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Michigan State Grange

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Program Booklet



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Congratulations on being elected Master of your Grange! Responsibility and privilege are yours. Holding this important position requires dedication, patience, hard work, and diplomacy.

FOR A PRODUCTIVE GRANGE

1. **Elect and Install Officers**
2. Appoint Committees: **Involve everyone.** Ask Committee Chairmen to report at each meeting.
3. Conduct a yearly **planning meeting** with your Officers and Committee Chairmen.
4. Open and Close the meeting in proper form, following the Order of Business. Practice good ritual. **One meeting per month is required.** Two meetings per month provide greater interest and more opportunities to develop the total Grange program.
5. Plan for **delegate representation** at the Annual Convention of the Michigan State Grange. The Master and spouse, or duly elected alternates are eligible.
6. **Act on resolutions** and send them to the State Grange Secretary for action at the Annual Convention.
7. Develop a plan for **membership growth.** Use the obligation ceremony, followed by the full degrees.
8. Encourage annual **Degree Conferrals.**
9. Be an **active part** of your community.
10. **"Whatever you do, strive to do it well."**

GOLD STAR GRANGE PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to recognize Subordinate Granges for their work. It is intended to strengthen Subordinate Granges by encouraging participation in the total Grange program. Granges are encouraged to do those things of which they are capable, improving and increasing activity, thereby becoming a vital part of the community. Participation by all departments and members of the Grange is essential to Grange success. This program will reward those Granges who fulfill the **eight** requirements listed and **10 of the 15** optional achievements.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Take in new members _____. How Many? _____
2. Quarterly Reports in to State Grange on time. (30 days after end of quarter.) _____
3. Opening and Closing in form and holding all regular meetings. One meeting per month is required. _____
4. Delegates to State Grange Convention. _____
5. Must have 13 members, the legal limit. _____
6. A Lecturer's Program at all regular meetings. _____
7. A Visit by a State Grange Officer (other than one who is a member of your Grange.) by invitation.
Who _____ When _____

OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Entered and reported in Community Service Contest _____
2. Participation in Degree or Obligation Ceremony Conferral. _____
3. Officers installed in full form. _____
4. Appointments of all Committee Chairmen which are suggested by State Grange. _____
5. Committees reporting at regular meetings. _____
6. Support for Lecturer's Department _____
A. entry in at least one contest.
7. Participation in Family Activities Program. _____
A. List them.
8. Participation in Youth/Young Adult Program _____
A. Youth /Young Adult Conference/Camp
9. Support of Junior Grange Program. _____
A. Junior Grange presently operating/
organization of New Junior Grange
B. Participation in at least one program/contest in Junior Program (Several are open to children and grandchildren of Grange members.)
(One must be completed to count)
10. Grange Deaf Awareness Program _____
A. Contribution to State Grange Deaf Fund
B. Do Program on the subject of deafness or hearing protection.
(both must be completed to count)
11. Observance of Grange Month _____
A. Program
B. Community Citizen Award
C. Exhibit, display, or poster in prominent place
(Two of the above must be completed to count)
13. Observance of a Community or Booster Night _____
14. At least one resolution forwarded for action at State Grange Convention. _____
15. Representatives at one or more leadership conferences or workshops sponsored by the State Grange, County, or Subordinate Grange. _____
16. Use of Publicity — TV, Radio, Newspapers, Social Media _____

*****CONTEST DATES ARE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, TO AUGUST 31.** Reports are due to the State Grange office no later than **September 10th.** All Granges qualifying will be recognized with a Gold Star Grange Certificate at the State Grange Convention. A scrapbook is not required. The entry and report will consist of this form only. Send to: Peggy Johnston, Secretary, Michigan State Grange, 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI 48429.

LECTURER

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⇒ It's your turn

You are now the Lecturer of your Grange. For some of you, this may be a continuing leadership role; others of you are new and may be a bit overwhelmed. In either case, you have accepted a key role in your Grange that has much to do with keeping the Grange energized with programs that you plan for each meeting.

⇒ Your responsibility is education in the Grange

In today's world with the information overload, and dozens of ways to get it, you need to bring information on current issues to your Grange – whether they be local, state or national issues. The National Grange and their directors distribute ideas to present to our Granges. For those that have Internet access, you should ask to receive the National Grange "Patron's Chain". You will receive quarterly newsletters from the State Grange, as well as the *Michigan Grange News*. Your role also includes broadening member's knowledge by educating them on new ideas to keep them "up to date" in a fast-moving world. Another key role that you have is to assist in developing leaders in the Grange. This requires involvement of members in programs – you are not a "one-man" show, and do not need to be the sole presenter or participant in your programs.

⇒ Consider having a team approach

A committee should work with you, which allows a broader input of ideas to meet the needs of your Grange. The State Lecturer has such a committee. Don't forget other resources that you can draw from available in your Grange and State Grange - Deaf Awareness, Family Activities, Agriculture and Legislative committees. You are not alone when you become Lecturer.

⇒ Don't forget fun and recreation

Each meeting's program should include these. This is also a means of involving everyone in your programs.

⇒ May your programs educate and stimulate positive actions amongst members in your Grange!

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The purpose of the contest is to encourage members to develop and share their talent as a writer.

Rules:

1. One entry per member per class may be submitted.
2. All entries must be the original work of the member.
3. All entries must be completed after October 1 and before September 30.
4. Entry may be handwritten or typed. If handwritten, entry must be legible and neat, and written in either blue or black ink.
5. Each entry may include one illustration, photo or drawing related to the topic.
6. Judging: Creativity and Interest: 40%; Composition: 60%

7. Note number of words for each class, as they are different. Please count!
8. Division I Junior members 6 years old or younger
Division II Junior members 7-10 years old
Division III Junior members 11-14
Division IV Subordinate members, including Associate members
Age of Junior Granger as of January 1st, must be on the label

9. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class in each division; Juniors receive \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Divisions I – III. Junior

Class A. Poem (3-15 lines); must be in stanza form (not paragraph form); need not rhyme

Topic: I am happy when....

Class B. Story (up to 200 words);

Topic: My favorite toy

Division IV. Subordinate

Class A. Poem (3-26 lines); must be in stanza form (not paragraph form); need not rhyme

Topic: My Grange Experience

Class B. Story (400 – 600 words)

Topic I: My Favorite Holiday

OR

Topic II: Recalling My School Days

Class C. Book Report (400 – 600 words)

Describe setting, characters, basic plot, what you liked or didn't like about the book.

ART CONTEST:

The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage creativity in visual arts of our Grange members.

Rules:

1. One entry per member per class may be submitted.
2. All entries must be the original work of the member.
3. All entries must be completed after October 1 and before September 30.
4. Entries will be judged according to the class designated by the artists.
5. All two-dimensional entries must have a firm backing so that they can be properly displayed.
6. No glass covering is permitted with any entry, and if submitted, will not be judged.
7. Judging criteria: use of medium selected, craftsmanship and skill, composition and presentation; originality
8. Division I: Junior members 6 years old or younger
Division II: Junior members 7 or 10 years old
Division III: Junior members 11 – 14 years old
Division IV: Subordinate members
Age of Junior Granger as of January 1 must be on the label.
9. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class; Juniors receive \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Class A. Drawing or painting (two dimensional) in any media (pencil, charcoal, ink, pastels, or oils, etc.) - size must not exceed 24" X 36"

Class B. Three-dimensional art objects – any medium (size no larger than 24" in any direction)

FAMILY HERITAGE:

The purpose of this contest is to learn more about and to celebrate our family heritage.

1. One entry per member per class may be submitted.
2. Presentation of the entries must be the work of the member.
3. All entries must be completed after October 1 and before September 30.
4. The size of entry shall be a maximum of 24"X 24", all on one firm backing.
5. Judging: Clarity; Creativity and Interest, Presentation
6. Division I Junior members 6 years old or younger
Division II Junior members 7-10 years old
Division III Junior members 11-14
Division IV Subordinate members, including Associate members
7. Age of Junior Granger as of January 1st, must be on the label
8. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class in each division; Juniors receive \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Class A. Chart, illustration or drawing showing a minimum of 3 generations (through grandparents), including each person's name

1. May use preprinted chart of illustration.

Class B. Family Photo Story

1. Entry will include three or more photos, which need not have been taken by the participant.
2. Photos need not be taken in the past year.
3. Descriptions and/or labels are encouraged for photos.

Note: A best of show award will be made from all entries in Creative Writing, Art, and Family Heritage.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage the creativity in photography of our Grange members.

Rules:

1. One entry per member per class may be submitted.
2. All entries must be taken by the member.
3. All entries must be completed after October 1 and before September 30.
4. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides.
5. Photographer must select the class of their entry.
6. Participants may enter all classes using different photos.
7. Prints may be made by a commercial process.
8. All entries must have a firm backing so that they can be properly displayed.
9. No glass covering is permitted with any entry, and if submitted, will not be judged.
10. Photo size: up to 8" X 10"
11. Judging criteria: composition and arrangement, interest, presentation, technique
12. Division I: Junior members 6 years old or younger
Division II: Junior members 7 or 10 years old
Division III: Junior members 11 – 14 years old
Division IV: Subordinate members

Age of Junior Granger as of January 1 must be on the

label.

13. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class; Juniors receive \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

14. A best of show ribbon will be awarded to the best entry from all photography entries. This entry will be sent to National Grange for entry in the contest there.

Class A. Animals

Class B. People in Action

Class C. America the Beautiful

Class D. Michigan, My Michigan

Class E. County Fair

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage the public speaking skills, an important skill for all existing or developing leaders.

This contest will be held at the Michigan State Grange session on Thursday evening for Subordinate members only. Subordinate and Pomona Granges are encouraged to have a local contest as well, although the local contest will not limit the number of entries from a single Grange at the state session. Judging will be by vote of persons in attendance at the event.

Rules:

1. One entry per member in each class.
2. Entrants will draw for order to present their speech or reading.
3. Speeches and readings shall be no longer than 5 minutes, and no shorter than 3 minutes.
4. Judging: Content, addressing the topic, effectiveness, grammar, delivery (including stage presence, voice, expressiveness)
5. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded in each class.

Class A: Extemporaneous speaking

Topic of speech will be drawn from the topics just before the person's turn to speak

Topic 1: My favorite toys as a child

Topic 2: Foods I like/don't like

Class B: Readings

The readings may be any topic, appropriate to the audience.

Participants will bring their chosen reading with them.

Readings need not be memorized.

ORIGINAL GRANGE PROGRAM

The purpose of this contest is to challenge members (not just Lecturers) to design a program that could be presented at a Grange meeting. This contest is for Subordinate members.

1. The designed program may include presenters or portions (poems, games, etc.) from other sources, as well as original material crafted by the submitter.
2. The program description may be up to five (5) pages in length, and must include:
 - a. Theme of the program
 - b. A description of the expected audience (age Range, number, members/non-members,...)
 - c. Identification of media used, if applicable
 - d. Details of the program
 - Presenters must be indicated either by name, or by qualifications of the presenter in the description of the program. →

- All portions of the program that are not created by the submitter must have the sources provided (tell where you got the content).
 - If a speech is part of the program, a brief outline should be provided indicating the content.
 - Specifically identify the manner that audience participation is included in the program.
3. The program description must be typed or neatly written; no digital media will be accepted.
 4. The expected length of the program should be no longer than one hour.
 5. The program may have been presented already in a Grange meeting.
 6. Judging will be based on: 50% - educational impact; 20% - use of audience participation; 20% - clarity; 10% - ability to hold interest for expected audience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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PURPOSE:

Community Service is the heartbeat of the Grange. Granges that have a strong Community Service Program have a strong Grange. The purpose of the Community Service Report is to recognize and reward outstanding efforts made by Granges in their communities. The report is also intended to share information between Granges and inspire new ideas and programs.

PROGRAM PERIOD:

The Community Service program period is September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

REPORTS:

Community Service Reports should be sent to the Community Service Director by September 10th.

DIVISIONS:

Granges are divided into two categories. Small Granges with 40 members or less and large Granges with more than 40 members. Membership numbers are determined by the second quarter (June 30) membership report to the State Secretary. Granges will compete within own category.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

A summary report form will be supplied to each Community Service Chairman. A report may be submitted alone or with a notebook to receive full credit as an entry. Reports may be typed or neatly hand written.

NOTEBOOK REPORTS:

Notebook reports MUST contain the Summary Report as the first pages of the report. Materials should be organized and indexed in a manner that effectively tells the story of your Grange's Community Service work.

NOTEBOOK SIZE:

Maximum size for a notebook is a **2 inch binder**. Only one book can be entered. Any notebooks larger than this will not be judged.

(Materials such as DVDs and computer generated programs should not be included with reports and may not be used in place of a notebook report.)

PROJECTS:

Descriptions of projects should answer the questions, **What? Who? Why? How? And When?**

Suggestions to help tell your story:

- Why did you choose this project? What is your goal?
- How did you accomplish the project? Include the details of the work. Were there special committees? Did it take co-operation of other groups? Include the advanced preparations, and how many workers it took.
- What did you accomplish? Was it success? Include supporting materials (publicity, pictures, news articles, letters, etc.) Did you overcome obstacles? What would you do differently? Would you recommend this type of project to other Granges?
- Keep the report concise. Include only material that directly impacts on the project you are explaining.

AWARDS:

Cash awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

JUDGING:

Selection of judges will be made at the discretion of the State Community Service Committee. All decisions made by the judges are final.



DEDICATED WORKER AWARD

This award has its importance to the granges presenting the award. This award will no longer be judged at the state level. We hope that Granges will continue to present this award to people in their community.

Purpose: Each Grange is asked to honor a dedicated worker who has made a difference in the community. Giving public recognition to those who have given outstanding effort is important. This recognition is our way of saying "Thank You" for a job well done.

VIP — VERY IMPORTANT PATRON AWARD

Purpose: The purpose of the VIP Award is for each Grange to honor a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Grange.

SUBMISSION: Only one entry from a Grange may be submitted to the State Grange per year. Submit a biography and a summary of the contributions the VIP nominee has made to the Grange. If possible, also submit a photograph of your VIP. The submission shall be sent to the State Community Service Director by September 10th.

JUDGING: Judging will be the responsibility of the State Community Service Director. An award will be presented at the Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange.

DEAF AWARENESS

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The purpose of the Grange health project, Grange Deaf Awareness, is to serve deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people.

>>to encourage education of Grange members and non-Grange persons regarding deafness, including understanding the need for communication access by deaf and hard of hearing people.

>>to promote hearing protection, and to provide information about the hazards of noise.

>>to develop new programs and projects that will meet the above criteria.

>>Further, to create interest in our health project at all Grange levels, to increase participation and strengthen the image of the Grange.

IDEAS FOR ACTION AND SPECIAL AWARD

For Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges

Award: Grange Deaf Awareness Chairmen completing fifteen (15) of the suggested activities will receive Special Recognition at the Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange.

1. Plan year's work, bring ideas to your meeting, and then ask for a Grange vote.
2. Make an annual donation to the State Grange Deaf Awareness fund.
3. Report some phase of Grange Deaf Awareness at each meeting. Use the State Grange Deaf Awareness Newsletter as a source of information.
4. Present at least one program each year on the subject of Deafness, hearing protection, any part of hearing loss.
5. Submit a copy of a program that was one on deafness for your members to the Director for possible sharing with others.
6. Participate in the Michigan School for the Deaf Adopt-A-Child Project.
7. Participate in any other Michigan School for the Deaf projects or events.
8. Donate to the Michigan School for the Deaf Box tops, and Labels for Education.
9. Donate items to the Michigan School for the Deaf teachers Wish List.
10. Observe Better Hearing and Speech Month in May.
11. Have a speaker speak at your Grange meetings concerning deaf awareness issues.
12. Attend a Deaf Awareness conference, State Grange Convention or any other State Grange sponsored leadership conference.
13. Promote newborn hearing screening, give information in your meetings, talk to parents of young children about the importance of this subject.
14. Support legislation that benefits deaf and hard of hearing people.
15. Promote entries in the Junior Grange Deaf Awareness Poster Contest. Encourage them to learn sign language. (see rules in Program Book)
16. Promote and encourage entries in the "Essay Contest" which is available for all ages. (see rules in program book)
17. Distribute the Pledge of Allegiance in Sign Language posters in your community.
18. Distribute the Manual Alphabet posters in your community.
19. Distribute the Do You See the Signs posters in church nurseries, Day Care Centers, school and other places

where families congregate.

20. Distribute the hearing protection poster, Your Noisy World Could Get Silent, in your community.
21. Distribute the Grange Deaf Awareness poster that promotes, Awareness, Education and Prevention of Deafness.
22. Promote hearing testing for all ages.
23. Plan and carry out a hearing testing project in your Grange or meeting place.
24. Place a Deaf Awareness display in a library, Grange hall or meeting place, County Fair, community event, store window or any other place where it will be seen by the general public and/or by Grange members.
25. Send a report of your activities to the MSG Deaf Awareness Director by Sept. 10th. (Report form to be provided.)

Junior Grange Deaf Awareness Poster Contest

Purpose: To teach Junior Grange members about hearing loss, hearing protection, and how deaf and hard of hearing people communicate and to give Juniors the opportunity to express their creative abilities.

Awards: Ribbons and money awards in each age group.

1st place — \$3.00, 2nd place — \$2.00, 3rd place — \$1.00

Judging: The judging will be on Correction of Message and Educational Value of poster and neatness.

Four Age Groups: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14 who are Junior Grange members or children or grandchildren of Grange members.

Rules: Poster to be made on poster board. (max. size 18 x 24 inches) Crayons, markers, pencils, pens, cut out pictures, and/or photos can be used. The name of the entrant is to be placed on the back of the poster along with age, Junior Grange name and number and county.

Entry Deadline: The poster is to be at the State Grange Convention by Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bring it in or send it with delegates and take to where the Deaf Awareness Display is for judging.

Essay Contest

Division I Junior Grange members

Division II Subordinate Grange members

Essay Topics:

1. What would your experience be with parents or loved ones that become deaf with age?
2. What would your experience be with a child who is deaf?
3. What do you think your experience would be if you were deaf?

Stay within a 300 word limit.

All entries are to be at the State Grange Convention by Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and taken to where the Deaf Awareness display is with Division and number, the entrants name, Grange name and number and county.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners in each division will be recognized with ribbons and certificates and the Junior Grange members will also be awarded with prize money.

1st place — \$3.00, 2nd place — \$2.00, 3rd place — \$1.00

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Labels for Education**

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FOUNDATION

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The **Mission** of the Michigan State Grange Foundation is to provide educational resources to as many members and charitable organizations as possible, as well as to support health and wellness. Interest free loans are available for Grange members to attend Universities, Colleges, and/or Trade Schools of their choice. Funds are also available for Grange Department Directors' programs including support for Youth Leadership and Promotion, Junior Activities, Family Activities, Lecturer's Activities, Deaf Awareness Projects, and Community Service Projects.

The Foundation is **supported by donations** from Granges and by individuals who believe in the program. Additional funds are also gained from investments made by the Foundation Board of Directors.

A permanent Endowment Fund has been established from which only the interest earned is used for Foundation activities. Donations can be made directly to the endowment fund. In addition one-half of all general donations are credited to the fund. Establishment of this fund assures continued support in the future of the Foundation programs.

Donations to the Foundation are **tax deductible**, as the Foundation is incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit entity. Donations can be made to commemorate the lives of deceased friends, family, and Grange brethren. It is also suggested that donations can be made on special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. The Foundation can also be named as a beneficiary in a will or trust, and can accept real estate and personal property donations. **Your donations to the Michigan State Grange Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged and your support will be appreciated by the many benefactors that receive support from Foundation programs.**

MSG FOUNDATION

Kathryn Strouse, Sec.-Treas.

P.O. Box 84 North Star, MI 48862

Please accept my donation to help support the Mission of the Michigan State Grange Foundation.

\$ _____ **In Memory of:**

For Memory

_____ **Birthday**

Address _____ **Anniversary**

City/State _____ **Zip** _____ **Deceased**

Donations made by: _____ **Other**

AGRICULTURE

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1. The Master should **appoint an agricultural chairman and committee** to work with different segments of production.
2. Become informed and involved on local and state issues. The basic needs of agriculture start with a group of business people investing in a highly technical business that welcome the support of all the consumers.
3. Invite local farmers, legislators to **participate in forums** to better secure legislature and support from local and state governments.
4. Agriculture is greatly influenced by taxation, petroleum costs, agricultural inputs and capital to purchase equipment, labor and supplies. The Grange **must understand** all aspects of farming are done in a timely fashion as farmers have no control over the weather.
5. **Promote** crop insurance, technology and cooperative relations.
6. Despite the fact that agriculture is done in a rural setting, the Grange **must promote good roads** (farm to market roads) due to the large amount of inputs and harvest return (meat, milk, crops, and vegetables) for an economic delivery.
7. The Agricultural Chairman should give a **detailed report** at each meeting regarding progress in agriculture.
8. The Grange should encourage business people and politicians to attend meetings at all time and make an effort to get them to join the Grange.
9. **Insurance is a very important issue.** All rural families should have a chance to have health and dental care and access to local hospitals.
10. **Let's work together to make these things happen.**

AGRICULTURE "GROWING" CONTEST

Division I Junior 6 & under

Division II Junior 7-8

Division III Junior 9-11

Division IV Junior 12-14

Division V Subordinate Grange members



Class I — Fruits

A. 4—yellow apples

B. 4—red apples

Class II — Vegetables

A. 3 - potatoes any variety

B. 1— squash, acorn, butternut or any other hard shell variety

C. 1—pumpkin under 50#

Class III — Flowers—Outdoors

A. 1— sunflower head with 2 inch stem

B. Any type of plant (indoor/herbs/outdoor) in a Unique container.

Judging: Commercial Marketing Quality Standards are required for entering in each class, IE uniform shape, color, size and disease free.

Judging will take place on Friday morning of the State Convention.

Must be received and registered by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning.)

GROW WITH THE GRANGE!! Community Garden Challenge for each Grange. Post on social media via Facebook, MSG website, etc. Even if you do not have a Grange hall find a spot available in the community to organize an area for your community to participate and share the rewards of what grows in your garden. This could be a great Membership tool and also a Community service project to be reported in your CS notebook.

JUNIOR/YOUTH DIRECTOR

New Director Needed

JUNIOR PROGRAM

COLORING CONTEST

Color a picture of your choice.

RULES:

Junior Grange Members or family members of a Subordinate member

Size: 8 1/2 x 11

Age Group: 6 & under, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14

Contestants name, age, address, Grange name and number, must be attached.

Judging will be on creativity, originality, and use of theme. All entries will be judged at State Grange Convention.

AWARDS: (In each age group)

1st Place: Blue Ribbon + \$3.00

2nd Place: Red Ribbon + \$2.00

3rd Place: White Ribbon + \$1.00

CRAFTS

KALEIDOSCOPE

Can be made and decorated with any medium (ribbons, paint, etc.)

ROCK PHOTO HOLDER

Any design

Can be decorated with any medium (ribbons, paint, etc.)

PINE CONE ART

Can be any design

Can be decorated with any medium (ribbons, paint, etc.)

RULES:

Junior Grange members or family members of a Subordinate member.

Must be durable to withstand transport.

Age groups 6 & under, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14

Contestants first and last name, age, address, Grange name and number must be attached.

Judging will be on creativity, originality, and neatness. All entries will be judged at State Grange Convention.

AWARDS: (in each age group)

1st Place: Blue Ribbon + \$3.00

2nd Place: Red Ribbon + \$2.00

3rd Place: White Ribbon + \$1.00

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

There will be a combined Junior and Youth/Young Adult camp this year. Combining these camps has been very successful.

Older Juniors are able to participate in Y & YA activities. The plans for camp will be announced in the Michigan Grange News when plans are finalized.

THE JUNIOR DEGREE

Officers should be encouraged to commit the lectures to memory. This is a beautiful ceremony when done properly. A short form obligation has been written by the National Grange for use when necessary. The full form Junior Degree should be exemplified as often as possible.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JUNIOR GRANGE GRADUATION AND JUNIOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Complete ceremony included in the Junior Manual.

RECEIVING HONORED GUESTS

Used when a visiting National or State Officer attends a Junior Grange meeting.

Please check the Lecturer's, Family Activities, Deaf Awareness, Agriculture and other departments for contests that the Juniors can enter as well.

Please check the National Grange Junior Department for national program and contests.

YOUTH PROGRAM

GRANGE: AMERICAN VALUES, HOMETOWN ROOTS

Purpose:

1. To serve the needs and interests of youth.
2. To recognize and develop talents and leadership abilities of young people.
3. To compliment the total Grange program.
4. To provide learning experience through special program.
5. To encourage Youth participation in Grange events.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose: To award achievement in either the Subordinate or Pomona Grange. Each Grange may give as many awards as members are qualified. Points will be given for participation.

Requirements:

1. A Fourth degree member.
2. Involvement in attendance, office held, working on projects, committees, school activities, etc.
3. Fill out and mail completed report to State Grange Youth Director by September 10 of each year.

Award: A certificate to be awarded at the State Grange Convention. Award certificate may also be taken back to be awarded at local Grange meetings.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR POMONA AND SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Purpose: To provide the opportunity to recognize the Youth Program of Pomona and Subordinate Granges.

Requirements:

1. Chairman to fill out annual report form.
2. Report due to State Grange Youth Director by September 10 of each year.

Awards: Certificates to be awarded at the Annual Convention.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CAMPS

The State Grange Youth/Young Adults will be holding one camp in conjunction with the Juniors during the summer. Any Grange youth 14 years of age and over is invited to attend the camps

Camp Rules:

1. The conference is for Youth and Young Adults—may be Grange member or non-member.
2. Non-members must be invited by a Grange youth or young adult.
3. All attendees must present a consent form, signed by parent or guardian.
4. All campers will pay the designated fee (if applicable).
5. Attendees are required to follow rules, or must leave.



YOUTH AMBASSADOR — MICHIGAN ONLY

The State Grange Youth will be offering the Ambassador program to recognize two individual youth (one male and one female) that show achievement, participation and dedication to the Grange. Youth to be honored at the Annual State Session in October. May complete requirements to participate in the National Horizon Leadership Award program and attend the National Session in November.

Requirements:

1. Age limit — 16-21 years of age.
2. Previous Ambassadors are not eligible.
3. Must complete an application by the summer youth camp. Selection of Ambassadors will be made Saturday night of the summer camp.
4. Must complete three of the National Youth Achievement Awards or Seals.
5. Must be able to attend the youth activity days at State Session.
6. Preference will go to those that complete the requirements for the Horizon Leadership Awards and able to go to the National Session.

MICHIGAN GROW CLUB

The Michigan GROW (Go Right on Working) Club includes past Ambassadors, Prince, Princesses, Youth Couple, Youth Officers, who attended National Grange, Key Award Winners, Outstanding Young Adult winners, Teenage Award Winners, Grange Recruiters, and Young Agriculturists. All these positions were or are in the Youth/Young Adult Program. GROW Club pins are available.

THEME FOR 2020

CULTIVATING

CONNECTIONS



Michigan State Grange 150th Anniversary Pin

Have you bought your pin yet?
\$5.00 each.

In 2023 Michigan will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary. We are selling these pins to raise money for whatever type

of celebration we plan at that time.

To get your pin...contact Peggy Johnston, Sec., Michigan State Grange Office at 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI 48429 or call 989-288-4546. We will try our best to hand deliver, but if that is not possible, you will be charged for the shipping and handling.

GET YOURS NOW

LEGISLATION

New Director To Be Announced

Legislation is a very important part of the Grange program. Use it to interest present and prospective members. Coordinate legislative efforts with those of the Master and other officers and departments of your Grange.

1. **Appoint a Chairman.**
2. Use the State and National Grange Legislative Booklets as a resource.
3. Become involved, in, and knowledgeable on, local issues. Be informed.
4. Prepare resolutions and send them to county, state, and national representatives — both Grange and Government.
5. **Publicize legislative activities.**
6. Place National Grange legislative materials in a notebook to use as a handy reference.
7. Compile a list of public officials at local, state and national levels. Keep names and addresses available for future contact.
8. Update your Grange. Let your **Master** know you have, and wish to give, a **report at every meeting**. Encourage discussion.
9. **Call for action.** Encourage your Grange to react to an issue by drafting a resolution or letter and sending it to the appropriate public officials and your local newspaper and radio station.
10. Contact other groups with similar interests. **Organize efforts on specific issues.**
11. Follow through on Grange-adopted policy. Find out why things have not changed, and learn how they can be changed.
12. **Make voter registration a priority.** Set a goal of having all eligible members of your Grange registered to vote. Involve the Grange in non-partisan voter registration drives.
13. **Ask public figures to join your Grange.** This could be the start of a good working relationship.
14. Work with **Lecturer** to promote a Grange Issues Forum.
15. Work with the **Agriculture Committee** to promote farm issues; the **Information Chairman** to publicize the Grange position on issues affecting your community; the **Membership Committee** to inform potential new members of the legislative interests of your Grange; the **Youth/Young Adult Chairman** and **Junior Leader** (or chairman) to encourage young people to become informed and active in public affairs; the **Deaf Awareness Chairman** to promote effective legislation for deaf and hard of hearing people.
16. Hold a **Candidate's Night**. Invite non-members.
17. Have discussions on **Health Care Reform**, or have a community wide meeting to discuss the subject.
18. **GET INVOLVED!**

2019-2020 Michigan State Grange Officers

Master	Christopher D. Johnston
Overseer	Sharon Popler
Lecturer	Jacqueline Bishop
Steward	Barbara Castle
Ass't Steward	Bob Persons
L. Ass't Steward	Sandy Persons
Chaplain	Jeffrey Swainston
Treasurer	Kevin Young
Secretary	Peggy Johnston
Gatekeeper	Randy Cebulski, pro tem
Ceres	Nancy Swainston
Pomona	MaryBeth Bower
Flora	Tricia Eidsmoe
Exec. Comm.	Ron Ely, Dale Moore, Doris Felton
Pianist	Kevin Young

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HOME ARTS CONTESTS PROGRAM YEAR 2019-2020

Sponsored by: The Family Activities Department

Anyone who is 14 and older are encouraged to enter any or all of the categories:

General Rules:

1. All entries must be labeled with an official label and entry forms must be completed prior to entering in competition. Contact your Family Activities Chairman for labels.
2. Workmanship must be that of entrant.
3. **Only one entry per class:** (classes —afghans, doily, plastic canvas, etc.)
4. Adult entries will receive ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and all entries will receive a participation ribbon.
5. Junior entries will receive ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place plus a \$3 cash prize for 1st prize, \$2 cash prize for 2nd place and \$1 cash prize for 3rd place. All entries will receive a participation ribbon.
6. Best of Show award will be awarded by the Judges. All entries will be eligible to receive this honor.

Adult Home Arts Categories

All Grange members 14-100+ (Men and Women) are encouraged to enter any or all of this year's categories.

I Baked Goods (men and women)

- *Must include recipe, typed or legibly printed.
- *Must be made from scratch, no mixes.
- *Display should be on a disposable plate or pan.
- *Judging will be based on appearance, texture and flavor.
- A. Cherry Pie (from scratch)
- B. Angel Food Cake or Sponge Cake (from scratch)
- C. Quick Breads (from scratch)
- D. Peanut Butter Cookies (from scratch)

II Homemade Candies

- A. Any type of fudge (from scratch)
- B. Any other type of candy (from scratch)

III Canning

- A. Pickles (any variety)
- B. Salsa (any style)

IV Dried Foods

- A. Dried Meats (jerky, summer sausage, etc.)
- B. Dried Fruits or Vegetables

V Knitting

- A. Any knitted item

VI Crocheting

- A. Any crocheted item

VII Quilting (open to members and non-members)

- A. Any form of quilting

VIII Clothing

- A. Decorated T-shirt (anything)
- B. Apron (any style or format)

IX. Pillow Cases

- A. Any format

X. Greeting Cards

- A. Any holiday

XI. Woodworking

- A. any item (must be small enough to display on a table)

XII. Garden Sparklers

- A. Any style (check on line for description and ideas)

XIII. Antique Home

- A. Grandma's Kitchen or Home items
- B. Grandad's Tool Shed

XIV Miscellaneous Crafts

- A. Anything goes! Any article that does not fall into an existing class

JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST

Division I: Ages 5-9

Division II: Ages 10-14

- A. No Bake Cookies

Be sure to check out other contests for Juniors in the Lecturer's, Juniors and Deaf Awareness Programs.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

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The mission of the Michigan State Grange Historical Collection Committee is to collect, preserve and display, and otherwise disseminate knowledge, about those artifacts and manuscripts of historical significance which best represent the development and growth of the Michigan State Grange.

Dormant Grange records previously held at the Michigan State Grange headquarters have been catalogued and placed at the Michigan State University and the University of Michigan's Bentley Library for preservation. Records are available to those doing educational research, genealogy, also interested Grange members. We continue our pleasant relationship with leaders at both universities.

Grange memorabilia and artifacts have also been placed with the Michigan State University.

We have recorded many Subordinate Grange histories and we continue to record others as we find them. If you write a history of your Grange for an Anniversary or any other occasion send us a copy to be included in your records.

Several hundred Grange hall pictures have been identified, printed, and location listed, on this project in progress. We welcome the receipt of any Grange Hall pictures plus information regarding location.

The Past Masters notebook is another project in progress. The burial place of each deceased Past Master has been located, and pictures taken of the grave stones, including cemetery location. Historical information is included in the notebook about each Past Master.

With the closing of the State Grange Office, the many pictures that were there have been sent to the Bentley Library Archives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Before they were sent copies were made of many of them and they have been placed in plastic pages and put in notebooks. Naming people in the pictures and adding dates and locations is still being worked on and will be for some time. If you have a special picture from your Grange that you would like to have included in one of these books send me a copy by mail or e-mail and I will see that it is included.

MEMBERSHIP

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Last year the National Grange membership contest was to create a display promoting your Grange and to use it in the community your Grange serves. Grange displays should promote the active role your Grange takes in its community by highlighting the activities and functions your Grange puts on, the community service projects it engages in and the future vision of the membership. The displays can also briefly highlight the history of the organization. Displays should be visually appealing, including pictures to enhance the viewer's experience.

The National Grange is not continuing this contest for 2019-2020, but I would like to promote it as a state contest. The entries will be judged in Michigan. There will be one winner in each category – digital and non-digital – with each winner receiving \$25. There will not be a separation between large and small Granges. Please have entries to me by October 1, 2020.

Displays can be both active and passive in nature.

- Active displays are ones where Grange members are there to talk to potential new members and answer any questions about what your Grange does.
- Passive displays are ones that are set up for the public to view without anyone being there to answer potential questions.
- Both displays should have the information necessary for someone to find out more information about your Grange including, but not limited to: website, meeting date & time, email, social media addresses, etc.
- Displays should also be stocked with pamphlets about the Grange and membership applications for anyone wishing to fill one out.

In developing your display, consider what your Grange does to improve your community and the things that would entice people to join your Grange and become active members. Also consider what the outcomes are of being a Grange member, not just the features of membership.

There are two categories to the contest.

Digital displays:

- These can be a video or a collection of images and text that showcase what your Grange does to serve its members and better its community.
- Digital displays can be created in a variety of programs including, but not limited to: Microsoft PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, Keynote, iMovie, Adobe Spark, Windows Movie Maker and Impress.
- Digital displays can also have audio laid over the images with a narrator explaining the outcomes of being a Grange member and why someone should join the Grange.
- Digital displays should be viewed on a laptop computer or

TV screen that is set up at the events your Grange is working.

Non-digital displays:

- Organize information on a tri-fold board
- Make a display with stand-alone banners and large boards.

Contest Information:

Please submit to the Michigan State Grange Membership Director a short write-up (up to 2 pages) of where your Grange placed its display and what interest the display generated.

- Did you take in new members?
- Develop new contacts within your community?
- Develop a new program based on the needs of your community members?
- Along with the write-up please submit up to five (5) photos of your Grange display in action.
- Digital displays need to be created in some form of digital media that can be universally shared and viewed.

*If your Grange created an information or membership pamphlet specific for your Grange to go along with your display, please include it as well.

PUBLICITY — INFORMATION

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SUGGESTIONS:

1. Appoint an Information Chairman. (Publicity and Public Relations)
2. Publicize meeting dates.
3. Publicize programs, projects and activities. Work with officers and Committee Chairmen.
4. Identify Grange name and number and meeting date and time on outside of Grange hall or meeting place.
5. Present a Media Award to your newspaper and/or others who publicize Grange events.
6. When writing articles use the 5 "W" system. What, Where, When, Who and Why?
7. Contact daily and weekly newspaper editors, TV and radio stations. Becoming friends with media leadership is beneficial.
8. Write and thank news media following coverage.
9. Plan special coverage for Ag Day or Ag Week, Grange Month, Better Hearing and Speech Month, conferences and the State Grange Convention.
10. Keep trying and you will see your news in print or hear it on the radio or TV!
11. Send copies of newsletters or newspaper articles or a written summary of radio or television coverage, to the State Grange Office so your Grange will receive a certificate at the State Grange Convention.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Special recognition will be given to the Granges that report publicity, fair booths, attend or host conferences, have special programs where non-members are invited and any other forms of PR during the year.

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