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- term ends 2009	Chris Cantrell
- term ends 2010	Rob Sherwood
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Membership Newsletter

April 2008

Upcoming

Business Meeting
12 May: Monday 7pm

Craft Fair
7 June: Saturday
10am-3pm
Info: Terri Cantrell:
303-469-9140
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Picnic & Games
Elections, Meeting
Saturday 19 July 12 - 3pm

Meeting/Activity
11 August: Monday 7pm
8 September, Monday 7pm
13 October, Monday 7pm
10 November, 7pm

Holiday Party &
Adopt a family
8 December, Monday 7pm

State Convention
Castlewood Grange
October 2008

April 2009—High Tea
June 2009—Craft Fair

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Rose Hill Grange's 3rd Annual
Craft Fair

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4001 E. 68th Ave, Commerce City
(corner of 68th Ave & Colorado Blvd)

Info: <http://www.rosehillgrange256.org> | terri@ctkr.com | 303-469-9140 (Terri)

7 June
(Saturday)
10 am - 3 pm



Newest Member

The membership of Rose Hill Grange is again on the rise with the addition of new member, Linda Miller. She is a member of two groups that meet at the Grange (High Country Dancers & Telemarks).

Officer Installment

During the February Game Night we took advantage of the opportunity to install the lovely Pomona, Eileen Krause (top right), and her beautiful daughter as Flora, Elizabeth Krause (lower right). The other new officers were installed during the October meeting in a lovely ceremony by Karen Yack. The list of RHG officers is at the top of this page.

Grange Dues

\$25/person

Please make your check payable to "Rose Hill Grange" and mail to:

Rose Hill Grange
Attn: Joyce Brophy
4001 E. 68th Ave.
Commerce City, CO 80022

OR

Joyce Brophy
Re: Rose Hill Grange
560 El Paso Blvd
Denver, CO 80221-4067

Additional Info:
Joyce, 303-427-2540

High Tea: 'Pinkie Up'

The second annual High Tea, organized by Karen Yack with the assistance of Terri Sherwood, Terri Cantrell, and Batina Bek was the place to be on April 12th. Attendance reached 50 (48 ladies and 2 gentlemen) with the help of word of mouth, notices in the Granger, three weeks in the Commerce City Beacon, Terri S's abundant YourHub.com advertisements, various other online sites, numerous emails to Grange contacts & other email lists, and a surprising feature in the printed versions of Your Hub in the Denver Post & Rocky Mountain News on April 10th. Your Hub had an adorable picture of Elizabeth Krause from last year's tea in the top-center of the center page -we could not have bought any-

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2nd Annual Game Night

February 11th saw the second annual RHG Game Night. Again the MC (*me-Terri C.*) had a blast leading the group into a variety of activities. This year was all about the Rose Hill Grange and teamwork.

After a brief meeting, we started off with a quick fire round of head-to-head questions about the Grange. They each anxiously took their turn with their hand poised in the air ready to hit the buzzer first (*the buzzer was a Styrofoam cup that they had to smash*). We finally succeeded in having everyone win a treat or two. **How many can you answer (#1-4 multiple choice - answers at the bottom)?**

1. What Grange number is RHG? 156 256 356
2. What year did RHG begin? 1915 1920 1925
3. What year was this building built? 1944 1952 1954
4. What is the street address of RHG? 4001 4100 4010
5. Who is the treasurer?
6. How many stoves does RHG have?
7. What are the colors of the wall on the upper level?
8. How many bathroom stalls are in the men's bathroom (hint: that ladies room has the same number)?
9. A game played at last year's Olympic Game Night.
10. Name one of the animals that has gotten into the building, uninvited.

Next onto team building. Everyone circled up definitely getting more nervous by the second as I dragged over a very large black garbage bag. We started off slowly, I threw a ball to the person across from me, who then threw it to another



ing its rounds, Elisabeth & Terri S. yelled. The fun did not stop there, next came a basketball, then a bean bag, a roll of paper towels, hats, shoe, pillow, various stuffed animals (seal, lizard, tiger, lamb, dragon, dominos



noid....), cabbage patch boy (*his pants came off during the activity & they were sent around separately*), mask, and several other items. Items were flying around the room so fast that they are completely unidentifiable in the pictures.



We finished off the evening with some arts & crafts that now adorn the wall leading into the lower level of the Grange. Each person painted several wooden letters or numbers in the name of the Grange. Anything went, Rob went for the one color technique but the others painted patterns of various types. They look great!



Answers: 1.256 ; 2.1915 ; 3.1954, but the lower level had been completed in 1951 ; 4.4001 (will someone please tell the post office) ; 5.Terri Sherwood ; 6.two ; 7.white & oak ; 8.each bathroom has two ; 9.foot race, javelin, discus, team cross country skiing, relay, marathon ; 10.mouse, bat, fly, ant

➔ **Bylaw Change –Membership vote May 12th** ◀

A slight Bylaw change will be brought in front of the membership at the regular Grange meeting on May 12th, 7pm. This change will allow flexibility in selecting officer(s) to cosign Grange checks.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.C CURRENTLY READS: “If the expenses are appropriate for bona fide RHG activities, the Treasurer shall issue a check for the fund disbursement. The check shall be co-signed by the Treasurer and the Master. Questionable requests shall be referred to the membership for approval.”

PROPOSED CHANGE: “If the expenses are appropriate for bona fide RHG activities, the Treasurer shall issue a check for the fund disbursement. The check shall be co-signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary or other Primary RHG Officers (Master, Overseer, or Lecturer). Questionable requests shall be referred to the membership for approval.”

Craft Fair - June 7th

The Craft Fair has been moved to the 7th of June to hopefully avoid potential bad weather. Vender space is still available for \$25 for an indoor or outdoor booth and is taken on a first come first serve basis. We are also charging \$5 for table rental this year to help earn a little extra money for the Grange to cover planned projects and equipment. For a Flyer, booth registration form, and other information please go to the

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High Tea

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atures. Batina Bek made the adorable teapot name tags.

The event was catered by Kris & Megan Frazier who again brought us a wonderful selection of delicacies including a selection of savories (cucumber & egg salad sand-



wiches, fruits & vegetables), melt in your mouth scones with Devonshire Cream, lemon curd, and jam, and a variety of sweets.

We also offered a wide variety of teas (black, green, white, herbal, fruit, health...),

chai, gourmet hot chocolates, and hot cider. Due to the electrical limitations of the building (kitchen & bathroom lights dimming or nonexistence when there is too much load in one area), we placed the hot water coffee pots in various areas around the room instead all in the kitchen area. It turned out to be the right decision and made access to the water pots much more accessible for each of the table "mothers" (those assigned to keep the water carafes filled).

Karen Yack opened with a brief prayer and later read a lovely poem and gave us a brief history of how and where tea came to be. Like most discoveries, it was an accident.

With donations (made, purchased, or found) from Karen Yack, Terri Sherwood, and Terri Cantrell there were again enough door prizes for everyone in the room. We will definitely need your help next year as I think the three of us are



thing better.

Karen and the two Terris ladies went for skirt purses, cute watches, and stuffed animals. The one young man fell in love with the book

now cleaned out. Most of the young ladies went for skirt purses, cute watches, and stuffed animals. The one young man fell in love with the book

about chocolate. The solo gentleman found a picture frame to his liking. The ladies had harder choices with items ranging from handmade (by Karen) beaded & metal bookmarks & bracelets, plants, kitchen items (covered cheese platter, hot pads, hand soap dispensers, utensil holders, cookbooks, tea cups, trays...), household items (pictures, frames, candles & holders...), personal (glasses case, journal...), reading material (Colorado history, horror/love novels, poetry, children's...), puzzles, and numerous other items.

One of the attendees addressed the room towards the end of the tea saying



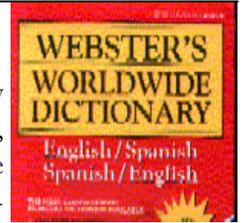
that this tea far outdid and was more fun in every way than any of the other teas she had ever been to, including the ones put on by the Brown Palace and the Molly Brown House at over four times the cost.

As the group departed the workers were given many kudos for an event well done. We couldn't have asked for a nicer ending.



The Dictionary Project

RHG again participated in the Dictionary Projects with the Community Leadership Academy (Kindergarten - 6th grade) in Commerce City under the direction of Tina Gonzales. On October 16, 2007, Karen Yack & Terri Sherwood presented English/Spanish Dictionaries to each member of the third grade classes, teachers, and the library. A picture and article appeared in the Commerce City Beacon. The Beacon sums the reason for the program up beautifully, "A dictionary is one of the most powerful reference tools young children will be introduced to during their schooling years. Its usefulness goes beyond just providing correct spellings, pronunciations, and definitions. It is also a companion for solving problems that arise as children develop their reading, writing, and creative thinking abilities."



This is our second year and we hope funds continue to be available for this needed and very appreciated project. RHG purchased the dictionaries from the project at a cost of \$75.

Granges nationwide distribute an average of 100,000 dictionaries to third graders each year. Additional information on the Dictionary Project can be found on the National Grange website.

<http://www.nationalgrange.org/departments/dictionaryproject.htm>

State Assembly

Last October was the 134th Colorado State Grange Convention held at the Castlewood Grange. The delegates representing Rose Hill Grange this year were state officer Karen Yak, Batina Bek, & Terri Sherwood, alternates Joyce Brophy & Kathy Nicholson. The state convention is the time when Grange members get together to work on legislative issues to be presented to the National Grange and then onto the government. It is also a great time for fellowship, fun, and recognition. Karen Yack was reelected to the State Office of Ceres.

RHG exceeded our community service hours from last year with a total of 9,376 volunteer hours logged by the members and the institution of an empty plate program - the Grange has a box to collect non-perishable foods and household items that are donated to the local food bank. The Grange won the "Believe in Magic" award for their membership increase and activities, as well as awards for the Lecturer's program (another banner and a plaque). Karen Yack also won ribbons for several of her creative craft projects & photography.

National Grange Convention



Joyce Brophy and Karen Yack attended the 141st National Grange Convention in Reno, Nevada November 13-17. Joyce was already a 7th degree recipient from a past National Convention so it was Karen's turn to go through the ceremony.

Three of Karen's photographs (one is pictured in the lower right) won awards in addition to receiving awards for the photo-reports and posters she put together for the various RHG activities of the past year.

The tree pictured to the left is decked out in Colorado native items, history, and heritage. Each state or region had their own tree to decorate.



Business Meeting

Highlights:



17 September 2007

- State Grange Convention: selected delegates and reviewed scrap-books that Karen Y. has been working on. Also approved payment for meals and mileage for the delegates.
- Dictionaries are in, to be delivered in October.
- High Tea – April: The rate will be raise to \$8/person this year to hopefully allow us to break even or make a little money. Lost approximately \$200 last year (advertising & non-payment from people who reserved space).
- Craft Fair—May or June
- Booth at Derby Days
- Community Enterprise volunteers this summer painted the upper level and did a few other miscellaneous projects.
- Rentals going well, but would like to find more regular renters and get away from the one-time events as they are very time consuming.
- Furnace has a severe crack and needs replacing. Bids and product search is currently underway by Chris C.
- Formal complaint again former master has been resubmitted to the State Grange by Rob S.

9 October 2007

- Report of the State Grange meeting – Karen Yack. RHG took top honors in their reporting, community service, and membership drives. Karen also won several awards for her lovely photography and poster that was displayed at Derby Days.
- Activities Upcoming: Derby Days, Craft Show, Tea, Holiday Party, Adopt a Family
- Housekeepers & Handyman bids are being taken by Terri C.
- Grants are being investigates to help pay for much need Grange repairs & replacements. In addition to additional community projects.
- Dues were reduced to \$25/person (from \$35 for an individual & \$50/ couple or family) The Grange gets to keep approximately \$3/person.
- Furnace: new questions about efficiency vs. price were discussed, Chris C. will ask the top candidates to revise their bids to account for this.
- Chairs lifts have been repaired, yet again.
- It was approved to give those going to the National Convention \$300 to help cover the banquet & other expenses.
- New Officers installed

19 November 2007

- Final approval for the purchase & installation of two new furnaces and a new water heater. To install in early December. If fund permit in the spring we may add air conditioning units.
- Wood Floor refurbishing estimates range from \$4,000—\$5,000. We will need to put this on hold because of the immediate need for new furnaces.
- Dictionary Project—October 16th Karen Y. & Terri S. delivered dictionaries to Community Academy Leadership. Cost \$75.
- Karen Y. is waiting on the food bank for the family to adopt
- Karen Y. gave a brief summary of the National Grange Meeting



- Grange hired two housekeepers to come in and do the basics 1-4 times per month. Cost \$50/week.
- Handyman Justin & Chris C. have completed: winterized swamp coolers, installation of dishwasher, repair lower level speaker wire, cleaned out behind the stage, misc. other projects.

10 December 2006—Christmas Party

- Furnaces and Hot water header were installed in early December. The thermostats have been programmed.
- The Adopt A Family gifts were assembled and wrapped. We had hoped to deliver them this evening, but the family was not home.
- The annual Christmas Party Dinner and Gift Exchange Game took place after a few very brief announcements.
- Sherwoods to attend Fast Track meeting to see if we need to worry about the Grange being torn down due to the pending station.

January 2008—Meeting Canceled

The meeting was cancelled . Too many regular meeting attendees were out of town to have a quorum.

11 February 2008—Game Night

- Adopt a Family report
- Activity updates: High Tea, Derby Days, Craft Fair
- .New Member: Linda Miller
- Letter from John Hagan (State Master) read giving Joyce & Karen kudos for all their help at the National Convention
- Gas & Electric bills are about half of what they used to be because of the new furnaces, but ways were discussed about how to lower the electric charges even further. A simple modification on when the furnace fan runs did the trick.
- Fast Tracks discussion: appears that their location will not affect the Grange.
- Rentals for December—March are way below normal, especially after losing one of our regular renters. Discussed ways to increase rentals. Because rentals are down we need to reduce the house-keepers from weekly to every other week. We hope this is only temporary.
- Cub Scouts still have not done their community service to the Grange—this was in return for the money that the Grange provided to them for camping during the summer of 2007.
- Handyman: installed floor vents upstairs, winterized all the doors & windows. Other projects are pending warmer weather.

10 March 2008

- High Tea (May 12): final plans. Advertise in the Beacon for 3 weeks. Also advertise online under YourHub.com and other online event listers. Help is needed in setting up tables & food the day before & of the event
- Craft Fair (June 7th): Flyers are on the web and all vendors from last year have been contacts in addition to others. Online ads for the event have been placed and ads will be taken out in the Beacon for at least 3 weeks prior to the event. We will not have Entertainment space this year. Need people to help mark off spaces and help people move in the day before & of the event.
- Commerce City Granted the Grange \$500 to put towards house-keeping services.
- Rentals are picking up
- Fast Track discussion: Probably will not affect the Grange.

12 April 2008—High Tea

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**Next Meeting:
Monday 12 May
7pm Lower Level**

Adopt A Family & the Holiday Party



As an addition to Rose Hill Grange's annual holiday party the membership adopted a family, two grandparents raising their grandson (pictured left). The members were exceptionally generous and filled two bins with gift and food items. The Grange also purchased a gift card so that the family could purchase any perishable supplies needed.

Terri C. (pictured right) left home without the wrapping paper so we improvised—Martha Stewart would have been proud of us, kind of. Not the most beautiful package wrapping job, but it did the trick. The bins contained gifts for the young man and his grandparents. In addition to the holiday foods there was a variety of staples that they can use



for every day and some special treats to put in their lunches.

Karen Yack & Joyce Brophy delivered the gifts to the family that week and they were over come with joy saying "We weren't going to be able to afford to do anything for Christmas this year, but now it is looking like one of the best years we have ever had."



After putting together the gift bins, Grange members enjoyed the fixings from Karen and others who brought dishes to share. Pictured to the right in the foreground is Norm who is trying to decide where to put a piece of the big chocolate cake, or is he trying to decide what is in the bowl beside it?.



The gift exchange game followed dinner and as usual there were some fairly 'interesting' items that popped up. It always amazes me which items get stolen during the course of the game. It is always something I would not expect.



To the left is Joyce & Karen in front of the brand new Christmas tree and ornaments that Joyce donated to the Grange this year. Below in the middle, Karen reads us a Christmas tear jerker. Bottom left Margaret & Joyce catch up on the latest news and on the bottom left it appears that Rob is singing—though I really can't remember that (no, the punch did not get spiked, at least I don't think it did.....).



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