Pennsylvania State Grange
2020-2021
Guide to Contest
& Programs

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This Guide includes all contest and programs for 2020-2021

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Pennsylvania State Grange

2019-1920 Guide to Contests

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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

Entering:

- All contests are 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's name on the label.
- Enter as many contests as you wish, only **ONE** entry in each class.
- **NO STRAIGHT PINS** – if an 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 one 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 there is a tie, the level of difficulty will determine the winner. The decision of the judges is final.

  1st. Place – Blue Ribbon - $20.00
  2nd Place – Red Ribbon - $15.00
  3rd Place – White Ribbon - $10.00

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 please use safety pins**.

Inside Label:
- Name
- Address
- Telephone number with Area Code
- Grange Name and Number

Outside of Label:
- County Name
- Contest Title
- Class Number

Please use the designated label on all entries.

Baking/Cooking entries: All entries in these classes <u>must</u> have a recipe attached to them.
Please attach the recipe to the label on top of the entry, for all the judging, Subordinate, Pomona, and State.

<u>QUILT BLOCKS</u>

Class 1: 2020 Saunder's Gavel
Pieced - Color scheme – Royal blue print, gold solid, white solid

Class 1: 2021 Envelope
Pieced Color scheme – White solid, light purple print, dark purple solid

Must be 12½" X 12½" finished square, which includes ¼" seam allowance.

1. **Must be the designated pattern and color scheme as shown on the instruction sheet.**
2. Must be 100% cotton.
3. Wash fabric before using to control bleeding and shrinkage.
4. Judging of **TOP** only!!
5. All blocks are to be sent to state session for judging. Subordinate and Pomona elimination is not necessary.
6. Blocks **WILL NOT** be returned. They will be used by the **Family Activities** for future quilts.
7. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity and general appearance.

<u>QUILT CONTEST</u>

Division A *Quilt - Minimum 60" X 60" – Maximum 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 34" x 38" max. 48" X 60"*
Class 4 Hand Quilted
Class 5 Machine quilted

Division C *Wall Hangings – maximum size 48" X 48"*
Class 6 Hand quilted
Class 7 Machine quilted

Division D *Machine Quilt - Minimum 60" X 60" maximum 120" X 120"*
Class 8 Machine constructed and quilted, judge quilt top only

Division E *Preprinted Top Quilt - Minimum 60" X 60" maximum 120" X 120"*
Class 9 Pre-Printed Quilt Top, all work must be done by hand

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. 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.
5. All Quilts and Hangings are judged on **TOP** only.

2020 BAKING / COOKING CONTEST -- Attach the recipe to your entry label.

***Class 10**: Red Velvet*
***Class 11**: Sugar Cookies - rolled*
***Class 12**: Cereal Candy – your choice of cereal*

1. 9" cake, single layer, frosting of your choice or none.
2. Place 6 cookies on paper plate. Plain or decorated.
3. Place 6 pieces of candy on paper plate.
4. Entries will be judged on texture and taste.
5. All food articles must be made from scratch recipes. NO store mixes or store purchases can be used.
6. After judging, entries will be the property of the Family Activities Committee.

2021 BAKING / COOKING CONTEST -- Attach the recipe to your entry label.

***Class 10**: Banana Nut Bread*
***Class 11**: Cake Donuts – NO YEAST!!*
***Class 12**: Turtles*

1. Whole loaf of bread.
2. Place 4 cookies on a disposable plate. Plain or iced.
3. Place 6 pieces of candy on disposable plate.
4. Entries will be judged on texture and taste.
5. All food articles must be made from scratch recipes. NO store mixes or store purchases can be used.
6. After judging, entries will be the property of the Family Activities Committee.

2020-2021 AFGHAN CONTEST

Full size (min. 42"x55" max. 60"x72") 2 Classes
***Class 13A:** Crochet; **Class 13B** - Knitted*

Baby Afghan (max. size 45" x 45") 2 Classes
***Class 14A:** Crochet; **Class 14B** - Knitted*

1. Afghans can be knitted or crocheted with any brand of yarn you choose. 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.

2020-2021 EMBROIDERY, CROSS STITCH, PLASTIC CANVAS

***Class 15**: Embroidery*
***Class 16**: Counted Cross Stitch*
***Class 17**: Plastic Canvas Needlepoint*

1. Class 15 is any item except counted cross stitch, using any brand 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 for Class 17.
4. No size restrictions to any of the classes.
5. Entries will be judged on workmanship, general appearance and creativity.

2020-2021 COTTON THREAD CONTEST

***Class 18**: Doilies / Centerpieces*

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.

2020 TABLE CENTERPIECE

***Class 19**: With candle*
***Class 20**: With coffee/soup mug*
***Class 21**: Holiday of your choice*

1. Max. size 8" x 8", any shape is acceptable
2. Must be hand made by entrant
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, and general appearance.

2020 MOSAIC ARTWORK

***Class 22**: Any medium (glass beads, small tile, etc.)*

1. Max. size 12" x 12"
2. Any shape is acceptable, within max. size
3. Must be done by entrant, **NO KITS**
4. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, and general appearance.

2020 SHADOW BOX

***Class 23**: Vacation*
***Class 24**: Holiday*
***Class 25**: Sports*
***Class 26**: Other*

1. Max. size 15" long x 12" wide x 2" deep
2. Any shape is acceptable, within max. size
3. Must be done by entrant, **NO KITS**
4. Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, general appearance.
5. **Please see example to the right.**

2021 STRING ART

***Class 19**: Large Art (min. 17" x 17" max. 24" x 24")*
***Class 20**: Smart Art (min. 10" x 10" max. 16" x 16")*

1. Must be handmade, **CANNOT** be purchased/kit.
2. Pattern or design of your choice.
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, appearance and creativity.

2021 JEWELRY

***Class 21**: Necklace*
***Class 22**: Bracelet*
***Class 23**: Earrings*

1. Cannot be made with beads, stones, wire, wood etc.
2. No size restrictions
3. Entries will be judged on workmanship, general appearance and creativity.
4. **NO KITS!**

2021 WOODBURNING

Class 24:

1. Design is of your choice.
2. Max. size is 16” x 20”.
3. All work must be done by entrant.
4. **NO KITS!**

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Lecturer, or Program Director, is to lead in the education of the Grange members and community. The Lecturer's position is a very important one in the Grange. The Lecturer develops programs and activities to educate and engage those in attendance, and, in doing so, encourages current members to be more active and can play a powerful role in introducing the Grange to non-members in the community.

The role of the PA State Grange Lecturer's Department is to support the Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers and to serve as a resource for them. The Lecturer's Committee has developed some new contests and programs in order to better support and reward Lecturers across the state.

As we begin a new Grange year, I would encourage Lecturers to think outside of the box when developing program ideas for the year. Use resources within your Grange and within your community to put on engaging, informative, and relevant programs for your members (and invite others from your community to participate, as well). Create a Lecturer's Committee in your Grange or have a round-table discussion where your members generate ideas for programs that they would like to see. Reach out to local experts in your communities to visit and lead programs in your Granges. Work across departments and partner with other committees to coordinate meaningful activities. If your community service committee is raising money or collecting items to donate to a local fire company, consider asking the fire company to lead a program on fire safety and present the donation to them at that meeting.

In addition to coordinating educational programs for the Grange, it is also the role of the Lecturer to encourage Grange members to share their talents. So, pay attention to the talents and interests of your members and find ways to involve them.

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. However, whatever you do, plan ahead!

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

Plan to reserve program time for the standing committees in your Granges. They may wish to lead programs on contests in their departments or use the time to update the members on legislative issues or to share information from their departments.

LITERARY PROGRAM

Literary programs may take a variety of forms and depend on the needs and interests of your members. Regardless of the format your programs take, make a plan in advance.

1. Select a theme or topic.
2. Include education, inspiration, and entertainment that complement your topic.
3. Distribute materials (readings, skits, etc.) to members before their intended use.
4. Utilize your members in programs.
5. Review your program to make sure all materials are ready before your program begins.
6. Have a written plan for your program to help keep you on-task and to keep the program running smoothly.
7. Publicize your programs at Grange meetings and in the media (local newspapers, social media, etc.).
8. Be enthusiastic and positive!

SUBORDINATE VISITATIONS

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

The Pomona Lecturer should organize the visitation planning meeting and help in determining the details. The Pomona Lecturer should plan the visitation schedule in conjunction with the Subordinate Lecturers. After the schedule has been determined make sure to notify your members and publicize the visitation meetings in the media (newspapers, social media, etc.).

During your planning meeting, determine the length of each portion of the program. Make sure that all of the Granges participating know exactly what part of the program is their responsibility. The Subordinate Lecturer should inform the Pomona Lecturer of the program topic to avoid duplication of programs. It is important that all of those in attendance, both members and non-members, be greeted and made to feel welcome.

2020/2021 VISITATION THEMES

1. Opioid Crisis
2. Financial Planning Across the Lifespan
3. 2020 Olympics (2020)/Outdoor Safety (2021)
4. Lecturer's Choice

PUBLICITY

Throughout the year, make sure that you are publicizing your programs. Programs can be great opportunities to encourage more active participation from your members and as a means of inviting non-members to come to a Grange meeting – but only if your members and communities know about them! Advertise your programs in advance and publish information after your programs (share pictures on social media, write a press release, etc.). Utilize all media outlets available – local newspapers, internet, social media, etc. Using as many different media as possible will help you reach as many people as possible.

MID-ATLANTIC LEADERS CONFERENCE

The Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference is held each year in March and provides leadership training and idea-sharing to Lecturers and other Grange leaders from the Mid-Atlantic Region (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). The 2020 Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference will be held in the Camden, New Jersey area in March 2020. More information will be available in the Pennsylvania Grange News and in National Grange publications. Information for the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference will be made available late in 2020.

Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers should plan to attend this meaningful conference. We strongly encourage Subordinate and Pomona Granges to provide financial assistance to your Lecturers attending this conference. Consider holding a fund-raiser with the purpose of using monies to help your Lecturers attend. The Leaders Conference is educational and fun and is a great way to share ideas with Lecturers from across the region.

LECTURER'S REPORTS

Reports are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th and will be judged prior to the State Session in October.

There will be a State Lecturer's report form to showcase your accomplishments within the last year, as well as providing the Lecturer's Department feedback to evaluate programs and make changes.

Report forms will be mailed to Subordinate and Pomona Granges and will be available to be downloaded from the State Grange website.

Lecturer's Reports will be judged prior to the State Session in October. Ribbons will be awarded to the top four Subordinate Granges in the following classes:

Classes:

1. Up to 50 members
2. 51-99 members
3. 100 or more members

Ribbons will also be awarded to the top four Pomona Lecturers.

First place winners in all Subordinate classes and Pomona will additionally be awarded a monetary prize of $10.

Reports will be judged on quality of programs throughout the year, participation of members and other committees, and thoroughness (please provide details).

LECTURER'S SCRAPBOOKS

Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers are encouraged to submit a scrapbook to support their reports. While words may tell the story, pictures and other accompanying documentation can make a more lasting impression. Scrapbooks may include all programs for the year and should be in a 1" thick (or less) notebook or binder. Please include a title page and table of contents, as well as captions for pictures and other documentation. Program material from Scrapbooks may be shared in future Lecturer's Resource Books.

Scrapbooks will be judged separately from Report Forms and will also be due to the State Lecturer by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session. Scrapbooks will be judged on content (details of programs and accompanying materials) and neatness. Ribbons will be awarded to the top four Subordinate Granges in the following classes:

Classes:

1. Up to 50 members
2. 51-99 members
3. 100 or more members

Ribbons will also be awarded to the top four Pomona Lecturers.

First place winners in all Subordinate classes and Pomona will additionally be awarded a monetary prize of $50.

COMMUNITY NIGHT/DAY (OPEN HOUSE) REPORTS

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

It is an opportunity for a special program that utilizes education, fun, and fellowship. Involve your members and especially invite non-members in your community to attend the festivities. Make sure to publicize your Community Night/Day (Open House) programs well in advance!

Your program should include features to tell the Grange story to the public and can be a powerful tool to encourage membership or, at the least, name recognition in your community.

If your Grange does not have a hall, do not let that discourage you! Consider holding it during the summer as a picnic or outing or partner with another community group to host it there.

The Community Night/Day (Open House) is a perfect opportunity to honor recipients of the Community Service Award (Subordinate) or Public Service Award (Pomona).

The Pennsylvania State Grange recognizes the most outstanding reports submitted for the Community Night/Day (Open House) programs. Reports will be mailed to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges and be available for download from the State Grange website.

Reports are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session in October.

Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports will be judged prior to the State Session in October. Plaques will be awarded to the first place report and ribbons will be awarded to the second through fourth place reports in the following Subordinate Grange classes:

Classes:

1. Up to 50 members
2. 51-99 members
3. 100 or more members

A plaque will also be awarded to first place Pomona report with ribbons being awarded to the second through fourth place reports.

A narrative and pictorial report with significant information should be included in this report. A simple notebook binder, no larger than 1” thick, may be used to include your program outline, photos, news clippings and other media publications, invitations, etc. to showcase your program.

Reports will be judged on content, neatness, and participation of members and non-members.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This committee believes strongly in the importance of supporting Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers in developing programs and providing leadership training to Lecturers across the state. In order to shift the focus of the State Lecturer's Department to this purpose, there will be some major changes to the contests and programs in the Lecturer's Department this year.

Many of you may remember Leadership School, an annual weekend conference hosted by the PA State Grange, which aimed to provide meaningful leadership training to Grangers across the state. This year, the Lecturer's Department will be coordinating Regional Leadership Training Conferences ("mini Leadership Schools") across the state. In conjunction with the other Pennsylvania State Grange Departments, we aim to bring meaningful leadership training and information to Grange members throughout the state. With details pending, the tentative plan would be a low-cost, one-day conference with lunch provided. Start time would be late enough in the morning and end time would be early enough in the evening to allow for one-day travel without the need for lodging. Look for more information and details in the PA Grange News and on the State Grange website. We would strongly encourage Lecturers, and all Grange leaders, to join us for these regional conferences.

CONTESTS

All contest entries must be properly labeled on the back for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number, County, and Class (when applicable). Contest registration slips will be available to fill out for contests judged at the State Session (My Favorite Anything, Art, and Photography).

TALENT CONTEST

The Talent Contest takes place each year at the Family Festival held at the Centre County Fairgrounds in July. The Talent Contest is a great opportunity for Grangers to share their gifts with others. This is a National Contest; the Best of Show winner advances to the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention. Preregistration by contacting the State Lecturer is recommended, but not required.

Classes:

1. Instrumental
2. Vocal
3. Variety/Other Acts

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Time Limit: No minimum; all acts will be held to a 5-minute maximum.
2. Participants must provide their own accompaniment (either live or recorded).
3. Best of Show winner from the previous year may not enter the Talent Contest in the same class the following year.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive $25.00; second place - $15.00; third place - $10.00. A Best of Show winner will be selected from across all classes.

MY FAVORITE ANYTHING

In order to better financially support leadership training and to award Lecturers for quality programming, the craft contests will be consolidated into one contest – My Favorite Anything. Please continue to pursue crafts that are of interest to you! Rather than entering these projects in several different contests, they may be entered in the My Favorite Anything Contest.

Everyone has a talent and creative abilities. This is an opportunity to show off your talent. Anything from woodworking to sewing to wreath-making, etc. may be entered in this contest. However, these entries must not be eligible for any other State Grange contest.

Every entry must be no larger than 2' x 2' x 2'. All entries should be brought directly to the State Session for judging. No Subordinate or Pomona judging is required.

Classes:

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

Divisions:

1. Juniors (5-14)
2. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Entries must be the original work of the individual entering the contest.
2. Entries must not exceed 2' x 2' x 2' in size.
3. Only Grange members may submit entries.
4. Only one entry per person per class is permitted.
5. Identify your entry by Member's Name, Grange, and County.
6. Entries must be completed after September 30th of the previous year (e.g., after September 30, 2019 for judging in 2020).
7. State winners who receive first place in any class may not enter the following year in the same class.
8. The decision of the judges will be final.

Criteria for Judging:

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

Ribbons will be awarded for the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive $10.00. A Best of Show ribbon and $20.00 prize will be awarded to the top entry across divisions and classes.

PEN IN HAND

Entries are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th in order to be judged prior to the State Session in October. No Subordinate or Pomona judging is required.

All entries must be properly labeled on the back for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number, County, and Class

Classes (Topics):

4. Poetry
5. Short Story
6. My favorite Grange memory…

Division:

2. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

4. Word Limits:
   a. Poetry – 300 words maximum
   b. Short Story – 1,500 words maximum
   c. My favorite Grange memory… – 500 words maximum
5. The title and the author's identification information are not included in the word count.
6. Entries must be the original work of the person submitting the writing.
7. The writing must be typed, double spaced, and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive $10.00.

ART

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

All entries should be brought directly to the State Session for judging. No Subordinate or Pomona judging is required. All entries must be properly labeled on the back for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number, County, and Class.

Classes:

1. Nature
2. Animals
3. Abstract
4. People
5. Street Art/Graffiti

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Entries must be the original work of the member. No computer enhanced artwork is permitted.
2. Charcoal/pencil entries must have been treated for permanency to prevent smudging.
3. Entries must be completed after September 30th of the previous year (e.g., after September 30, 2019 for judging in 2020).
4. Size for all classes: maximum 24" x 36".
5. Frames or backing are required. Plexiglas covers are permitted, but glass covers will not be permitted.
6. Entries are judged according to the medium used.
7. Sculptures are not accepted due to display needs.
8. State winners who receive first place in each class may not enter the following year in the same class.
9. All entries must come ready to hang (wire, string, hook, etc.).

Criteria for Judging:

1. How well the artist used the medium selected
2. Craftsmanship and skill
3. Composition/presentation of subject
4. Originality
5. Theme and its treatment

Ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive $10.00. A Best of Show ribbon and $20.00 will be awarded to the top entry across all classes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

There must be a Subordinate level judging for this contest. All first place winners in Subordinate and Junior Granges advance to the State Session for judging. There is no Pomona judging.

This is a National Grange Contest. The Best of Show winner will advance to the National Grange Session for judging.

All entries must be properly labeled on the back for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number, County, and Class.

Classes:

1. Pennsylvania – My Home
2. Sunrise/Sunset
3. Pets/Animals
4. Landscape
5. Churches

Division:

1. Subordinate (14+)

Rules:

1. Frame or stiff backing is required for all photos. No glass coverings are permitted for safety reasons. Plexiglas is acceptable.
2. Entries must come ready to hang (wire, string, hook, etc.).
3. Prints only – no slides.
4. The photographer must select the class for his/her entry and label the back of the entry.
5. Entries must be a minimum of 5” x 5” and maximum of 11” x 14” including the frame or backing.
6. Photos must have been taken after September 30th of the previous year (e.g., after September 30, 2019 for judging in 2020).
7. Participants may enter all classes, using different photographs.
8. Participants may submit only one entry per class.
9. Only traditionally printed photographs will be accepted. No computer enhanced photographs are permitted.
10. State winners who receive first place in any class may not enter the following year in the same class.

Criteria for Judging:

1. Composition and arrangement
2. Interest
3. Presentation
4. Technique

Ribbons will be awarded to the top four entries in each class. First place entries in each class will receive $10.00. A Best of Show ribbon and $20.00 will be awarded to the top entry across all classes.

"DESIGN A PROGRAM" CONTEST

Entries are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th for judging prior to the State Session in October.

Lecturers design programs as one of the primary responsibilities of their office. This is an opportunity to share program ideas and earn recognition for your work. All program ideas that are submitted will be compiled into a "Lecturer's Idea Book" which will be distributed at the State Session and will be available on the PA State Grange website for download.

All entries must be properly labeled on the back for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number, and County.

Classes/Divisions:
There are no separate classes or divisions. All entries will be judged together.

Rules:
1. Entries must be typed, double spaced, and printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
2. Each individual may submit no more than **two** program entries.
3. Entries should include a detailed plan for the program that is clear and able to be replicated.
4. Program plans should include the following information:
   a. Program title
   b. Outline of program
   c. Any specific materials needed (readings, puzzles, skits, etc.) or web URL where online materials can be found
   d. Number of participants needed
   e. Length of program
5. The program that is described in your entry should have been completed after September 30th of the previous year (e.g., after September 30, 2019 for judging in 2020).
6. Anyone who has presented a program may submit an entry – this contest is not only for Lecturers.

Criteria for Judging:
1. Quality of program (educational, engaging, entertaining)
2. Detail of entry
3. Clarity of entry

Ribbons and monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. First place – $30.00; second place – $20.00; third place – $10.00.

LECTURER'S GRANT

Applications are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th to be reviewed before the State Session in October.

Quality educational programs are an essential part of any Subordinate or Pomona Grange meeting. However, high quality programs, especially with outside speakers or costly materials, can be financially taxing for Lecturers and their Granges. We wish to recognize high-quality programs ideas by offering financial assistance to Lecturers in need of funds to present these meaningful programs. The Lecturer's Department will sponsor a grant of $100 for this purpose. Depending on applications received and at the judge's discretion, one grant or several grants may be awarded to winning Lecturers.

Applications should include the following information:

1. Lecturer's Name and Address
2. Grange Name, Number, and County
3. Detailed Program Proposal (outline and plan)
4. Detailed Budget Proposal
5. Brief Letter of Need (500-word maximum) to justify the need for funds

Applications should be typed, double spaced, and printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper.

Criteria for Judging:

1. Quality of program (educational, engaging, entertaining)
2. Detail of proposal
3. Financial need

Recipients will be recognized and awarded at the State Session in October.

LECTURER'S COMMITTEE –

Please contact myself or a member of the Lecturer's Committee with any questions.

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Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I also would love to visit your Granges as my work schedule will allow. Please contact me to make arrangements.

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The Deaf Community Service Committee's main goal for the next two years is to continue having Granges 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.

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 the state director by September 15th. 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 if time does not allow to create a scrapbook. Report all projects, no matter how small or how big.

There will be a 1st ($100.00), 2nd ($75.00) and a 3rd (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 Pomona Granges are 1st ($60.00), 2nd ($50.00), and 3rd ($40.00) places as well as an Honorable Mention.

State award winners will be announced 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 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. 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.

**** If you need ideas, please e-mail Gail as she has a 6-page document of project ideas from around the state.*

- **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.

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 Jr. winners do not go beyond the state level.

- The group category may include up to two Junior Grangers.
- Contestants must furnish live music, CD recording, or provide equipment to play using an electronic device 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Every Grange should always be looking for new innovative ways to complete community service projects; or enhance the ones you are already completing. This new contest has been created to highlight one project your Grange does from September 1st until August 31st. While completing your community service books, this is an extra step to promote a special project that has been successful.

Rules:

1. Each Grange can submit **one** project in a category that they feel is their "best" project. (i.e. a Grange can submit one Junior Grange (ages running the project must be between 5-14) community service project as well as one for their subordinate)
2. Projects can be highlighted on a minimum of a 8"x11" paper and a **maximum** of an 11"x14" paper – Be Creative!
3. Each project must include the following:

    - What is the project?
    - How many people participated in running project?
    - Who is the project benefiting?
    - Approximately how many people benefited from the project?
    - Costs/Profits of the project.
    - At least one picture but no more than 5.
    - Approximately how much time was put into running project?
    - Put the name of your Grange and county ON THE BACK

Mail submissions to Gail Switzer by September 15 so they can be sorted and taken to State Session.

Voting will occur throughout the session weekend. So, please stop by to vote for your favorite project for each category!

Winners will be announced when book winners are announced during session.

Categories:

1. Junior Grange (5-14 year-olds running project, adults can help with purchasing items needed)
2. Membership of 25 or less (Subordinate or Pomona)
3. Membership of 26 – 60 (Subordinate or Pomona)
4. Membership of 61 or more (Subordinate or Pomona)

Prizes:

1st Place - $20
2nd Place - $15
3rd Place - $10

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Poster

What does it mean to be aware? What can we do to promote the importance of something? What might life be like if you were deaf or hard of hearing. These three aspects sum up the concept of this poster contest and what it is designed to do. Help us educate others about why it is important to be aware of others that may be deaf or hard of hearing utilizing your creativity to spread the message.

Entries must be delivered to the Display Room at the annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session according to the deadline published in the session schedule. If you are unable to attend, your entries may be sent and picked up by another member.

Rules:

1. Posters must be minimally 11”x14” and maximally 22”x28”
2. Use any medium, i.e. paint, markers, crayons etc.
3. Name and Grange should be listed on back

Voting will occur throughout the session weekend. So, please stop by to vote for your favorite poster for each category, and a best of show!

Categories:

1. Junior Division 1 -- 5-9
2. Junior Division 2 -- 10-14
3. Youth Division -- 14-21
4. Young Adult Division -- 22-35
5. Subordinate Division -- 35+

Prizes:

1st Place - $20
2nd Place - $15
3rd Place - $10
Best of Show - $20

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

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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. 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.pagrange.org/youth.

The Youth program helps to build leaders by offering the Youth Ambassador Program 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, www.nationalgrangeyouth.org, 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 37th 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 term.
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 term and Young Patrons may be asked to participate in them.

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. Judges may select one or two individuals to serve as the Young Patron(s).

5. 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 term. Requirements for participation at National Grange Convention may change. Please review the National Grange Youth website for any changes.
6. Young Patrons 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 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 term.
2. Ambassador candidates must have their parents' consent to compete if under the age of 18.
3. Grange youth competing for the Youth Ambassador Program must be between the ages of 16-21, have observed their 16th but not their 23rd 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 term.
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 term 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 term. 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: 2020 and 2021: 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 Regional Youth Conference held the following spring. If the 1st place winner cannot attend the 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 classes this year along with three age divisions as follows (age as of 1 January):

Division 1: 14-21 years of age
Division 2: 22-35 years of age
Division 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 judges' 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.

Class 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 -- 3 minutes
Maximum -- 5 minutes

Prizes:

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

Class 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:

1st - $15.00
2nd - $10.00
3rd - $5.00

Class 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 5 minutes.
- Timekeeper will hold up their hand when the 1-minute mark has been reached and when 4 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:

1st - $15.00
2nd - $10.00
3rd - $5.00

Class D: Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Speech

Have you ever thought of entering the public speaking contest, but didn't because you weren't able to think of something to talk about? Well, the Youth Department is sponsoring a Public Speaking DIY speech 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 may describe any type of activity and the steps you needed to take to successfully complete the action, task, craft, etc.
- Speeches may have some form of visual aid to make the presentation more interesting and understandable.
- You may use actual items, 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. How clear the overall DIY steps were presented and the ease of following the steps.
  2. General appearance, design, creativity and neatness of the visual aid.

Time:

Minimum: 3 minutes
Maximum: 5 minutes

Prizes:

1st - $20.00
2nd - $15.00
3rd - $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 Division as of 1 Jan.
Telephone Number
E-Mail Address
Grange Name, Number and County
Contest Title/Class

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

Class*: (All ages/divisions in same class)*

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:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $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 cupcakes (may be an original recipe or from a box mix)
2. Decorate cupcakes

3. Submit 4-6 individual cupcakes (decorated identically or following one theme) on a plate for judging
4. Must have visible label information attached to the top
5. One class/one division – Cupcake Decorating – All ages

Judging Guidelines:

A. Appearance - 40 pts
B. Creativity - 40 pts
C. Use of Theme or Same Decoration - 20 pts

Prizes:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

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.

Classes:

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

Divisions: Age as of 1 Jan.

1. Junior, under 14
2. 14-21 years of age
3. 22-35 years of age
5. 36+ years of age

Prizes:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

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

RECYCLED CRAFT

Rules:

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

Classes:

1. Plastic
2. Fabric
3. Wood

Division: Age 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
5. One class – Building Block Creation

Division: Age category as of 1 Jan. (Junior category under the Junior Grange Dept.)

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age

Prizes:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

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

FOLDING DISPLAY CONTEST (National Youth Contest)

This contest is to create a display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange Open House, or other forum to promote the Grange, a Grange program or a Grange issue.

Rules:

1. All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a subordinate Grange.
2. The first place entry in each category will be sent to National Grange for judging.
3. The theme of the display must be Grange related.
4. Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself.
5. Displays will be judged on content (30 pts), organization (30 pts), originality (15 pts), and neatness (25 pts).
6. One class – Folding Display

Division: Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age

Prizes:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

CREATE A BUTTON

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

Rules:

1. Your ORIGINAL design must be drawn/sketched/colored 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.
4. One class – Create a Button

Division: Age category as of 1 Jan.

1. 14-21 years of age
2. 22-35 years of age

Prizes:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

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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 ages. 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.

Here are the 2020 and 2021 Junior Grange contests. There are several changes, please read this guide carefully. GOOD LUCK
The following rules apply to **all State Junior Grange** contests.

1. All entries must be labeled. Label as follows:
   a. Name and address of the contestant
   b. Birthdate
   c. Jr. Grange name and number
   d. Jr. Leader name
   e. Category you are entering: ex. Baking age 5-9.

2. In each contest there are two age groups 5 to 9 and 10 to 14
   a. ALL WORK MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY BY THE JUNIOR.
   b. ONE entry per Junior per contest.
   c. Any entry that does not comply with the rules may be disqualified.
   d. Once a Junior Grange member has joined the Subordinate Grange at any time throughout the year they can no longer compete in Junior contests.

Awards on the state level:

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 - 9 and 10 - 14)

RECYCLED CRAFT

Recycling is one way in which to help our environment. How many of us truly recycle all that we can? We feel this is one way in which the Jr. Grange can be of help. We want you to make a useful item. Be Creative…

2020 – Cardboard Paper Towel Roll / TP roll
2021 – K-cups (any brand or size)

Size limitations: No bigger than 24 inches by 24 inches by 24 inches.

Judging guidelines:

1. Originality
2. Neatness
3. Creativity

BAKING CONTEST

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 whenever necessary.

2020 – Peanut Butter Cookie
2021 – Iced drop cookie – any flavor

Rules:

4. NO PRE-MIXED OR BOXED BATTER.
5. Send six of your creations on a paper plate covered with clear plastic wrap.
6. Include the recipe.
7. Must have visible label information attached to the TOP.
8. MUST not require refrigeration

Judging guidelines:

1. Appearance and texture
2. Taste
3. Uniformity

CREATIVE WRITING

Expressing ideas and thoughts in the written form is another form of creativity and talent. Thinking through an idea and sharing your words helps to form a dialogue and communicate with others. Junior Grangers are always asked to share their ideas so this is another fun way to do that.

2020 Topic: Describe your favorite Jr Grange Activity and Why
2021 Topic: What does Agriculture Mean to Me?

Rules: All creative writing entries must use the above topic.

1. The entry must be typed, double space
2. Minimum of 4 complete paragraphs and maximum 5 pages.
3. It can be a poem, song, or story.
4. Must be an original writing of the person submitting the entry.

Judging guidelines:

1. Creativity and originality
2. Content
3. Neatness

SCULPTURE / BUILDING BLOCKS

We are always looking to appeal to all ages and genders and this contest does just that. Whether you are a pro at designing a vehicle out of blocks or can barely stack them on top of each other – this is a contest for anyone! Dig out your box of Leggos, blocks or cardboard and have some fun.

Categories:

1. Plastic Interlocking (Knex, Leggos)
2. Any other material

Rules:

1. Creation must be done entirely by Junior
2. NO KITS! Use your imagination.
3. Be sure the creation is solid and will not fall apart. If you can use tape or glue, that is helpful. Any entry that falls apart during transport will not be judged. The committee or judge is not responsible for putting your creation back together.

Judging guidelines:

1. Originality
2. Neatness
3. Creativity

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Field Pumpkins – Not to exceed 12 inches in diameter.

a. Painted – paint only, nothing but paint should be used on the pumpkin.
b. Most Creative – any material may be used.

Rules:

1. NO gourds will be accepted.
2. Do NOT carve the pumpkin or puncture in any way since this will cause rapid rotting.
3. Acrylic Paint is suggested as the medium to use when painting pumpkins. A Clear coat sealer will help keep the paint from chipping/flaking.

Judging Guidelines:

1. Originality
2. Neatness
3. Proper Size

SCRAPBOOK PAGE

There are so many ways to create a Scrapbook Page. You can use your own photos, clippings from newspaper of magazines or draw your designs. Pre-printed Scrapbook paper is permitted along with scrapbooking elements but do not re-create from a kit. Be creative!

2020 Theme: "Eat the Rainbow" – fruits and veggies that is!
2021 Theme: "Farmers Feed the World" (No Farms, No Feed)

Rules:

1. Size is Standard Scrapbook page – 12" x 12"
2. NO kits or pre-designs.
3. Secure/glue all elements
4. Page must be placed in a plastic sleeve created for scrapbook pages.

Judging Guidelines

1. Creativity
2. Neatness
3. Use of Theme

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Any Medium can be used – see Rules Below for specifics on size etc.

ART Categories:

1. Self Portrait
2. Wild Animals
3. Pretty Posies (flowers)
4. Things with wheels – trains, planes, trucks and cars!
5. Abstract (no defined subject matter)

Rules:

1. This contest is for drawings, paintings, etc.
2. Work must have a photo mat or frame (without glass)
3. Size NOT TO EXCEED 11”x14”
4. Art work must be ready to hang

Judging Guidelines:

1. How well the artist used the medium selected
2. Original/creative
3. Presentation of art work

PHOTOGRAPHY Categories:

1. ME in a selfie (can have others also in photo)
2. My favorite FARM animal
3. Our American Flag
4. Hometown Heroes (police, Firefighter, EMT etc.)
5. Jr. Grange Fun

Rules:

1. Minimum size is 5”x5” and Maximum is 8”x10”
2. Photos must have a photo mat or frame (without glass)
3. Traditional photos only – no computer enhancement
4. Black/white and color will be judged together. No separate categories.
5. Photos must have been taken within the past year, since last State Session.
6. Photos must be ready to hang

Judging Guidelines:

1. Good composition / arrangement in photo
2. Clear, well taken photo
3. Presentation of photo

MINI-Junior Granger ART Gallery

To encourage our mini Juniors (anyone under the age of 5 as of the current State Session), we will hold an art gallery just for you. Any art medium may be used. The size of your artwork should be 8” x 10” or smaller. ALL entrants will receive an art supply, certificate and a ribbon. This “showing” is open to everyone that fits the age requirements. One art piece per child, please.

JUNIOR GRANGE TALENT CONTEST

Categories:

1. **Vocal** – individual and group acts
2. **Instrumental** – individual and group acts
3. **Other Acts** – any performance of a group or individual that involves dancing, gymnastics, etc. Any performances portraying an entertaining act using dexterity of body movements, skill, timing and gracefulness. This class also includes any performance that involves an oral presentation, such as skits, readings, etc.

Contest will be held at Family Festival. CONTESTANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP WITH THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO FAMILY FESTIVAL**.**

FIRST PLACE WINNERS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR MAY NOT ENTER THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE SAME CATEGORY, UNLESS IT IS IN A DIFFERENT AGE GROUP OR IF ENTERED IN THE WINNING YEAR IN A GROUP AND ENTERS THE CURRENT YEAR AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR VISA VERSA.

Time limit – no more than six minutes.

ANY ACT DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM.

Judging guidelines:

1. Stage presence 15 pts.
2. Appropriate dress 5 pts.
3. Skill of presentation 60 pts.
4. Suitability of the number 15 pts.
5. Audience appeal 5 pts.

Awards for Talent Contest:

1st – $20.00
2nd – $15.00
3rd – $10.00

These are given in each category in each age division (5-9 & 10-14)

******** CHANGES TO JUNIOR GRANGE "ROYALTY PROGRAM" ********
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Now called the
Junior Grange Ambassador Program

The title change comes after much consideration and discussion. There is an understanding that the title change may not be or sound like "tradition", but the overall duties of the position is the exact same as in years past. The title is more modern AND is more aligned with the duties of the Juniors who are selected for this title. They are not simply a "Prince" or "Princess" of the Grange but in fact AMBASSADORS for the Grange and the Junior Grange Department. This title change will also be more appropriate when selecting members to compete for the title of the National Junior Grange Ambassador. The changes outlined below in the Program Guidelines will allow the PA Junior Grange Ambassadors to compete for the title of the National Junior Grange Ambassador.

This program gives recognition to the outstanding Junior Grangers in Pennsylvania. One male and one female Junior Grange Ambassador may be chosen each year. The Ambassadors serve on the State Junior Grange Department Committee for one year. Previous Prince/Princess "Royalty" or previous JG Ambassadors are not

eligible to compete again. The Junior Grange Ambassadors will be selected at the annual PA State Junior Grange Camp in July, as in previous years. **Please see guidelines below for more explanation and changes.**

Program Guidelines:

1. The Junior Grange Ambassador candidate must be a member of a PA Junior Grange or a Junior member of a PA Subordinate Grange (the Plus 1 program) for at least three years.

2. The Junior Grange Ambassador candidate must have their parents' consent to compete. A form will be sent to the candidate after Camp Registration has been received, if they indicate on their form that they want to compete.

3. **** JG Ambassador candidates must have observed their 12th but not their 15th Birthday by December 31 of the year they are competing at State Camp.

4. The Junior Grange Ambassador Candidate will be required to take the Ritual/Grange Knowledge Test at State Camp and depending on their score, may be selected to continue the "competition" with up to 3 other candidates (a maximum of 4 for each gender). It is recommended that the candidate takes time to study and know basic Junior and Grange history, state officers, state contests, Grange Hall layout and basic meeting agenda. A study guide can be acquired by contacting the State Junior Director.

5. The Junior Grange Ambassador candidates will be judged in the following areas: a group interview, a personal interview, speaking ability, and an essay titled, "Why I want to be the next PA Junior Grange Ambassador". The actions and leadership ability of the candidate will also be observed during the week of camp. Any Candidate running for the Ambassador position who is not following camp rules will be eliminated from the competition as per the discretion of the Director and JG Committee.

6. The selected Junior Grange Ambassadors must be available to attend a variety of events and activities in PA while they are serving in that role such as: Family Festival (held in mid-July), State Grange Session (held in October), PA Farm Show (held in early January), Committee Planning meetings (some held via Zoom), Ambassador Trip (formerly called Royalty Trip – in May or June), PA State Jr Grange Camp (held in early July). Other events, local and statewide, may occur during their reign and Ambassadors may be asked to participate in them.

7. The Junior Grange Ambassadors must dress appropriately at all times when representing the Grange or Junior Grange and wearing the sash. At NO time should the JG Ambassador wear clothing with holes, rips or tears. No showing of mid-drift or cleavage is permitted. Jeans can be worn if at a Farm or Agricultural Event where it is appropriate dress. The female Ambassador is encouraged but not required to wear a dress (knee length or longer) OR a pantsuit, dress pants and blouse when representing the Grange or Junior Grange. The male Ambassador is encouraged but not required to wear a dress shirt and tie or a nice polo shirt and dress/khaki pant when representing. If in doubt, ask the JG Director or other committee member if the outfit to be worn is appropriate for the occasion.

8. The newly selected Junior Grange Ambassadors **are strongly encouraged** to apply and compete for the title of National Junior Grange Ambassador of the same year that they earn the title (National held in November) but are not required to. Since the National program requires that each state may send one female and one male Ambassador to compete, the current PA Junior Grange Ambassadors will have the first chance to run for the National title, and if they choose not to, the Junior Grange Department will encourage the other Ambassador candidates to apply for the position. The guidelines for the National Junior Grange Ambassador Program can be found under the Contest category of the National Junior Grange website. www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

9. The Junior Grange Director and Committee reserves the right to make changes to the new Junior Grange Ambassador Program as they deem appropriate in the event that a change is needed or if one of the guidelines needs to be better explained or edited. The PA Jr Grange Department is moving forward to better serve the Juniors at the State level and give them every opportunity to apply and compete at the National level for programs. Please contact the Junior Grange Director with any questions or clarifications of the new Junior Grange Ambassador Program.

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

2020 Theme: Wilderness Adventure
2021 Theme: TBD at 2020 camp

Camp Location: Camp Sylvan Hills – Howard, PA
Fee: TBD for Campers, Helpers and Counselors

Who May Attend: Any Junior Granger who has had their 7th Birthday BEFORE the start of camp but has NOT had their 15th Birthday before the start of camp. (See age requirements for new JG Ambassador program above)

Bring a Friend? Yes! You may bring a non-Granger to camp one year. They must join Junior Grange to come back the following year.

Helpers/Jr Counselors: Must be a Subordinate member of a PA Grange, in good standing and be between the ages of 15 (as of the start of camp) and less than age 18.

****All those attending camp, that are over 18 will be considered Counselors or Workshop leaders. These persons must have their Act 33 and 34 clearances done prior to July 1st. BECAUSE OF NEW STATE LAWS CONCERNING CLEARANCES - THE DIRECTOR MUST SEE THE ORIGINAL CLEARANCE AND THEN MAKE A COPY. However, to be sure that a copy is on file before camp begins, PLEASE mail a copy to the Director along with your application

These forms can be completed online by going to
https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS = Child Abuse History Clearance
https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp = PA State Police Criminal Record Check

These Clearances are FREE for Volunteers.

******IMPORTANT******
Anyone who wants to be considered as a Helper, Counselor or Camp Staff can obtain an application from the Jr Grange Director. It is NOT to be assumed that you can attend camp every year based on previous years of service. We need to assure that new and upcoming Grange members have the chance to participate in camp and this might cause a need for Grange members who have been coming to camp for many years to be asked to give their "place" to another person.

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

This jamboree will be held in conjunction with State Grange, in October. Activities will begin Saturday morning/ afternoon and may include various activities in the host county. These activities are completely planned by the host committee and a registration fee is required by the Junior attending. The Host Committee is to keep the State Jr. Committee up to date on the planning process. Details will be published in the Pennsylvania *Grange News.*

NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS

Please refer to the National Grange website for monthly activity suggestions, Awareness Projects, Ambassador Program, History Award and other National JR. Grange contests. www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

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