it

required three years of production and management records. The program was offered in only several NRD areas. There were 1940 five year contracts approved in 2004-2008 totaling 1,205,429 acres. There was some opposition to CSP among agricultural organizations saying the qualifying process was too cumbersome, it was limited to certain areas and funds were being taken away from more popular programs.

The National Grange was among those who were successful in lobbying Congress for CSP to be included in the 2008 farm bill.

The name was changed from Conservation Security Program to Conservation Stewardship Program, still CSP. CSP is now nation wide which was proposed by those who worked to get CSP included in the new farm bill. Land owners are eligible to enroll only if they are also the operator.

There will be numerous meetings across the state beginning August 17 to explain the new program.

The Nebraska State Grange meeting will be at the Howard Johnson Riverside Inn at Grand Island on September 18-20th, 2009. Resolutions should be to the State Secretary by September 1st.

Hope to see you in Grand Island on the 18th.

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Nebraska Grange HICKUps Edgar Hicks, Membership

Grand Island Grange Membership Organizing

We have put significant energy by many Nebraska State Grange members in initiating educational meetings at the Hall County extension office across from the Stuhr Museum on the campus of Central Community College. Our past plan has been to get publicity through the local press and posting notice of our meetings. On the most part, it seems that instead of taking a broad notice approach the real attendance success has been from personal contact. We will be planning another membership meeting but it will come from each of us drawing on the relationships that we have in the community. The FFA chapter advisor at Northwest High School and church leaders are a couple of contact pursuits. I'm sure we will be dedicating some time at next month's state session to our plan for the priority issue of growing the Nebraska State Grange.

My personal mission of developing the George Washington Carver Grange at Omaha's North High School the past year has had success in developing sixteen adults who have offered to work with students in an effort to aid the FFA and help spearhead the new Grange chapter. My challenge is getting everyone to meet on a regular basis! On Wednesday, August 12, I got a real jolt when I called the FFA advisor (LeeAnn Vaughan) to invite her to our state session. She told me the Omaha Public School system has "kidnapped" her (my words) to oversee the Henry Doorly Zoo Partnership with the OPS Career Center and the agricultural program focus is basically being dropped. Mrs. Vaughan last year won a couple of national awards in science and physics. I think her award success was partly due to her effort to make her programs accessible to

students who were not just in the top aptitude tier. However, when she won her initial award my immediate concern was that FFA and North HS would lose her to some other school. I need time to strategize what is the next step with Mrs. Vaughan's departure.

Finally, the Broken Bow Chautauqua of June 18-21 was an awesome effort, with great ambiance of a 'Depression era' display, with food and ice cream made and served at Weissert Grange booth on the Custer County Fairgrounds. I couldn't help but think, how anyone who had a sense of community could not want to be a part of an organization that had the character of the women and men of the Grange!

Chautauqua's seem to be a great opportunity to use the history of the Grange as a membership tool and I really need to talk to the Nebraska Humanities Council on allowing us to find a way to share our common mission.

Community Service Shannon Cooksley, Chairperson.

By the time you receive this mailing you will have already turned in your 2008/2009 Community Service Report forms for judging. I must say that I enjoy reading about the many worthwhile projects and acts of kindness that each Grange performs each year. Even though some projects have been in existence for many years, they are still a valued service to your community and something that many times the public has come to take for granted, but would surely miss if you no longer performed them. Be sure to include those "old time" projects in your reports right along with anything new and innovative. These books remain a record of the value and values of the Grange for the future.

It certainly is not too soon to be looking at the needs within your communities for next year. Consider working with other organizations as it creates broader exposure, makes the workload less and more enjoyable. One of my fav-orte quotes is "Many hands make small work."

I hope to see most of you in September at the annual session. Until then enjoy the remainder of your summer!

THANK YOU

Recent completion of the 38th annual NE Ag Youth Institute (NAYI) has allowed time to reflect upon the program's successful approach toward youth's involvement in agriculture. On behalf of the NE Department of Agriculture and NAYI council, I would like to sincerely thank you for the role you played in our program.

Your sponsorship was greatly appreciated. After reviewing evaluations of the week, it was obvious your sponsorship was well received by NAYI delegate.

With your help, the Institute and the Council have accomplished their goal of educating Nebraska youth about agriculture. Through our educational efforts, 130 Nebraska youth were exposed to many facets and opportunities within the ag industry. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

NAYI continues to build a strong foundation for the future of the agricultural industry. With your help tomorrow's leaders have taken a step towards making a stronger future in agriculture.

Again, thank you for your support.

Department of Agriculture
Kyle Clymer
Ag Youth Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Judy Hansen, State Secretary**

The Executive Committee of the Nebraska State Grange met on July 30, 2009 at the Riverside Inn in Grand Island at 9:30 a.m. Those present were Joe Fryman, Ted Doane, Erv and Marcy Rolofson, Richard and Darlene Janing, Richard Schell, Phyllis Tooker and Judy Hansen.

Joe Fryman had been contacted by the New Hampshire State Grange about supporting a New Hampshire resolution on allowing hemp to be grown. After discussion, it was the consensus of the group to have the proposed resolution discussed at the state convention.

State Grange items are being stored in a storage unit in Blair due to the sale of the Riverview Grange Hall at a cost of \$55 per month (currently paid by Riverview Grange).

A discussion on what to do with the items followed. A motion was made by Ted, seconded by Erv that the Nebraska State Grange pay for half of the storage costs and to have Joe check on the price of purchasing a storage pod to house the State Grange items. Motion carried.

A request from Kevin Cooksley about setting the date for the 2010 State Convention so that it does not conflict with KRVN annual meeting was discussed. Joe has checked with the Riverside Inn in Grand Island and the dates of September 10-12 are open. A motion was made by Erv, seconded by Ted that the dates/site be reserved for the 2010 convention. Motion carried.

Due to the death of the State Overseer, Paul Hansen, Joe asked for recommendations on how to fill the chair. Erv moved that the Master (Joe Fryman) appoint an interim Overseer until an election by the delegates at the 2009 State Convention takes place. Motion carried. Joe asked the committee to forward recommendations to him.

Investments were reviewed:

Money Market at Edward Jones \$12,031.12; Foundation (Edward Jones) 3208.14; American Funds 8,369.59; Deaf Fund (Ameritrade) 7840.55; Youth Fund (Ameritrade) 818.38; General (Ameritrade) 2309.50; Foundation (Ameritrade)4751.48; Youth Fund (Checking) 429.97; General (Checking) 523.39.

It was decided that the money market accounts will be reviewed after State Convention. Two cds 355557727 (General) and 35557728 (Milford Grange) will mature 8-3 and 8-12 respectively. A motion was made by Ted, seconded by Judy to authorize Joe and Judy to check on the best deal on reinvesting the cds for short term. Motion carried. Joe will check with Edgar about the deaf fund investment in the bond that matures 9-15-2009. (Turn into cash and wait to decide on investment at Executive Committee meeting at State Convention).

Phyllis reported that she had raised additional \$325 by selling Krystal Kandles and decorated Easter Eggs, bringing the total to \$1418 raised by the Grange Activities Committee.

Thank you notes from NAYI for supporting the conference and from the Paul Hansen Family for floral arrangement and support of the Grange Family were read.

Bills presented:
Printer head for copies \$97.50
Flowers (Paul Hansen funeral) 67.50
Office Supplies (Joe) 10.00
National Grange (dues) 427.50
Riverview Grange (storage) 330.00
A motion was made by Judy, seconded by Ted that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

Booths for Husker Harvest Days and the Nebraska State Fair were discussed. Husker Harvest Days: would it benefit membership in a Grange around Grand Island? No booth had been reserved; Richard Janing was checking on availability. No action was taken.

Nebraska State Fair: Grange has been assigned #18 and 23 near the kitchen in AG Hall. Erv Rolofson will

be in charge of booth/sign-ups and Joe will purchase entrance tickets for volunteer booth workers. Judy will purchase candy, first aid kit, and get Krystal Kandle from Phyllis Tooker. Marcy Rolofson will get a water fountain (first aid kit, Krystal Kandle, and water fountain will be prizes for guessing game—Richard Janing will take care of the “guessing game”) Joe will bring notebooks that he has and may purchase more if he can find a good deal on them. Joe will also get dictionaries to give out. Dictionaries and notebooks will be given to children. Joe will bring his board game that Matt Fryman had made as a 4-H project. Joe will check about getting bookmark info like the one North Carolina has. A Grange flag and American Flag will be purchased to use for display in the booth. Judy moved that no more than \$300 be spent on a banner to be used as a back drop for the State Fair, seconded by Ted. Motion carried.

Joe reported that there are still some trademark challenges from some companies using the Grange name. National Grange is still asking Granges to send documentation.

Following lunch, Kevin and Shannon Cooksley, Jeannie Jeary, Lee and Carolyn Cain and Bob Anderson joined the meeting. Members met with a representative of Riverside Inn to finalize plans for the State Convention. The schedule for the Convention was reviewed and revised. Menus were planned and ticket prices will be the same as last year’s tickets. The piano can be rented from the Kiwanis. The National Grange representative will be Jennifer Dugent, Communication Director. The tour will be a mini-downtown tour beginning with lunch and the group visiting 4 different shops. Darlene Janing will contact GI FFA to see if they would be willing to demonstrate and FFA opening and compare it to the Grange opening. This would take place on Sunday during the Lecturer’s Hour. Ted Doane will check to see if

Jack Olivia is available for entertainment (or contact someone else for entertainment) and report back to Joe. Suggestions for the Distinguished Service Award were fielded and voted on by ballot. Judy will purchase the National Representative gift and take care of engraving the plaque.

John Hansen contacted Joe about publishing a survey of Nebraska on health care reform in the Prairie Fire newspaper. John suggested \$100 donation. After discussion, it was decided that the Nebraska State Grange not donate for the publishing of the survey.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



In Memoriam



Paul Hansen

The following was a tribute given by President Joe Fryman on his radio program on June 19, 2009:

Today's report is one of those reports that I would rather not need to give, but is an honor to be able to do so.

Nebraska State Grange Vice-President Paul Hansen passed away Monday as a result of a heart attack he suffered last Saturday evening at his home west of Blair. The heart attack was a complete surprise, as Paul appeared to be in excellent physical condition. Paul was 61 years old. Paul's father, Herbert, also died of a heart attack when he was 53 years old, so perhaps the genes were stacked against Paul. Paul is survived by his wife of 34 years, Judy, along with their four children, Christopher, Karen, Jennifer and Elizabeth. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they deal with this unexpected loss.

I have known Paul most of my life, beginning as freshman classmates at Blair High School and continuing through our college years at Dana College in Blair. Paul was an active Grange member for over 30 years.

The Grange has a salutation that states a good Grange member places faith in God, nurtures hope, dispenses charity, and is noted for fidelity. Paul had these qualities. He had faith in God, was active in his church, and shared his faith with others. Paul lived

life with hope and hope through the resurrection. He certainly demonstrated charity through his church and community involvement, giving many hours to groups such as the Washington County Recycling Association, Destination Imagination, and of course, Grange. The characteristic of fidelity would also describe Paul. He was as honest and trustworthy as a person could be.

When we reflect on a person's life, we might say someone was successful if he had a full bank account. Perhaps a better measure of success might be whether one has a full house at his prayer and funeral services. Judging by the number of folks at Paul's prayer service last evening, he was certainly successful.

I have said before that when someone dies it is like a library that has closed forever. A wealth of knowledge and experience is no longer accessible. Thankfully, the good memories of Paul survive.

Perhaps the one thing a premature death like this does is to remind us to be prepared whatever our age. I suspect we all have things that we need to say to those we care for. There are those things we tend to put off, assuming there will be time tomorrow or the next day. We try to fool ourselves into thinking we will somehow be on this earth forever.

On behalf of the Nebraska State Grange, I want to express our sympathy and offer our condolences to Judy and the Hansen family. We thank you Paul Hansen for all the time, effort and dedication you have given to our organization. We will miss you! As you have now laid down your implements on this earth, we are confident that you are now receiving that welcome plaudit from our maker, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And if you get the chance Paul, put in a good word for the rest of us.



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through these difficult days. We are
truly touched by your many loving
kindnesses.**

**God Bless
Judy Hansen and family**



National Grange President, Ed Luttrell
What Value Does the Grange Name Have?

The National Grange has spent more than \$123,400 this year on attorney fees defending our trademarked name from businesses and individuals since the first of this year. We have also spent a tremendous percentage of our staff time dealing with this issue.

Thankfully, many of our Granges have helped by donating over \$52,900 to help us offset these expenses.

I've been asked if having a trademarked name has value. The early members of our organization obviously thought so when they trademarked "Grange" in 1876. I believe our name has more value today because our 142 years of history and achievement has escalated its value.

If we did not own the trademark there would be two possibilities. One: that it was public property and anyone could use it for whatever purpose they choose to. Two: that it was owned by someone else, or that others had partial ownership. With the first possibility, other groups with very different agendas could damage our reputation by saying they were a Grange, or businesses that we might not approve of, could use our name. With the second possibility, others could legally limit or even deny us the right to use the name for specific purposes.

However, since we do own it, the law says we must protect it if we wish to keep our ownership of "Grange." In this day and age, protection involves attorneys, and that is not cheap.

So why are we paying so much, in time and money, to protect our name?

1. No other organization or group of people can say they are a Grange. If they want to be a Grange they must agree to be chartered by the National Grange and abide by the rules just like every other Grange in our nation.
2. The enviable reputation, goodwill, and proud history that we have built up over the past 142 years belongs only to us. No other group can say it was theirs or say they were really us. Every survey or poll that I've seen over the past 20 years indicates that the public trusts our name and organization, even when they don't know much about us. This is real value, even if it doesn't have a dollar amount attached. Just look at the numerous insurance companies, co-ops, and other businesses that our members started, that proudly retain our name today. There is real dollar value in the name Grange. Imagine the harm to your Grange if another group using our name gave bad service or sold poor quality products or advocated for something diametrically opposed to our principles. Any group that misleads people into thinking they are a Grange could harm your reputation and make it harder to recruit new members or even to have successful events.
3. Most Community Granges raise most of their budgets through fund-raisers. Breakfast, dinners, cookbooks, specialty foods at fairs, festivals, and other events raise millions of dollars each year for building maintenance, community service projects, educational efforts, and legislative affairs. Even primarily

non-food events often have an open kitchen or other food service component. The same is true for many Pomona Granges and even some State Granges. The Grange name has earned great value because of these events and activities. These events continue to directly impact hundreds of thousands of people annually.

4. Membership recruitment is made much easier by the reputation of our name. Politicians often join just so that they can say that they are a Grange member. Others proudly claim a charter member as a relative or ancestor. Many people put Grange membership on their resume or biography to show their community connection. The membership department has found that starting new Granges is far easier because many people trust us, even when they don't know exactly what we do.

These are just a few reasons why the National Grange has stood firm in protecting our name from an assortment of businesses, organizations, and individuals wanting to use our name for their own profit or goals. Aldi Corporation and others are trying to take part of our name, but we will not give up what we have created and earned through hard work and years of effort. Our Grange name has great value. Being a Granger should bring forth the emotion of pride in each member. It is ours, and we are proud of our name!



Elkhorn V. E. Grange #393

The June meeting of the Elkhorn V.E. Grange was conducted by Vice President Jim Everson. Program Chairman Phyllis Tooker introduced the guest speakers, Shawn Melotz and Kevin Probst who are both active in the Papio Valley Preservation Association, an organization with over 600 members whose mission is to preserve the soil, water and other natural resources for the people in the Papillion Creek Watershed. The program was interesting to most of us.

It was reported that Nebraska State Grange Vice President Paul Hansen had recently died. Paul also served as President of the Riverview Grange in Blair. We send our sympathy to the Hansen family. Paul will be missed.

The July meeting was called to order by President Ed Andersen. Twelve members were in attendance. During the business meeting, a discussion was held regarding the Grange dictionary project for the schools in the surrounding area. Several Grange members, who had taken the annual bus trip earlier in the month, said they truly enjoyed the many places they visited and the beauty of the state.

Election of officers was held and the incoming president will be Jim Everson; Ed Andersen will serve as Vice President; Nancy Armbrust will serve as treasurer/secretary. Dick Allen will serve on the Executive Committee as well as Willis Armbrust. The remaining slate of officers will not change.

Plans and discussions were held regarding the State Grange Convention to be held in Grand Island in September.

The evening program was given by Lila Tooker. It was an excellent patriotic presentation from Branson, MO.



Elk at Rocky Mountain National Park

Important Tour Information for State Grange Convention

We will leave the motel at 11:30 to have lunch downtown or you can meet the group at the Grand Theatre 316 West 3rd St. by 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept 18th, 2009

From Riverside Inn in Grand Island:

Take the north exit at the stop light. Turn left (north) on Locust Street. Travel North until there's a "Y". Take the left part of the "Y" which is Walnut Street. Go 4 blocks north. Turn east on West 3rd St. FYI: If you miss the left fork of the "Y" continue on Locust Street until you come to West 3rd. Then turn left on 3rd St. Third street is one block north of Highway 30.

One restaurant is on East 3rd and two are on Pine. For most of us it will be within walking distance. We have arranged for the group to meet at the Grand Theatre at 1PM for a 40 minute tour. That will give you a little time to walk down to Heartland Antique Mall and Prairie Winds Art Center. 1/2 the group will go to Heartland Antique Mall and the other half to Prairie Winds Art Center from 1:45-2:30. At 2:30 the groups will switch and be at the two places from 2:35-3:15



November 17-21

For more information, go the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org

Calendar of Events
August 28-September 7 - Nebraska State Fair Booth AG Hall
September 18-20- Nebraska State Grange Convention Grand Island Riverside Inn
November 15- Deadline for news sheet articles
November 17-21 National Grange Convention Grand Rapids, Michigan



Joe and Tammy Fryman at Garden of the Gods