



THE “GRANGE FUTURE” TOUR COMES TO SAN LUIS OBISPO!

**SAN LUIS OBISPO GRANGE
2880 BROAD STREET, SLO
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
6 – 9 PM**

All are invited to this exciting reunion of new & veteran farmers!

After visiting more than 15 Granges along the coast of California, Greenhorns' “Grange Future” tour, a traveling exhibit about the history and future of the Grange idea, will arrive in SLO County to celebrate the history and contemporary revival of the Grange movement.

The GRANGE FUTURE TRAVELING EXHIBIT celebrates the long history of the grange movement, and studies the relevance of this farmers' fraternal organization as a logical, local, and community-scale venue for political organizing, potlucking, moral education, leadership and cultural life.

The San Luis Obispo free, public event on March 19 will include:

- ❖ A Community Potluck & Social Gathering (6-7 pm – bring your favorite dish!)
- ❖ Introduction to the SLO Grange by Eric Michielssen of Pozo Organic Farm
- ❖ Stories of veteran Granger, Lester Rougeot, ‘The Man from Indian Valley’ & son Chester
- ❖ Presentation on the new ‘Farmers Guild’ movement by Executive Director, Evan Wiig
- ❖ Presentation by Greenhorns founder, Severine von Tscherner Fleming

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn about
the most exciting movements in agriculture:
PAST & PRESENT!**

ALL ARE WELCOME – NO RSVP REQUIRED
For more info on the Grange Future project, visit: www.grangefuture.org

About the Grange

The Grange (the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry), established in 1867 by seven men and one woman, grew up as a platform for anti-monopoly legislative action by farmers against the railroads *and* was a major force in women's suffrage, cooperative enterprise development and rural free mail delivery. They came up with the double yellow lines on the road, and the majority of anti-monopoly legislation. Susan B. Anthony famously said "I can tell a Granger woman just by looking at her". The Grange was the first organization in the US that gave women equal vote in membership, and in fact, required four women as full officers (Lady Assistant Steward, Flora, Pomona, Ceres) in order to found a grange.

Today's Grange revival echoes the themes of its populist past, an articulate critique of global economy and commodity food, a focus on self-reliance, adult education, political literacy, food preservation, buying clubs, dancing and civic life, moral economy, pie baking and dancing.

Grange Future Tour

Grange Future is a project of The Greenhorns, a radical network of young farmers, organizers and cultural workers with a mission to promote, support and recruit the incoming generation of sustainable farmers and agrarians. They create media (film, radio, almanacs, anthologies, posters, pamphlets and art stunts) as well as community events to enliven the pathway into farming with in-person networking, life-skills and unorthodox educational opportunities. They love to butcher, sail, smoke, tan, weld, sing, project films, and dance to old timey music in the Grange Halls across America!

Remaining Grange Future Tour Events:

- ❖ **March 19:** San Luis Obispo Grange Hall, 6 pm
- ❖ **March 15-22:** Ojai Valley Grange Revival Week, a week-long program at the Ojai Valley Grange includes workshops, lectures and community gatherings (with film screening "The Sharecroppers" by Jonathan Shepard, followed by Q & A, a contra dance, historical talk and opening exhibit on Saturday March 21st, 5:30pm)
- ❖ **March 28:** Ecology Center, San Juan Capistrano

Full details at www.grangefuture.org.

For the Ojai event, email gracebmalloy@gmail.com or call 805.223.0774.

For questions regarding the SLO event, contact nikocomati@aol.com.

The Grange Mission: *"To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves. To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes and to strengthen our attachment to our pursuits. To foster mutual understanding and cooperation. To maintain, inviolate, our laws and to emulate each other in labor, to hasten the good time coming. To reduce our expenses, both individual and corporate. To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining. To diversify our crops and to crop no more than we can cultivate. To systematize our work and calculate intelligently on probabilities. To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy."*