

Match Game & "February 2023 Calendar Highlights" by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer



GUARD AGAINST SELFISHNESS. IF THINE ENEMY HUNGER, FEED HIM.



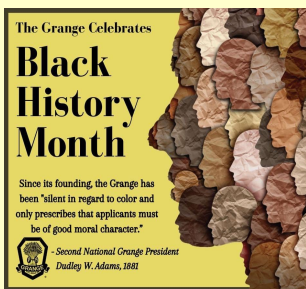
The Heirloom Program* is designed for Granges to take time to read & reflect on the essential Grange lessons from our Grange rituals. The 2nd Degree scene is on a Farm in Early Summer. The Candidates are called Cultivators & Sheperdesses. The 2nd Degree symbols are The plant, Summer, Youth, & Fruit Blossoms. The Emblems are the Hoe and the Pruning Knife. The 2nd Degree Lesson is HOPE.

*<https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>

[PLAY A "Second Degree" MATCH GAME. Match the Grange Officer to their 2nd Degree words.]

| Grange Officer | "Officer's Second Degree Words" | 123 =?) |
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| 1] President (Master) | A) "Whatever your calling, aim to do good. Good deeds are ever fruitful of yet more good." | 1] = __) |
| 2] Vice President (Overseer) | B) "If the beauties of the world offer the magnificence of the creator here, what must be the sublime grandeur of the Paradise above, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?" | 2] = __) |
| 3] Lecturer | C) "In Nature there is nothing which blooms with such unfading colors_ as the flowers of good works." | 3] = __) |
| 4] Steward | D) "They are honest and diligent in their work. They are kind and careful with their animals." | 4] = __) |
| 5] Assistant Steward | E) "Let all endeavor that youth be studious & virtuous, the promise of future wisdom & usefulness." | 5] = __) |
| 6] Chaplain | F) "To these Sisters, I will give each a rose as a tribute for our alter." | 6] = __) |
| 7] Ceres | G) "Whatsoever a man soeth, that shall he also reap. Therefore sow such seeds." | 7] = __) |
| 8] Pomona | H) "Do good, hoping for nothing in return, & your reward will be great. Love one another." | 8] = __) |
| 9] Flora | J) "Impressive are the teachings of Nature, commanding increasing reverence for the Great Master on High." | 9] = __) |

Source: Subordinate Grange Manual



Pics: www.NationalGrange.org

February is National Black History Month. It's also National Heart Health Month & Bird Feeding Month. February info is Birthstone: Amethyst, Flower: Violet & Primrose, & Full Snow Moon is on the 16th

February Bio: 1] W.E.B. Du Bois [B:2.23.1868 Great Barrington, MA] Du Bois was the 1st Black American to earn a PhD from Harvard University. He was a scholar, writer, editor, and civil rights pioneer. Du Bois co-founded the NAACP & started the organization's official journal, *The Crisis*. He protested against lynching, Jim Crow laws, and discrimination in education & employment. Best known for writing "*The Soul of Black Folk*", DuBois said "I believe that all men, black, brown, & white, are brothers...alike in soul & the possibility of infinite development." 2] Elizabeth Freeman (Bett) an enslaved woman, was the 1st African American woman to file & win a lawsuit for her freedom in 1781: (*Brom & Bett v. Ashley*) in Berkshire County, MA. GBH News: <https://youtu.be/pAlmv6xFS4Y> .

| Date | Name of Special Day | Description | Event Type |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 02/02/23 | Groundhog Day | When a groundhog sees his shadow, there's 6 more winter weeks. | National Day |
| 02/03/23 | Feed the Birds Day | Created by Bob Matthews, Gardeners Network, from Rochester, NY. | National Day |
| 02/03/23 | Norman Rockwell's Birthday | Artist & Grange member. Museum: 9 Glendale Rd. Stockbridge / www.nrm.org | Special Event |
| 02/08/23 | Boy Scout Day | US Boy Scouts incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910 by W. D. Boyce. | National Day |
| 02/14/23 | Valentine's Day | Also National Organ Donor Day www.organdonor.gov | National Day |
| 02/15/23 | Susan B. Anthony's Day | B:1820 in Adams, MA: susanbanthonybirthplace.com / https://youtu.be/0biUzJOTftg | National Day |
| 02/17/23 | Random Act of Kindness Day | 2 minute "Kindness Day" Video: https://youtu.be/YA-TCyqySlo | National Day |
| 02/18/25 | National FFA Week (18th - 25th) | FFA Motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve | National Week |
| 02/20/23 | President's Day | Since 1968, third Monday in February honors all of the U.S. Presidents. | National Day |
| 02/21/23 | FAT Tuesday | Mardi-Gras Carnival celebration. Day before Lent. | Special Event |
| 02/22/23 | Ash Wednesday | 1st day of Lent. Christians get ashes on forehead, as a sign of repentance. | Religious Event |
| 02/22/23 | International World Thinking | Founder Birthday: Lord Baden-Powell, Boy Scouts, & Mrs. Powell, Girl Guides | International Day |
| 02/27/23 | Non-governmental Organization | NGO: non-profit organizations, independent from government. UN Article 71 | International Day |
| 02/28/23 | Spay Day USA | Spay Day: Last Tuesday in Feb, created by Doris Day Animal League in 1994. | National Day |

*Sources: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com> / <https://en.wikipedia.org> "Quiz" Answers: 1]_G); 2]_F); 3]_A); 4]_J); 5]_D); 6]_H); 7]_B); 8]_E); 9]_C).