



Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer's Committee

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Dear Worthy Lecturer/Program Director:

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the beginning of Summer!

Enclosed are either the Subordinate or Pomona Report Forms, as well as the Creative Connections Report Forms. Please take the time to start working on your reports and scrapbooks. The deadline for reports and scrapbooks is **September 15th**. The 2022-2023 Guide to Contests and Programs was distributed at State Session in October 2021 and is also available on the Lecturer's page of the PA State Grange website, www.pagrange.org. Please refer to this Guide for rules and information for the reports and scrapbooks, as well as other contests.

Regional Leadership Conferences

The Pennsylvania State Grange will be hosting a series of regional leadership conferences, designed to provide meaningful and helpful training to local Grange leaders and members. Three conferences will be held in the western, central, and eastern regions of the state. Any Grange member or leader is welcome and encouraged to attend! Attendance at each conference is NOT limited to the host region - **anyone can attend any of the conferences, regardless of which region.**

Lunch will be provided at each conference by the host Grange. There is a **registration cost of \$15**, which will cover the cost of lunch and all provided materials. **Registration is due 3 weeks prior to the conference.** The schedule of conferences is below (each Conference runs from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm):

September 10, 2022 - Big Knob Grange Hall, Beaver County
336 Grange Rd., Rochester, PA - Register by August 20th

September 17, 2022 - Progress Grange Hall, Centre County
217 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA - Register by August 27th

October 1, 2022 - Kutztown Grange Hall, Berks County
Kemp & James Alley, Kutztown, PA - Register by September 10th

The detailed schedule and registration forms are enclosed in this mailing. Please mail registrations and payment to **Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**

Statewide Initiative

The Pennsylvania State Grange is introducing a **new state-wide service project**. We encourage EVERY Grange to participate in this project - **Books for a Buck!**

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Some of you may remember participating in state-wide service projects some years ago - projects that brought us all together to work toward a common goal. You may remember projects like "Goats for Guatemala" and "Words for Thirds". We hope that this project will allow us ALL to work together however we can to support literacy for students in our local schools.

See the enclosed instructions and flyer for more detailed information. **We CANNOT WAIT to see the good we can do by working TOGETHER!**

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. This contest is for Subordinate members (14+). Please refer to the Junior Talent Contest guidelines for junior entries. First place entries in each class will receive \$25.00; second place - \$15.00; third place - \$10.00.

This year's talent contest will be on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Classes:

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

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.

Creative Connections Contest

Finding ways to share your Grange's story with the community should be one of the highlights of the year in your Grange activities. It is an opportunity for a special program or event that utilizes education, fun, and fellowship. Involve your members and especially invite non-members in your community to attend the festivities. Some Granges hold Community Night or Open House Programs, but the department realizes that many Granges continue to find new ways to reach out to their communities to share their Grange story. We wish to provide all Granges an opportunity to share how they are doing this – regardless of what format it takes.

There will be 2 divisions in 2022-23:

- **Division A** – Granges who held their Open Houses, whether in-person or virtually
- **Division B** – Granges who held another designated project to "tell their Grange Story" (not a Community Night or Open House)

Divisions are as follows:

- Pomona
- Subordinate
 1. Up to 50 members
 2. 51-99 members

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3. 100 or more members

Similar to the last few years, winning Granges in each division and class will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence. The ***Creative Connections*** report form is included in this mailing. These should be submitted by **September 15th** for judging prior to the State Grange session.

Lecturer's Reports and Scrapbooks

Lecturer's Reports may be completed as usual; the report form is also included in this mailing. Reports and Scrapbooks for Subordinate and Pomona Granges will again be judged separately. In each class, first place reports will be awarded \$10 and first place scrapbooks will be awarded \$50. Scrapbooks MAY include all programs for the entire year. Feel free to also include additional pages if there is not room on the report form to share all relevant information. If you are submitting a Scrapbook, please also complete a report to accompany your scrapbook. Scrapbooks and accompanying reports will be judged in the Scrapbook contest. Reports that are submitted without a scrapbook will be judged in the Report contest.

Divisions are as follows:

- Pomona
- Subordinate
 4. Up to 50 members
 5. 51-99 members
 6. 100 or more members

Reports and Scrapbooks should be submitted by **September 15th** for judging prior to the State Grange convention.

Creative Connections Reports, Lecturer's Reports, and Scrapbooks should be submitted by **September 15th** by mail to: Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or electronically to jnauss89@gmail.com.

Other Contests and Programs

Below is a brief summary of the other contests and programs sponsored by the Lecturer's Department. **Take note of the submission deadlines and updated classes for each contest, as some have changed.** For more details, please see the 2022-23 Guide to Contests and Programs.

Contests with Submissions due September 15th: (Submit to jnauss89@gmail.com or mail to Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055)

- **VIRTUAL Photography Contest**
 - Classes:
 - Bridges
 - Wildlife
 - Landscape
 - People
 - Celebrations
 - Submit *virtually* to jnauss89@gmail.com. If you cannot submit photos electronically, you may also submit them on flash drive or in print and can be mailed to: Jenn Nauss, 10 West Schoolside Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
 - First Place in each class - \$10
 - Best of Show - \$20

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- Subordinate judging is **no longer required!** Each member is limited to one entry per class.
- **Pen in Hand**
 - Classes:
 - Poetry (300 words maximum)
 - Short Story (1,500 words maximum)
 - The Grange of the Future – If I could change something about the Grange, it would be... (500 words maximum)
 - First Place in each class - \$10
- **Design a Program Contest**
 - Lecturers design programs as one of the primary responsibilities of their office. Pennsylvania Lecturers / Program Directors are doing amazing work and should be recognized for their creative ideas.
 - Entries will be compiled into a Lecturer's Idea Book.
 - First Place - \$30, Second Place - \$20, Third Place - \$10
- **Lecturer's Grant**
 - Quality educational programs can be critical tools for our Granges and our ability to reach our members and those in the community. We recognize that these programs can be financially taxing and that not all Granges have the financial resources to plan such programs.
 - The Lecturer's Department will sponsor a grant of \$100 for this purpose.

Contests to bring to State Session:

- **My Favorite Anything**
 - Classes:
 - Wood
 - Plastic
 - Fabric / Material / Yarn
 - Miscellaneous
 - First Place in each class - \$10
 - Best of Show - \$20
- **Art**
 - Classes:
 - Nature/Animals
 - People
 - Still Life
 - First Place in each class - \$10
 - Best of Show - \$20

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I want to conclude this letter with a reminder that I am here to help you! I would be happy to visit your Granges, help you brainstorm ideas for programs, or answer any questions you have about the PA State Grange Lecturer's Department. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,



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