



## Gold Trail Grange

319 Highway 49  
Coloma, CA 95613

The Gold Trail Grange Hall is located in the heart of old Coloma at the corner of Main Street (now highway 49) and Mt. Murphy Road. Our hall was built through local donations of materials, volunteer labor, and funds in 1926 to serve the farming communities of Coloma, Gold Hill, and Lotus. It has been the community center for the Coloma Valley continuously for nearly 100 years serving as a meeting place for civic groups, youth organizations, and charities, as well as a venue for parties, weddings, and memorial services.



**Hall Construction 1926**



**Gold Trail Grange 2019**

### Mission

The Gold Trail Grange is an all-volunteer, non-profit, tax exempt 501 (c)(8) organization. Our mission is to support the social, educational, and health and safety needs of our community. We sponsor several community groups by providing meeting space as well as provide scholarships to local high school students. Our events are open to the public and for the benefit of all.

### Community Services

Meeting space is provided to community groups at reduced or no cost to:

*Scout Troop 86*

*Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council*

*Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee*

*Gold Country Contra*

*Coloma Lotus Business Council*

*Community Music Jam*

*HartSong Ranch Animal Sanctuary*



**Scout Pack 86**



**Holiday Community Potluck**

## Hall Facility Needs

The Gold Trail Grange has undertaken a facility renewal program since 2013 to add safety and modernization features to our historic hall: upgraded windows, a whole hall ventilation fan, to code electrical wiring, new rear exit with panic bar, and LED exterior lighting. The current priority is improving environmental conditions to allow use of the hall year round.

Projects we have identified in order of priority.

1. **Ceiling enclosed and repaired:** the hall was built in phases over many years which has left gaps between additions. \$2,000
2. **Insulation:** The hall is very cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. After the ceiling is enclosed, we plan to install ceiling insulation. \$5,400
3. **HVAC:** Our furnace and ventilation are not sufficient for the size of the hall. Once insulation is installed upgrade HVAC systems. \$6,500 (for first of three units)

## Project Budget

The 2019 maintenance budget allocated \$3000 of which approximately \$1800 is left for capital improvements. We plan to complete project #1 using carryover funds from the maintenance budget and from fundraisers. Community grant funds of \$5000 will be used to complete project #2 - install ceiling insulation.

## Funding Request

The Gold Trail Grange requests \$5000 of Community Funding be approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to help complete upgrading the Gold Trail Grange Hall facility to allow for year round use by the Coloma Lotus community. The Grange members commit to continue to provide our hall as a meeting space and to help build a cohesive community in the Coloma Valley.



Scholarship Recipients

## Community Events 2019

# Happy Thanksgiving

## Gold Trail Grange #452

Welcomes All to Public Events  
Coloma-Lotus Community Hall

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**Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council**  
Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
The Camp Fire - Phones, Fires and Failures: This is an audio/video presentation about The Camp Fire, with an emphasis on emergency communications planning and execution that went terribly wrong and offers suggestions on how to help our communities stay safer in the event of similar disasters here. The Gold Trail Grange provides the hall as a service to the community.

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**Celebrate the Magic of Winter**  
Saturday, 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
A Benefit for American River Conservancy and Friends of the River featuring films from Teton Gravity Research and Patagonia; **Ode to Muir and Treeline: A Story Written in Rings**. Delicious desserts and cold beverages for sale.  
\$10 suggested donation, \$5 for students, children 12 and under free.

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**Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Open to the public. Stay abreast of local issues and give your input to this advisory committee of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. The Gold Trail Grange provides the hall meeting space as a service to the community.

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**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY POTLUCK**  
Sunday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Join us in giving thanks at the Gold Trail Grange Ballroom for a family-friendly potluck. Bring a dish to share and your own place-setting and beverages. Grange potlucks are open to everyone, so come enjoy the good food and fellowship.  
**2:30 to 5:00 Community Music Jam** Bring your voice, instrument, a friend, and join us for some festive music-making.

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**GOLD COUNTRY CONTRA**  
Saturday, 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
Free lessons start at 6:30 pm. There will be live music and a caller (Talib and the Faulkners). Please bring a snack to share if possible. Admission at the door: \$8 per person (Family max of \$30)