



**2023**  
*Oregon State Grange*

*Awards ~ Contests ~ Scholarships*

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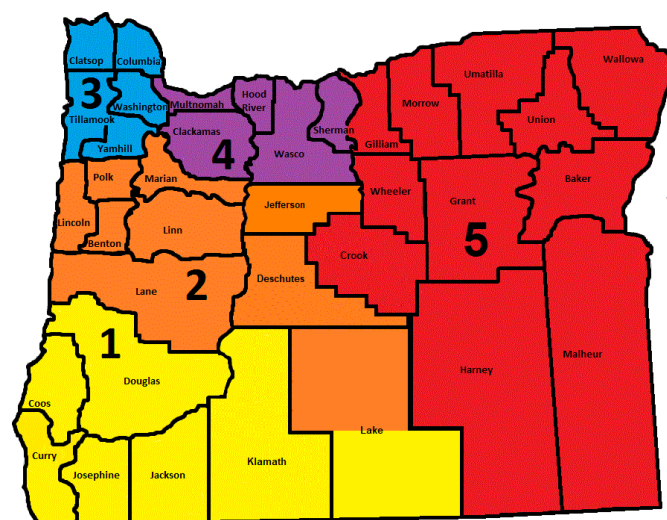
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## Which district am I in?



### District 1

Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and southern half of Lake counties

### District 2

Benton, Deschutes, Jefferson, northern half of Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, and Polk counties

### District 3

Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties

### District 4

Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Sherman, and Wasco counties

### District 5

Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Malheur, Morrow, North Lake, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties

## Agriculture Contests

### NEW! 2023 Oregon State Grange Garden Design Contest

!!!!!! Attention All Ye Gardeners !!!!!

New this year: The 2023 Oregon State Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone!

Entries must include: A written description that includes the gardener's name, the Division, and the Category. The Grange's name, number and location, and gardeners' contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number. The purpose of the garden; such as herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc. A list of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach). Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in June.

All entries must be received electronically by the State Agriculture Director by June 10 in time for the Oregon State convention as a single PDF file sent to [grassjune@hotmail.com](mailto:grassjune@hotmail.com). Additional entry information is available online at the Oregon State Grange webpage.

Winners will receive a cash award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions, and with the addition of an August garden photograph, their entries will be forwarded to compete in the National Grange Garden Design contest.

So many versions of a garden can be a winner. Try a native plants for birds garden, a pollinator garden, a Japanese garden, a kitchen salad garden outside your back door, or a tomato/pepper salsa garden...the ideas are limitless!

#### D. Groups and Divisions:

1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
  - a. Container Garden
  - b. Raised Bed Garden
  - c. Ground Space Garden
2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
  - a. Container Garden
  - b. Raised Bed Garden
  - c. Ground Space Garden
3. Group (all ages)
  - a. Container Garden
  - b. Raised Bed Garden
  - c. Ground Space Garden

For Definitions of Groups and Divisions see the National rules below.

### NEW! 2023 National Grange Garden Design Contest

#### STATEMENT OF INTENT

Share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

#### RULES

- A. The National Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Submit entries at: <http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>
- C. All entries must be received electronically as a single PDF file. *(If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at [pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org))*
- D. Groups and Divisions:
  1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
  2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
  3. Group (all ages)
    - a. Container Garden
    - b. Raised Bed Garden
    - c. Ground Space Garden
- E. Definitions:
  - a. Raised Bed Garden: Raised beds are freestanding garden beds constructed above ground level. "Raised bed" means that the soil level in the bed is higher than the surrounding soil and implies a size small enough to work in without stepping onto planting area. Raised beds are enclosed with box-like frames to provide structural support and prevent erosion and may be constructed using a variety of materials. Beds can also be elevated for gardeners who want to avoid bending to the ground while working.
  - b. Container Garden: A container garden can be a single pot with one or more plants in it, or several containers with multiple plants in each or a single plant per container, or a mixture of containers with various configurations of plant mixtures. Containers may be pots made from a variety of materials, baskets, planters or other objects that work effectively as a home for garden plants.

- c. Ground Space: any area of a ground level space cordoned off for growing garden plants (fruits, vegetables, flowers and other plant materials). Plants must be directly planted into the soil. Configurations of this garden plot may be in rows, square foot or broadcast.

F. Entries must include a written description that includes:

- a. Name of gardener, Group and Division (ex. Individual Adult: Container)Grange name, number and location, contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number.
- b. Purpose of the Garden: examples include purposes such as: herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc.)
- c. List of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach,
- d. Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in late August.

G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.

H. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

agricultural education and mentoring, facilitate Grange educational events about agriculture, and encourage Granger understanding of current agricultural issues, through events like the OSU Small Oregon Small Farms Conference, Oregon FFA Convention, Oregon Ag Fest and Oregon Ag in the Classroom. Please contact the Director of the Agriculture Committee or your District Chair if you like to be involved.

## Agriculture Committee

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### District 1

### District 2

### District 3

### District 4

### District 5

## PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Division.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

## ENTRY

Submit entries at this link:  
<http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>

## Agriculture Contest Search

After several years with no applications/nominations in either of the previous Agriculture Committee's Contests it has been decided to suspend the two awards programs, Agricultural Innovation of the Year and Agriculturalist of the Year, and brainstorm for a new award or contest which might stimulate actual participation by the Grangers of Oregon.

Any idea is welcome! We will make a list of any submitted ideas and the committee will discuss them, and choose and develop one to try in next year's Awards Booklet.

Please offer your ideas by phone, email, write by mail, to Agriculture Committee Director.

The Oregon State Grange Agricultural Committee promotes agricultural awareness, encourages

## Community Service Contests and Awards

### Annual Community Service Report

The Annual Report is a record of the community service projects your Grange sponsored during the year. It also records the time your Grange members volunteer in your community. You may have one large project or several small ones, but your involvement in the community is important. Involve your members in planning your Grange projects. Generate one new project for the year. A well thought out plan means “success” for your Grange. If you need more information or ideas refer to ***“The Endless Sea Filled with Possibilities”***. If your Grange doesn’t have a copy, you can go to the Oregon State Grange Website [orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/) to either read it or download it.

Projects should involve members and non-members working together. Partner with other groups to generate new ideas to give back to your community. The media is often more receptive to stories about projects involving several groups working together.

Oregon is one of the few states that does not require non-profits to report volunteer hours to maintain their non-profit status, but with rules becoming tighter for non-profits, this could soon be a requirement. There have been instances where a Grange has been able to protect its non-profit status because they had information on their volunteer hours.

“Everything counts” as volunteer hours on your annual report whether you volunteer for your Grange or within your community.

Involve your members in planning your Grange projects. Generate one new project for the year. A well thought out plan means “success” for your Grange.

Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges are encouraged to do projects and report annually.

Project reporting:

- The period for the Community Service Report is **January 1 through December 31**.
- Select a project or projects.
- Have a goal of one new project for the year.
- Keep an accurate record of hours spent by members and non-member on your project(s). Total the number of Grange members and non-members who participated and the number of hours worked for

each group. You may want to print the Community Service Volunteer Log (download-able from the Community Service page of the State Grange website), make copies, and distribute them to your members to record their volunteer hours once a month.

- Take photographs of your events and activities.
- Get publicity for your project (social media, newspapers, Grange Bulletin, etc.).
- Complete the Annual Community Service Report Form, which can be downloaded from [orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/).
- If you are entering a yearbook, be sure to make a copy of your report and include it in your yearbook.
- Mail the report form to the State Community Service Director postmarked no later than **MARCH 31**. Extended until **April 15** for 2023.
- All participating Granges will receive a recognition certificate for their Annual Report.

### Community Service Yearbook

The Annual Community Service Report lists your projects with the number of members and non-members participating and the number of hours donated by each. A Community Service Yearbook shows graphically through photographs, newspaper articles, and other documents each project and its impact. The yearbook is not a history of everything your Grange did during the year. It can be a great tool for recruiting new members because it shows what you did in your community!

Community Service Yearbooks must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday of Session**. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you may mail your book to the Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.

Yearbook Organization:

- Put the name of your Grange on the cover.
- Include a one-page description of your Grange and community.
- Include a Table of Contents with a summary of each project.
- Use a tab to mark each section to match the Table of Contents.
- Limit large projects to four pages and smaller projects to two pages.



- Only include one or two thank you notes from your project.
- If you held a fundraiser, include where the money was donated.
- Place all pages in page protectors.
- Include a copy of your Annual Community Service Report in its own page protector.

### Don't Include:

- An officer or member roster or meeting minutes.
- Obituaries when a family used your hall after the funeral.
- Mowing the grass at your Grange hall; that's maintenance, not community service.

### Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50, 4<sup>th</sup> place: \$25.
- All entries will receive a recognition certificate.
- The first-place winner will be sent to National Grange.
- Oregon's judging guidelines are the same as **National Grange**.

## Volunteer of the Year

This program is designed to recognize a member who is a dedicated volunteer in your Grange and in your community. The Community Service Chairperson and/or your Grange should select a name to be considered for Volunteer of the Year.

- Judging will be based on the type, quantity and quality of volunteer service performed.
- The Volunteer of the Year Award form is then filled out. The form will can be downloaded from [orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/) or contact the State Director to request the form to be mailed or emailed.
- Write a **short** narrative (750 words maximum) about the nominee's service and accomplishments during the past year (January 1 to December 31). Explain what this member has done for your Grange and your community in the last year.
- Include the nominee's name and contact information on the entry form.
- Make sure that the Community Service Chairperson and the Subordinate/Community Grange President/Master sign the completed form. Send the

form and narrative to the State Grange Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**.

- The State Director will form a judging committee to select the state winner. Only one winner will be selected from all entries.
- The winner will be announced and presented with a certificate and award at the State Grange Convention.
- All those nominated will receive a certificate of thanks.
- Remember this is an award for their work in the past year, not a cumulative lifetime award.

## Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher of the Year Awards

The persons you nominate can be a paid professional or a volunteer. Your Grange can and should recognize anyone else in your community (first responders, medical personnel, etc.) at an open house, Grange meeting or public event.

Send the National Grange FF/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award form to the State Community Service Director postmarked no later than **June 1**. The form can be downloaded from [orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/) or contact the State Director to request the form to be mailed or emailed. Please attach photos, newspaper articles and any other supporting paperwork you have.

The first-place winner in each category will be recognized at the Oregon State Grange Convention and sent to the National Grange Convention in November.

## Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award

Your Grange can nominate a youth or young adult member between the ages of 14 and 35 or a group to receive this recognition. The application form can be downloaded from the Youth page of the State Grange website: [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). The application must be sent to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. See page 32 for further details.

## Junior Grange Community Service Contest

Each Junior Grange or 1+ member would enter a short report/booklet not to exceed 3 pages (front and back). These should include an information page about the submitting JG, which would mirror what the subordinate Grange submits for their state Grange report book. The

report would be for just a singular project to make it easier for the JGs to put together the report.

### REPORT TO INCLUDE:

1. Short paragraph about the project
2. Newspaper article
3. Pictures
4. Paragraph from the Junior Grange Leader about how this impacted the community and what the Junior Grangers learned.
5. Cover Page for your report can be downloaded from [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Junior-Program-Book-2023.pdf](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Junior-Program-Book-2023.pdf)
6. See page 19 for further details.

### ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS:

***The Endless Sea Filled with Possibilities*** booklet will provide you with the tools to plan fun activities and events for your Grange and it will show the community that the Grange is a fun place. It is available on the OSG website: [organge.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://organge.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/) The purpose is to engage your members into connecting with your community, **find** out what your community needs are and how you can help. **It will help you plan** a variety of events that brings the community into your Grange Hall, and **also** engage your members into being a resource in your community and showing you care.

Grange members participate in big and small projects, partner with other community organizations, they fundraise for various causes within their community and nationally. Serving our communities whether it is helping our neighbor in need or bake sale to raise money for the local school, you can always count on the Grange being involved.

Our local Grangers recognize outstanding citizens in their communities, like fireman and policeman and sponsor local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. This allows for Grange families and other citizens to participate in community service.

If you want to be more involved in your neighborhood or your community then the Grange is the place for you. Connecting Communities through Service is the Grange way.

### \*\*\*New Community Service Project Tracking Form:

The new Community Service Project Report Form will help you track your service project as you do them. There is a fillable version on the Oregon State Grange Website: [organge.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/](http://organge.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/community-service/) The main purpose of the new form is to give you a tool to help you

record the information while it is still fresh. Then when the time comes for the report or notebook you will be ready. This does not replace the annual report.

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## GWA Contests

All contests are open to members and non-members. Each contestant can have only **one entry per category**.

All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county. For non-members, please supply your sponsoring member's name and Grange.

Contest entry labels can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/grange-workers-activities/>. You can also make your own following this template.

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<i>#</i>	<i>County</i>
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All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the Polk County Fairgrounds no later than **noon** on **Sunday**.

The Oregon State Grange GWA Committee will secure judges for all contests.

The GWA contest exhibit area will be open before and after State Grange is in session and during lunch and other break times.

## Baked Goods and Candies

These rules apply to cookies and candies to ensure that judges do not touch items that will be sold.

Baked items and candies will be judged on appearance, consistency, & taste.

- Place 12 of each on a sturdy paper plate. Enclose in a Ziploc bag.
- Put one piece in a separate Ziploc bag. Put label on single item.
- Put all in another Ziploc bag.
- An extra mailing label would be appreciated with each entry.

## Drop Cookies (No peanut butter or chocolate chips)

- Groups:
- Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Dorena Grange #835
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

## Bar Cookies

1. Groups:
  - Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Linda Pugh
  - Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Jasper Grange #532
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

## Chocolate Chip Cookies

- Sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
- Judged on appearance, consistency and taste
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## Peanut Butter Cookies

- Sponsored by Jessie Guttridge in Memory of Don MacKinnon.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## Unbaked (skillet) Cereal or Made in Pan Cookies

- Sponsored by Woodburn Grange #79
- Example: Rice Krispies Treat, unbaked chocolate oatmeal, peanut butter
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## Peanut Butter Candy

- Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Candy (No peanut butter)**

- Sponsored by Beverly Doescher
- Categories 1: Fudge  
2: Divinity  
3: Peanut brittle
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each category

## **Hand-Dipped Chocolates**

- Sponsored by Frogpond Grange #111
- May be dipped in milk, dark, or white chocolate
- Filling may be anything except fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, or peanut butter.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Sweet Rolls**

- Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
- Yeast only
- Rules: Place 6 items on a sturdy paper plate in a Ziploc bag. Put one item in a separate Ziploc bag with a label on it. Put both in another Ziploc bag and seal with an extra mailing label.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Muffins**

- Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
- Any kind of muffin
- Rules: Place 6 items on a sturdy paper plate in a Ziploc bag. Put one item in a separate Ziploc bag with a label on it. Put both in another Ziploc bag and seal with an extra mailing label.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Gluten-Free Baked Item**

- Sponsored by Mary and Robert Parrott
- Any kind of gluten-free baked item such as cookies, bread (yeast or not), muffins, hand pies or sweet rolls.
- Recipe must accompany the entry. Please use a typed or printed copy that can be copied easily. These recipes will be shared with others around the state.
- A contestant can enter 2 separate entries in this contest. Example: an entry of cookies and an entry of muffins. Entries cannot be of the same type. Example: two kinds of cookies.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Sugar-Free Baked Item**

- Sponsored by Melissa High
- Cookies or cake (unfrosted) for a diabetic person; must not contain refined sugar, molasses, honey or corn syrup.
- Recipe must accompany the entry. Please use a typed or printed copy that can be copied easily. These recipes may be shared with others around the state.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Fruit or Vegetable Bread (No yeast breads)**

- Sponsored by Margaret Clute
- Rules: Place one loaf of bread on a sturdy paper plate. Place in a Ziploc bag. Place label securely on top of package.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

## **Cupcake Challenge**

- Sponsored by Susan Noah
- Rules: Cupcakes are to be decorated for a special occasion; for example, birthday, holiday, wedding, etc.
- All decorations must be made by the decorator.
- The entry must consist of 6 cupcakes. Two must be individually wrapped or boxed in individual bakery or plastic containers and labels with entry information. The remaining 4 cupcakes can be plated and put in a re-sealable bag and labeled.
- Judged on taste of cake and frosting as well as creativity of theme.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## **Decorated Cake**

- Sponsored by Linda Helm
- Rules: You cannot be a cake decorator by trade (primary income) now or in the past.
- No larger than ½ sheet (12" x 18") real cake or use a dummy cake.
- Use appropriate frosting that will withstand 1 week on display. (Real cake with real edible frosting will not be sold or donated.)
- Judged on merits of design, originality and craftsmanship.
- Have fun with this!
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Preserved Foods

Use a brand name jar; no mayonnaise jars. Jars must be sealed with a new ring and lid. Put label on top of the lid. Canned foods will not be opened for judging.

### Jam

- Sponsored by Phoenix Grange #779  
Categories 1: Any fruit other than berry  
2: Berry only  
Sponsored by Joyce Parker  
Category 3: Sugar free
- Judged on cleanliness, texture, fullness and color
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

### Jelly

- Sponsored by Connie Suing  
Categories 1: Any fruit other than berry  
2: Berry only  
Sponsored by Joyce Parker  
Category 3: Sugar free
- Judged on cleanliness, texture, fullness and color
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

### Fruit Butter

- Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
- Rules: Any kind of fruit or vegetable butter (such as apple or pear).
- Judged on cleanliness, texture, fullness and color
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

### Pickles

- Sponsored by Springwater Grange #263
- Categories 1: Dill (cucumber only)  
2: Sweet (cucumber only)  
3: Bread and butter (cucumber only)  
4: Relishes (any mixture of vegetables)  
5: Miscellaneous (Any pickle other than cucumber)
- Judged on cleanliness, texture, fullness, brine clear
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each category

### Canned Meats or Fish

- Sponsored by Goshen Grange #561
- Judged on cleanliness, fullness, color, meat quality
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)

### Canned Vegetables

- Sponsored by Margaret Clute
- Categories 1: Beets  
2: Carrots  
3: Tomatoes  
4. Other than listed
- Judged on cleanliness, fullness, color quality of vegetables
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each category

### Canned Fruit

- Sponsored by Little Deschutes Grange #939  
Categories 1: Peaches  
2: Pears  
3: Applesauce
- Judged on cleanliness, color, quality of fruit.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each category

### Dried Foods

- Sponsored by the Joyce Parker
- Categories: 1: Fruit  
2: Vegetables  
3: Jerky  
4: Fruit leather  
5: Herbs
- ½ cup, except ¼ cup for herbs.
- Herb jar lid may be used.
- Judged on appearance, fullness, color & quality.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each category

### Crafts

#### “What To Do With Worn Out Jeans”

- Sponsored by Sunnyside #842
- Rules: Use your imagination and make any kind of item from old worn-out jeans.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

### Jewelry

- Sponsored by Irving Grange #377
- Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and creativity.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Small Basketry

- Sponsored by Eagle Creek Grange #297
- Rules: Any natural material
- Maximum size 10 inches in diameter
- Judged on workmanship, use of natural fibers, neatness and originality
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Food Gift in a Jar (Cookies)

- Sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Rules: Layer dry ingredients in a quart jar.
- Attach recipe
- Decorated Jar lid
- Judged on neatness, appearance, creativity of jar lid and recipe attached.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$8, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Paper Craftsmanship: Cards

- 1) Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
- 2) One regular size card with envelope that must fit U.S. postal regulations for mailing
- 3) Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design
- 4) Cards may be for any occasion, however "Thinking of you," "Sympathy," and "Get Well" are preferred, as cards entered in this contest will be given to the State Chaplain to use throughout the year.
- 5) Judged on workmanship, selection of design and expression of the overall message
- 6) 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Paper Craftsmanship: Quilling

- Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
- Maximum size is 16 inches x 20 inches
- Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design
- Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, selection of design and expression of the overall message
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Other Paper Crafts

*Note: Scrapbooking does not fit in this category. See Community Service contests for opportunities to display scrapbooking skills.*

- Sponsored by Clarkes Grange #261
- Maximum size is 16 inches x 20 inches
- Use paper products primarily: pens, inks, and paints can be used to highlight the design
- Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, selection of design and expression of the overall message
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Small Wooden Articles

- Sponsored by Wayne Cabler
- Rules: Items no larger than 12 inches made of any kind of wood.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and creativity.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Woodcraft

- Sponsored by John Fine
- Larger than 12 inches; any kind of wood
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, suitability of article to purpose and design
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Metal Art

- Sponsored by Phil Van Buren
- Rules: Any kind of metal; minimum size 5 x 5 inches and maximum 16 x 15 inches.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, creativity and selection of design.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$20 (plus ribbons)

## Recycle

- Sponsored by Hurricane Creek Grange #608
- Rules: Take something you would normally discard and use your imagination. Construct something useful and decorative. May use wood, plastic or metal. It may hang, stand, sit or lean.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, creativity and selection of design.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## **“Potluck”**

- Sponsored by Joanne McBride
- Non-food items that don't fit into any other contest
- Two categories: 1. Fabrics/Yarn 2. Wood, Metal, Paper
- Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and creativity
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## **Bailey's Good Dog Gift Package**

- Sponsored by Roxy and her people (Susan and Mark Noah)
- Rules: Gift packages must contain at least 4 items that will please a good dog. For example: canned food, snacks and toys. They may be purchased and/or homemade items.
- Judged on the appropriateness of the items included and the creativity in packaging.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)
- Roxy and Susan desire the gift packages be taken to a local humane society to be donated to dogs waiting to find a furever home.

## **Here Kitty Gift Bag**

- Sponsored by Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn and their family (the Parrotts).
- Rules: Gift packages must contain at least 4 items that will please a purr-fect kitty. For example: canned food, snacks toys and something with catnip. They may be purchased and/or homemade items.
- Judged on the appropriateness of the items included and the creativity in packaging.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)
- Tom and Huck wish the packages be taken to the local humane society to be donated to those felines who are waiting to be adopted.

## **Textiles** (Crocheted, Knitted, Sewed, Needlework)

### **Crocheted Doilies**

- Sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange #855
- Rules: Crochet thread **only**
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, suitability of article to purpose and selection of design
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

### **Crocheted or Knitted Afghan**

- Sponsored by the Parrott family in memory of Grandma Irene Godfrey
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

### **Miscellaneous Crocheted or Knitted Items**

- Sponsored by Cookie Trupp
- Any crocheted or knitted item that does not fit into another contest
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

### **Pillowcases for our Troops and Veterans**

- Sponsored by Gail Wilson
- Rules: Case must be for a standard-sized pillow.
- Fabric print can be appropriate for a man or woman.
- All pillowcases will be donated to our armed forces stationed abroad or to a Veterans shelter. Purchased pillowcases may be donated but not judged. A “Thank You for Serving our Country” card signed for the members of the Oregon State Grange will accompany the pillowcase.
- Judged on workmanship, selection of design, suitability of article to purpose and appearance.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

### **Presentation Cases for Quilts of Valor**

- Sponsored by Gail Wilson
- Made from any combination of red, white, blue or patriotic fabric.
- Another name for this is sausage roll pillow case.
- These will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation.
- Judged on workmanship, selection of design, suitability of article to purpose and appearance.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)



## Preemie Afghan & Hat

- Sponsored by Jan Oleson
- Knitted or Crocheted
- Rules: Block maximum size 12 inches square, Hat circumference: 10 inches.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- Sponsor wishes item to be donated to a local hospital in the host district, unless requested to be returned
- 1st place: \$25, 2nd place: \$15, 3rd place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Table Runner

- Sponsored by Ada Grange #570
- Rules: Can be any size or shape.
- Categories               1: Fabric  
                                  2: Knitted or Crocheted
- Judged on neatness, general appearance, selection of design, suitability of article to purpose and workmanship.
- 1st place: \$25, 2nd place: \$15, 3rd place \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Embroidery

- Sponsor Julie Schnetzky
- Rules: May use any kind of thread
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Counted Cross Stitch

- Sponsored by Parkdale Grange #500
- Rules: Stitched area no smaller than 3 x 3 inches or larger than 11 x 17 inches. Any canvas count and type. Back of work does not have to be visible for judging.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Plastic Canvas

- Sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
- Must be made within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Dementia Fidget Sleeve

- Sponsored by Tina Reynolds
- Knitted or crocheted
- Maximum size 12 inches by 24 inches
- Judged on workmanship, appearance, and creativity.
- 1st place: \$25, 2nd place: \$15, 3rd place: \$10 (plus ribbons)

## Apron

1. Groups:
  1. Junior member between ages of 5 and 14 years; sponsored by Marilyn Reiher
  2. Member or non-member 14 years or older; sponsored by Beavercreek Grange #276
- Rules: May use any pattern and any material suitable to the kind of apron. Must be made by contestant within past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons) for each group

## Hot Pad or Mitt

- Sponsored by Roxy Noah
- Categories           1: Crocheted or knitted  
                              2: Any kind of fabric
- Rules: Any shape or size, using any brand of yarn or thread. May be a mitt or a handle holder, and be backed with fire resistant material. Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons) for each category

## Purses and Totes

- Sponsored by Cookie Trupp
- Fabric (any kind); judged together
- Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1st place: \$15, 2nd place: \$10, 3rd place: \$5 (plus ribbons)



## Wall Hanging Quilt

- Sponsored by Creswell Grange #496
- Rules: Maximum size 70 x 125 inches. Must have a hanging method such as sleeve, hanging tabs, etc. to be considered "wall hanging." Must be made by contestant within last year.
- Rules: Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Baby Quilt

- Sponsored by Sauvies Island Grange #840
- Categories 1: Machine quilted by one  
2: Tied by one
- Must be made by contestant within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Embroidered Baby Quilt

- Sponsored by Waltherville Grange #416
- Rules: Maximum size 70 x 125 inches. Must be made by contestant in the past year
- Judged on craftsmanship, design and neatness
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## Quilts

- Sponsored by Siletz Valley Grange #558
- Categories 1: Hand quilted by one  
2: Machine quilted by one  
3: Tied by one or group
- Rules: Minimum size 72 x 90 inches and maximum 120 x 120 inches. Must be made by contestant(s) within the past year.
- Judged on workmanship, general appearance, selection of design and suitability of article to purpose.
- For hand quilted: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 (plus ribbons)  
For machine quilted and tied by one or group: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons)

## National Grange Quilt Block Contest

### PATTERN, SIZE & COLORS

- "Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners" making a 6 ½ inch unfinished square. (
- 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome – all blue, all green, all red, etc., but each can be a different pattern or solid).
- 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)
- *Complete directions available in the Bulletin or on the National Grange website.*



### RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**. Send entries to:  
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer  
377 Excelsior Blvd. #310  
Excelsior, MN 55331
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157<sup>th</sup> National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. *Please consider sending four completed squares.*

- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

## GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

## PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.

## 2023 Quilt Block Contest

### ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member: ☐ Prospective/Not Yet a Member: ☐

Grange Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ - Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- ☐ - Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.
- Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

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## Junior Contests and Awards

Contestants must be Junior Grange members. Children between the ages 5 and 14 can join your Subordinate/Community Grange as 1+ members by paying an initiation fee of \$1 and \$1 annual dues. Your President will administer the Junior Grange Obligation. Your secretary will list the Junior's name, address, and birth date on your next quarterly report. Your Grange retains the \$2 payment.

### State Junior Grange at OSG Convention

The annual convention of the Oregon State Junior Grange is open to children ages 5 to 14. While our adult convention is in session, many activities are planned for the benefit of the Juniors in attendance. These include educational tours, contests, and a Junior presentation on the convention floor on Tuesday morning.

Children may attend all days or part of the Junior session. Pre-registration is encouraged. The form is here: [orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/juniors/](http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/juniors/)

### National Grange 2023 Agricultural Awareness Project: REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE

Awareness awards are presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at the National Grange Convention in November. Juniors may apply individually or together as a Junior Grange. The Awareness award incorporates research, hands-on projects, and then sharing your knowledge in your Grange and community. Many of the award requirements will be covered during the annual convention. See the National Grange Junior Program Guide for complete information.

**DEADLINE FOR AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS  
AWARD APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

## Oregon/National Contests

Junior contestants in many National contests are not required to enter the Oregon contest before submitting an entry at National level. Download the entire National Junior Grange Program Guide from the National Grange website or the Junior section of the Oregon State Grange website to explore your opportunities. Although travel expenses to Regional and National contests are the responsibility of the contestant's family, participation at the Oregon State Grange Convention invites support from Granges and Grangers across the state.

The following National awards do not require preliminary qualification in a state or regional contest. The deadline for contest entries is September 1:

- Ambassador Program
- Junior Mentor
- Agriculture Awareness Award
- Cape of Honor
- Grange in Action

The Oregon Talent, Public Speaking, and Signing contests are part of the Lecturer's program the first day of the convention. Participants must register in the Junior Room at the convention by **noon on Saturday, June 17**. Contestants must qualify in a state or regional contest to be eligible to participate in these National contests. The deadline to register for National is November 1:

- Public Speaking
- Sign-a-Song
- Grange Baseball

The National Grange has new contests for garden design, grassroots advocacy, and weather awareness. Juniors and adult Grangers can really learn and have fun together with these contests. Start by picking one activity that interests you, and before you know it you'll finish all the requirements and have a contest entry!

### Junior Talent (Oregon Contest)

The Junior Grange Talent takes place on the first day of the State Grange Convention. Contestants can enter one vocal, instrumental, or variety act of three to five minutes in the Junior Talent contest. Winning acts may be asked to perform at the Lecturer's Talent Show on Saturday evening.

Age groups in each category:

- 5 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 14 years

### Judging Criteria:

#### Musical Acts Points

Memorization	20
Poise	15
Audience Appreciation	25
Expression	40
Possible:	100

#### Variety Acts Points

Memorization	15
Poise	20
Audience Appreciation	25
Expression	25
Understanding	15
Possible:	100

### Junior Public Speaking

(Oregon / National Contest)

#### CATEGORIES:

- **Short Story:** Present a story or poem of your choosing. Minimum time is 1 minute; maximum is 3.
- **Prepared:** This speech must be on **one** of the following topics:
  - How I can be a difference in my community?
  - What makes a good leader?
  - Why Junior Grange is important to me
 Minimum of 3 minutes, maximum of 5.

- **Impromptu:** (Only at Regional Conferences)  
Contestants draw two topics from a mystery bag and select one for a one-to-three-minute impromptu speech.

#### Judging Criteria: Points

Time	10
Content	40
Voice Control	20
Body Language	10
Eye Contact	10
Appearance	10
Possible:	100

The first-place state winner in each category is eligible to compete at the National Grange Convention in November. Contact the State Junior Director to coordinate travel with others attending. The contestant's family is responsible for all costs.

### Junior Sign-A-Song

(Oregon / National Contest)

**CATEGORIES:** Novice, Hobbyist, Group

#### Judging Criteria: Points

Utilization of total communication ( <i>Sign language ability, signs clearly with creative interpretation</i> )	30
Body expressions, displays emotion	30
Presentation, interpretation with confidence	30
Clarity of music selection	10
Possible:	100

The first-place state winner is eligible to compete at the National Grange Convention in November. Contact the State Junior Director to coordinate travel with others attending. The contestant's family is responsible for all costs.

### Junior Grange Baseball (National Contest)

Grange Baseball gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications, and listening skills. Questions will be gathered from the National Grange roster, Youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

#### Regional contests:

- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
- Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie-breaker, an extra inning will be played.
- Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
- When a player gets up to bat, they will get to determine what type of base hit they want: single, double, triple, home run.
- The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
- Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or home run question.
- Junior Baseball players may request help from a pinch hitter (help from the audience) no more than 3 times over the total length of the game

Once the teams have been decided, the teams will choose a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer question.



Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as "Silver Sluggers". For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.

Anyone may participate at a regional level. Only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

National Rules will be used at the Oregon State Grange Convention.

**The top 3 contestants in the Junior Category will win a cash prize.**

## Ambassador Program

The Junior Grangers chosen to be an Ambassador need to show a desire and willingness to represent the National Junior Grange program. The expectation is that they will be exemplary representatives of the Junior Grange, participate in and lead Junior Grange activities at the National Grange Convention; act as ambassadors throughout the year; promote the Junior Grange Program; and exemplify leadership qualities.

Two Junior Grangers may be chosen and will be expected to attend the National Grange Convention. This program requires parent/guardian permission and participation. The Ambassador's family will be responsible for all costs including travel, housing, meals and registration.

## Junior Grange Community Service Contest

The intent of this collaborative program between two Grange departments is to bring attention to the community service projects Junior Granges are doing. We know that some Junior Granges either perform Community Service projects on their own or in conjunction with their sponsor Granges. This would also be a way to enhance the 1+ program by drawing attention to what a single Junior Granger is doing in their community, and hopefully pique the interest of other children in that age range.

Please see the Community Service section of the Awards booklet for the information on this contest.

New this year is the Deaf Awareness Service Project, designed to reemphasize the Grange's longstanding commitment to supporting deaf culture and understanding in the wider community. See page 16 of the National Grange Guide to Contests.

## Oregon and National Grange Contests

Creative art, creative writing, mini scrapbook, and photography contests can be, but do not have to be, entered for judging at the State Grange Convention. If they are, awards in each age group: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$5, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$2.50.

After the convention, the State Director will send winning entries to the National Junior Director. However, if you want your entry returned to you and not sent to National Grange, please specify on your entry.

Juniors can send entries to National Grange without having them judged at the State Convention. Send them to the National Junior Director postmarked no later than **September 1**. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned to the contestant.

## Photography

(Oregon Contest)

Theme: Meme Me

Rules:

- Take a photo. Photoshop can be used only to crop or adjust brightness and contrast.
- Write one to three sentences describing your meme.
- Adult participation should be limited to enjoying the scenery while your Junior takes the photo.
- Digital pictures will be accepted for judging via email to psjill@comcast.net until **June 1**. If you submit a photo print, size must be 5x7.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and how well the photo matches the meme you wrote.

## Creative Art

(Oregon/National Contest)

Draw or paint a poster or flyer about the experience of being deaf or hard-of-hearing in your community. Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Rules:

- Maximum paper size is 8.5 x 11 inches.
- May use crayons, colored pencils, markers, paints, or watercolors.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality and use of theme.
- Label an index card on the back with the contestant's name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.

## Creative Writing

(Oregon/National Contest)

This year's creative writing topic is the Agricultural Awareness theme of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Rules:

- Minimum length one page and maximum four pages double-spaced, typed or handwritten.
- Judging will be based on creativity, originality and use of theme.
- Label an index card on the back with the contestant's name, age and birth date, state, Grange name and number, and mailing address.
- Entries may be sent via email as a PDF document.

## Baking

(Oregon Contest)

All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the convention no later than **noon on Sunday June 18.**

Each contestant can have only **one entry** in each contest. All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county.

### Drop Cookies (No peanut butter or chocolate chips)

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Place 12 cookies on a sturdy paper plate inside a Ziploc bag. Put one cookie in a separate Ziploc bag with a label that has your name and Grange (see page 6). Put both bags inside another Ziploc bag.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

### Bar Cookies

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Linda Pugh
- Place 12 cookies on a sturdy paper plate inside a Ziploc bag. Put one cookie in a separate Ziploc bag with a label that has your name and Grange (see page 6). Put both bags inside another Ziploc bag.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons) for each group

## Sewing

(Oregon Contest)

All entries must be received in the GWA exhibit area at the convention no later than **noon on Sunday June 18.**

Each contestant can have only **one entry**. All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's

name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county.

## Apron

- Group 1 is limited to Junior members between ages of 5 and 14 years.
- Sponsored by Marilyn Reiher
- Rules: May use any pattern and any material suitable to the kind of apron. Must be made by contestant within past year.
- Judged on workmanship and serviceability.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$5 (plus ribbons) for each group

## National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Group 2 is for Juniors (age 14 and under). See the Lecturer's section of the National Junior Grange 2023 Program Guide for the pattern, instructions, and rules.

## Minecraft Architects

(Oregon Contest)

The ability to plan and create is a pivotal skill in Minecraft. This is a live action contest that takes place during the OSG convention in June.

Judging will be based on creativity and originality.

Oregon Junior Grange contest age groups:

- 5 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 14 years

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## Lecturer's Contests

All contests, except Talent, are open to members and non-members.

Those entering the Talent Contest must sign up with the State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday** of the Convention and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.

Entries for all other contests must be received in the Lecturer's exhibit area at the Oregon State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday**. If no one from your Grange is attending the convention, you can mail your entries to the State Grange office (643 Union St. NE, Salem 97301) postmarked no later than **June 1**.

All entries must be labeled with the contest, category, entrant's name, complete address, email, phone, Grange name and number, and county. For non-members, please supply your sponsoring member's name and Grange. Contest entry labels can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/lecturer/](http://www.orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/lecturer/). You can also make your own following this template.

Contest	
Category	
Fold bottom up to here to cover name	
Contestant's name	
Address	
City	Zip
Email	
Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grange member	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member
If non-member, name of sponsor	
Grange name	
#	County

## Art

Rules:

- Open to members and non-members
- All entries must be original work.
- Entries must be framed or have a firm backing so they can be displayed properly.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.
- Computer enhancement of art work and nude entries will not be accepted.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$7 (plus ribbons)

Categories:

- Oils
  - **Sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange**
- Acrylics
  - **Sponsored by Irving Grange**
- Water Colors
  - **Sponsored by Irving Grange**
- Pen and Ink
  - **Sponsored by Alice Nowicki and Ken Schwieger**
- Diamond Painting
  - **Sponsored by Jasper Grange**

## Rock Painting Contest

Rules:

- Open to members and non-members
- All entries must be original work.
- Entries must be secured on solid base or platform.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$7 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

- Single Painted Rock
  - **Sponsored by Sam Keator**
- Grouping of more than one Painted Rock
  - **Sponsored by Sam Keator**

## Flyer

Rules:

- Entrant must be a Grange member.
- Size must be 8½ x 14 inches or smaller.
- Material must be suitable for posting on billboards or windows.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$3 (plus ribbons)

#### Categories:

- A. Handmade, promoting Grange activities
  - **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**
- B. Computer generated, promoting Grange activities
  - **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**

### Pamphlet

#### Rules:

- Entrant must be a Grange member.
- Materials can be of any type or color suitable.
- Tri-folded size 3 3/4 x 8 1/2 inches.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$3. (plus ribbons)

Category: Computer generated, promoting the Grange

- **Sponsored by Debbi deBoer**

### Poster

#### Rules:

- Open to members and non-members
- Materials can be of any type or color suitable.
- Size must be 11x17 up to 24 x 36 inches.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3 (plus ribbons)
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#### Categories:

- A. Handmade, promoting Grange activities
  - **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**
- B. Computer generated, promoting Grange activities
  - **Sponsored by Springwater Grange**

### Program

#### Rules:

- Entrant must be a Grange member.
- Entries must have been completed after June of the previous year.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year

Category: Computer generated

- **Sponsored by Sunnyside Grange**

### Photography

Rules: Open to all members and non-members.

- Only prints are accepted; no slides.
- Frame or backing is required.
- Minimum size 5 x 7 inches; maximum 11 x 14 inches (including mat, if used).
- Entries must have been taken after June 1, 2022 and cannot have been entered prior to this year.
- Participants may enter all categories with different photos.
- Category entries are decided by participant.
- No more than two entries per participant will be allowed in each category.
- Print may be made by commercial process; but photo must have been taken by entrant.
- Categories **A – J are color only.**
- No professional photographers (earns 100% of his/her income from photography) may enter.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$8, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$6 in each category (plus ribbons)

#### Categories:

- A. Scenic-Landscape
  - **Sponsored by Dean and Vickie High**
- B. Scenic-Seascape
  - **Sponsored by Dean and Vickie High**
- C. Close-ups
  - **Sponsored by Lynn and Harold Johnson**
- D. Family
  - **Sponsored by Cookie and Malcolm Trupp**
- E. Pets and/or farm animals
  - **Sponsored by Louise Holst and Phil Van Buren**
- F. Wild animals
  - **Sponsored by Debbi deBoer**
- G. Oldies/Goodies
  - **Sponsored by Walterville Grange**
- H. Grange Activities
  - **Sponsored by Ada Grange**
- I. Grange Hall Buildings
  - **Sponsored by Mark Noah**
- J. Sports
  - **Sponsored by Lorane Grange**
- K. Potpourri (Anything else!)
  - **Sponsored by Joanne and David McBride**
- L. Black & White
  - **Sponsored by Sam Keator**

### Photo Entry with Caption

#### Rules:

- One entry person.
- Entries must have been submitted in one of the photography categories.
- Caption limited to 20 words or less.

Judging will be done by daily "People's Choice" votes/  
Prize will be awarded Tuesday before dinner break.

- **Sponsored by Lecturer's Committee**

## Creative Writing

Rules:

- Entrant must be Grange members.
- Entry must be typed on 8 ½ x 11-inch paper.
- 500 words maximum.
- Must be original work.
- Contestant may enter both categories.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$7 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

- A. Poetry - any subject
- **Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler**
- B. Tell the Story – Open to any story
- **Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler**

Judging: By selected committee

## Skit Writing

Rules:

- Entrants must be Grange members.
- No more than five minutes long.
- Entry must be typed on 8 ½ x 11-inch paper *with the line spacing of 1.5 or greater.*
- May be written for any number of characters.
- Entries cannot have been entered prior to this year.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$7 in each category (plus ribbon)

Category

- ❖ Any topic
  - **Sponsored by Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler**

Judging: by selected committee

## Talent Contest

Rules:

- Each contestant must be a Grange member, but the accompanist for a vocal entry does not have to be a member.
- Groups need not be members of the same Grange.
- Groups can include Junior Grangers or 1+ Junior members; however, at least half must be Subordinate/ Community Grange members.
- Subordinate/Community Granges are **not** limited to one entry per category.
- Taped accompaniment for vocal entries must be instrumental only.

- Taped accompaniment is not allowed for instrumental acts.
- *Sign A Song* is permitted in the variety act category. However, *two weeks notification* must be given prior to the competition, so that a sign language judge can be at the performance.
- Judging will be held at the State Grange Convention in June. Contestants must make their own arrangements for attending the State Grange Convention.
- **NOTE:** Contestants must sign in with State Lecturer no later than noon on **Saturday June 17** and participate in a sound check at least two hours before the contest.
- Those who represent Oregon at the National Grange are not allowed to compete in the following year.

### Judging Criteria:

	Points
Overall Performance	<b>30</b>
Audience Response/Appeal	<b>20</b>
Stage Presence/Appearance	<b>10</b>
Originality	<b>20</b>
Personality	<b>10</b>
Time Deduction	<b>10</b>
Total Points Possible:	<b>100</b>

The maximum time is **5** minutes, which includes any time required to set up and take down props used in the act. The minimum time limit is **3** minutes. Two points per minute or portion thereof will be deducted from total points for going over or under the time limit. (10 points maximum deduction).

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10 in each category (plus ribbons)

Categories:

- A. Vocal      B. Instrumental      C. Variety Acts

### Above Categories are Sponsored by the OSG Lecturer's Department

The **Best of Show winner** will be provided with three nights' lodging and travel fare to the National Grange Convention in November, where they will represent Oregon and perform in the National Grange "Evening of Excellence." A stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation.

2023 157<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention will be in Niagara Falls, NY

## Talent Contestant Entry Form

Subordinate/Community Grange \_\_\_\_\_

Subordinate Lecturer \_\_\_\_\_

1 Vocal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Act \_\_\_\_\_

2 Instrumental Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Act \_\_\_\_\_

3 Variety Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Act \_\_\_\_\_

This form is due to the State Lecturer by **JUNE 1**.

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## Legislative Contests

### Grassroots Advocacy In Action Award

Deadline: September 1

The National Grange has been driven for over 150 years by the grassroots advocacy of its membership in their communities and states across the country. From rural electrification to rural broadband, all of the National Grange's legislative accomplishments have begun with grassroots advocacy. With that in mind, the Grassroots Advocacy in Action Award is an annual award given by the National Grange Legislative Affairs Department to an outstanding individual/local Grange who has made exceptional grassroots advocacy action in the past year.

To apply for the award, eligible individuals should submit a minimum one-page written description of their grassroots advocacy action along with at least one photo. For the purposes of the award, eligible applicants include any individual Granger or local Grange. Submissions should be sent to [lwashington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lwashington@nationalgrange.org) by September 1st with the subject line of "Grassroots Advocacy Award".

Please be sure to include a cover page with your name, Grange, Grange #, and state when you submit your application.

Examples of the sorts of grassroots advocacy actions we are looking for include hosting events with elected officials (local or national), organizing letter-writing or phone-calling campaigns, or meeting with elected officials in your state capitol. These examples are not an exhaustive list of every possible grassroots advocacy action which you can take and we encourage you to be creative in your advocacy! It is also important to remember when engaging in grassroots advocacy on behalf of the Grange that you should represent Grange values including respect, honesty, and non-partisanship.

Questions? Contact Sean O'Neil, Legislative Assistant, at [soneil@nationalgrange.org](mailto:soneil@nationalgrange.org)

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## Membership

### Awards for Gain in 2022

The Membership Committee will present prizes to the Granges that had the highest membership gains in the previous calendar year (2022). There is no form to fill out or deadline to meet. The Membership Committee determines the winners based on your quarterly reports.

The prizes will be presented at the Membership Luncheon during the State Grange Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Highest % gain	\$100
Second highest % gain	\$75
Third highest % gain	\$50
Fourth highest % gain	\$25

Reorganized, consolidated, or newly chartered Granges are ineligible for consideration the year that event occurs. However, reorganized and consolidated Granges will receive \$100 and a newly chartered Grange will receive \$150.

All Granges with a 15% gain or more qualify for a drawing for an indoor/outdoor Grange flag.

### President's Award

(Oregon State Grange Foundation Award)

The Oregon State Grange Foundation will award the Grange with the largest net membership gain for the year with a plaque and \$200.

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## Youth and Young Adults Ages 14-35

### Oregon State Grange Youth Officers

(Oregon Program)

State Youth Officers open the Oregon State Grange Convention on Wednesday morning. In addition, each youth officer will be assigned duties during the week to assist their counterpart State Grange officer.

State Youth Officers

- Youth officers will serve a one-year term
- All Youth officers will need to attend the State Grange Convention from Saturday through Wednesday and participate in every Youth Officer practice as requested.
- Youth officers will make an effort to volunteer at least two State Grange events, i.e.: FFA convention, Ag Fest, Log Cabin at State Fair and Veteran Day Parade
- Youth officers will be provided with and expected to sell 20 raffle tickets previous to arriving for state convention. Tickets will be mailed no later than May 1
- Youth officers will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

Applicants for State Youth Officers must be youth age, 14 to 35 years as of January 1. The application will be published in the February issue of the OSG Bulletin, on Facebook and can be downloaded from [orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/](http://orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/).

Applications must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **March 31**. The State Youth Team will select State Youth Officers and the State Youth Director is responsible for informing the applicants of their office no later than May 1.

All officers will need to attend the State Grange Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds from Saturday June 17 through Wednesday June 21 and participate in every Youth Officer practice.

Youth Officers cannot hold the same office for two consecutive years.

Officers with speaking parts will have their parts thoroughly memorized upon arrival at the State Grange Convention

The AS is responsible for having an entrance drill prepared. The LAS is responsible for having an exit drill prepared. Please limit the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.

Dress requirements for Youth Officers on Wednesday morning when opening the State Grange Convention:

- Officers will be required to wear appropriate dress clothes, must be able to attach a boutonniere (no jeans)
- Officers will wear dress shoes, no stilettos (mark the floor) and no athletic shoes.

### Oregon Teenager Award (Oregon Program)

This program is for young Grange members 14-15 years old, who are making the transition from the Junior Grange program to the youth program of the Subordinate/Community Grange. Applicants do not have to have been a Junior Grange member to enter.

The following process will be used to select the winner:

- One teenager between the ages of 14 and 15 will be selected to receive this honor.
- The Subordinate/Community Grange must certify that the applicant is eligible. This includes submitting a completed Oregon Teenager Award Application, which must be signed by the Subordinate/Community Grange President and Youth Chair or Secretary. The application can be downloaded from [www.orange.org/youth/](http://www.orange.org/youth/).
- Applicants must submit an essay of at least 300 but not more than 500 words on one of three topics
  - "How I plan to bring more young people into the Grange and help keep them active?"
  - What is the role of a teenager in the Grange?
  - What have I learned from Grange?
- Applicants must secure one letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange President or Secretary or Pomona Youth Chairperson.
- Judges will take into consideration the number of Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange meetings the applicant has attended in the previous year.

A three-person committee appointed by the State President and/or State Youth Director shall select the state winner.

The winner will be announced at the Youth Luncheon during the State Grange Convention. The winner will receive a certificate and \$25.

Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

#### Judging Criteria:

	Points
Personal Essay	100
Application	50
Letter of Recommendation	50
Possible:	200

The application package consisting of the Oregon Teenager Award Application, essay and one letter of recommendation must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **May 15**.

The Oregon Teenager will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

### **Oregon Ambassador, Outstanding Young Adult & Young Couple – National Horizon Ambassador & Young Patron Programs** (State & National Program)

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for selected youth, young adults, and young couples to build their leadership potential, broaden their view of the Grange by experiencing a National Convention, receive educational training to use in their state, and build relationships with Grangers throughout the nation by having fun.

Each state may send two youth (one male and one female), and two young adults or one young couple who meet the following criteria:

- Youth ambassadors must have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 23rd birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National Convention. The individuals must also be single, never been married, have no children and must not marry and/or have children during their term of service. If under 18, they must have their parents' consent.
- Young adults and young couples must have observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 37th birthday by December 31 of the year they attend the National Convention.
- All applicants must have been a Grange member for a minimum of one year at the time they attend the National Convention.
- Previous ambassadors, young adults and young couples cannot repeat the experience, but former ambassadors can become young patrons.
- All must be able to attend the National Convention to represent their state during Youth Activities Days (Wednesday evening through Saturday).
- All must attend a regional youth conference in the year they apply and a State Convention in the past two years. Applicant must also participate in Prepared Speech at regional conference.
- Applicant must submit an example of a social media post used to promote membership and a short essay about why they wish to be considered for National Grange Youth leadership team.

### **Oregon Requirements**

- Must meet the above requirements or show progress towards
- Must complete and submit the Oregon Application
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange President or Secretary
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The application form must be completed and sent with a letter of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange President or Secretary to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **May 15**. The application form is downloaded from [orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/](http://orange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/).

State winners will be announced during the Youth Luncheon at the annual State Grange Convention. Each will receive a certificate and will represent Oregon at the Western Regional Conference and the National Convention the year of their reign.

For the Western Regional Conference, the State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-night shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals.

Oregon Ambassadors, Outstanding Young Adults and Young Couple will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

Oregon Ambassadors, Outstanding Young Adults and Young Couple will serve as Grange Ambassadors and make an effort to represent the Grange at State Fair in the Log Cabin, Albany Veterans Day Parade, Oregon FFA Convention and Ag Fest as well as travel to Granges as requested.

State Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Adults or Outstanding Young Couple with complete requirements for the National Grange Horizon Leadership Program and will be responsible for sending the National application package including letters of recommendation from your Subordinate/ Community Grange President or Secretary, the State President and the State Youth Director to the National Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**.

- Include a summary of your Grange activities in the following areas: Fellowship, Activities, Recognition, Fun, Leadership, Service, and Membership.
- Write a five-to-eight-line description of yourself and/or your family and submit three 4" x 6" color photo prints, one which is of your family. The

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description and photos may be displayed at various events throughout the Convention.

- Ambassadors and Young Patrons (Oregon Outstanding Young Adults or Young Couple) are required to bring a ½ inch binder with photos and highlights from their year to the National Convention. The binders will be placed on display in the Idea Fair and reviewed by the judges.
- The National Grange will provide scholarship assistance toward room and meal costs at the National Grange Convention for Ambassador and Young Patrons.
- NEW Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must present a 30-minute workshop at National Convention
- NEW Ambassadors/Young Patrons/Young Couples must submit the following along with their application:
  - An example of a social media post that would be used to promote membership
  - A short essay (350- 500 words) about why they want to be considered for the National Grange Youth Leadership Team
- At the National Convention ambassadors and young adults will be housed together with up to three other participants per room. Young couples will be housed in one room.
- Ambassadors and Young Patrons are responsible for their own convention registration fee. The State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to \$30 per day reimbursement for meals (Wednesday – Sunday) upon presentation of receipts.
- Ambassadors are required to attend the Youth Tour and Celebration Banquet.
- The National Grange GROW Club will provide tickets for the GROW Club Dinner
- Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

In Oregon Ambassadors will serve a one-year term on the State Youth Committee and will be available as a state resource to help plan, promote, and conduct Grange Youth activities.

### **National Grange Youth Officers Team Youth Officer Council** (National Program)

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: September 1

Applications must be sent to the National Grange Youth Development Director Samantha Wilkins, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264

Purpose: The purpose of the Youth Officer Council is for Grange Youth and Young Adults to provide valuable input on current and future programming, fundraising, youth events at Annual Session, regional conferences, and other youth and young adults-focused events AND to assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session. This will provide more youth with an opportunity to participate in the National Grange Convention.

Duties include –The Youth Officer Team- Opening Drill and Open the Grange at National Session AND once selected to the Youth Officer Team they will automatically serve for one year on the Youth Officer Council. (October to September)

The Youth Officers Council would be required to meet:

- Pre- Convention Meeting in October (zoom)
- In-Person in November at National Convention
- Post-Convention in December (zoom)
- And attend at least two additional meetings held on the third Sunday of even numbered months (*prior to Youth Yammerings*) on Zoom or another virtual platform
- The Grange Youth Officer Council will march in, open the Grange in the fourth degree and march out during National Grange Convention.
- President, Vice-President, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Gatekeeper, and Chaplain have speaking parts.
- Lecturer will need to select an opening song.
- Secretary will need to call the roll of Youth Officers and pronounce their names correctly.
- Ceres, A.S., and L.A.S. will need to know how to present the flag properly according to the Official Flag Presentation Ceremony of the National Grange.
- A.S. and L.A.S. may submit suggestions for the seating and retiring drill. Please limit the opening drill to six minutes and the retiring drill to three minutes.
- Musician applicants must submit a musical demonstration tape or CD. The musical piece should be no more than three minutes. The Musician may make suggestions for march music. The National Youth Director will screen any music suggestions for appropriateness.

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Those applying for a position must be Grange members, who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age. The application form is available in the 2020 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook or can be downloaded from [orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/](http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/).

- Those applying for a position should be Grange members who are at least 14 years of age and not over 35 years of age.
- The National Grange Youth Development Director may contact each applicant with additional questions during the selection process.
- The selection process will be based on letters of recommendation as well as the application.
- Applicants must have attended a regional conference the same year they apply and participate in the Impromptu Speech or Grange Commercial contest. If applicant is their state winner for prepared speech or sign a song contest, they will fulfill this requirement.
- Youth may not serve twice in the same office. Pomona and Flora will be considered one office as well as Executive Committee.
- Youth Officers will participate in an Officer Meet and Greet at National Session on Wednesday night. This is a networking and learning opportunity for the Grange Youth.
- **NEW** Youth Officers will be required to attend Thursday morning of session to see the delegate body at work and observe what National Grange officers do.
- Youth Officers, or their individual states, are responsible for their own transportation, hotel costs, Youth Tour, and some meal costs. Youth housing (4 per room) at the National Convention will be available for any who wish to participate.\*\*\*
- Youth Officers are required to attend the Youth Tour and the Celebration Banquet. Youth Chaplain will be required to attend the GROW Club Banquet to give the blessing.
- Each applicant will be notified of the results no later than September 15th, so that each has adequate time to make travel arrangements
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from a member of their local Grange –preferably President – and state youth director or state President. Letters of recommendation should be from the year of application.
- Applicants must be committed to memorizing their speaking part if the office they are applying to fill has a speaking part. Each Applicant must be willing to comply with the dress guidelines that will be established for Youth officers.

- Current Horizon Leadership Ambassadors and John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience delegates are not eligible to apply.

\*\*\* Youth housing at the National convention will be available for any who wish to participate. If funds are available in the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership Fund, a small stipend to provide financial assistance will be given for lodging and meals AFTER National Grange Convention based on participation.

### John Trimble National Youth Legislative Experience

(National Program)

The Trimble Legislative Experience will provide opportunities for one or two Grange youth, age 16-35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and grassroots legislative policy development at the National Grange Convention.

- Each youth will serve as a voting member of a committee reviewing resolutions and as a youth staff assistant to the National Grange Legislative Director. Participants will watch the delegate body take action on the resolutions and assist in other ways.
- An individual may participate in the program only one time.
- As a youth staff assistant participants will be assigned additional logistical duties so that they can see how the production process works at the convention. These duties will not conflict with opportunities to see National Delegates work on the floor.

The application form is available in the *2023 Grange Youth Program and Contest Handbook* or can be downloaded from [orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/](http://orgrange.org/the-oregon-state-grange/committees/youth/).

- Applicants must write a five-to-eight-line description about themselves and/or their family and submit three 4" x 6" color photo prints, one which is of their family. The description and photos will be displayed at various events throughout the National Grange Convention.
- Please include letters of recommendation from your Subordinate/Community Grange President, State Youth Director and your State Grange President.
- Applicants must attend a regional conference the year they apply and participate in either Sign-a-Song or the Prepared Speech contest.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than **September 1** to the National Youth Director, who will share them with the National Legislative Director and National President in making selection of participants and committee assignment. Applicants are responsible for mailing their application.



As guests of the National Grange the participant's room (which will be shared with other participants) cost will be paid plus meals or tickets to certain meal functions. The State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare. Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines set up will be expected to pay their own expenses.

### **Grange Baseball** (National Contest)

Grange Baseball gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas while enhancing king, problem solving, communications, and listening skills. Questions will be gathered from the National Grange roster, Youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

#### **Regional contests:**

- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
  - Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie-breaker, an extra inning will be played.
  - Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
  - When a player gets up to bat a question will be randomly chosen for them. The difficulty and type of question are based on the following:
    - Single – True/False
    - Double – Multiple Choice
    - Triple- Fill in the Blank
    - Home run – Short Answer
  - The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
  - Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or home run question.
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- Once the teams have been decided, the teams will choose a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer a question.
  - Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as "Silver Sluggers".
  - For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.
  - Anyone may participate at a regional level. Only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared lodging, and registration, which includes group meals. The contest at the Western Regional Conference will follow the same format as the national contest.

National winners will receive a ribbon.

If an Oregon contestant is selected to participate at the National Grange Convention, the State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to \$30 per day (Friday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts.

### **Parliamentary Procedure Contest** (National Program)

Purpose: To encourage Grange youth and young adults to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, public speaking, and problem-solving skills.

As part of the contest, the team will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law.
- Conduct Grange business effectively.
- Present a logical, realistic and convincing debate on motions.
- Record complete and accurate minutes.
- Present memorized speaking parts during the opening and closing ceremonies.

Team members will fill the offices of President, Vice-President, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary and Gatekeeper. All must be between the ages of 14-35 as of January 1.

The event will consist of the following activities:

- Written Examination
- Opening Ceremonies
- Team Demonstration
- Closing Ceremonies
- Oral Questions

Awards will be presented to the 1st place team, high scoring individual, and high scoring chair.

You can download the contest rules, event procedures, and judges' scorecard and sample questions from [www.organge.org/youth](http://www.organge.org/youth). Teams that intend to enter must notify the National Youth Director by September 1.

## G.R.A.N.G.E. Pillar Project Contest

Notification of Entry: September 1

Rules:

- Project must take place between July 1st and June 30th.
- Project may be done individually or with a group of no more than 3.
- Participants will put together a project portfolio and display to be presented in front of a panel of judges at National Convention. Physical display must be able to stand by itself and no larger than 3' by 4'.
- Presentation needs to be at least 5 minutes long, but no longer than 8 minutes. Time will be kept for judging purposes.
- Participants will be asked follow up questions that will last no longer than 5 minutes.
- Judging will take place on Wednesday of National Grange Convention starting at noon. An official sign-up will be sent out after entries are received.
- Portfolios and Displays will be put in the Grange Showcase after Judging.
- There will be two age divisions:
  - Youth - Grange members between the ages of 14-21 as of Jan. 1;
  - Young Adult - Grange members between the ages of 22-35.

*Note: If in a group, the age of the oldest group member determines the division to enter.*

Participants will be judged on:

- Non-Verbal Skills: Eye contact, Body Language, Poise
- Verbal Skills: Elocution, Enthusiasm, Delivery
- Content: Subject Knowledge, Organization, Grammar/Mechanics
- Appearance : Appropriateness for their presentation

Displays and Project Portfolios will be judged on:

Appearance: Neatness, appealing, creativity

Content: Divided into 5 sections, includes a complete

Project Summary Page Organization of Content

Mechanics: Grammatical Accuracy and Sentence Structure

## Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange

(National Program) Due August 1st

The GISYE program provides the opportunity for exchange visits between youth Grange members and families in different states. The exchange, of 7 to 10 days in length, is designed to help the young Grangers to develop a better understanding of the community and Grange life in other areas. By thus building interest, enthusiasm and the increased youth membership should result.

## Youth Officer T-Shirt Design Contest

(National Program)

Youth Officers will be provided a shirt to wear at National Convention during the Youth Opening . Any Youth or Young Adult may submit a design to be voted on via social media votes.

- Designs must be no more than two colors and front design only.
- Designs must be submitted in a .PNG or .JPEG image via email to the National Grange Youth Director (youth@nationalgrange.org) no later than September 1.
- Voting will take place from September 5-15th. Winning Designs will be announced after Sept 15th.

All entries must be submitted with a waiver of release found in the National Grange Youth Handbook.

## Junior Mentor Award

(National Program) Due August 15th

This award is designed to recognize Grange youth and young adults who go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

- Mentors must be between the ages of 14 and 35.
- National Nominations will be by the State Youth Committee with advisement of the State Junior Committee. Any Oregon Grange or state Committee may make nominations to the state Youth Director. The OSG application deadline is **August 15**.
- State winners will receive a certificate and may be recognized during Youth Activities Days at the National Grange Convention.
- The National Junior and Youth Departments will name a committee to select one winner, who will receive a plaque.

## Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award

(National Program) Due August 15th

Purpose: To recognize a Grange youth or young adult between the ages of 14 and 35, who has performed outstanding service in their community. A group of Grange youth may also receive this award.

The Grange or committee nominating the youth needs to describe the community service activity that was conducted and who benefited from it. Was this a new or old activity? What was the impact or result of the activity? Who else was involved and what was their contribution? The entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth](http://www.orgrange.org/youth). It must be sent to the State Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. State winner's application must be postmarked by **September 1** to the National Youth Director.



The State Grange winner(s) will receive a certificate and be recognized at the National Grange Convention during Youth Leadership Days. The National Grange Community Service and Youth Departments will organize a committee to select one overall winner, who will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievements.

### Youth Member Recruitment Award

(National Program) Due August 15th

**Purpose:** To encourage youth and young adults to grow the Grange. The program will run from September 1 to August 31. Members recruited can be of any age, but must never have joined the Grange before.

Oregon can select one Grange youth to be recognized by the National Grange as its State Youth Recruiter of the Year. Considerations for selection should include, but not exclusively:

- Number of members recruited in the year.
- Assistance with Subordinate/Community Grange membership growth activities and/or events.
- Present the four steps of membership recruitment at Subordinate/Community Grange meeting or another event.

Nominations must be sent to the State Youth Director postmarked no later than **August 15**. The State Grange winner(s) will receive a certificate and be recognized at the National Grange Convention during Youth Leadership Days. State winner's application must be postmarked by **September 1** to the National Youth Director.

### NJHA and Grange Youth Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest - NEW

This year, the National Grange Youth Department and National Junior Horticultural Association have partnered together to encourage horticultural education.

Horticultural education was a passion of Wib Justi, first National Grange Youth Development Director. He was involved with NJHA, fostering a partnership between the two organizations.

Started in 2015, a Grange division has been added to the NJHA Horticultural Identification and Judging Contest. In addition, Grange youth can participate in other NJHA national contests.

To learn more about these contests and for entry deadlines, go to [www.njha.org](http://www.njha.org).

### Sign-A-Song Contest

(Oregon and National Program) Notify by May 15th  
The National Grange and Oregon State Grange are extremely proud to sponsor this deaf awareness program. The Grange encourages communication among all individuals, groups and communities. Through communication, we learn to know each other better. Communication is essential to practicing the inclusion of all individuals and solving problems. The world in which we live is full of opportunities for improvement. However, without communication, these improvements would be few and far between.

The Sign-A-Song contest promotes the use of non-verbal skills of communication. We encourage Grange members to learn sign language and use it to sign-a-song. It is a beautiful form of communication for many individuals.

State and regional categories

- Novice: One who is beginning to learn to sign, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.
- Hobbyist: One who signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.
- Group: Two or more people signing. (*Note: If there is a professional signer in a group entry, they are eligible only in the Expert category.*)
- Expert: One who signs professionally or is an instructor (*paid for signing in any capacity.*). They may participate at state as a demonstration in the effort to encourage others to learn sign language. Experts are ineligible for Best of Show and regional competition.

Rules:

- Participants must be Grange members.
- Participants must supply their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available.
- Three copies of the words that are being signed must be supplied for the judges and turned in to the State Youth Directors prior to the competition.
- Signers must use total communication techniques: Sign language, facial expressions, mouthing of words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate, and body movement.
- Props and costumes are not allowed; rhythm is optional.
- Only one song may be signed during the competition.
- Participants must sign their own name and song title.

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- Participants must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using (Pidgen, ASL, ESL, etc.).

## Judging guidelines

Utilization of total communication skills:	Max pts
Sign language ability, signs clearly with correct interpretation	32
Body expression, displays emotion, expresses key thoughts with body movement, mouths words for lip reading	30
Presentation, interprets with confidence, uniformity (group)	25
Appropriate song selection, with a clear meaning and suitable for the contestant's signing ability	10
Signed their own name	1
Signed title of song	1
Informed judges and audience of type of sign language being used	1

Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Directors by **May 15** so that qualified judges can be identified. An entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).

State prize: 1st place: \$25; certificates for all participants.

Regional competition: Oregon may send one entry in each category to the regional competition. The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared logging, and registration, which includes group meals.

National Grange will provide ribbons for each regional contest for first, second and third. 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$10.

The Best of Show at the Western Regional Conference will receive a special award plus \$25 and be eligible to participate in the showcase at the National Grange Convention in November. If the Best of Show is from Oregon, the State Grange will pay round-trip airfare and up to \$30 per day (Thursday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts. For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (*Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.*)

## State Ritual Contest

(Oregon Contest) Notify by June 18<sup>th</sup>

Our Grange ritual contains important lessons and advice for members, but many Granges no longer use the Opening and Closing Ceremonies let alone exemplify

the degrees. The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to read the manual, identify a favorite passage, memorize it, and deliver it with expression to communicate its meaning to their fellow members.

Age categories (as of January 1)

- Youth 14-21 years of age
- Young Adult 22-35 years of age

## Rules

- Select a favorite passage to memorize and recite from these parts of the Manual:
  - Chaplain's prayer from Opening the Grange.
  - Master's charge from Closing the Grange.
  - An officer's part in the First, Second, Third, or Fourth Degrees. The passage should be 100 words or more in length. However, if your favorite passage is Flora's part in the First Degree, you could add Flora's charge in the Fourth Degree after an appropriate transition.
  - The Installing Officer's part in the Installation of Officers: the opening, obligation, or the charge for any of the officers.
- The contestant should begin by identifying the passage (officer, which degree or opening, closing, or installation), and explain why they selected it. Be sure to include anything listeners should know that happened prior to this passage that could affect their understanding of it. This introduction should be less than two minutes in length.
- The competition will be held during the State Grange Convention. Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Director by first day of State Session so that judges can be provided with copies of the passage.
- Delivery is to be from memory. The contestant cannot have a copy of the Manual or any papers to aid them but can designate a prompter.

## Judging Criteria

	Points
Introduction: Appropriately set the scene	10
Memorization: Accurately delivered the written words without hesitation or prompting	25
Voice: Spoken clearly, easy to understand	10
Stage Presence: Posture and gestures appropriate, nervousness controlled	20
Expression: Communicated the meaning of the passage to listeners, held their attention by appropriately varying rate or vocal range	25
Difficulty: Met the challenge of difficult wording, pronounced words correctly	10

- 1st place: \$30, 2nd place: \$20, 3rd place: \$10 in each category (plus ribbons).

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## Public Speaking Contest

(Oregon and National Contest) Notify by May 15th

The purpose of this contest is to aid in the development of public speaking abilities and to build self-confidence in the participating Grange members.

Age categories (as of January 1):

- Youth: 14-21 years of age
- Young Adult: 22-35 years of age
- Adult: 36+ years of age

### Rules

- This competition is open only to Grange members.
- Those planning to enter must notify the State Youth Director by **May 15** so qualified judges can be identified. An entry form can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/youth/](http://www.orgrange.org/youth/).
- The state competition will be held during the State Grange Convention.
- State contestants in the prepared speech are required to submit three copies of an outline of the speech to the State Youth Director prior to the competition.
- A panel of three judges with public speaking abilities will judge. The judges will score each contestant on an individual basis and then collectively determine the rankings of the contestants. Score sheets will be returned to entrants. After the state contest a time for private evaluation with the judges will also be offered to each contestant.
- The state winner in each category will receive a certificate. Each participant will receive a National Achievement Award.
- One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds, or fraction thereof, a participant goes under or over the time limit.

## Prepared Speech

Contestants will choose a topic and speak on it for a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. A timekeeper will keep the time but provide no time prompts.

The contestant will be required to answer one question related to their speech topic at the end of their speech.

Props will be allowed, but must be appropriately sized for the room. Points can be deducted for props.

At the National Grange Convention, regional winners' speeches will be judged and the best two will present at the Evening of Excellence. For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (*Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.*)

### Judging Criteria

### Points

Content: Information gathered and included in speech	15
Composition: The speech was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand	15
<b>Delivery</b>	
Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand	10
Stage Presence: Dressed neatly and appropriately, posture and nervousness	20
Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm	20
<b>Impromptu Answer</b>	
Response was thought out and delivered without much hesitation	20

## Grange Commercial

A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Prior to regional contest participant(s) must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange. Can include up to five people in the commercial. Commercial should last between 30-60 seconds. The participants must provide a written script. Commercials must be submitted to the National Grange Youth Director prior to the competition.

### Judging Criteria

### Points

Content: Related to the Grange	15
Composition: The spot was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand	15
Creativity: Original matter than captured attention of audience	15
<b>Delivery</b>	
Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand	20
Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion	20

## Impromptu Speech

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. Participants will draw two topics, select their choice and return the other one. Topics will be provided by the State Youth Director.

The minimum time is one minute and maximum is five minutes. The timekeeper will hold up a hand at one minute to signal the minimum and again when the four-minute 30 seconds mark has been reached. One point will be deducted every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

For the Western Regional participants need not participate at state, but must notify the National Director of intent to enter. Contestants will speak immediately with no note cards.

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<b>Judging Guidelines:</b>	<b>Points</b>
Voice: Spoke clearly, easy to understand	10
Stage Presence: Dressed neatly and appropriately, postures appropriate, nervousness controlled	20
Expression: Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion	20
Confidence in speaking, Content of speech	15
Clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic	15

### Regional Competition

- The first-place winner of each age category in the Prepared Speech category will be eligible to travel to the regional competition.
- The best Grange Commercial speakers in each age category will be given the opportunity to travel and compete at the regional competition.
- Oregon's representatives will receive mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared lodging, and registration, which includes group meals.
- National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category
- One overall winner (a Prepared Speech or Grange Commercial) from each region will be selected to compete at the National Grange Convention. If the Best of Show is from Oregon, the State Grange will pay round-trip airfare or mileage and up to \$30 per day (Thursday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts. For Showcase acts a stipend may be awarded to each participant from the National Grange Foundation. (Provided after the Evening of Excellence at National Convention.)

**Full descriptions and forms of National contests, scholarships, awards and opportunities including some not listed above are not yet finalized.** We anticipate that they will be able to be downloaded from the National Grange Youth web site, under the News and Resources, tab, Youth Downloads, at this URL

[nationalgrangeyouth.org/youth-downloads/](http://nationalgrangeyouth.org/youth-downloads/)

### Youth Ambassador/Young Patron Contestants Prepared Speech Contest

State Ambassador and Young Patrons are required to give a prepared speech at their regional conference the year they apply for the National Grange Youth Leadership Team. They must present a speech on one of the following topics:

- What does Grange mean to me?
- What is leadership?
- How can you apply the National Grange mission statement to your future endeavors in the Grange

The same guidelines as Prepared Speech should be followed. Speeches in this category WILL NOT be chosen for Best of Show. Ambassadors/Young Patrons wanting to compete for Best of Show shall enter additionally in prepared speech.

### Grange Display Contest

(National Program) Due June 18th

The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue. The theme of the display must be Grange related.

- Displays must be entered for judging at the State Grange Convention by **noon** on **Sunday** of convention.
- Folding Display should be no larger than 3' x 4' and should be able to stand by itself. Digital displays must be on a flash drive and in .MP4, .MPG, WMA format.
- Displays will be judged on content, organization, originality and neatness.
- All entrants must be youth or young adult members of a Subordinate/Community Grange.
- Age categories:  
Youth 14-21 as of January 1  
Young adult 22-35

<b>Judging Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>
Content	30
Organization	30
Neatness	25
Originality	15
Possible:	<b>100</b>

The first-place winner in each age category will receive \$50; their entry will be sent to the National Grange Convention and may be exhibited in the Grange booth at the FFA Convention, the Log Cabin, or other venues determined by the State Grange office.

The State Youth Director will make arrangements for shipping the display to and from the National Grange convention. The contestant does not need to attend.



## Youth Sponsored Awards & Contests for All Ages

### Code Reading/Grange Ritual Contest

(National Contest) Notify two weeks prior to regionals

Can you crack the Grange code? If so, you can present your skills at the National Grange Convention and test your skills against other Grangers from across the country. Contact the State President at [president@organge.org](mailto:president@organge.org) to obtain a copy of the code book and the cipher.

There are two levels:

- Novice: those learning the code; you can compete as a novice for up to two years.
- Patron: members with two or more years of experience.

Novice contestants will read these sections:

- Use of the gavel
- Degree words: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> degrees
- Annual password
- Voting sign
- Sign: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> degrees
- Patron's grip

Patron contestants will read these:

#### Section I

- Opening
- Use of the gavel
- Salutations for all degrees
- Degree words: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>
- Annual word
- Voting sign

#### Section II

- Passing to different degrees
- 1st Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Signal at the outer gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign
  - Salutation
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
  - Signal at the inner gate
  - Sign

Salutation

#### Section III

- Sign of caution
- Sign of distress
- Patrons general sign
- Sign of recognition
- Patron's grip
- Patron's test

### Code Book Reading Award of Merit

Participants may elect to read the entire code book. The participant will be allowed five mistakes, none of which can be in Section I and only two in Section II. For Section III, the participant will select two of the six options and be allowed three mistakes.

### Youth Booster Award

(Oregon Program)

Purpose: To recognize and honor individuals over the age of 36 who have given a boost to your Grange youth in the past year.

- The program will run from May 1 of the previous year to April 30 of the current year. All nominees will be recognized at the Youth Luncheon at the State Grange Convention and will be given a certificate.
- Nominations to be sent to State Grange Youth Directors postmarked no later than **May 15**. A form can be downloaded from [www.organge.org/youth/](http://www.organge.org/youth/).
- Each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange as well as each OSG youth officer may nominate one member each year.





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These State Grange Standing Committees do not sponsor Awards, Contests or Scholarships:

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## Awards for Granges

### Honor Grange Awards

(Oregon Program)

The Honor Grange Program recognizes Subordinate/Community Granges that have active members and are making an impact on the community.

The Honor Grange Program has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each Oregon Grange will win a plaque when it first achieves one of these levels. Each year thereafter, if the Grange qualifies, it will receive a bronze, silver, or gold bar with the year of the award engraved to attach to the plaque.

To receive an award, each Grange must keep track of its progress for one year from January to December. The Grange should designate one member as the Tracker. "Tracking Form" <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>

At the end of the year, the Tracker will send the tracking form to the Oregon State Grange office by **March 31**, with a brief summary of what level the Grange has achieved. A plaque or bar will be awarded at the State Grange Convention in June.

To receive a **Bronze**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of one (1) new Subordinate or Junior member (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least ten (10) months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at another Grange meeting or event (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. All Quarterly Reports submitted to State Grange office on time.
6. Two (2) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (See Gold #6)

To receive a **Silver**, a Grange must achieve the following:

1. A minimum of three (3) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 11 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at two (2) Grange meetings or events (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. Four (4) standing committees appointed to report at the majority of the meetings. (See Gold #6)

6. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
7. **Must complete at least ten (10) of the requirements (11-31) of the Gold level.**

To receive a **Gold**, a must Grange achieve the following:

1. A minimum of five (5) new Subordinate or Junior members (includes new, reinstated, demits and affiliate members).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month for at least 12 months of the year.
3. Representation of the Grange at four (4) Grange meetings or events (Pomona, or Subordinate other than your own) during the year.
4. One (1) Community Service project or activity.
5. All Quarterly Reports submitted to State Grange office on time.
6. Standing Committee chairs appointed by the President and reporting at the majority of meetings. Standing Committees are Finance, Agriculture, Legislative, Community Service, Membership and Youth.
7. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
8. Have one or more members present at State Grange Session, in addition to the primary delegate.
9. Conduct an annual audit.
10. **Must complete at least fifteen (15) of the following items.**
11. Hold an officers' planning meeting and set goals for year.
12. Lecturer has a program or report at each meeting.
13. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue adopted by the Grange.
14. At least three (3) members, as a group, visit another Subordinate/Community Grange at least once during the year.
15. President must attend at least two (2) Pomona meetings.
16. Hold at least one (1) activity to support the Junior Grange or Youth Program. (Example – assist at a meeting or fundraiser, help leader with activities, provide camp scholarship, etc.).
17. At least one (1) member must participate in one (1) State Grange contest or program.
18. At least one (1) member must attend and participate in one (1) yearly Grange conference (State, Western, Regional, etc.).
19. Submit Community Service Annual Report by the due date
20. Hold at least one (1) Open House or other community activity in the hall with public invited.
21. Volunteer for a State Grange event. (Examples - Ag Fest, State Fair Log Cabin, Ag Luncheon at the Legislature)
22. Participate in a parade.
23. Participate in a county/community fair.
24. Donate to the Oregon State Grange Foundation.
25. Contact a public official, county commissioner or state legislator about an issue.

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26. Submit an article to the Grange Bulletin.
27. Submit an article to local/regional newspaper.
28. Grange promotion at local event. (Examples – Booth at Farmers Mkt; Info table at car show; Grange month display at local library).
29. Maintain a Grange Website or social media account.
30. Host, or participate in, a community event for or in cooperation with another group or community organization. If at your hall, rent is not charged. Examples: 4-H, FFA, Ag in the Classroom, Neighborhood.
31. A member of your Grange submits an application for Agriculturalist, Volunteer of the Year, or other State or National recognition program.

### Distinguished Grange Award

The National Grange honors Subordinate/Community and State Granges for work done from July 1 through June 30. To be considered, Granges must:

- Submit quarterly reports and remit dues to State Grange on time.
- Submit an annual Community Service Report.
- Send a delegate(s) to State Grange Convention.
- Send at least two officers or members to the National Grange Convention, another State Grange Convention, or regional event.

In addition, a Grange must accumulate 100 or more points by completing several tasks and/or holding events worth 5 – 20 points each. For application forms and a list of items qualifying for points, find the link to the National Grange website at <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>

Distinguished Granges will be honored at the National Grange Convention and will be recognized in the annual convention program. They will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. Granges that qualify as a Distinguished Grange for five consecutive years will receive a plaque for their Hall.

The application form maybe filled out online, via email to [lwashington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lwashington@nationalgrange.org) or downloaded, printed and mailed. Deadline for online or emailing is **11:59 p.m. EDT on August 1 2023**. They must be postmarked **August 1, 2023** and sent to:

National Grange  
1616 H Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
ATTN: Distinguished Grange

### Grange In Action Program

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Any Grange that does not complete the application for Distinguished Grange can participate in this

program. Granges who wish to be recognized at the National Convention as a “Grange In Action” should complete the following requirements:

- A. Submit a 1-page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1 of the previous year to Sept 1 of the present year – anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- B. The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- C. On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of whom submitted the Grange in Action
- D. Granges that qualify for the Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition in the same year.
- E. Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is **September 25** postmark or electronic by midnight on **September 25**.
- F. Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Washington, DC 20006
- G. Email to Loretta Washington at: [lwashington@nationalgrange.org](mailto:lwashington@nationalgrange.org) please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report

### Distinguished Youth Program Award

The Distinguished Youth Program Awards for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges honor work from July 1 through June 30. To qualify your Grange must hold a minimum of 12 legal meetings in full form (four for Pomonas) and earn 100 points:

The application can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition> Send it to the National Grange Youth Director postmarked no later than **September 1**. The application must be signed by the State Master.

All Distinguished Youth Programs will be presented a certificate at the National Grange Convention and be recognized in the annual honors list.

### Grange Legacy Family Award

The National Grange recognizes families with five or more generations of members, including current Juniors. The application can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/awards-and-recognition/>. To be recognized at this year's National Grange Convention, the application must be received by the National Grange no later than the **first Monday in August**.

## National Grange Publicity Item Contest

### RULES

- The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees, or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior 1+).
- A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button, or another wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange. "Out of the box" ideas are welcomed!
- All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://bit.ly/grangepublicity2023> by **September 1, 2023**.
- There are two (2) divisions:  
  
Created by a professional (paid or in-kind).  
  
Created in-house (without professional assistance).
- There is no limit on the number of publicity items that can be submitted by any Grange, Grange committee, or Grange group.
- Entries should be created since the previous deadline (July 1, 2022).
- If your publicity item is wearable or otherwise 3-dimensional, please take a photo of the item and submit the photo.
- Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.
- Any entry submitted may be shared by the National Grange via social media, email, website, or other means.
- Winners will be announced at the 2023 National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st – \$200, 2nd – \$100, 3rd – \$50 and 4th – \$25 in each division.

## National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge

### STATEMENT OF INTENT:

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

### GUIDELINES

- A. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
- B. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2023**.
- C. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <https://bit.ly/grangeweather2023> or mailed as a packet to:  
  
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer  
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310  
Excelsior, MN 55331
- D. Groups and Divisions:
  - a. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
  - b. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
  - c. Group (all ages such as members at a Grange hall)
- E. Entries must include:
  - a. Entry information
  - b. Completed Weather Watcher Form from September 1, 2022 – August 15, 2023  
(or *whenever you start this first year*)
- F. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.
- G. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

Data Collection Sheets and Entry Forms may be download from the National Grange website

[www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-National-Grange-Guide-to-Contests.pdf](http://www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-National-Grange-Guide-to-Contests.pdf)

## Scholarships

### Grange Insurance Association

Born in 1965, the Grange Insurance Association scholarship fund began with just a few hundred dollars in rewards. The fund grows every year, with grants exceeding \$30,000 today. This kind of generosity from donors allows us to send more students from our communities to colleges and universities worldwide.

**Who is eligible?** Applicants must meet **one** of the following:

- A current GIA policyholder or the dependent of a GIA policyholder living in Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, or Wyoming.
- The dependent of current a GIA company employee, but not the child or legal ward of officers, directors or agents of GIA.
- The previous recipient of a GIA scholarship.

#### **Where can the scholarship be used?**

Three scholarships will be for students not pursuing a college diploma, but seeking further education and/or training in a vocation often not covered by more traditional colleges or universities.

Twenty-two scholarships will be for academic studies and may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or a degree in a recognized profession or vocation, including: community colleges, business colleges and technical institutes.

#### **What is the application process?**

- The application form, which can be downloaded from [www.orgrange.org/scholarships/](http://www.orgrange.org/scholarships/) must be complete and legible.
- An official grade transcript. If you are attending college, please send a transcript of your college grades and your scholastic placement in class (upper half, upper third), if available.
- A handwritten or typed essay in which the applicant tells about yourself, your family and your future goals. Also include any leadership or volunteer-related programs or projects in which you have been involved in high school, in the community, or elsewhere. What college, university, or trade school do you plan to attend and how will this scholarship assist you?

#### **When is the deadline?**

The application with transcript and essay must be postmarked no later than **March 1**.

#### **Who selects the recipient?**

The decision of the committee will be final.

#### **How much is the scholarship?**

The top winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 award and each additional winner will receive \$1,000-2,000.

## Grange Workers Activities (GWA)

**Who is eligible?** An Oregon Grange member, who by September 1 will have completed at least one year of college, business school, nurses training, or vocational education. Graduate students and previous GWA scholarship winners are not eligible.

#### **Where can the scholarship be used?**

A check will be made out to the school where you are enrolled. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours fall term.

#### **What is the application process?**

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/financial-assistance/>

#### **When is the deadline?**

The completed application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

#### **Who selects the recipient?**

The State Grange GWA Director and District Chairpersons select and announce the winner at Oregon State Grange Convention in June.

#### **How much is the scholarship?**

One \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded.

## Marcel “Muzzy” Mandel Memorial

#### **Who is eligible?**

An Oregon Grange member or the child or grandchild of an Oregon Grange member who has graduated from high school or completed a GED.

#### **Where can the scholarship be used?**

The scholarship is to be used for undergraduate work while attending any institute for post-high school education.

#### **What is the application process?**

The application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from <http://orgrange.org/resources-2/financial-assistance/>

All sections must be completed. Up to two additional sheets may be attached. The application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, one of which is from a Grange member.

#### **When is the deadline?**

The application and recommendations must be sent to the Oregon State Grange Office, 643 Union St NE, Salem OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

#### **Who selects the recipient?**

Board members of the Oregon State Grange Foundation will review applications and select the recipient.



## How much is the scholarship?

The amount of this scholarship is based on the interest earned on Brother Mandel's bequest. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient with proof of enrollment. The request for payment must be submitted before the end of May of next year.

In 2021 a scholarship for \$500 was awarded and in 2022, two \$750 scholarships were awarded.

## Mary Helen Sauter Ramm Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mrs. Ramm's daughters to honor their mother and her commitment to education. In 1941 Mary graduated from high school at age 16 but put off college until after World War II. She first started college in 1948 to study history and education but was forced to quit school for both financial reasons as well as to help on the family farm and was not able to return to school until 1960. She graduated from Central Washington College of Education in the summer of 1961. She taught elementary school. Mary was a history buff and during the last year of her life she spent many hours on the family history and genealogy.

### Who is eligible?

A female undergraduate student who is returning or has returned to college after a three-year break and is an Oregon Grange member in good standing. Previous winners may reapply.

### Where can the scholarship be used?

This scholarship is open to all qualifying students but priority will be given to students majoring in Education, History or Family History/Genealogy.

### What is the application process?

- Complete the application form, which will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from <http://organge.org/resources-2/financial-assistance/>
- Include a statement of need, goals and personal information that does not exceed 500 words. It should include:
  - Leadership positions you hold/have held in organizations in your school and community including Grange.
  - Participation in community service activities in your community including with your Grange.
  - List awards or honors received in the past five years.
  - Your family situation (husband/children/grandchildren, etc.).
- Copies of previous college transcripts (does not need to be certified) and letter of acceptance if you are not currently in school.

- Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of your Grange

### When is the deadline?

The scholarship application must be sent to the Oregon State Grange office, 643 Union Ave, NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

### Who selects the recipient?

The Oregon State Grange Foundation selects the winner and reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year. The winner will be announced at the annual Foundation meeting held during the Oregon State Grange Convention.

### How much is the scholarship?

A minimum of \$250 will be paid directly to the winner upon proof of registration and can be used for any college expenses.

In 2021 a scholarship for \$500 was awarded and in 2022, a \$1000 scholarship was awarded.

## Charles E. Spence Memorial Scholarship

### Who is eligible?

An applicant must have been a Grange member in Oregon for at least two years.

### Where can the scholarship be used?

The applicant's choice of school.

### What is the application process?

An application form will be mailed to your Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary or can be downloaded from [www.organge.org/scholarships/](http://www.organge.org/scholarships/). Send the completed application, plus one additional page, if necessary, along with a letter of recommendation from the President of your Subordinate/Community Grange.

### When is the deadline?

Send the completed application to the Oregon State Grange, 643 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97301 postmarked no later than **May 1**.

### Who selects the recipient?

The Oregon State Grange Executive Committee will review applications and select based on:

- Scholastic ability
- Grange involvement
- Community service
- Subordinate/Community President's reference
- Financial need

The winner will be announced at the annual State Grange Convention. Your presence is requested although not required.

**How much is the scholarship? \$1000**

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