

State Grange Contest and Program Guide 2010-2012

As we begin a new Grange year, strive to try at least two new things with your Grange. Encourage your members to enter the contests. Have a program focusing on one of the contests. Invite a local photographer to talk about taking good pictures. Have an "Artist in Residence" program and invite a local artist to demonstrate their craft and bring some of their works for display and/or sale. A local librarian could make suggestions of books to read for the "Pen In Hand" contest. Wow! That's three potential Literary Programs for the year (and maybe three new things!). I challenge you to put on your thinking caps and get creative. Your members will thank you! And for all of you non-Lecturers, remember to compliment your Lecturer from time to time. Let them know when you liked a program, maybe even offer to do a program for them. They'll thank you!

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The success of your program depends on the planning you put into programs. Whether you plan three, six, or twelve months in advance depends on what works best for you. But whatever you do, **plan in advance**.

Organized and well-planned programs make your literary program time run smoothly and your members will be more attentive and look forward to what will be presented next.

Always watch for the special talents of your members and keep them involved. This will give them a reason to continue attending meetings.

An important aspect of being Lecturer is having a Lecturer's Committee. Allow them to assist in the planning and presentation of programs. They will be better prepared to carry on if you are unable to attend every meeting. Don't hesitate to ask others for assistance in planning and presenting your programs.

LITERARY PROGRAM

1. Select a theme or topic.
2. Include education, inspiration, and entertainment that compliment your topic.
3. Distribute skits, readings, etc. the meeting before their intended use.
4. Utilize your members and family members in programs.
5. Review your program to make sure all props are ready before your program begins.
6. Write down your program from beginning to end.
7. Publicize your topic at the meeting and also in your local newspaper.
8. Be enthusiastic!!

LECTURER'S CHAIN

As you know, Pennsylvania is divided into eight Regions and each Region has a Regional Chairman who can offer assistance to Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers.

Region A - Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren/Forest Counties

Region B - Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter Counties

Region C - Bradford/Sullivan, Clinton, Columbia-Lower Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour/Northumberland/Union, Tioga Counties

Region D - Carbon, Lackawanna, Northern Luzerne, Monroe/Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming Counties

Region E - Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland Counties

Region F - Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset Counties

Region G - Centre, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata/Mifflin/Franklin, Lower Northumberland/Snyder, Perry, York/Adams Counties

Region H - Berks, Bucks, Chester/Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh/Northampton, Montgomery, Schuylkill Counties

The leadership team begins with the Subordinate Lecturer and proceeds as follows: Pomona Lecturer, and State Lecturer. If you need assistance or wish to have someone visit your Subordinate or Pomona Grange, feel free to contact the State Lecturer.

LECTURER'S COMMITTEE

If anyone has any questions you may contact the representative of the Lecturer's committee in your Districts.

Region A – Martha Gruber: 724-588-8179 or email stumar41@hotmail.com.

Region B & F – Jacqueline Clabaugh: 814-832-3308 or email chappyjackc@netzero.net and Georgette Mummert Weaver: 814-414-7944 or email georgettemummert@yahoo.com.

Region C – Jessie White: 570-437-2650 or email jdwhite@sunlink.net.

Region D – Evelyn Cottrell: 570-727-2995.

Region E – Still looking for someone.

Region G – Tina Traver: 717-329-7012 or email tink84@ptd.net.

Region H – Faye Heckman: 610-562-7537 or email fmheckman@gmail.com.

If there is anyone who would like to help us, or you are able to recommend someone, please contact me. My number is 814-330-5671 or email travelingcamper@hotmail.com. If there are questions, please contact the committee person in your Region. Do not hesitate to contact me if you are unable to reach anyone on my committee.

SUBORDINATE VISITATIONS

Sharing with other Granges in your county can promote fellowship and provide educational opportunities.

The Pomona Lecturer should organize the planning meeting and determining the details. The Pomona Lecturer should plan the Schedule of Visitations in conjunction with the Subordinate Lecturers. After the schedule has been determined, members and non-members should be notified as well as publicizing the meetings in local papers.

During your planning meeting, determine the length of each portion of the program. The opening and closing of the meeting should also be included. Make sure that all of the Granges participating know exactly what part of the program is their responsibility. Start promptly at the appointed time and end at the designated time.

The Subordinate Lecturer should inform the Pomona Lecturer what program topic, (using the current themes) will be utilized in order to avoid duplication of programs.

It is important that members and non-members are greeted and made to feel welcome. Several members should be assigned to be greeters when your Grange serves as "host".

**2010-2012
VISITATION THEMES**

To add diversity to our programs across Pennsylvania this year, we are providing you with three suggested themes to select from (including your choice) as you plan your visitation programs:

- 1. For Your Health**
- 2. Dangers of the Youth**
- 3. It's Your Money-Keep it!**
- 4. Lecturer's Choice**

PUBLICITY

During the planning meeting, determine who is responsible to handle the **before and after publicity** which is a very important part in telling the Grange story and **should not be overlooked**. Whoever is responsible for publicity in your Grange (it is not totally the Pomona Lecturers' job) should make sure that the Visitation is well publicized both **before** and **after** the program.

Participating Lecturers are responsible for setting time limits with the speaker. A good program, including education and entertainment, should not last more than 1 to 1 1/2 hours from start to finish.

The more members you have participate, the larger your attendance. The Visitations will provide an excellent opportunity to seek out potential talent for the Talent Contest or other Lecturer's programs and contests. Be encouraging and motivate your members!

**MID-ATLANTIC
LECTURERS'
CONFERENCE
MAY 20, 21, 22, 2011**

Ohio (Canton area) will be the host for this year's Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference. This conference will provide a leadership training opportunity for all Lecturers in the Mid-Atlantic area. Those attending will have the opportunity to fellowship with Grange members from the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. We have extended the invitations to include: Ohio, North and South Carolina's, Georgia and Florida. Anyone is welcome!

Detailed information will be sent to Lecturers in mailings and published in the Advocate.

We strongly urge that Subordinate and Pomona Granges assist financially in sending your Lecturer to this Conference. Perhaps you can hold a couple of fund-raising events and have them earmarked for these expenses.

REPORTS AND AWARDS

**Due to the State Lecturer by September 15th
prior to the State Session it will be judged.**

There will be a State Lecturer's report form and a scrapbook in addition to the Community Night/Day Report form to be completed in order for the Lecturer's Department to evaluate programs and make changes on an ongoing basis.

1. State Lecturer's Report - report forms, one for Subordinate and one for Pomona, will be mailed by the State Lecturer or downloaded from the PA State Grange Web Site.
2. Subordinate Lecturer's Scrapbook
 - a. Only 4 (four) programs are to be included:

Holiday program

Speaker

Educational program

Lecturer's choice

b. Additional judging criteria:

Notebook marked 1" thick or less

Include a title page and Table of Contents

Captions should be included for pictures.

Neatness and creativity

3. Pomona Lecturer's Scrapbook

a. Only 2 (two) programs are to be included. Choose 2 programs from the 4 required themes for the Subordinate Lecturer's Scrapbook. Follow the judging criteria for the Subordinate Lecturer's Scrapbook (Program material from Scrapbooks may be copied for use in future Lecturers' Resource Books.)

**Reports are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th
prior to the State Session it will be judged.**

Awards will be given to the top four Subordinate and top four Pomona Lecturers during the All Grange Banquet at State Grange.

**COMMUNITY
NIGHT/DAY
(OPEN HOUSE)**

A Community Night/Day (Open House) program should be one of the highlights of the year in the Subordinate Grange activities.

It's an opportunity for a special program that generates educational, fun, and fellowship features. Invite non-Grange neighbors and friends to attend your festivities. Ask one or more of them to assist with features in your program. Publicize your Community Night/Day programs well in advance and let the community know that your organization is doing exciting things.

Your program should have features to tell the Grange story to the public and encourage membership. Your program should present a positive side of the Grange that might encourage non-members to become members.

If you are a Grange without a hall and find it difficult to hold a Community Night/Day Program, consider holding it during the summer as a picnic or outing. If the recipient of the Community Citizen Award is a member of another organization, perhaps you can coordinate activities with that organization for your program.

The Pennsylvania State Grange recognizes the most outstanding reports submitted on the Subordinate Community Night/Day Programs.

A plaque, ribbon, and certificate will be awarded to the first place winners and ribbons to second through fourth place at the State Session in the following Subordinate categories:

1. Under 90 members
2. 90 or more members

A report form will be sent out by the State Lecturer (or downloaded report form from the State Grange website. A narrative and pictorial report with significant information should be included in this report. (A simple notebook binder may be used to include program outline,

photos, news clippings, programs, invitations, etc. telling the complete story of your program.)

Reports will be judged on content, neatness, and participation of members and non-members. **Reports are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th, prior to the State Session it will be judged.**

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

The Lecturer's Department has come alive with all of the colorful and uniquely decorated field and neck pumpkins that are entered in this contest. See how original and creative you can be! Pick your pumpkin and let your imagination go wild!

NOTE: No gourds will be accepted. Also, please note there should be nothing but paint on the painted pumpkins.

Categories

1. **Neck Pumpkins** - neck not to exceed 24 inches in length
 - a. Painted - paint only
 - b. Most Creative - use any non perishable material ie NO fresh fruit or vegetables
2. **Field Pumpkins** - not to exceed 15 inches in diameter (47" in circumference)
 - a. Painted - paint only
 - b. Most Creative—use any non perishable material ie NO fresh fruit or vegetables
3. **Foam Pumpkins**-not to exceed 18" in diameter
 - a. Carved
 - b. Most Creative-any non perishable material ie NO fresh fruit or vegetables

DO NOT CARVE THE PUMPKIN.

No Subordinate or Pomona elimination is required. All entries may be brought to State Grange for judging!

First place winners in each category will receive \$10.00.

A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded.(must have 4 or more entries for \$)

FOR THE BIRDS "THE SCARECROW"

Get creative here folks! Make your own scarecrow and bring it directly to State Grange Session. **No Subordinate or Pomona judging required.**

Divisions:

1. Juniors
2. Subordinate

Categories:

1. Scariest
2. Funniest

RULES:

1. Any nonperishable material may be used
2. Entry may simply be a flat or full head on a stick, or a full body flat or doll body etc
3. Entries not to exceed 18" wide or 30" tall overall
4. Entries must be the work of the individual entering the contest
5. Must be ORIGINAL and only **ONE** entry per person per category
6. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY

7. Identify your entry with **category, Grange name and County**

Entries will be judged 1st through 4th place, First place winners in each category will receive \$10.00. A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded (4 or more entries for \$)

ON TOP OF THE WORLD
“Decorate your favorite hat”

Get creative here too folks! Rummage through your closet and “dig out” an old hat, decorate it and bring it with you to State Grange Session. **No Subordinate or Pomona judging required.**

Categories:

1. Prettiest
2. Funniest
3. Most Creative

RULES:

1. Any style hat may be entered
2. Any nonperishable material may be used
3. Must be ORIGINAL and only **ONE** entry per person per category
4. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY
5. Identify your entry with **category, Grange Name and County**

Entries will be judged 1st through 4th place, First place winners in each category will receive \$10.00 A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded. (4 or more entries for \$)

MY FAVORITE ANYTHING CONTEST
2'X2'X2'

Everyone has a **TALENT**. It may not be performing in front of and entertaining an audience by singing or playing a musical instrument, BUT - YOU CAN DO SOMETHING! HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF **YOUR** TALENT!

Woodworking, something from nothing, sewing, doll making, ceramics, plant or flower arrangements, etc. These entries must not be eligible for any other State Grange contests.

CATEGORIES

1. Wood
2. Plastic
3. Material/Yarn

RULES:

1. Entries must be the work of the individual entering the contest.
2. Must not exceed 2'x2'x2' in size. Judges will determine by measuring ALL entries.
3. Must be ORIGINAL.
4. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY.
5. ONLY **ONE** ENTRY PER PERSON PER CATEGORY.
6. Identify your entry by Member's Name, Grange, and County.
7. The decision of the judges will be final.

Entries will be judged using the Danish system ie everyone receives a ribbon; (1st-4th) but no money is awarded.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

1. Craftsmanship
2. Neatness/Presentation
3. Ingenuity, Creativity, Inventiveness

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

All entries must be properly labeled on the back side for judging with the following information: name, address, Grange name and number, county, class, and division.

All entries in the **ART** contest may be brought directly to State Grange Session for judging. No Subordinate or Pomona judging in the **ART** division required.

There **must** be a Subordinate level judging in **PHOTOGRAPHY** and all first-place winners in Subordinate and Junior Granges advance to the State level for judging. There is no Pomona judging.

Art

There are four categories in this year's Art Contest for all divisions:

- A. Landscape or SeaScape
- B. Animals
- C. Still Life
- D. Portraits

*** Any medium may be used for each category**

Criteria for judging art entries:

- A. How well the artist used the medium selected
- B. Craftsmanship and skill
- C. Composition, presentation of subject
- D. Originality
- E. Theme and its treatment

Rules:

1. Entries must be the original work of the member. NO computer enhanced artwork
2. Charcoal/pencil entries must have been treated for permanency to stop smudging
3. Entries must be completed after September 30th prior to the State Session it will be judged.
4. Size for all classes: must not exceed 24"x 36". Miniatures will be accepted.
5. Frames or backing required, Plexiglas cover is acceptable, **NO GLASS** covers.
6. Entries are judged according to the medium used.
7. Sculpture is not accepted due to display needs.
8. **State winners who receive first place in each category may not enter the following year in the same category.**
9. **ALL ENTRIES MUST COME READY TO HANG (wire, string, hook etc.)**

There is one division: Subordinate Grange members

First place award in each category - \$20.00

A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded (5 or more entries to receive \$).

Photography

The four photography categories are:

- A. Close-ups
- B. People
- C. Scenery
- D. Animals

Criteria for judging photographs:

- A. Composition and arrangement
- B. Interest
- C. Presentation
- D. Technique

Rules:

1. Frame or “**STIFF**” backing (example-hard cardboard) is required for all photos. **NO GLASS COVERINGS FOR SAFETY REASONS**; Plexiglas is acceptable. **MUST COME READY TO HANG! (wire, string, hook etc.)**

- 2. Prints only, no slides.
- 3. The **photographer must** select the category for his/her entry and label the back.
- 4. Must be a minimum of 5"x 5" and maximum of 11"x 14" **including frame or backing**.
- 5. Photos must have been taken after September 30th prior to the State Session it will be judged.
- 6. Participants may enter all categories, using different photographs.
- 7. Participants may submit **only one entry per category**, in the respective division.
- 8. Only traditionally printed photos will be accepted. No computer enhanced photographs in this category.
- 9. **All first place State winners in each category MAY NOT enter in the same category the following year.**

The awards are as follows:

Subordinate Grange members

First place award in each category - \$10.00

A Best of Show ribbon and \$20 will be awarded (4 or more entries for \$)

Miscellaneous Photos

The three categories are:

- A. Digitally enhanced photography
- B. Photo Collage
- C. Photo Gallery-Other

Rules:

- 1. Frame or backing is required for all photos. **NO GLASS COVERINGS**; Plexiglas is acceptable. **MUST COME READY TO HANG**
- 2. All work must be the original work of the individual entering the contest and be created after September 30th prior to the State Session it will be judged.
- 3. The **entrant must** select the category for his/her entry.
- 4. Must be a minimum of 5"x 5" or maximum of 11"x 14" **includes frame or backing**.
- 5. Photos must have been taken after September 30th prior to the State Session it will be judged.
- 6. Participants may enter all 3 categories.
- 7. Participants may submit **only one entry per category**

8. **ORIGINAL PHOTO MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY-in Category A**

9. Collage's must have a minimum of 4 photos in the entry

10. **First place State winners in each category may not enter in the same category the following year.**

The awards are as follows:

Subordinate Grange members

First place award in each category - \$10.00

Best in Show Ribbon

TALENT

The talent contest is open to all **SUBORDINATE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING** in your local Subordinate Grange (this includes individuals and groups which may be non-related).

There are three classes:

1. Vocal

2. Instrumental

3. Variety acts - Performances using skill, timing, gracefulness, dexterity of body movement, etc. These "novelty acts" would include, by way of example, dancing, skits, monologues and readings. Vocals and instrumental music, except for background music, should not exceed 30 percent of the performance time.

All classes may include family as there will no longer be separate classes for family entries.

Please note:

A. **ALL PERFORMERS BEING JUDGED MUST BE GRANGE MEMBERS.** Groups performing may include Junior Grangers and/or children too young to hold Junior Grange membership, or if no Junior Grange is available; **however**, at least half of the performers in the group must be Subordinate members.

B. Participants need not be members of the same Grange.

C. **Taped accompaniment for vocal acts may include instrumentals that contain background voices for harmonization only and NOT the lead singer's voice. Taped piano accompaniment for instrumental acts will also be permitted.**

D. When the accompanist is only the accompanist and not a performer in his/her own right, it is not required that the accompanist be a Grange member.

E. No Sign-A-Song entries will be permitted in the Talent Contest since there is a Sign-A-Song Contest sponsored by the Deaf and Community Service Department.

F. Recitation performances in sign language will be permitted in the Variety Acts category of the Talent Contest when sign language is the functional language of the performer. Persons in charge of any level of talent competition must be notified at least two weeks prior to the competition when a sign language judge will be required.

G. **TIME LIMIT**—no minimum time; maximum - six minutes (including your introduction.) Score points will be deducted for acts exceeding the maximum time. (Two points per minute shall be deducted from total points for overtime.)

H. Judging will be held Saturday at 7:00 pm during the PA Grange Family Festival. Pre-registration is required by June 17th.

I. The State Lecturer will oversee the PA Grange Talent Festival.

J. First through fourth-place ribbons will be presented in each class of the Talent Festival.

K. The first-place winner in each class will be awarded a \$40.00 honorarium. First-place winners in each class will perform during the All Granger Banquet at State Session. (If unable to attend the Runner-Up may perform).

L. A Best of Show and Runner-up Best of Show will be selected from the first place winners in each class. The Best in Show is invited to perform at the National Grange Session (if unable to attend the Runner-Up may perform).

M. **The first place State winner from the previous year, in each category, may not enter the talent contest in the same class as the following year's competition.**

PEN IN HAND

***Entries due to State Lecturer by September 15th
prior to the State Session it will be judged.***

Topic:

- A. Poetry
- B. Short Story

Division:

- 1. All Subordinate members

Rules:

- 1. 300 words maximum
- 2. The title, even when it is part of the opening sentence of the entry, and the author's identification information are **not** counted.
- 3. **Required on the back of each entry:** The category you've entered, author's name, address, Grange name, number and County.
- 4. Must be original work of person submitting the writing.
- 5. Entries must be received by the State Lecturer by **September 15th prior to the State Session it will be judged.**
- 6. The writing **must** be typed, space and a half or double spaced, on 8 1/2" X 11" unlined paper.
- 7. First place entry, in each category, will receive \$10.00.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

Grange Community Citizen Award - To be given by **Subordinate Granges only** to honor **non-members or a group** involved in public service. The certificate and paper weight may be ordered directly from The National Grange, 1616 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Grange Award for Public Service - To be given by **Pomona Granges only** to honor **non-members or members or a group** involved in public service. A beautiful plaque with certificate may be purchased directly from the National Grange.