



April 2023 Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter includes updates from the Board, recognizes renewing and new members, shares upcoming events, photo gallery and more.

BUSINESS

Over BREAKFAST

Coffee- Contacts- Partnerships



SUMMIT CARBON
SOLUTIONS

**Ethanol: Agricultural,
Economic, and
Environmental Benefits**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

7:30 am. Light Breakfast, 8 am. Program

Pioneer PBS Conference room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or

granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com



Chamber Business Members: Free, Individual Chamber Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00

Monthly Business Over Breakfast is sponsored by: Almich's Market, Citizen's Alliance Bank; Granite Falls, FM BANK; Granite Falls, Pioneer PBS, Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, and YME Schools.

Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Knockout Tacos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Thursday- Bingo 7 pm- American Legion



City Council Meetings 7 pm. Every First & Third Monday at the City Hall



EDA meetings 5:30 pm. Second Monday at the City Hall



YME School Board meetings 6 pm. Second Monday at YME Board Room

April

April 1- May 31- All Minnesota Shop Hop- Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

5th- Lego Club- Granite Falls Public Library

1st- April Fool's Day

2nd- Palm Sunday

7th- Good Friday

9th- Easter

9th- Easter Sunday Buffet- American Legion & TheRock: Dining & Events

11th- Business Over Breakfast- Summit Carbon Solutions

13th- Oak Ridge Boys—Prairie's Edge Casino Resort **SOLD OUT**

19th- Lego Club- Granite Falls Public Library

20th- MN Statewide Tornado Drill

22nd- Earth Day- Invest In our Planet

26th- Administrative Professionals' Day

28th- Arbor Day- Plant a tree today



May

1-31st- All Minnesota Shop Hop- Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

1st- May Day

3rd- Lego Club- Granite Falls Library

7-13th- National Tourism Week

9th- Business Over Breakfast- FM BANK

11th- Welcome Home Pelicans- Granite Falls Chamber

11th- 2023 Commencement Ceremonies & Nurse Pinning- MN West College

14th- Mother's Day

17th- Lego Club- Granite Falls Library

29- Memorial Day

31st- National Smile Day

Are you a member of the Chamber and have an upcoming event that you would like listed in our monthly newsletter? Feel free to e-mail Bonnie at the Chamber



Shop Hop: Learn, Enjoy and Give Back

Shop Hop is a familiar term to many quilters. These unique events serve many purposes, benefiting quilting and sewing businesses, hoppers, and local communities.

Shop Hops can vary in size from just a few shops in an area or region all the way up to a statewide event. Shop Hops are events meant to bring new customers to stores, and to expose customers to new stores.

Many of us have our “own” store. A place that’s convenient, familiar, and that carries the stuff we like. But there is a whole world of new and different fabrics, notions, equipment, and personalities you’re missing out if you don’t occasionally branch out. A shop hop provides quilters with a specific plan to do just that.

In a day when brick & mortar retail locations are dwindling across the nation, a Shop Hop works to promote and support quilting and sewing stores, so we can touch and feel the fabric *in person* for a long time to come. Most quilters “get this” and understand how important it is to support these places if we want them available in our communities.

For Shop Hoppers, it is also about making memories. Many quilters hop together with friends, family, or their favorite “quiltie”. They’re not just shopping; they’re making memories as they travel around an area together. They not only get to see and enjoy sewing stores, they also enjoy traveling through large and small towns, discovering parts of their home (or a new place) they’ve never visited before.

The towns and cities that hoppers travel through also offer many treasures along the way. Small town main streets still exist and can evoke many fond memories of years ago. Shop hopping can also support these towns as hoppers take a break to enjoy lunch or dinner at a quaint restaurant, or someone along for the ride visits a local antique store, or boutique while hoppers are visiting a sewing store.

Hops are also about other kinds of fun. Most offer some sort of reward for visiting the participating shops like prizes or discounts. And of course you get to express your creative side when you return home to create something beautiful with the items you picked up along the route.

The All Minnesota Shop Hop is coming the State of Minnesota for the second annual shop hop during the months of April & May 2023. This unique hop offers the opportunity to explore 72 participating stores across the state. Start your adventure by picking up the All Minnesota Shop Hop Magazine in stores mid-February. This is a great resource to help you navigate the hop and something you can use all year long as you travel through Minnesota.

Whether you hop to learn, enjoy, or give back, we hope that you’ll mark a few days on your calendar to explore Minnesota and all that its sewing industry has to offer. To learn more, visit www.MinnesotaShopHop.com and join the Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop





WELCOME HOME PELICANS

Community Educational Program

MAY 11th, 2023 - 5:30 PM - 7PM



Program Sponsors:



Granite Falls Library

Grades 2-5!

Experiments, games, and more each time!

Door Prizes!

3:15pm-4:15pm

-Feb 1st & 15th

-Mar 1st & 15th

-Apr 5th & 19th (2:15-3:15pm)

-May 3rd & 17th



GRADUATION



2023 Commencement Ceremonies & Nurse Pinning

Thursday, May 11, 2023



Yellow Medicine East Graduation Friday, June 2, 2023, 7 pm

First Dollar Award- CelticCross Massage by Cindy Miller

CelticCross Massage is located in the Betsy Lavin Building



Pictured: Cindy Miller, Owner/Operator of CelticCross Massage, Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More, Chamber Board President, and Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Board Treasurer.

To submit new business award suggestions, email granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce awards Rebecca Donner, Owner/ Operator of Eden Salon, First Dollar Award.

Eden Salon is located at 140 8th Avenue, Suite 4



Pictured: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet, Chamber Board Secretary, Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate, Chamber Board of Directors, Rebecca Donner, Owner/Operator of Eden Salon, and Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Board Treasurer.

We look forward to working with you & wish you continued success!

March Business Over Breakfast

Thank you, Ashlie Wubben & Sarah Vonderharr, for your informational presentations on Edible THC, Vaping, and more....



“MN Epidemic: Vaping in Youth” presented by Ashlie Wubben, SHIP Coordinator for Countryside Public Health, and

“New Edible Cannabis Legislation” presented by Sarah Vonderharr, Chemical Health Coalition(CHC) of Yellow Medicine County



Reserve Your Spot in 2023!



Monthly Business Over Breakfast openings: 7:30-9 am.

Second Tuesday of the Month:

- *Educate others about your business.*
- *Increase exposure of the products and services you offer.*
- *Make connections with local business colleagues.*
- *Show off your facility, finished products and more.*

Update on March's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of March, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with the Top 5 pages viewed were: Events, Member Directory, Newsletters, Contact Us, and History Pages. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: GF Chamber Annual Easter Coloring Contest, Congratulations Rebecca Donner, Owner/Operator, Eden Salon for your First Dollar Business Award, and Congratulations Cindy Miller, Owner/Operator, CelticCross Massage for your First Dollar Business Award. We have 1,483 followers and 212 on Instagram. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.



2023 Membership Campaign-

The Granite Falls Chamber is excited to be reintroducing a Membership Tiered Rate Structure. The Board has been working hard on this project, grouping things together in a tiered system. Membership Investments are due on January 1, 2023

Thank you for your membership and investment in the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce. You are contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of our areas business environment and community. We wish you a happy and prosperous Year!

Almich's Market
American Legion Post #69
Anderson, Barry & Kathy
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home
Aus Floor & More
Avera Granite Falls Health Center
Betsy Lavin Interior Design
Bisbee Plumbing & Heating
Bjorndal, Scott & Karla
Bollman, Dave & Jodi
Carl's Bakery
CelticCross Massage, Cindy Miller
CherryRoad Media/GF Advocate Tribune
Citizen's Alliance Bank
Country Financial, Alicia Beck

Dairy Queen, Granite Falls
Danielowski, Bob
Dave's Electric Motor Company & Tailer Sales
Down on the Korner
El Nido Birth & Family Ministries
Farmer's Co-Operative Elevator, Hanley Falls
Flowers from the Heart
FM BANK
Forever in my Heart Pet Cremation
Freitag, Avis
Granite Falls City
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority
Granite Falls Energy
Granite Falls Kiwanis Club
Granite Falls Lions Club

Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program
Granite Falls Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Public Library
Granite Falls Woodworks
Granite Family Dentistry
Granite Family Eyecare
Granite Hardware
Great Plains Natural Gas Company
Hardee's, Granite Falls
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More
Hoffman & Brobst
Holmstrom, Kvam, & Blackwelder
HomeFront First/ Rosewood Specialty Care
Hughes Real Estate
Jennings, Mark
KDMA Radio
Kilowatt Community Center
Koenen, DuWayne & LaVonne
Korthuis Jewelry
Kramer Law Office
Kubly, Pat
Ladner, Diane
Leap Forward Technologies
Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center
Lockwood Motors, Marshall
Mediacom
MN West Community & Technical College
MVTV Wireless Internet
NAPA Auto & Truck Parts
Olson Sanitation
Picht's Auto Body
Pioneer PBS
Prairie Mercantile Antique Store
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
Project Turnabout
Restoring Wellness, Tami Gabrielson

Rock Haven Church
Scenic Valley Real Estate
Smiglewski, Dave & Cindy
Southwest Initiative Foundation
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Subway, Granite Falls
Summit Carbon Solutions
The Falls SPaw
The Rock: Dining & Events
The Sawmill
The YES! House, Department of Public Transformation
Thrivent, Mark Jensen
Travis, Lisa
United Church of Christ
United Way of Southwest Minnesota
Upgren Insurance State Farm
West Central Sanitation
Western Fest
Wing-Bain Funeral Home
Women's Rural Advocacy Programs
Yellow Medicine East Schools
Donations:
Granite Falls Historical Society
Carter, Darrell & Hazel

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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Ways to Engage in the Granite Falls Chamber:

- Volunteer
- Become a Board Member
- Attend Chamber Events

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from its members to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Interested Members are encouraged to complete an application for nomination and election to fill a three-year term.

Primary Responsibilities and Obligations of Board Members:

- Governing oversight of Chamber operations and activities
- Steward and advocate of the Chamber
- Attendance at Board meetings
- Participate and support events.
- Engage and actively participate in Chamber priorities.

Applications are available at the Chamber office, or by emailing granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com to request one. Thank you!



***Granite Falls Chamber
baseball caps & T-shirts are for sale at the Chamber office & at Thrifty
White Drug Store***

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Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

Acting President: Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

Treasurer: Alicia Beck, Country Financial

Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet

Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Director: Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

Lobby Hours: Monday- Friday 9 am- 5:30 pm.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 am – 2pm.

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