

# The Guide



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## Pennsylvania State Grange Guide to Contests & Programs 2017 & 2018

**This Guide includes all contest and programs for 2017 AND 2018**

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All entries must be made within the current grange year, but in time for your local judging.

**Entering:**

- Open to all Subordinate and Junior Grange members and will be judged together, male and/or female.
- Work must be entirely that of the contestant name on the label.
- Enter as many contests as you wish, only ONE entry in each class.
- **NO STRAIGHT PINS** – if any entry contains straight pins, it will be disqualified, use Safety pins only.

**Judging:**

- Entries are to be judged at the Subordinate Grange unless every Subordinate Grange in the Pomona chooses to have all their entries judged at the Pomona level.
- If you do have Subordinate Grange judging, the first place entry would then be sent to the Pomona Judging.
- First place winners at the Pomona level will be sent to State Session in October to be judged.
- **SEND ALL** Quilts and Quilt Blocks to State Session for judging. They may be judged on the Subordinate and Pomona level if you wish to give recognition to those who entered them. However, regardless of placing, send **ALL** to State Session for judging there.
- If there are only one or two entries, they will be awarded first and second place with the first place winner being sent on to the next level for judging. This has always been, and still is the policy of the Grange.

**Awards:**

- Ribbons and cash awards will be presented in each contest at the state level. In case of a tie, the level of difficulty will determine the winner. The decision of the Judges is final.

First: Blue Ribbon / \$20; Second: Red Ribbon / \$15; Third: White ribbon / \$10

**Labeling:**

- Please include the following information on the designated paper label before attaching it to the entry.
- **DO NOT sew the label on the entries, fold the label over and use a safety pin.**

Inside label: Name	Outside label: County Name
Address	Contest Title
Telephone number/area code	Class Number
Grange Name & Number	

**Please use the designated label. All entries in the Baking / cooking classes MUST have the recipe attached to the label. Please attach the recipe to the label on top of the entry for all the judging, Sub., Pomona and State.**

**QUILT BLOCK: Class 1 Pieced**

**2017- AROUND THE BLOCK**, Color Scheme: Shades of Green Lights to dark solid greens, Medium printed greens.

to be remembered by.

**Criteria:**

1. Must be 12-1/2" X 12-1/2" finished square, which includes 1/4" seam allowance.
2. **Must be the designated pattern and color scheme as shown on the instruction sheet.**
3. Must be 100% cotton.
4. **Wash fabric before using to control bleeding and shrinkage.**
5. All blocks are to be sent to State Session of judging. Subordinate and Pomona eliminations are not necessary.
6. Blocks will not be returned. They will be used for FA future quilts.
7. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity and general appearance.

**QUILT CONTEST:**

**Division A:** Quilt - min. 60" X 60" - max. 120" X 120"

Class 2 - Quilts entirely hand quilted by an individual

Class 3 - Quilts entirely hand quilted by a group of Grangers.

**Division B: Baby/Crib Quilt** - min. 48" X 48" - max. 48" X 60"

Class 4 - Hand quilted

Class 5 - Machine quilted

**Division C: Wall Hangings** - max. size 48" X 48"

Class 6 - quilted

Class 7 - Machine quilted

**Division D: Machine Quilt** - min. 60" X 60" - max. 120" X 120"

Class 8 - Machine constructed and quilted, judging will be on quilt top only.

Class 9 - **Division E: Preprinted Top Quilt** - min. 60" X 60" - max. 120" X 120"

Preprinted Top, all work must be done by hand.

**Criteria:**

1. No precut quilt kits, No tied quilts.
2. Quilted items must contain batting. You may use any brand quilt batting that you choose.
3. All quilt contest items in Divisions A, B, C, D, and E are to be sent to State Session for judging.
  - a. No Subordinate or Pomona elimination is necessary for this contest.
4. Entries will be judged on workmanship, general appearance, and suitability of article for purpose.

**BAKING / COOKING CONTEST: Recipe MUST be attached to your entry label**

**2017**

Class 10 - Angel Food Cake (1)

Class 11 - Sticky Bund (4) NO ICING, NUTS, OR RASINS MAYBE ADDED

Class 12 - Potato Candy (6)

**2018**

Class 10 - Chocolate cake, single layer / frosting of your choice (1)

Class 11 - Lemon Bar cookie (4)

Class 12 - Peanut Brittle (6)

**Criteria:**

1. Place 6 pieces of candy or 4 sticky buns on a disposable plate or plastic container.
2. Entries will be judged on texture and taste.

3. All food articles must be made from scratch. No store mixes/purchases can be used.
4. After judging, entries will be the property of the Family Activities.

**AFGHAN CONTEST:**

Class 13 - A&B

Full size (min. size 42" X 55" – max. size 60" X 72"

CLASS 14A IS CROCHET

Class 14 - A&B

Class 14A is Crochet

CLASS 14B IS KNITTING

Baby Afghan (max. size 45" X 45")

Class 14B is Knitting

**Criteria:**

1. Afghans can be knitted or crocheted with any brand of yarn. NO machine work.
2. Follow the gauge of yarn and needle to keep within the correct sizes for competition.
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, suitability of article and general appearance.

**EMBROIDERY, CROSS STITCH, PLASTIC CANVAS:**

Class 15-Embroidery

Class 16-Counted Cross Stitch

Class 17-Plastic Canvas Needlepoint

**Criteria:**

1. Class 15 is any item except counted cross stitch, using any brand of floss you desire.
2. Class 16 is only counted cross stitch items using any floss you desire.
3. You may use any brand of yarn or thread you choose for Class 17.
4. No size restrictions on any of the classes.
5. Entries will be judged on workmanship, general appearance and creativity.

**COTTON THREAD CONTEST:**

Class 18 Doilies / Centerpieces

**Criteria:**

1. Must be hand crocheted, knitted or tatted with any brand of cotton crochet thread.
2. Entries will be judged on workmanship, suitability of article and general appearance.

**COAT RACK:**

Class 19- Wooden

Class 20- Other

**Criteria:**

1. Must be handmade, CANNOT be purchased/ kit.
2. Max. Size 36" long and 6" wide must be able to hang on wall.
3. Decorate as you wish.
4. Pattern or design of your choice.
5. Entries will be judged on appearance, workmanship, creativity.

**HAT AND SCARE SET:**

Class 21A -Adult Crocheted, 21B- Adult Knitted, 21C- Adult Other

Class 22A- Child Crocheted, 22B- Child Knitted, 22C- Child Other

**Criteria:**

1. Can be made with any brand of yarn or material.
2. No size restriction.
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, general appearance and creativity.

**DECORATED CHRISTMAS STOCKING:**

Class 23 A - Quilted Lined

Class 23 B - Quilted Unlined

Class 24 A - Appliqué Lined

Class 24 B - Appliqué Lined

Class 25 - counted Cross Stitch

Class 26 - Other

**Criteria:**

1. Design is of your choice.
2. Max size 15 1/2" long and 8" wide.
3. All work must be done by entrant.
4. Majority of the stocking must be made of the product for that class entered.

**SET OF 4 COASTERS:**

Class 27 - Cork

Class 28 - Title

Class 29 - Wood

Class 30 - Other

**Criteria:**

1. Max. size 4x4 round or square
2. Must be hand made by the entrant
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, and general appearance.

**CLOCKS:**

Class 31 A - Wooden Size - max. 12 x 12. min 9x 9.

Class 31 B - Other Size - max 12 x 12. min 9 x 9.

Class 32 A - Wooden Size - max 8 x 8 min 6 x 6.

Class 32 B - Other Size – max 8 x 8. min 6 x 6.

**Criteria:**

1. Design and decoration of your choice.
2. Can be painted, stained or preserved as you wish.
3. Judged on creativity, workmanship, and general appearance.

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**JUNIOR GRANGE CONTESTS**

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All Junior Grange activities help our young Junior Grangers to build character and self-confidence. The Junior Grange provides leadership training at all levels. Junior Grangers are encouraged to explore their creativity, initiative and talents through our many contests. While our contests are varied to appeal to many, the goal is the same – to develop respect, responsibility and cooperation by competing with their fellow Junior Grangers.

#### **RULES FOR ALL JUNIOR GRANGE CONTESTS**

1. All entries must be labeled. Label as follows:
  - a. Name and address of the contestant
  - b. Age as of January 1 of the contest year and birth date
  - c. Jr. Grange name and number & County
  - d. Jr. Leader name
  - e. Category of entry: ex. Baking age 5-9.
2. In each contest there are two age groups, 5 to 9 and 10 to 14 year olds.
3. ALL WORK MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY BY THE JUNIOR.
4. Each Junior Grange may send three entries per age division per category. Ex. Select your first, second, third place winners from your Junior Grange elimination contest held prior to State Session.
5. Any entry that does not comply with the rules may be disqualified.
6. For those Jr. Grangers who belong to the PA State Jr. Grange, bring entries directly to the State Session for judging.
7. Once a Junior Grange member has joined the Subordinate Grange at any time throughout the year they can no longer compete in Junior contests. This rule takes precedence over the age qualification as of January 1. Example: If a Junior is 14 on Jan. 1, but joins the Subordinate Grange during the year, that Junior can no longer compete as a Junior Granger in the contests.

#### **Awards for State Contests:**

1st place a ribbon and \$6                      2nd place a ribbon and \$5

3rd place a ribbon and \$4                      4th place a ribbon and \$3

These awards will be given in each age group (5 to 9, and 10 to 14)

- **NEW** - The Awards for the **State Talent Contest** are listed under that section.

#### **RECYCLED CRAFT**

It is our duty to help our environment be safe, clean and beautiful. When we recycle, we help do those things. Make a useful item out of something that would normally be thrown away.

#### **Categories:**

**2017** – Fruit, pudding or yogurt cups/containers

**2018** – Utensils or kitchen gadgets

- a. Plastic / disposable
- b. Metal

#### **Rules:**

- a. Item must be cleaned prior to using
- b. Max size: 18x18x18 inches
- c. Make sure the item is glued or secured well so it will travel and display well.

#### **Judging guidelines:**

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness
- c. Creativity

#### **BAKING/FOOD CONTEST**

#### **Categories:**

**2017** – Fudge

- a. Peanut Butter

- b. Chocolate
- c. other

## 2018 – Trail Mix

This project is provided so that Junior Grangers will have the opportunity to learn basic baking skills. It also teaches them how to follow directions. We urge all parents to keep a watchful eye on their children as they participate in this project and to assist your child when necessary.

### **Rules:**

- a. NO PRE-MIXED OR BOXED items.
- b. Arrange SIX pieces (at least 1”x1” in size) on a paper plate, cover with clear plastic wrap. For the Trail mix, put in a quart size Ziploc bag and label the bag with name and age.
- c. Include the recipe.
- d. Must have visible label information attached to the TOP.
- e. MUST not require refrigeration

### **Judging guidelines:**

- a. Appearance and texture
- b. Taste
- c. Uniformity

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

We will be using the topic from the National Junior Grange Contest. See rules to enter at the National level if you want it to do so. They are slightly different than what we have for PA State Contest.

### **2017: Follow in the Footsteps of the Junior Grange**

Write a story about where your footsteps might  
Go and who would go with you.

2018: TBA

### **Rules:**

- a. Entries must use the above topic.
- b. The entry must be typed.
- c. Minimum of 4 complete paragraphs and maximum 5 pages.
- d. Entry can be a poem, song, or story.
- e. Must be an original writing of the entrant.

### **Judging guidelines:**

- a. Creativity and originality
- b. Content
- c. Neatness

## **ORIGAMI**

Origami comes from the Japanese words ORU meaning to fold and KAMI meaning paper. There’s nothing like the joy of transforming a piece of paper into a container, flower or animal. Origami is fun, easy, inexpensive and great for sharing with others.  
Size limitations: Max. 10x10x10 inches



- a. Entire creation must be made of paper.
- b. No other medium may be used unless a pen or pencil to draw a face on an animal.

***Judging guidelines:***

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness of folds
- c. Finish product

**PROMOTIONAL POSTER \*NEW TWIST\***

We are always finding ways to promote our amazing organization and how wonderful the Junior Grange is. Posters are a great way to share with others this information. We are adding a twist to this contest. The first place winner in each age group will have their poster idea transformed into a promotional postcard to be mailed out to members reminding them of upcoming State events such as Camp, Family Festival and State Session. So be sure to add what is fun about Junior Grange and you can include some of the things that we do as an organization or the places we gather to enjoy those fun times. The winning entries could also be used in Social media sites to promote the Organization.

***Rules:***

- a. Use an 11x22 poster board/cardstock weight. (This is half of a full poster board size)
- b. Use any medium, i.e. paint, markers, etc
- c. Photos ARE allowed in the poster.
- d. FIRST PLACE entries will NOT be returned. Others will be returned.

***Judging guidelines:***

- a. Creativity and originality
- b. Content
- c. Neatness

**NATURE CRAFT**

There is so much beauty in the world we live in and in nature especially. Create a sculpture, picture, or other craft using items from nature. You can use colorful fall leaves, nuts, pine cones, rocks, seashells, twigs, or other items found in nature.

Max size: 12x12x12 inches

***Rules:***

- a. Majority of creation should be items from nature such as those mentioned above in the description.
- b. Other items such as glue, glitter, pipe cleaners, yarn, string etc. can be added or used to enhance the creation. Be sure that there are no loose items that will fall off easily in transport or while on display.

***Judging guidelines:***

- a. Creativity & Originality
- b. Neatness
- c. Use of materials

**PUMPKIN DECORATING**

(only one category – no neck pumpkins)

**Painted Pumpkins – max size is 12” circumference**

- a. Painted – only paint is used.
- b. Other – items can be glued on

**Rules:**

- a. No gourds will be accepted.
- b. Do NOT carve the pumpkin or puncture in any way since this will cause rapid rotting.
- c. No Junior Grange elimination required.
- d. Acrylic paint is suggested as the medium to be used when painting pumpkins. A clear coat sealer will help keep the paint from chipping.
- e. NOTE the CHANGE IN SIZE.

**Judging:**

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness
- c. Creativity

**ART CONTEST:**

Any medium can be used. See rules!

**Categories:**

- a. People
- b. Animals
- c. Landscape
- d. Other

**Rules:**

- a. This is for drawings, paintings etc.
- b. Work must be framed but NO GLASS. A photo mat can be used as a frame if desired.
- c. Art work must be ready to hang.
- d. No Junior Grange elimination required.

**Judging guidelines:**

- a. How well the artist used the medium selected
- b. Originality
- c. Presentation of art work

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Minimum size is 5”x5” and max is 11”x14”

**Categories:**

- a. My Family
- b. My favorite Animal(s)
- c. Scenic America
- d. Junior Grange Fun
- e. Event Collage

**Rules:**

- a. Photos must be framed (no glass) and ready to hang. A photo mat is acceptable for framing.
- b. Traditional Photos only – no slides or computer enhanced photos.
- c. Photos must have been taken after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> of the prior year leading up to the current State Session.

- d. Black & white and colored photos will be judged together. There will not be separate divisions for each.
- e. You can enter ALL categories, using different photos. One entry per category.
- f. No Junior Grange elimination required.

### **MINI- JUNIOR GRANGE ART GALLERY**

To encourage our mini Juniors (anyone under the age of 5 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year), we will hold an art gallery just for you! Any art medium may be used. The size of your artwork should be 8 1/2" x 11" or smaller. This "showing" is open to everyone that fits the age requirements. ONE PIECE OF ARTWORK PER CHILD, PLEASE. Monetary awards will not be given, but a special item will be given for each entry.

### **JUNIOR GRANGE TALENT CONTEST**

Contest will be held at Family Festival in July of each year. Contestants must pre-register with the PA State Junior Grange Director by the end of the week of State Camp or July 10<sup>th</sup> – whichever is later.

#### ***Categories:***

1. Vocal – individual and group acts
2. Instrumental – individual and group acts
3. Other Acts – individual and group acts.  
(Any performance that involves dancing, gymnastics, portrays an entertaining act using body movements, skill, timing and gracefulness; also includes oral presentations such as skits, readings, etc)

***Time limit*** – Max. Six minutes.

#### ***Judging guidelines:***

- a. Stage presence 15 pts.
- b. Appropriate dress 5 pts.
- c. Skill of presentation 60 pts.
- d. Suitability of the number 15 pts.
- e. Audience appeal 5 pts.

Note: First place winners from the previous year may not compete in the same category and age group. They may compete in another category, age group or as a group/individual. Any act thought to be inappropriate will NOT be permitted to perform.

#### **AWARDS FOR TALENT CONTESTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$20.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10.00

This is given in each category in each Age Group.

### **JUNIOR GRANGE PRINCE & PRINCESS**

Our Junior Grange Royalty is chosen at Junior Grange Camp. All 13 and 14 year old Junior Grangers (as of January 1 of the contest year) are eligible to compete for this title. The finalists are selected using the results of a Grange knowledge test given at camp. The contestants are then judged on: Individual interview, impromptu question, and judges' preference. Their responsibilities are to promote the GRANGE as well as the JUNIOR GRANGE. Be enthusiastic!

Junior Grange Royalty are required to attend many State Grange functions such as Family Festival, State Grange convention, PA Farm Show, Winter Committee Planning meeting, Royalty trip and State Junior Camp. All Contestants Parents MUST sign a permission form before the Junior Granger can compete.

### **JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP**

2017 Theme: Wild Wild West

2018 Theme: TBD

Dates: Typically the week of July 4th

Location: Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard PA

Fee: TBD for Campers, Helpers and Counselors

Watch Pennsylvania Grange News for details.

Any Junior Granger who is in good standing and is at least 7 years of age by January 1 may attend camp. As a Junior Grange, you may bring one non-Granger to camp with each year. Anyone attending camp over the age of 15, as of January 1, will be a Helper, IF accepted by the Director.

**ALL HELPERS, COUNSELORS, WORKSHOP LEADERS or STAFF over the age of 18** as of July 1st, are required by PA State Law to have their Volunteer Clearances (Act 33 and 34, Child Abuse History) These must be up to date and obtained after July 2015 when the new law went into place. A copy can be mailed along with the application to the Director and the original must be brought and shown to the Director at the start of camp. Clearances are obtained at your expense.

### **JUNIOR JAMBOREE**

This event is held in conjunction with the State Grange Convention in October. Activities will begin Saturday morning and is sponsored and chaperoned by the Host committee. Details and information will be posted in the Grange News prior to October. Registration for the Jam must be sent in with the required fee to participate.

**The PA State Laws for Volunteers is also in place for ALL chaperones or adults helping with the Junior Jam activities and sleepover.** The Host Committee Chair person will keep a file of the Clearances which should be included when the registration forms are sent. At the discretion of the Host committee chair and Junior Director, all adult chaperones and helpers will be selected and an adult Jam registration is NOT guaranteed. Our first priority is that of safety for the Juniors – physically, mentally and emotionally.

### **NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS**

Please refer to the National Junior Grange website for monthly activity suggestions, Merit Badge information, contests, and to order Jr Grange merchandise. You can also “friend” them on Facebook! [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org)

Visit the PA Grange website:

[www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org)

And go to the Junior Department

Or stay in touch on our Facebook Page.

You will need to be accepted as a “friend” in the Pennsylvania Junior Grange Group Page so that we can be sure that those who are viewing the page are in good standing with the Grange and do not pose a threat to the Juniors or our Order.

The Future of the Grange lies within the hearts and minds of the Juniors continue to grow, learn, explore and immerse yourself in this great organization!

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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 or suggest an idea for a program. 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.

### **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 help in 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".

### **2017-2018 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. Current Health Care (in your area).
2. Have you talked to your kid(s) lately? Sex, drugs, money, and alcohol.
3. Investment, retirement, management, digital footprint.
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**

Pennsylvania is hosting April 28-30, 2017, at Scotch Valley Grange, Hollidaysburg, with hotel accommodations in Altoona. Tennessee will host in 2018 with the dates and location to be announced at a later date. 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, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, it will be judged prior to the State Session.

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. All programs may be included.
  - 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. All programs may be included. 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 15<sup>th</sup> as it will be judged prior to the State Session.

Ribbons will be given to the top four Subordinate and top four Pomona Lecturers during the Awards Night at State Grange in the following categories:

1. Up to 75 members.
2. 76-149 members.
3. 150 or more members.

### **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 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. Up to 75 members
2. 76-149 members
3. 150 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, no larger than 1 inch, 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.

## **CONTESTS**

### **CONTAINER POT DECORATING**

See how original and creative you can be! Let your imagination go wild! Embellish your container with any non-perishable materials ONLY! (ie. Paint, fabric, thread, beads)

#### ***Divisions:***

1. Juniors
2. Subordinate

#### ***Categories***

1. Funny
2. Pretty
3. Grange theme

#### ***Rules:***

1. Plastic or terra cotta pots only!
2. Planter pot MUST be empty! No plants!
3. Maximum size – 8”.
4. Any nonperishable material may be used. NO fresh fruit or vegetables.
5. Entries must be the work of the individual entering the contest.
6. Must be ORIGINAL and only ONE entry per person per category.
7. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY!!
8. Identify your entry with division, category, Grange name and County.

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



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 if there are 4 or more entries.

### **TISSUE BOX COVERS**

Get creative here folks! Make your own tissue box covers and bring it directly to State Grange Session. Let your imagination go wild! Embellish your container with any non-perishable materials ONLY! No Subordinate or Pomona judging required.

#### ***Divisions:***

1. Juniors
2. Subordinate

#### ***Categories:***

1. Holiday/Seasonal
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Card Stock
  - c. Yarn
2. Most Creative
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Card Stock
  - c. Yarn
3. Grange theme
  - a. Fabric
  - b. Card Stock
  - c. Yarn

#### ***Rules:***

1. Must be the cube tissue box, NOT the long box.
2. Any nonperishable material may be used. NO fresh fruit or vegetables.
3. Entries must be the work of the individual entering the contest.
4. Must be ORIGINAL and only ONE entry per person per category.
5. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY!!
6. Identify your entry with division, category, Grange name and County.

#### ***Criteria For Judging:***

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

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

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 if there are 4 or more entries.

### **FRAMES**

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

**Divisions:**

1. Juniors
2. Subordinate

**Categories:**

1. Prettiest
  - a. Wood
  - b. Plastic
  - c. Foam
2. Funniest
  - a. Wood
  - b. Plastic
  - c. Foam
3. Grange theme
  - a. Wood
  - b. Plastic
  - c. Foam

**Rules:**

1. NO GLASS!!!
2. Maximum size: 12 inches by 12 inches!! Judges will measure.
3. Any nonperishable material may be used. NO fresh fruit or vegetables.
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 division, category, Grange name and County.

**Criteria For Judging:**

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

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

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 if there are 4 or more entries.

**WREATHES**

Make a wreath! Show your creativity! What a great item to display on your front door or wall in your home

**Divisions:**

1. Juniors
2. Subordinate

**Categories:**

1. Holiday
2. Pretty
3. Grange

1. Maximum size: 18" in diameter!! Judges will measure.
2. Any nonperishable material may be used. NO fresh fruit or vegetables.
3. Entries must be the work of the individual entering the contest.
4. Must be ORIGINAL and only ONE entry per person per category.
5. GRANGE MEMBERS ONLY!!
6. Identify your entry with division, category, Grange name and County.

**Criteria for Judging:**

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

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

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 if there are 4 or more entries.

**MY FAVORITE ANYTHING**

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, etc.

**These entries must not be eligible for any other State Grange contest.**

**Categories**

1. Wood
2. Plastic
3. Material/Yarn
4. Miscellaneous

**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 i.e. everyone receives a ribbon; (1st-4th) but no money is awarded.

**Criteria For Judging:**

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

**PEN IN HAND**

Entries due to State Lecturer by September 15. They will be judged prior to State Session.

**Topic:**

- a. Poetry
- b. Short Story

**Division:**

All Subordinate members

**Rules:**

1. 300 words maximum for Poetry and 1,500 words maximum for Short Story.
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.

**ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

NO PROFESSIONALS PLEASE!!! If you are, or have been, paid for your art or photography, you are considered a Professional.

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

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 is 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:***

- A. Landscape or Seascape
  - B. Animals
  - C. Still Life
  - D. Street Art/Graffiti on canvas
- \* 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 30<sup>th</sup> and prior to the State Session it will be judged. (ie after September 30, 2016 for judging in 2017).
4. Size for all categories: 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.

**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 if there are 4 or more entries.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

***The five photography categories are:***

- A. Flowers
- B. Sunrise/Sunset
- C. Baby Animals
- D. Trains
- E. Churches

***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 30<sup>th</sup> and prior to the State Session it will be judged. (ie after September 30, 2016 for judging in 2017).
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 if there are 4 or more entries.

## **MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS**

### ***The three categories are:***

- A. Digitally enhanced photography
- B. Photo Collage
- C. Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board – any theme – 4 minute maximum showing length.

### ***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. (i.e. after September 30, 2016 for judging in 2017).
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. Collages must have a minimum of 3 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

## **LECTURER'S COMMITTEE**

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

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## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS**

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The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Department offers a wide variety of programs and contests, designed for Grange members of all ages. The Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests are open to all ages. We have revised the contests and programs again this year. We have added some new contests and we have kept some of the old. If you have any questions please check out the Youth Website at [www.pagrang.org/youth](http://www.pagrang.org/youth).

The Youth program helps to build leaders by offering the Youth Ambassador Program for single males and females, and the Young Patrons Program. The State Grange Youth Department is very proud of its past. Please join in the action by participating in these programs. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

The National Grange Youth Department also has contests and activities. Please check out the Youth Department page at the National Grange website for additional opportunities.

### **YOUTH MONTH**

April is the month for special recognition in the Youth Department. Choose a meeting night in April so that your Youth Department can conduct the meeting or present a portion of the program. This program could involve some type of “community action” project. If you cannot do a program at this time of the year, another time is just as appropriate. You should consider giving a financial contribution to the State Youth Department Fund and the National Youth Leadership Fund during this month. These funds help support the Youth Department activities, leadership conferences, etc.

### **YOUNG PATRON PROGRAM**

The PA State Grange Young Patron helps promote and generate enthusiasm for the Grange, specifically the Youth programs and contests. The Young Patron also serves on the State Grange Youth Committee for one year.

#### ***Program Guidelines:***

1. Grangers competing for the Young Patron Program must be between the ages of 22 - 35, have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 36<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31 of the year they attend National session. Young Patron candidates may be married or single.
2. Previous Young Couples who have participated in the Young Couple program at the National Grange Convention are not eligible.
3. Young Patron candidates must be members of the PA State Grange for at least one year and in good standing. If not 6th Degree members, Young Patrons must be willing to become 6th Degree members during their reign.
4. Young Patrons must be willing to attend various Grange and agricultural events throughout the state and their region during their reign. These events include State Grange Convention, Farm Show, Planning Meeting, Royalty Trip, Youth Camp, Family Festival, and Ag Progress Days. Other events, local and statewide, may occur during their reign and Young Patrons may be asked to participate in them.
5. Contestants must be present at Family Festival where the judging will be held. Judging will be based on an interview, ambassadorship qualities and a written test of Grange knowledge.
6. The Young Patron must be able to attend the Youth Activities Days at the National Grange Convention to represent Pennsylvania. This convention would be in November following the end of their reign. Requirements for participation at National Grange Convention may change. Please review the National Grange Youth website for any changes.

7. Young Farmers must be properly dressed for all Grange related events and must represent the Grange appropriately at all times.

### **YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

This program gives recognition to the outstanding Grange Youth in Pennsylvania. One male and one female Youth Ambassador may be chosen each year. The Ambassadors serve on the State Youth Department Committee for one year. Previous Ambassadors are not eligible to compete again.

#### ***Program Guidelines:***

1. Ambassador candidates must be members of the PA State Subordinate Grange for at least one year and in good standing. If not 6th Degree members, Ambassadors must be willing to become 6th Degree members during their reign.
2. Ambassador candidates must have their parents' consent to compete if under the age of 18.
3. Ambassador candidates must have observed their 16th but not their 22nd birthday by December 31 of the year they will represent PA at National Grange Convention.
4. Ambassador candidates must be single, never have been married, and have no children to be eligible to compete. They must not marry, become pregnant or father children during their reign.
5. Ambassadors must be properly dressed for all Grange related events and must represent the Grange appropriately at all times.
6. Ambassadors must be willing to attend various Grange and agricultural events throughout the state and their region during their reign. These events include State Grange Convention, Farm Show, Planning Meeting, Royalty Trip, Youth Camp, Family Festival, and Ag Progress Days. Other events, local and statewide, may occur during their reign and Ambassadors may be asked to participate in them.
7. Ambassadors must be able to attend the Youth Activities Days at the National Grange Convention to represent Pennsylvania. This convention would be in November following the end of their reign. Requirements for participation at the National Grange Convention may change. Please review the National Grange Youth website for any changes.
8. Ambassadors must be willing to promote the Grange Youth Department activities and contests.
9. Ambassadors will be selected during Youth Camp. Judging is based on ambassadorship, an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge.

### **STATE GRANGE CONVENTION YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

“State Grange Youth Days” were developed to encourage the Youth and Young Adults from across the state to attend, participate, and learn about the workings of the State Grange Convention. A team of youth officers will be selected to open or close a session at the State Grange Convention. An application will be printed in the PA Grange News and available on the website. Each Youth Officer will exhibit the duties of their State Office. They may be invited to serve on a state committee, should attend the meetings, and attend Drill Practice. This is a very rewarding experience.

Activities are planned where the Youth/Young Adults can participate. Fun, fellowship and activities are the elements of the State Grange Youth Days, plus making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones.

### **YOUTH CAMP**



This is a weekend of education, fun and fellowship geared towards the youth of the Grange. Watch in the PA Grange News and on the website for the application form and details for the weekend.

Camp Dates: 2017: June 30 - July 2

2018: To be announced

Camp Location: Camp Sylvan Hills, Centre County

Fee: TBA (the Jonathan Sattazahn Fund will cover \$15.00 of each camper's fees).

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Public Speaking Contest is an outstanding program that builds leadership in all those who participate. There is no Theme or Subject for this contest. The contest will be held at the annual State Grange Convention. All first place state winners of the Prepared Speech category are eligible to compete at the Eastern Regional Youth Conference held the following spring. If the 1st place winner cannot attend the Eastern Regional Youth Conference, the 2nd place winner will be asked to take their place.

This program is open to Grangers of all ages. There will be four categories this year along with three age divisions as follows (age as of 1 January):

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age
3. 36+ years of age

Props are allowed, but not encouraged and should be appropriately sized for the room and audience (such as posters, power point presentations, etc.). Points can be deducted for props at the judge's discretion.

### ***Judging Criteria:***

1. Voice – spoke clearly, easy to understand.
2. Stage Presence – dressed neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.
3. Expression – Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion.
4. Confidence in speaking, content of speech, clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic.
5. One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

### **CATEGORY A: PREPARED SPEECH**

- Contestant may choose any topic they consider appropriate for the audience.
- Contestants will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. The questions will be related to the contestant's chosen speech topic.
- Contestants are required to submit three (3) copies of their speech outline. These outlines are not judged; they are for "reference only" by the judges. Copies must be given to the Director(s) before the competition.

### ***Time:***

Minimum: 4 minutes

Maximum: 7 minutes

### ***Prizes:***

1st - \$20.00

2nd - \$15.00

3rd - \$10.00

#### CATEGORY B: RADIO SPOT CONTEST

- A radio spot is an advertisement promoting the Grange. You are the “DJ” and you are doing a commercial for the Grange. Can include 1 -2 people in the radio spot.
- Radio spots should be exactly 60 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or “tag” by another other than the contestant. If music or sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device.
- The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 60 second time limit to be exceeded.
- The spot should relate to the Grange, be original and created by the contestant.

#### **Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$15.00

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10.00

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5.00

#### CATEGORY C: IMPROMPTU SPEECHES

- An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. No note cards are used, and topics are generally randomly drawn.
- Impromptu speeches should be at least one minute in length and not longer than 7 minutes.
- Timekeeper will hold up their hand when the 1-minute mark has been reached and when 6 min. 30 sec. mark has been reached so the speaker knows when he/she can stop.
- Participants will draw two topics, select their choice of the two and return the other topic.
- One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

#### **Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$10.00

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5.00

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$3.00

#### CATEGORY D: PUBLIC SPEAKING W/VISUAL AID(S)

Have you ever thought of entering the public speaking contest, but didn't because you weren't able to use visual aids? Well, dust off those school power point presentations, posters, or tri-fold boards because the Youth Department is sponsoring a Public Speaking w/visual aids contest. This contest will be held at State Session. The winner of this contest will not go on to the regional level – this is a PA-only contest.

- Speeches must have some form or visual aid to make the presentation more interesting and understandable.
- You may use power points, posters, tri-fold boards, wikis or other form of media in your presentation. The medium you choose to use must be approved by the PA State Youth Director prior to State Session.
- In addition to the Judging Criteria above, the speaker will also be judged on the:
  1. General appearance, design, creativity and neatness of the visual aid
  2. How helpful was the aid to the overall presentation.

#### **Time:**

Minimum: 4 minutes

Maximum: 7 minutes

#### **Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$20.00

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00

### **STATE SESSION CONTESTS**

Judging for the following contests will be held at the annual State Grange Convention. Entries must be delivered to the Display Room according to the deadline published in the session schedule. If you are unable to attend the Convention, your entries may be sent with a representative from your area.

The entries in the contests at State Grange Convention must be submitted with the following information:

Name  
Address  
Age category as of 1 Jan.  
1. Junior, under 14  
2. 14-21 years of age  
3. 22-35 years of age  
4. 36+ years of age  
County  
Telephone Number  
E-Mail Address  
Grange Name and Number  
Contest Title  
Class, Category or Division

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX**

#### ***Rules:***

1. Start with a commercial cake mix
2. Add additional ingredients to create a cake only, not a dessert (no creams or puddings - due to spoilages) No refrigeration available.
3. Must include recipe for judges to review
4. Must have visible label information attached to the top

***Categories:*** (All ages in same category)

- A. Chocolate Cake Mix
- B. White/Yellow Cake Mix
- C. Spice/Other Cake Mix

#### ***Judging guidelines:***

- A. Taste 50 pts
- B. Texture 20 pts
- C. Uniformity 20 pts
- D. Appearance 10 pts

#### ***Prizes:***

- 1<sup>st</sup>: \$20.00  
2<sup>nd</sup>: \$15.00  
3<sup>rd</sup>: \$10.00

The cake is to be prepared and delivered to the State Grange Convention as a finished product. All cakes will be auctioned or offered for sampling at the State Grange Convention.

### **CUPCAKE DECORATION**

#### ***Rules:***

1. Make a cupcake (may be an original recipe or from a box mix)

2. Decorate cupcakes
3. Submit 6 cupcakes (decorated same) on a plate for judging
4. Must have visible label information attached to the top

**Judging Guidelines:**

- A. Appearance 40 pts
- B. Creativity 40 pts
- C. Taste 20 pts

**Prizes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: \$15.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$10.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$5.00

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE**

Use your own creative ideas and enter the Scrapbook Page contest.

**Rules:**

1. A 12" X 12" (standard) scrapbook page
2. Entries may be put in a page saver sleeve.
3. No kits or patterns from magazines or other commercial sources will be accepted.
4. Judging will be based on general appearance, creativity, neatness, and the skillfulness of scrapbook page technique

**Categories:**

1. Grange Related
2. Other (i.e. family, friends, school, sports, etc.)

**Divisions:** Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. Junior, under 14
2. 14-21 years of age
3. 22-35 years of age
4. 36+ years of age

**Prizes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: \$20.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$15.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$10.00

The scrapbook pages may also be mailed to the Youth Director by September 30.

**REPURPOSED / RECYCLED CRAFT**

**Rules:**

1. 80% of entry must be made with recycled material(s). The primary medium of the craft determines the category.
2. Nothing requiring electricity to operate is permitted.
3. Non-perishable materials only.
4. Maximum of 16" long by 16" wide and 20" high.

**Categories:**

1. Container (any – glass, metal, plastic)
2. Fabric
3. Wood

**Classes:** Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. Junior, under 14
2. 14-21 years of age
3. 22-35 years of age
4. 36+ years of age

**Prizes:**

- 1st: \$20.00
- 2nd: \$15.00
- 3rd: \$10.00

Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, design and general appearance.

### **BUILDING BLOCK CREATION**

#### **Rules:**

1. Size – 16” long by 16” wide by 20” high
2. No kits
3. Individually designed creation using interlocking plastic blocks
4. No motorized items

**Classes:** Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age
3. 36+ years of age

#### **Prizes:**

- A. 1st - \$20.00
- B. 2nd - \$15.00
- C. 3rd - \$10.00

Entries will be judged on creativity, design and general appearance.

### **CREATE A COMMERCIAL**

This contest is to create a commercial for a Grange activity.

#### **Rules:**

1. This must be for a Grange activity, either planned or proposed.
2. Time Limit - 30 seconds
3. Upload as a YouTube video

**Classes:** Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. Individual, any age
2. Group

#### **Prizes:**

1. 1st - \$20.00
2. 2nd - \$15.00
3. 3rd - \$10.00

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

### **DESIGN A BUTTON**

This contest is to create a button for a Grange activity or promotion.

#### **Rules:**

1. Your ORIGINAL (no copyrighted or trademarked) design must be drawn/sketched/colored/printed on paper or card stock in a standard button circle, 2” diameter, and ready to be made into a button.
2. Your design can be black and white or color.
3. Your entry will be kept by the Youth Dept and possibly used for Grange promotion.

**Classes:** Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. Junior, under 14
2. 14-21 years of age
3. 22-35 years of age
4. 36+ years of age

#### **Prizes:**

1. 1st - \$20.00

2. 2nd - \$10.00
3. 3rd - \$10.00

### **Youth/Young Adults Committee Members**

Matt & Miranda Irons  
Sara Benzio, 2016-17 Female Youth Ambassador  
Jennifer & Robert Beamon  
Lindsay Schroeder  
Casey Kerschner, 2016-17 Male Youth Ambassador  
Jennifer Nauss, 2016-17 Outstanding Young Patron  
Philip Vonada, 2016-17 Outstanding Young Patron

### **DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

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The Deaf Community Service Committee's will continue to have a main goal for Granges to focus on their communities. Take a look around your community and develop plans for your projects now. Look at the needs that your schools, food banks, parks, playgrounds etc. have and develop a project that would benefit them. Make a plan early and then follow through. Just remember to report all you do on the Community Service report form. If you need any help with planning an activity, just ask one of our committee members. The Deaf and Community Service Committee now have a Facebook Page. Please like and share our page to gain access to ideas about community service. The committee also has an e-mail that you can send community service and deaf activities projects to us and we can share: pagrange.dacs@gmail.com

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTESTS & PROJECTS**

There are endless possibilities for the Granges to do good work in our communities. Again, our goal is to keep as many projects within the "community" of your grange. What a wonderful way to get the Grange name out and to let community members see what Grange is all about.

All granges are asked to keep track of their projects and report it to State Grange. The Community Service program reporting period is from September 1 to August 31. Community Service is anything that benefits the community, a group of people, or an individual.

Keep record of how many people worked and about how many hours you worked. Take pictures and submit them to your local newspaper and to the State Grange Newsletter. Then clip these and send them in with your report. Reports and/or scrapbooks are due to Gail Switzer by September 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to have 25% participation from all the Granges in order to receive funding from the National Grange. While a scrapbook is nice, a report will also serve this purpose. Report all projects, no matter how small or how big.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100.00), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$75.00) and a 3<sup>rd</sup> (50.00) as well as an Honorable Mention, if warranted, for the Subordinate Granges in the following Categories:

1. Membership of 25 or less
2. Membership of 26 - 60
3. Membership of 61 or more

State awards for Penn State Granges are 1 (\$500.00), 2 (\$200.00), and 3 (\$100.00) places as well as an Honorable Mention.

State award winners will be announced during at State Session.

### **PROJECTS FOR STATE SESSION**

Each year, a local organization will be selected by the Deaf and Community Service Committee as a beneficiary of donations collected at state session. This collection will be determined by the needs of the community where state session is being held. More information will be included in the D&CS packet that is sent to each Grange as well as in the Pennsylvania Grange News and online. The D&CS will be collecting items for the Scranton School of Deaf and St. Francis Commons. Items to collect for St. Francis Commons: shower curtains, pillows, pillow cases, twin bed sheets, travel sized toiletries. Please stay tuned for updates as we approach state session.

The Community Service Committee will be doing a used book and DVD sale. Start saving those books and DVDs and bring them to the Deaf & Community Service Table. They will be resold there and the money will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

### **PROJECTS AT FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Each year, a project will be selected by the Deaf and Community Service Committee. The project will be determined by the theme and other activities scheduled during the festival. The committee again will be organizing a Bike and Hike for Saturday morning. This year there will be a \$10 entry minimum. The money raised this year will help sponsor an Autism dog. We will also be raising money during our two cake walks; one Friday night and one Saturday night. More information will be included in the D&CS packet that is sent to each Grange as well as in the Pennsylvania Grange News and online.

### **Other projects for your grange to consider:**

**Do not bring these to state grange, but be sure to report them.**

- **Labels for Education**

We are asking that all Labels for Education be donated to your local schools (if they collect them). Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) to download a current list of products that can be used. There are many, many items that have the Labels for Education label, so check the list, copy it, and post in your grange hall. If any labels are brought to state grange, they will be accepted, however prefer they be given to your local schools. Please keep a count and report it on your D&CS report.

- **Eye Glasses**

Collect used Eye Glasses and donate them to the Lions Club in your area.

- **Aluminum Tabs from cans**

Please continue to collect these and donate to the Ronald McDonald House that is nearest to you.

- **Caps, mittens, gloves, scarves**

These items can be given to places that service children or to homeless shelters. Also check with your local schools, many children go to school without these.

- **Cancer Hats**  
Check with the local hospital or cancer treatment center. Dealing with the loss of hair can be very traumatic, hats can ease the pain.
- **ABC Quilts**  
These are always needed at hospitals, foster homes, and pregnancy crisis centers. Help make a child's life a little warmer.
- **Dino's Operation Shoe Box**  
Collect items for these care boxes that are distributed to our soldiers. A monetary donation can also be made to help in shipping of the boxes.
- **Little Dresses for Africa**  
These are dresses given to poverty stricken areas. Not all dresses go to Africa, some stay in the United States. Check out their website [www.littledressesforafrica.com](http://www.littledressesforafrica.com).

These are only suggestions, there are many more. If you need help, please contact one of the state committee members. We will be more than glad to help you.

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Granges should honor a Community Citizen each year. Choose a person that has been very active in your community making it a better place for all. Once you have selected this person, order the plaque from the National Grange and invite this person to your meeting. Have an open meeting with a special program and present the plaque to him or her. Advertise and let the community know what is happening at your Grange.

### **REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS**

The PA State Grange has some funds that can be donated to local community service projects or could be used for "seed" money for a project. If you would like to request these funds, please send a request to the State Deaf & Community Services Director. Granges can request these funds on behalf of a local agency or school. The request should include: the specific need, approximate cost (catalog page with a picture, price and ordering information if applicable), the approximate number of people that will benefit and a contact name and phone number. Examples of acceptable requests: to support a project your Grange is working on; awarded directly to an agency or program; or as seed money for a new or underfunded community project. Give it some thought, where do you think the money should go?

### **THE NATIONAL GRANGE FOUNDATION**

The National Grange Historical Foundation continues to collect money for the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm. If your Grange wishes to donate to the Farm, please forward donations to the State Director, made payable to PA State Grange D&CS Dept., with "Kelley Farm" in the memo line. The Community Service Committee has several DVDs about the Kelly Farm. If you would like to use one of them for a program, contact Gail Switzer.

### **DEAF AWARENESS ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS**

#### ***Lecturer's Programs***

Work with your Grange Lecturer or Program Director to have a program to educate your members about: hearing protection, assisted technology (such as the TTY, Relay or CapTel), interpreting/interpreters, sign language or any related subject.



## **Sign a Song Contest**

### **Rules:**

- Contestants must be a Grange member in good standing, Junior Grange membership counts. Junior contestants compete in the age groups 5-9 and 10-14, however Junior winners do not go beyond State level.
- The group category may include up to two Junior Grangers.
- Contestants must furnish live music or a cassette/CD recording of the song being interpreted.
- Three copies of the words of the song must be supplied for convenience of the judges.
- Anyone who is a professional instructor or receives money for signing (i.e. a sign language interpreter) may not enter.
- Signers must use complete communication techniques: sign language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, and body movement.
- Props and costumes are not allowed. Rhythm is optional.
- There are two categories;
  - Individual
  - Group (2 or more)
- Only one song may be signed during the competition performance. Medleys are not permitted.
- Participants should be prepared to sign their name, song title and type of sign being used (ASL, ESL, or Pigeon).

### **Judging Guidelines: Total 100 points**

- Utilization of Communication Skills: Sign Language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation. **35 points**
- Body expression: Displays emotion, expresses key thoughts with body movement, mouth words for lip reading. **35 points**
- Presentation: Interpret with confidence, clearly signed, uniformity of the group (if applicable). **20 points**
- Song selection is appropriate with a clear meaning and is suitable for the participants' signing ability. **10 points**
- Points may be awarded at the judges' discretion for areas not covered above.
- Timing: 10 points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over 5 minutes

The rules are the same for the Junior Grange competition. There are two age groups: 5-9 and 10-14. There will also be a Junior Grange Group category if there is interest. There is no further competition beyond the state level for Juniors.

Monetary awards will be given in the individual and group categories: 1st - \$30.00, 2nd - \$25.00, and 3rd - \$20.00

First place winners also receive financial support to participate in the Eastern Region competition.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact one of the committee members. Or e-mail committee at [pagrange.dacs@gmail.com](mailto:pagrange.dacs@gmail.com)

### **Deaf and Community Service Committee Members:**

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## **GRANGE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS**

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**The PA State Grange is giving away three \$1,000.00 Grants to the Granges that recruit the most New Members.**

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES:**

1. The winning Granges will have the highest “percentage increase of new members” between July 1 (beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) and June 30 (end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter). For example the 2017 contest includes numbers from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
2. Initial membership count for each Grange will be based on the ending membership numbers reported on their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report. ( Line 14-Total Members)
3. One \$1,000.00 grant will be awarded to the top recruiting Grange in each of the following membership categories
  - a. 20 or less members
  - b. 21-49 members
  - c. 50 or more members
4. Wining Grange will be identified after all 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reports of the Community Granges are received by the State Office. Winners will be announced at State Session.
5. To take advantage of any media, event, and photo opportunities, the Membership/PR Director of the PA State Grange should be informed if the funds are being used for a specific project or event.