

Agriculture Contests

2025 Oregon State Grange Garden Design Contest

Attention All Ye Gardeners! The 2025 Oregon State Grange Garden Design Contest is here and open to everyone!

Entries must include: A written description with 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 June 10 to the State Agriculture Director as a single PDF file. Send to grassjune@hotmail.com. Or bring to the State Grange convention attached to a poster board. Additional entry information is available online at the Oregon State Grange webpage.

Winners will receive cash awards in all divisions:

- 1st - \$25
- 2nd - \$15
- 3rd - \$10

So many versions of a garden can be a winner. Try a native plant 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)
Any kind of 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.

2025 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, 2025**.
Submit entries at:
<https://grange.biz/grangegarden2025>
- 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)*
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- 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, 2025, deadline will not be judged.

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

PRIZES

- 1st place: \$50, 2nd place: \$30, 3rd place: \$20
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

ENTRY

Submit entries at this link:

<https://grange.biz/grangegarden2025>

Community Grange Agriculture Program

Ag Contest required material to be presented at convention, if applicable to your project/program.

- List of supplies
- List of reference materials
- Outline of curriculum taught
- Poster or advertising information
- Pictures of event
- Number of attendees
- Who taught

The first purpose of this ag contest is to activate subordinate granges to offer a class, an activity or a community function that focuses on an element of Oregon Agriculture, beekeeping, orchard cultivation, soils and fertilization, a farmers market or fall harvest festival, hoophouse growing, root crops or flower farming. Whatever seems to be with the interest of your community and the skill sets of those willing to teach.

A first-place prize of \$100.00 will be given to the best display and presentation that fulfills their basic elements of community education on any agricultural subject. Entries at the Oregon State Grange Convention will require a three-sided display poster with adequate information to interest other Granges to contact the entering Grange for advertised and teaching materials. A verbal presentation will also be required for judging the program. Information about time and place of presentation TBD.

Financial awards will be given as follows.

- 1st place Grange \$100
- 2nd place Grange \$75
- 3rd place Grange \$50

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