

Vermont State Grange
Program Book
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



Raised to
Serve the
Future of our
Communities



Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Table of Contents

| | |
|---|-----------|
| DONATION SUMMARY | 4 |
| VERMONT STATE GRANGE MASTER’S REMARKS | 5 |
| DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM BOOKS..... | 6 |
| SUBMITTING REPORTS | 6 |
| REPORT NOTEBOOKS | 7 |
| AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT | 11 |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | 15 |
| EDUCATIONAL AID FUND | 27 |
| Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund Grant Application..... | 29 |
| FALL FESTIVAL 2022 | 33 |
| FAMILY ACTIVITIES | 39 |
| GRANGE CENTER | 47 |
| HEALTH & WELLNESS | 51 |
| JUNIOR GRANGE | 59 |
| LECTURER..... | 63 |
| LEGISLATIVE..... | 71 |
| MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP..... | 75 |
| YOUTH DEPARTMENT | 81 |
| GRANGE CHECKLIST | 85 |

DONATION SUMMARY

Donations must be received by department by June 15, 2023

AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT DONATIONS

- Kelley Farm
- Heifer Project International
 - Make check your check(s) payable to: State Grange Agriculture/Environment
 - Write on the Memo line amount for each project.
 - Mail to Jenny Nelson, State Grange Agriculture Director, PO Box 346, East Ryegate, VT 05042
- You may also select other Agriculture related donations that appeal to your membership, but these would need to be mailed directly to that entity.

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

- Donation to Educational Aid Fund
 - Make Checks payable to Vermont Educational Aid Fund
 - Mail to Janice Rousselle, 394 River Road, Colchester, VT 05446

GRANGE CENTER

- \$2 per member or as much as a Grange can give
 - Make your checks payable to Vermont Grange Center
 - Mail to Linda Sanderson, 321 Sanderson Road, Milton VT 05468

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- \$5 for National Delegates Gift
 - Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange
 - Mail to current director

JUNIORS

- Junior Goodwill Fund
- Junior Camp Scholarship Fund
- Junior Badge/Passport Program
 - Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange Junior Department
 - Mail to Martha Bissell, 213 Maple Lane, West Danville, VT 05873
 - Write on the Memo line how much for each fund

YOUTH

- National Youth Leadership Fund
 - Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange
 - Mail to: Beth Morse, 92 Happy Valley Road, Middlebury, VT 05753

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

VERMONT STATE GRANGE MASTER'S REMARKS

Joseph Goodrich
119 South Street, Middletown Springs, VT 05757
Tel: 802-235-1520
Email: vtsgm26@gmail.com

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Program Book. In these pages you will find activities and possibly ideas that can help you to connect to your fellow Grangers as well as your surrounding communities. The theme of this year's programs is Cultivating Connections. By connecting with our fellow Grangers, we can improve our message. By connecting with our communities, we can improve our influence. Both acts can increase our membership. I urge you all participate wherever you can. As pandemic restrictions continue to lessen, it's time for us to get back to doing what we love, being Grangers.

Joseph L. Goodrich, Master
Vermont State Grange

DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM BOOKS

Each Grange will receive 3 copies of this Program Book before July 1, 2022. The design of this book is such that it can be taken apart and distributed to the Lecturer and each department chair. Setup a planning session early in the Grange year to plan your Granges' activities and use the working copy for notes throughout the year on your projects as you use your "Helping Hands" for the betterment of your community. Committees need to work together as many activities for points overlap more than one committee. This book is also available on the Vermont State Grange website. Go to: www.vtstategrange.org

SUBMITTING REPORTS

Recently the Vermont Grange introduced a new format of submitting reports of activities at the end of each program year. The new report format referred to as 'scrapbooks' was introduced to provide each Grange a way to collect their year of work into one notebook that could be used both as a Grange's record of the year's growth and accomplishments, but also as a book talking about each Community Grange. It is particularly important to report your Grange's activities to the state, but it is not a requirement to do a 'scrapbook', though it is strongly encouraged.

The report notebooks can be a valuable membership tool as they tell the Grange story in a very personal way and can document many accomplishments that could be forgotten over the years. The adage that 'One picture is worth a thousand words' is so evident when there are pictures of the various Grange Activities recorded in the scrapbook. So, what are the 'rules' for submitting reports?

Due Date: All reports or scrapbook reports need to be mailed to the current Vermont State Master, so they arrive at Master's home before July 15th) or be brought to the Vermont Grange Center by noon on Saturday of Family Camp Weekend 2023.

Please Note:

- **There is a Community Service Report that is a National competition and is a separate report/notebook and needs to be brought to Family Camp Weekend or mailed to:**

**Community Service Chairperson, Ruth Hovey-Sicely
270 Eagle Ledge Road
Worcester, VT 05682**

REPORT NOTEBOOKS

Suggested format for all Report Notebooks

- Select a 3-ring style binder/notebook. Any color, size, or shape is acceptable.
 - If submitting report forms ONLY, please use a small report binder to keep all the reports together
 - If doing a scrapbook use a notebook big enough to accommodate all your pages of pictures, etc.
- Be sure you put **the Name and number of Grange and Reporting Year** on the front of the Notebook.
 - Other information is optional but additional decorations on the cover can make for a more attractive report Notebook.
- **The table of contents should be the next page and divide your notebook with tabbed sections.**
- The first section should be a **complete list of officers and committee chairs & members**. The Master and Secretary of every Grange should have this readily available as it is used at every Grange meeting when the Roll Call is done.
- The second section should be a **complete list of the members of the Grange**. Again, the Secretary of every Grange would have this as it is used when recording attendance at meetings or sending out notices of Grange meetings.
- The third section will be known as the **Chaplain's Page**. It should be dedicated in memory of any Grangers that have 'Passed to the Great Grange Above'. Provide the name of those Grangers. Supplement suggestions for this section would number of years' member was in Grange, pictures and a poem or prayer.
- The completed report form for each department or reporting entity would follow.

If doing the Scrapbook style report notebook:

- Divide the rest of the report book with dividers labeled for the various reports contained in the book. The dividers can be handmade or purchased.
- The completed report form for each department and reporting entity should be the first page of each section within the report book.
- **Provide proof in each section of what you did by providing copies of pertinent Grange minutes, pictures, newspaper clipping, write ups of activities, projects, fund raisers, fun activities, etc.**
- Remember you are recording your history.
- Fill in your points in the Points Earned column and Total where indicated.

Reviewing of Reports

- The completed report forms will be used by the Directors and Officers of the Grange to determine your Grange Seal Awards. Between Family Camp weekend and the annual State Session, the reports will be reviewed, and the scores tallied to see what Granges have earned a seal of accomplishment for the various departments within the Grange.
- Those Granges that go above and beyond the 80 points required for a seal for a specific activity or department will receive added recognition.
- Report notebooks will be on display at the annual State Session for all to view.
- Report notebooks will need to be picked up on the Saturday of State Session.

Grange Name and Number:

- Section 1: List of Officers and Committee Chairs and Members
- Section 2: List of all Members
- Section 3: Chaplain's Page
- Section 4: Agriculture & Environmental Report
- Section 5: Community Service Report
If doing National Community Service Report state: See National Book
- Section 6: Educational Aid Fund Report
- Section 7: Fall Festival Report
- Section 8: Grange Center Report
- Section 9: Health and Wellness Report
- Section 10: Family Activities Report
- Section 11: Information Report
- Section 12: Junior Grange Report
- Section 13: Lecturer Report
- Section 14: Legislative Report
- Section 15: Membership Report
- Section 16: Youth Report

Provide proof in each section of what you did by providing copies of pertinent Grange minutes, pictures, newspaper clipping, write ups of activities, projects, fund raisers, fun activities, etc.

Please use this as the first page of your notebook and use tabs to divide the rest of the sections.
This book can be used as a record of your Granges accomplishments and activities for 2022-2023.

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Grange...Raised and Growing in Service to the Community

Director: Jenny Nelson, PO Box 346, East Ryegate, VT 05042

Tel: 802-584-3296; Email: jnelson@fairpoint.net

MISSION STATEMENT: The Grange is an organization with deep ties to agriculture. Agriculture is the basis of our ritual work, and our organization has long been dedicated to its promotion and preservation. The environment we live in and the proper conservation and cultivation of it are critical to our survival. The goal of this committee is to foster a deeper appreciation for agriculture and the environment within our Community Granges and aid them in raising awareness and developing policies at the local, state, and national level.

1. Master should appoint an active Agriculture & Environment committee to develop and promote Community Grange activities at Grange meetings and in the community.
1. This appointed Agriculture/Environment Committee shall develop a program that addresses one or more issues pertaining to agriculture that is also relevant to that Grange's membership. This is a time of momentous change in agriculture in our state, so there are many possible subjects. From new environmental regulations and changes to land use taxation, to marketing new value-added products and recognizing global trade and local markets, there are plenty of new things for your Agriculture committees to talk about and inform your membership about.
2. Make financial donation(s) as directed by the interests of your Grange. Suggestions: Kelley Farm, Heifer Project International.
3. As a State Grange Agriculture Project, we would like to support schools who have school gardens and/or Farm to School efforts that are beginning or established projects. Things you can do as a Subordinate Grange:
 - a. Invite a teacher or food service director to the Grange to explain their project and how the Grange can help.
 - b. Offer to support their school garden project with funding to establish raised beds, for seeds, tools, manure, and/or watering equipment.
 - c. Give a helping hand and visit as an experienced Grange gardener.
 - d. Offer to bring in some homegrown veggies, berries, or cheese samples for a taste testing event for a class or the whole school.
 - e. Support a Community Harvest Dinner to help the school celebrate their efforts.
4. There is an effort to expand Farm to School here in VT. We can do our part financially and legislatively. See website at: www.vtfarmentoschool.org for ideas and resources to guide you.
5. All Agriculture/Environment Committee donations should be sent directly on or before June 15, 2023 to:

Jenny Nelson
PO Box 346
East Ryegate, VT 05042.

Checks should be made payable to: Vermont State Grange Agriculture/Environment

Please designate amounts for each project. You may also select other Agriculture related donations that appeal to your membership.

6. Keep the State Agriculture/ Environment director/committee informed of your programs, as you develop and promote Community Grange activities. Invite them to your annual agricultural program. Effective communication, on all levels of Grange work, is key to success.

7. Develop at least one resolution related to agriculture and the environment. Resolutions through Grange are a fantastic way for your membership to express their concerns about agricultural issues in a unified voice to our legislators at the state and national level, as they look to make changes to agricultural policy. Check the GMG articles from the Ag Director for ideas and information.
8. As the COVID19 pandemic begins to subside, we recognize the aftereffects on our farms and small businesses, as well as some of our more vulnerable citizens. VT dairy farmers have experienced a crisis following the nearly 5-year downturn in the price they receive at the farmgate. We know that people want to continue to help - donating milk helps dairy farmers by securing a market for their milk and families who are struggling with food insecurity. There are opportunities still available for Granges to donate milk to your area food shelves. Remember that milk is one of the most sought-after food items when our struggling neighbors go to find food. Perhaps your Grange can donate and earmark it for milk. Storage is sometimes an issue. If you are feeling generous, consider donating a refrigerator to your local food shelf. What a great community service that would be for farmers and consumers alike.

Resources for Programs and Policy

- VT Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets' Agriview found at www.Agriculture.Vermont.gov 802-828-5667
 - If you are a farmer or producer, you can get a free subscription in your mailbox monthly by calling 802-828-1619 or e-mail AGR.Agriview@vermont.gov
- VT Agriculture Community Calendar at <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/events/month>
- For more information on Vermont's Farm to School, go to the website: http://agriculture.vermont.gov/vermont_farm_to_school_program
- Find clever ideas at your local County Fairs this year and please participate in the VT State Grange Fall Festival.
 - Veggies and fruit, baked or canned goods, displays
 - Check out the premium list.
 - That's the second weekend in September (Friday through Sunday) at the Grange Center in Brookfield, so join the fun and show off your produce! There are cash prizes!
- Skimmed Milk is full of current, ever-changing dairy information. Find it at aginfo@farmjournal.com

AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Did you make an Agriculture/Environmental Report? **Yes/No**

Did you donate to a Farm to School Program? **Yes/No**

Did you have an Agriculture/Environment Program? **Yes/No**

Important: Describe your Program. Please list date, topic, speaker, activities, music, and resources used in order to share ideas other Chairs might want to use in their Granges.

Did you write and submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic? **Yes/No**
Attach copy.

Did you donate to the Kelley Farm? **Yes/No**

Did you donate to the Heifer Project International? **Yes/No**

Did you donate to another Agriculture Fund? **Yes/No**
If so which one?

Did you do a Community Service project that was Agriculture/Environment related, such as working in a community garden, school garden, offering fresh veggies to the local food shelf, building container gardens, having a speaker for a program and inviting the public? **Yes/No**

Important: Describe your Community Service project. Please share activities, time spent, and resources used in order that others may have the information to use in their Granges.

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|---|---|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit this Agriculture/Environmental Report | |
| 20pts | Present an Agriculture/Environment Program | |
| 20pts | Donation of time, money, project or produce (include description) to a Farm to School Program | |
| 20pts | Submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic | |
| 10pts | Invite Pomona Agriculture/Environment Chairman to a meeting | |
| 20pts | Community Service Project Agriculture/Environment related Must include donation of locally grown fruits and/or veggies | |
| Donations: | | |
| 10pts | Kelley Farm | |
| 10pts | Heifer Project International | |
| 10pts | Other Agriculture Fund – Name: | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | |
| 30pts | Submit this Agriculture/Environmental Report | |
| 20pts | Submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic | |
| 40pts | Present an Agricultural/Environmental Program on a topic of interest | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Raised To Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: Ruth Hovey-Sicely, 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682
Tel: 802-223-7961; Email: ruthsicely@aol.com

Before starting any projects this year, please read through all the material carefully to understand the requirements. For Vermont to qualify to receive \$250 in prize money from the National Grange, a percentage of Grange Community Service Reports need to be received. A separate notebook, along with the report forms needs to be prepared to qualify for National judging. If you don't want to do a separate notebook, please fill out the paper report form with supporting information. Please mail your notebook or report to the Community Service Director, Ruth Hovey-Sicely or deliver to Family Camp by noon on Saturday. You will receive full credit on the state level by completing just the paper forms if they are fully completed.

National and Northeast Region Community Service Projects

Words for Thirds - Dictionaries are purchased and given to all Third Graders in your Grange Region. They may now be ordered online from

- [www. dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org)
- by phone: 843-856-2706 or 843-388-8375
- Email: wordpower@dictionaryproject.org.

Every student deserves a dictionary to help them be more successful in life. Consider helping another Subordinate Grange with their Dictionaries.

Volunteer Hours - Everyone please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. We all volunteer. Remember when you drove the neighbor to the doctor, or you read a book at the school library? There is a form included in this book, please copy. An award will be given for the most hours. Please note the name of the person with the most hours on the Grange's Report Form.

Honor Local Fireman, Law Enforcement Officer or Teacher - The National Grange and the Northeast Regional Community Service Departments have a recognition program for local Fireman/Law Enforcement /Teachers. How it works-you honor a local Fireman/Law Enforcement or Teacher. That person's name and form is forwarded to the Community Service Director by the time of Family Camp. Include a description explaining why the person was chosen and the presentation material that was used at their recognition ceremony. From those names, a statewide winner will be chosen and honored during our Annual VT State Grange Session in October. The Statewide Winner will be submitted to the Northeast Leader's Conference and one winner will be selected and honored at a future date. The Statewide Winner can also be submitted to the National Grange for competition.

Vermont Community Service Projects

Scarves for Soldiers - Website: www.operationgratitude.com

Use your own pattern (knit or crochet). Recommend using large needles or hooks so you can make more scarfs faster! Size restrictions: No larger than 4 to 6 inches wide by 48 to 50 inches long and NO fringe. Use any soft yarn in subtle colors – brown, blues, olives, grays, maroon & black. Strips of multicolored yarn is fine; red, white, and blue is an approved pattern. List the fiber content in case of allergies on your “Made with Love” note that you attach to the scarf. If you include your name and address, they will forward any thank you letter from the soldier. Tie tag on with a piece of yarn.

- Send to: Operation Gratitude, 21100 Lassen Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311-4278.

Ronald McDonald House or David’s House - The Coronavirus or Covid-19 has taken over our lives. It seems, it’s everywhere – the news, our hospitals, the grocery stores, the pharmacy, the hair salon, our jobs, etc. Who would have imagined having a doctor’s appointment by telephone or video conference before going to the hospital? Considering our new world, we have decided to repeat taking donations and/or doing a fund raiser (if possible) for the Ronald McDonald House in the North or David’s House in the South.

- **Ronald McDonald** is a house in Chittenden County and is a place for the family to stay at a reduced price while their children are in the University of Vermont Medical Center. These children are usually cancer patients or have serious illnesses that cause them to stay in the hospital for many days or weeks at a time.
- **David’s House** is located near the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire and serves Southern Vermont. They do the same thing by letting families stay at a reduced rate while their sick children are in the hospital. Let us raise some money to help the parents defray their costs of staying at these homes.

If your Grange does a fund raiser, please make the check payable to Vermont State Grange and send it to Ruth Hovey-Sicely, Director, Community Service, 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682. A check will be presented at VSG State Session. Write on the memo line whether the money is for the Ronald McDonald House or David’s House.

Mental Health

We’ve all undergone a lot of stressors in our lives these past two years because of the isolation and worry caused by Covid 19. Some people already suffered from anxiety and loneliness, then having to quarantine just made it worse. Let’s think about mental health in our own lives. On a daily basis we see our neighbors – across the street, at the store, perhaps at their mailbox or post office. How do they appear? Do they seem stressed out, and if so, do we offer any assistance? At a minimum we should speak to them briefly and if needed, suggest they call for help. Now, more than ever, it’s easy to get counseling and have it remain private through either Zoom meetings or phone conferences. The mental health agencies aren’t responding timely to me. It will take a while to put a plan in place for next year’s program.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence has always been an issue, but with the isolation of Covid 19, it has been made much worse. The statistics of numbers of victims are much higher and the hotlines have received many more calls. The shelters are at capacity. Very often it takes a victim seven attempts at leaving before a break is finally accomplished and life can begin on their own. Sometimes there are children, but not always. I'm working with agencies to set something up for next year's program but wanted to give you a heads up. Both Mental Health and Domestic Violence issues take months to get things in place. I know from having designed programs for the Family Court.

Quilts of Valor - Website: www.qovf.org

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Fabric should be 100% "shirt weight" or "quilt weight" cotton fabric appropriate for adults. Quilts of Valor do not have to be red, white, and blue. Recipients, given a choice, choose quilts with a patriotic theme. A quilt is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60" by 80". Finished size can be no smaller than 55" by 65" and no larger than 72" by 90". A Quilt of Valor consists of a top, batting and backing, and must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied quilt is **not acceptable**. Batting should be quality, low loft batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not too dense. Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams and double fold. Binding should be attached by machine and finished by hand or machine. A Quilt of Valor must be labeled as such. Please see website www.qovf.org for **VERY SPECIFIC** instructions on how the labeling and presentations are to be done.

Make Hats & Scarves & Mittens - Put your Grange name on them and tie them to trees in downtown areas where homeless or other needy folks can have access to them. Put them at Food Shelves, Homeless Shelters, Schools - wherever you think there might be a need.

Sending Thoughtful Cards - Write cards to Seniors in facilities and military personnel at holidays. Don't put a name on the envelope. Check with facilities on number of residents and send cards at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, for example. Same with military.

Collecting Jeans - Check with your local homeless shelter to see if they could use some gently used jeans for teens or adults.

tax.vermont.gov - 65% of Vermonters qualify for Free File ... do you? You may be eligible to file your federal IRS and Vermont income taxes through Free File. Do you qualify? Find out by visiting [Free File | Department of Taxes \(vermont.gov\)](http://Free File | Department of Taxes (vermont.gov)).

Empty Plate Project - This gives Grangers an opportunity to help those less fortunate. Granges will collect non-perishable food items or have special fundraisers to help fill an imaginary EMPTY PLATE. Donated to Soup Kitchens, Shelters, Food Shelves, Neighbors, Food Baskets, or where there is a need. Food collected and donated should be reported in pounds. Please complete the report form and submit to the State Director by noon on Saturday of Family Camp Weekend.

National Suggestions for Grange Community Service Books

The following is an edited copy of information from the National Grange website (see footnote)

- It is important that the name of your Grange is on the front of the book.
- **Good organization is important.**
- This is a Community Service Book, not a history book of everything your Grange did in a year.
- A dinner/event held to maintain the building or pay bills is not a community service project.
- More pages (fluff) or larger books are not always better.

DO's

- Limit pages to no more than 4 (front and back) for larger projects and 2 (front and back) for smaller projects
- Include 2 or 3 photos that demonstrate members (non-members if applicable) participation and items collected. If it is a cleanup type project before and after photos.
- 1 or 2 Thank You cards/letters for an event.
- Include a short write up about your Grange and Community. (1 page)
- An overall summary sheet listing continuing projects, new projects, larger and smaller projects and list of donations. **Then utilize this format for the organization of the community service book.**
- Book organization:
- Use a tab for each project include a short summary of that project.
- Include any newspaper article or flyer about the event.
- When holding a fundraiser dinner/event it is important to include where the monies were donated.

DON'Ts

- Don't include things like State session program book, officer and member rosters and meeting minutes.
- Don't include members or family obituaries because the family used your hall after the funeral.
- Don't include every thank you note/letter you get from a project. 1 is enough not all 30 from a class you donated dictionaries to.
- Mowing the grass at the Grange Hall. This is maintenance not community service

Listed below are the guidelines that are considered during National Grange judging:

- Organization of the material presented
- Community Service Project(s), whether one big or multiple projects
- Participation of Grange members and Participation of non-Grange members
- Publicity for the Community Service Project(s) and/or the Grange
- Fundraising
- Benefits to the local community

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name and Number _____

City, County and State _____

Chairperson's Name _____

Signature of Chairperson _____

Master's Name _____

Pease complete this form and place it in the front of your **National Community Service Report Notebook**. This will be of tremendous assistance to the judges. The report notebook for the Community Service entry should indicate the name and number of the Grange on the outside front cover.

Newspaper articles, letters and evidence of publicity should be included. Pictures are helpful, especially "before the project begins and when completed". The judges are not familiar with your Grange or your community, so PLEASE supply information that describes both. This will assist the judges in understanding your project necessity.

National Grange has suggested that a more concise notebook makes for better judging. See page 16 of program book or the Community Service pages of the National Grange website:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/suggestions-grange-community-service-books/>

REMINDER:

**YOUR COMPLETED NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT MUST
BE RECEIVED BY NOON ON SATURDAY OF FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND OR
BE MAILED BY JULY 8, 2023 TO:**

**RUTH HOVEY-SICELY
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR
270 EAGLE LEDGE ROAD
WORCESTER, VT 05682.**

**Put a copy of this form in the Community Service section
of your State Scrapbook/Notebook or a page stating:**

"SEE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT NOTEBOOK FOR REPORT"

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Number of Grange Members _____

Number of Grange Members involved in projects _____

Number of Non-Grangers helping _____

Total Community Service Hours Grangers volunteered
Attach Complete Community Service Hours Reporting Logs

Name of person who volunteered the greatest number of hours

- Number of hours _____
- Name of Grange _____

Did you participate in the "Words for Thirds" Project?

Yes / No

- If yes, how many students were served?
- What schools?

On-going Projects

Joint Projects (with other non-profit organizations)

Local Community Service Projects

Did you write a Resolution? Yes / No
 If you wrote a Resolution, please include a copy with this report

Did you present a Community Citizen Award? Yes / No

Did you honor a local Fireman/Law Enforcement/Teacher? Yes / No

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|--|--|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report in your notebook to State | |
| 30pts | Support Ronald McDonald House or David's House | |
| 20pts | Write and submit a Resolution | |
| 20pts | Dictionary "Word for Thirds" Project | |
| 20pts | Report Volunteer Hours | |
| 20pts | Honor Local Police/Fireman/Teacher | |
| 20pts | Empty Plate Project | |
| 10pts | Knit/Crochet 5 articles for donation to any charity/project | |
| 10pts | Present Community Service Award | |
| 10pts | Did you submit a Report for National Judging | |
| 20pts | Did you do a local Community Service Project | |
| 10pts | Write Cards to Seniors or Military Personnel (Minimum 10) | |
| 10pts | Collect Gently Used Jeans | |
| 1pt | # of Masks made (1 point for each mask made and donated (Cap 20) | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | | |
| TOTAL | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit Report in your notebook to State | |
| 20pts | Write and submit a Resolution | |
| 40pts | Present Community Service Program | |
| 40pts | Present Program/Activity/Project | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | | |
| TOTAL | | |

National/Northeast FF/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award

Please check which category you are submitting this person for:

_____ Police Officer _____ Firefighter _____ Teacher

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Department/School _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

List of Community Activities, Volunteer in your profession, in your community, include church, civic, school:

Why does this candidate deserve to be honored?

Is there a situation that stands out that this person handled in their daily job?

Continued next page

Please tell us why this person should be selected: Topics (if applicable) that should be included but not limited to: years of service, current rank, previous ranks or offices held, training, special recognitions or awards, committees chaired or member of, involvement in the community not related to their profession.) Feel free to use additional pages if necessary.

Name of Grange submitting nominee _____

City/Town/State _____

Chairpersons' name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Send with a photo of recipient to: Ruth Hovey-Sicely, Director, 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682
By: Noon on Saturday of Family Camp or mailed by July 8, 2023.

Empty Plate Project Report Form 2022-2023

The **Empty Plate Project** gives Grangers the opportunity to help those less fortunate. Each month the Community Service Chairperson should ask the members to bring in non-perishable food items or have special fund raisers to fill an EMPTY PLATE to be donated to Soup Kitchens, Shelters, Community Food Banks, Churches, Neighbors, Food Baskets, or where there is a need. Food collected and donated should be reported in pounds. If you coordinate a Community Dinner, include whether weekly or monthly and the number of people served.

Name of Grange _____

Name of Chairperson _____

Total Number of Pounds Collected _____

How many people were served at a FREE Community Dinner? _____

Where food was distributed

Did your Grange work with other organizations, schools, churches, to help with food distribution? If so, who participated and what was done?

How many people were served? _____

How much \$ was raised? _____

Did Grange members volunteer at a Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, other? Please list the Grange member and hours volunteered.

EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

Raised To Serve the Future of Our Communities

Vice-Chairman: Lois Wakefield, Vice-Chair, 4 Mound Street, Randolph, VT 05060

Tel: 802-728-9892: Email: ltwakefield37@gmail.com

Scholarships Available for Granger Members and Non-Members through VSAC

There are six scholarships that anyone can apply for:

- Vermont State Grange Agricultural Scholarship
 - This scholarship was created to encourage VT students to enter the field of agriculture.
- Cobble Hill Grange-Agricultural Studies
 - This scholarship was created to recognize the importance of a college education & to encourage VT students to enter the field of agriculture
- Cobble Hill Grange-Educational Studies
 - This scholarship was created to recognize the importance of a college education and to encourage VT students to enter the field of education.
- Alice Cossingham-Nursing Studies
 - This scholarship was created to encourage VT students to enter the field of nursing.
- Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund
 - This scholarship was created to assist students with obtaining their associate's or bachelor's degrees.
- Vermont State Grange Vocational/Technical Scholarship
 - This scholarship was created to assist students with obtaining a vocational or technical education.

More Information about scholarships is available through Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)

- Mail: PO Box 2000 10 East Allen Street Winooski, VT 05404
- Call: (802) 654-3798 or (888) 253-4819 toll free
- Website: <http://www.vsac.org>

Scholarships Available for Grange Members Only

There are two scholarships for Grange members only:

- Educational Aid-Vocational/Technical/Certified Training
 - Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending a vocational/technical school or certified training program.
- Educational Aid-General Studies
 - Any Vermont Grange member in good standing attending an accredited school.

Low Interest Loans

Who is eligible?

- Grange members who desire to continue their education in any form, whether in a degree granting program or non-degree courses.
- For information contact the person at the address below and include the following information:
 - Name
 - Grange name & number
 - Mailing address
 - Telephone number
 - E-mail (optional)

To Obtain Information on Loans and /or Make a Donation

Donations from Granges or individuals are welcomed.

- Make Checks payable to the Vermont Educational Aid Fund.
- Send all requests for information and/or donations to:
Janice Rousselle
394 River Road
Colchester, VT 05446

Grants Available for Grange Members

- Quarterly Grants of \$100 for members who wish to upgrade education of a hobby or craft (total of 15 awarded each year)
- Application on next page and at www.vtstategrange.org

FARM 2+2 Program

The Vermont State Grange Executive Committee has voted to have the Educational Aid Fund donate annually to the FARM 2+2 Program. We are happy to do this but want to explain a little about the program.

The 2+2 program assists in a student taking a four-year agricultural course. They would go to Vermont Tech for two years and then on to UVM for another 2 years. A small part of that program includes one semester at the Miner Institute in eastern New York.

Students study agronomy, nutrition, plant & soil science, cattle evaluation, and many other agricultural subjects. The Vermont legislature votes a budget to support this program, but nowhere near covers the expenses. The Educational Aid Fund will donate annually to this.

This program is open to ALL persons. For more information or to apply, please contact Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 www.agriculture.vermont.gov

Vermont State Grange Educational Aid Fund Grant Application

_____ Vt. _____ Date _____

I, _____, being a member
of _____ Grange No. _____ do hereby make application for
an Educational Aid Fund Grant of _____ (Maximum of \$100.00) to be
used for the following:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Address: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

This is to certify that _____ is a member of
_____ Grange No. _____ in good standing.

(Seal of Grange)

Grange Secretary

If Available

Signature

Printed Name

| Approved by | Date | Approved by | Date | Approved by | Date |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

**Please Submit this application
with proof of registration**

Office Use Only

Check No. _____

Issued Date: _____

Educational Aid Fund Annual Report 2023

Grange Name & Number: _____

Master: _____

Please explain how your Grange promoted scholarships, loans, and/or grants available from the Education Aid Funds at your Grange:

Does your Grange fully support an Educational Scholarship?
Specify fund and amount:

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
|---|--|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 60pts | Donation of \$10 or more to Educational Aid Fund | |
| 60pts | Any Grange that fully funds a scholarship | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 60pts | Donation of \$10 or more to Educational Aid Fund | |
| 60pts | Any Grange that fully funds a scholarship | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

FALL FESTIVAL 2022

Raised To Serve the Future of Our Communities

Chairman: Debby Perry, 60 Sargent Road, West Burke, VT 05871
Tel: 860-933-1211; Email: debbykaysmith81167@gmail.com

Dates, times, programs, and meal information will be sent to your Grange via mail to Master and/or Secretary or will be announced in the Green Mountain Granger.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Center will open at 5:00 PM on Friday of the Festival, to receive and register entries in all categories. All entries must be registered no later than 10:00 AM on Saturday of the Festival.

- Judging will start at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning.
- All exhibits are closed to the public during judging. Staff should be notified of all items being donated for the Saturday afternoon auction at the time of registration.
- All ribbons and items not for auction must be picked up by 5:00 PM on Saturday. Festival committee will not be responsible for items and ribbons not claimed by 5:00 PM on Saturday.
- Classes may be further divided if vegetables are of different varieties.

PRIZES:

- Awards based on the person or family with the largest number of Blue ribbons. Red ribbons will be considered in case of a tie.
- All entries must be created, grown, or prepared by the member entering.
 - \$25.00 and Master's Cup - Member's name will be inscribed on Master's Cup/Plaque.
 - \$25.00 to Family - Family must live in the same household and enter under the same exhibitor number,
 - \$25.00 to Junior member. Group entries will be disqualified.
 - \$25.00 to Senior (> or =70 years old) Grange member

PREMIUM LIST ENTRY INFORMATION

Divisions:

- Juniors (ages 5-14). Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately
- Grangers (age 14 and up)
- Senior Division (age 70 and up)
- Family Division - All members of the family must enter under one entry form

Entry Form: Please complete the Fall Festival Entry Form located on the back of the Premium List 2022 and bring with you to the festival. Paper plates will be provided for entries and your entry number will be assigned at check in.

Baking: All items must be made from scratch (no mixes). Entries will be judged on appearance, texture, and flavor. Recipe must be printed on a 3 x 5-inch index card for each item.

Fruit and Vegetables: Display plates will be furnished. Only one entry per category and variety, but remember that each variety of potatoes, squash, melons (and other fruits and vegetables) are a different category. Entries must be clean and expertly prepared for exhibit.

FAIR BOOTH INFORMATION

Fair Booth Exhibit: A card table size exhibit to display at Fall Festival. Bring your own card table (there is a limited supply available at the Grange Center).

Theme: **Raised To Serve The Future of Our Communities**

- With a few changes, your local fair booth exhibit can easily be changed to this theme
- Be sure the theme appears somewhere on your exhibit
- Cash prizes. First Place: \$15.00; Second place \$10.00; Third place \$5.00.

Judging Criteria

| Scoring on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the best | Score |
|--|-------|
| An exhibit has 30 seconds to attract someone's attention. Scored on how well this is done. | |
| An exhibit has another 30 seconds to keep their attention. Scored on how well this is done. | |
| Exhibit should be colorful and attractive, yet simple and uncluttered. Scored on how well this is done | |
| Was the theme of : Raised To Serve The Future of Our Communities on the exhibit and was it demonstrated? Scored on how well this is done | |
| TOTAL | |

What Is IT?

This contest is for education and for fun.

- Bring an item (please label with your name as it will be returned to you) that is unusual and you either know what it is used for or want to find out what it is used for.
- The item can be new or old.
- The education is
 - providing the information about what the items is or was used for
 - or maybe someone at the festival can tell all of us what it was once used for

We had some great entries last year. Come and bring your unusual item!

Fall Festival Premium List 2022

CLASS A- ARRANGMENT

An arrangement of the best and largest collection of produce grown by a home gardener. Container to be chosen by the exhibitor.

CLASS B -VEGETABLES

One head of broccoli
Five parsnips
Five table beets
Three sweet peppers—any color
Pint basket of Brussel sprouts
Five chili peppers
Five carrots
Five potatoes - Specify variety
Head of cabbage – Any variety
Five sweet potatoes
One bunch of celery
One pie pumpkin
Three ripe cucumbers
Two summer squash
Three eating (salad) cucumbers
One winter squash- specify variety
Three pickling cucumbers
Two zucchinis
One egg plant
One bunch of Swiss chard
Five ears of popcorn – any variety
Exhibit: Herbs-mixed, fresh, dried
Five ears of sweet corn
One head of sunflower
Six stalks of silage corn
One bunch of spinach
One decorated Jack-o-lantern
Twelve cherry tomatoes
The biggest field pumpkin
Five tomatoes- red, green, yellow, pear
Novelty vegetables
One rutabaga
The largest zucchini
One head of cauliflower
An exhibit of gourds
Twelve beans- specify variety
One head of leaf lettuce
Twelve dried beans-specify variety
Three onions- red, white or yellow
One turnip
Heritage Vegetable (submit seed packet)
Bunch of Kale

CLASS C- FRUITS

Five apples- specify variety
Five bunches of grapes- specify variety
Eight crab apples
Five pears- specify variety

One half pint berries- specify variety
Eight plums- specify variety
One melon
Any other fruit

CLASS D- CANNING

Specify variety in categories.
Vegetables
Jellies
Fruits
Jams
Pickles
Relish
Chutney/Mincemeat
Other

CLASS E- FLOWERS

Fresh flower arrangement
One dahlia
Five zinnias
Dry harvest arrangement
One gladiolus spike
Five daisies
Mixed flower arrangement
Five petunias
A wild flower arrangement
Five asters
Five sweet peas
A small houseplant
Five chrysanthemums
Five snapdragons
All others
Five marigolds
One rose

CLASS F- EGGS

One dozen brown eggs
One dozen white eggs
One dozen other

CLASS G- MAPLE & HONEY

One-pint glass jar maple syrup
Three cakes of maple sugar
One-half pint glass jar of maple cream
One-pint honey

CLASS H-ARTS & CRAFTS

Afghan- knit, crocheted, other
Tatting- wearable or household item
Chicken scratch
Christmas ornament
Crewel
Wreath - nature's material or other
Crochet- wearable, accessories or household items
Woodcraft

Needlepoint- on canvas or plastic
Sewing
Quilts- tied, quilted, patchwork, applique, or other
Pillows- completed or top only
Patchwork- wearable or household item
Stenciling
Stuffed toys
Rug- braided
Rug- latch hook
Rug -other
No Rugs no larger than 40"x24"
Dolls
Painting
Wall hangings
Ceramics
Macramé
Counted cross stitch
Painted canvas
Recycled Craft
Recycled Household Item
Miscellaneous

CLASS I – BAKING/COOKING

One loaf yeast bread
Four muffins
5 pieces Fudge
Four cookies
One loaf quick bread
One decorated cake
One pie- one or two crust
Four yeast rolls
Four decorated cookies
Four donuts

****CLASS J – PHOTOGRAPHY****

Matted or framed but no glass
Any subject mounted
No larger than 24 x 24 inches

Fall Festival Entry Form

(To be completed by exhibitor before entries are accepted)

Name _____

Grange Member? Yes No Non-grange members may enter but must be sponsored by a Grange

Grange Name _____ Number _____

Division: Junior (<14 years) Adult (14-69 years) Family Senior (70 years and above)

Do you want your ribbons? Yes No

| Class from Premium List | | | Description | Is item being donated to auction? | Award |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | CLASS | Name | | | |
| | E | Fresh Flower Arrangement | Example of entry – Wildflowers | Yes | |
| 1 | | | | | B R Y |
| 2 | | | | | B R Y |
| 3 | | | | | B R Y |
| 4 | | | | | B R Y |
| 5 | | | | | B R Y |
| 6 | | | | | B R Y |
| 7 | | | | | B R Y |
| 8 | | | | | B R Y |
| 9 | | | | | B R Y |
| 10 | | | | | B R Y |
| 11 | | | | | B R Y |
| 12 | | | | | B R Y |
| 13 | | | | | B R Y |
| 14 | | | | | B R Y |
| 15 | | | | | B R Y |
| 16 | | | | | B R Y |
| 17 | | | | | B R Y |
| 18 | | | | | B R Y |
| 19 | | | | | B R Y |
| 20 | | | | | B R Y |

FALL FESTIVAL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Report for Fall Festival held in September 2022

Grange Name and Number _____

Master _____

Include Additional Information and pictures (on extra page or on back of this form)

List Grange Members attending Fall Festival:

List member and number of entries in contests

Picture of Card Table Exhibit:

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|---|---|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 10pts | Members Attending Fall Festival (10 pts per Member) | |
| 10pts | Members entering contests (10 pts per person) | |
| 40pts | Card table exhibit | |
| 10pts | For each entry (Premium List) | |
| 10pts | For each entry in the "What Is It?" display | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 10pts | Members Attending Fall Festival (10 pts per Member) | |
| 10pts | Members entering contests (10 pts per person) | |
| 40pts | Card table exhibit | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Raised To Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: To be announced after VSG elections October 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The FADA Committee's goal is to help build a stronger community by working with other organizations on joint community service projects. By assisting others on projects needed in the Community that help others with their comfort whether physical or emotional. Donate your time or make something for another organization (hospital, nursing home, day care center, etc.) that needs the "special something" (adult clothing protectors, games)? Currently with Corvid 19 present, please take care of your health.

2023 NORTHEAST NEEDLEWORK CONTEST RULES

(2023 brochure will come out in October)

Eligibility

- Contest open to all except for Professional Needlework designers, teachers or anyone earning their living in a needlework related field may not enter.
- ONE item per class.
- Work must be entirely that of the contestant.
- Entries must have been completed within the contest year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Deadline

- Bring your entries to Family camp by NOON Saturday

What To Enter

CLASS A: AFGHAN - An Afghan may be made using any yarn product (or product suitable to entry). It can be any pattern and it may be knitted, crocheted, woven etc. (min. size 45 x 74 and max. size 52 x 84 inches)

CLASS B: DOILIES - Doily may be knitted, crocheted, or tatted. May use any thread suitable to article. May be any pattern or design. (max. size 14 x 14 inches)

CLASS C: EMBROIDERY - Any embroidered item except counted Cross Stitch. Any embroidery threads may be used (back of work must be visible).

CLASS D: 3 PIECE BABY SET – Must consist of a jacket/sweater, PLUS booties, mittens, bonnets/hats or pants. Set must include THREE DIFFERENT PIECES. May be knitted or crocheted using any suitable patterns and product. Baby Afghan is not part of the three pieces.

CLASS E: PLASTIC CANVAS - Your choice of pattern. Maximum size 12 X 12 inches

CLASS F: COUNTED CROSS STITCH - Any item using any thread products. **NOTE:** The back of work **MUST** be seen on all embroidered pieces. Pictures may be on stretcher traps or may be framed and/or matted, **NO GLASS PLEASE!**

- CLASS G: ADULT GARMENT** - Entry may be knitted or crocheted, any pattern and any suitable products. A garment is something worn on the body – sweater, dress, cape, poncho, vest, etc. Items not permitted in this class because they are classified as accessories: hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, collar, belt, etc.
- CLASS H: LATCH HOOK** - Your choice of pattern using any yarn. The width must be a min. of 18” and max. of 24”, and with a max. length of 45”. Project must be finished (including back). If project is to be hung, it must have a sleeve on the back for hanging.
- CLASS I: QUILTED WALL HANGING** - Piece may be hand or machine quilted and any product may be used for filling. Maximum size 20 x 20 inches, please add a sleeve for hanging
- CLASS J: STUFFED TOY** - Toy may be knitted, crocheted, or sewn. May be stuffed with any product. Toys must be child safe.
- CLASS K: BABY AFGHAN** - Baby Afghan may be knitted, crocheted, or woven and must be suitable for a baby – choice of color, selection of yarn product must be suitable for a baby.
- CLASS L: CHILD or ADULT GARMENT SEWN** - Entry must be a sewn garment for a child or adult using your own design or a pattern and a suitable product for age. Must be a finished garment. A garment is something worn on the body-jacket, dress, skirt, slacks, shirt, cape, poncho, or vest.

Vermont Contests

The following classes are open to anyone. Non-members will need a Grange Sponsor. Bring your entries to Family camp by NOON Saturday, they will be judged after Family Camp.

CLASS Z: CRAFTED ACCESSORIES - Knitted, Crocheted, or Woven product suitable as an accessory, any size. 1) socks 2) hat with eat protection 3) gator

CLASS Y: SEWING - Sew a garment for a child age 3-12. Use products suitable for a child. Please state Size

CLASS X: TOY – made with child safe materials. Min. size 5 x 5”, max. size 12 x 14”

CLASS W: LATCH HOOK - Finished size; minimum 19 X 19; maximum 24 X 36 inches. If being hung please add a sleeve.

CLASS V: QUILTED TABLE RUNNER - Machine & hand quilted will be judged separately. Your choice of materials. Max. round size 20 inches diameter; Max. rectangle size 14 X 72 inches

CLASS U: COAT RACK – Maximum size of board 6 inches wide X 28 inches long, your choice of finish, using not more than 6 novelty hooks (doorknobs, odd or decorative hooks, spouts etc.

CLASS T: WOOD CRAFT – any wood craft (toys, boxes etc.) of your choosing. May be left natural or you can finish it with paint or stain. Maximum size 18 inches long x 12 inches high, x 12 inches wide

CLASS S: A CRAFT NOT LISTED ABOVE: if you have a craft that is not listed above you may enter it here. Maximum size 18 X 18 X 18 inches. No glass or breakable materials please.

COOKING CONTEST 2022-2023

Your mystery ingredient for this year is **Maple Syrup**.

- Make your dish uses at least **one-half cup of Maple Syrup**.
- Include your recipe and the name of your dish
- Judges must be able to taste the maple syrup.
- Mention if your dish should be eaten hot.
- **Anyone that wishes can enter the State contest** by bringing it Saturday by NOON to Family Camp in July 2023.

It's okay for Subordinate & Pomona Grange's to hold a contest, but anyone can bring their cooking entry to be judged at the state level that is held at Family Camp in 2023.

JUDGING CRITERIA

NEEDLEWORK & VT CONTESTS

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Workmanship | 40 points |
| Suitability of purpose | 20 points |
| General appearance | 20 points |
| Selection of design | 10 points |
| Harmony of Color | 10 points |

COOKING CONTEST

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Taste | 40 points |
| Appearance | 20 points |
| Texture | 10 points |
| Combination of ingredients | 30 points |

Prizes:

Northeastern Contest
Vermont Contest

First, Second, Third prize
First, Second, Third prize

There is \$1000 in prize money available for these contests!

2022-2023 Family Activities Entry Form
 Attach this form to the project
 Put your mailing address on back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2022-2023 Family Activities Entry Form
 Attach this form to the project
 Put your mailing address on back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2022-2023 Family Activities Entry Form
 Attach this form to the project
 Put your mailing address on back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

2022-2023 Family Activities Entry Form
 Attach this form to the project
 Put your mailing address on back of this form.

Name

Phone

Email

Grange & Number

Class Age

Description

FAMILY ACTIVITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

How many people entered the Cooking Contest?

How many people entered the Vermont Contests?

How many people entered the Northeast Needlework Contest?

Donation for National Delegate Gift?

Donation of Craft items for the New England Grange Building at Big E. List item description and number below

Describe the Community Service project your Grange did with another Organization:

Pomona Grange: Provide evidence of contact with Community Grange

You need to provide evidence to get your points

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|---|---|----------------------|
| 30pts | Submit report in notebook | |
| 30pts | Present a Family Activities Program-explain your program | |
| 15pts | For total number of entries in Northeast Needlework Contest | |
| 15pts | For total number of entries in Vermont contests sent to Family Camp | |
| 20pts | For total number of entries in cooking contest from your Subordinate | |
| 15pts | Donation of \$5.00 National Delegates Gift | |
| 20pts | For total number of donated crafts sent to New England Grange building | |
| 25pts | Community Service Project – Helping another organization | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit report in notebook | |
| 20pts | Present Family Activities Program-explain your program | |
| 30pts | Contact Subordinate Family Activities Chairs – provide proof of contact with chairs (copy of letters, emails, etc.) | |
| 10pts | For each Subordinate Grange that brings at least one cooking entry to Family camp for State judging. | |
| 10pts | Donation of \$5.00 National Delegates Gift | |
| 10pts | Community Service Project-explain project | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

GRANGE CENTER

Raised to Serve the Future of our Communities

Board Chair: Eunice Crowell, 432 Tunnel Street Apt 6, Readsboro VT 05350

Tel: 802-423-7708 Email: readsboroza@gmail.com

The Vermont State Grange Center, located at 308 West Street in Brookfield, is your property. It is managed by the Grange Center Board of Directors that consists of two members elected from each Pomona Grange, the State Master, and a member of the Executive Committee. A chairman is elected at the first Board meeting of the year which is convened by the State Master immediately after the close of the State Grange Session. The Board then elects a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Property Manager.

The Board is responsible for routine management and maintenance, scheduling major repairs and renovations, fund raising and renting out the facility. Secondary responsibilities lie with the Pomona Granges who are assigned various buildings on a 2-year rotating basis. They are responsible for minor repairs, replacing interior decoration, curtains, etc., and/or funding for such improvements. Fund raising is essential, and some of our most successful events include sponsoring coffee breaks at Interstate Rest Areas. These are events in which all Grangers can assist either by providing baked goods or funds for supplies, or by volunteering to man the booths. If anyone has innovative ideas on fund raising, contact one of the Board members.

Other funding includes donations from individuals or from Granges. We ask Grangers to contribute \$2 per member or as much as they can give. The Grange Center is used by the State Grange and its various Departments, at a reduced rate, for many functions including Junior Camp, Family Camp Weekend, Fall Festival, meetings, etc. The Board holds two Spring Clean-Up Weekends, usually in May and sleep overs during the weekend are possible. Come and make a full day of activity on Saturday and spend the night. If you work, we'll feed you.

The Center is available for rental during the week (as well as during free weekends not otherwise committed to Grange functions) for wedding receptions, family reunions, office retreats and the like. The facility includes the Winter Building, an 8-room mansion that can sleep 18; the Butler Building with full kitchen, dining hall and performance area with stage; four bunkhouses (cabins) that can accommodate 96 campers; and the Nurse's Cabin. There are also several hookups for recreational vehicles.

The Center Board looks forward to seeing as many Grangers as possible during functions coming up in the next year- remember, the Center belongs to YOU, as individual Grangers, and you can have input into its use and management through your Center Board representatives. Thank you to all who participate in the Grange events at the Center. You are all greatly appreciated.

2022 Grange Center Schedule

| May | July | August | September |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Clean-Up Weekend 13, 14, & 15 | Family Camp July 8, 9, & 10 | Chicken Pie August 27 th 5 PM | Fall Festival 9, 10 & 11 |
| Clean-Up Weekend 20, 21, & 22 | Turkey Dinner | | New England Boiled Dinner |

2023 Grange Center Schedule

| May | June | July | August | September |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clean-Up Weekend 12, 13, & 14, | Fund Raiser 23, 24, & 25 | Family Camp 7, 8, & 9 | Fund Raiser 25, 26, & 27 | Fall Festival 8 9, & 10 |
| Clean-Up Weekend 19, 20, & 21 | | | | |

Assignments for Cleaning at Grange Center 2023:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Friendship Pomona #31 | Cabin 3 & 4 |
| Mountain Valley Pomona #32 | Cabin 5 & 6 |
| New Horizons Pomona #33 | Cabin 7 & 8 |
| Heart of VT Pomona #34 | Cabin 1 & 2 |
| Kingdom Pomona #35 | Nurse's Cabin |
| Champlain Valley Pomona #37 | Winter Building |
| Center Board | Butler Building |

GRANGE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____
Chairperson _____
Pomona Board members
representing your Pomona. _____
Every Pomona has two Board
members _____

Did you donate to the Grange Center? **YES / NO**

Number of Members _____ Amount of Donation _____

Did members attend a work weekend or prearranged clean-up? **YES / NO**
Please list names and dates here or separate page:

Did members attend a Grange Center Event? **YES / NO**
Please list names and dates here or on separate page:

Did your Grange or Grange members donate food, money,
 or volunteer for at least 4 hours at a Rest Stop?
 Tell us about the date and what kind of donation.

YES / NO

You need to provide evidence to get your points

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|--|--|----------------------|
| 30pts | Complete this Report and submit | |
| 50pts | Donation to Grange Center? | |
| 20pts | Attendance at work weekends or prearranged clean-up date (Be sure to sign in) | |
| 10pts | Attendance at Grange Center Events (Be sure to sign in) | |
| 25pts | Donation of food or money for Rest Area (Be sure to sign in) per Grange | |
| 20pts | Volunteering for at least 4 hours at a Rest Area | |
| | Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Complete this Report and submit | |
| 25pts | Donation of food or money for Rest Area (Be sure to sign in) | |
| 40pts | Work done on their assigned building at Grange Center | |
| | Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | |

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: Alice Daley, 22 Carmichael St., Apt 306 Essex Junction, VT 05452
Tel: 802-999-7025; Email: adodds0322@gmail.com

The goal for this program is to work with the other departments in the Grange and with people in our communities to educate them about health issues.

Feeding the hungry is a Grange project to collect food for your local Food Shelf. See Community Service "Empty Plate" project

Duties of Subordinate/Community Health & Wellness Chair

- Work with the Master and Lecturer to present a health program relevant to your Grange
- Report at every meeting about a Health and Wellness topic.
- Contact another subordinate grange and offer to help - maybe plan a joint meeting
- Visit another Subordinate Grange in person or via Zoom

Duties of Pomona Health & Wellness Chair

- Report at every Pomona meeting about a Health and Wellness topic
- Contact every Subordinate Grange in your Pomona and communicate with them that you are available to help - maybe plan to attend a meeting
- Attend State Committee Meetings and communicate information to your Subordinate Health Chairperson

Health and Wellness Topics - Following are some suggestions to promote:

- Masks as required by your local community; keep one in the car
- Take a cooking class using \$100 grant-see Education Aid
- Educate about Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases
- Opioid education
 - Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) medication disposal bags
 - Local medicine disposal sites
- Discuss vaccines with your primary care provider
 - Covid 19-Get boosted
 - Shingles
 - Pneumonia
 - TDaP – Importance of parents and grandparents to get Pertussis vaccine
- Healthy snacks
- Washing hands and use of soap
- Healthy Plate
 - Protein, dairy, fruits, veggies; portion size
 - 5 servings of fruit and vegetables per day
- Health eating habits
 - eat slower
 - put fork down between bites
 - eat breakfast
 - smaller fork/plates

- Move/exercise
 - 5,000 steps/day
 - Take the stairs
 - Dehydration, can cause
 - dry skin/chapped lips
 - headaches
 - Time to drink water
 - at bedtime and first thing in the morning
 - Mental Well being
 - Check on your neighbor/senior citizen
 - Be a good listener o Depression, seek help
 - Type 2 Diabetes
 - Container or Raised Bed Gardening (work with Ag/Environment and/or Family Activities)
- Do not pick the closest parking place to your destination
 - increase or decrease blood pressure
 - add citrus (lemon), kiwi, fruit to water
 - Suicide prevention and resources
 - Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
 - Check in with people that live alone

Monthly ideas for programs

- January - Blood donor month; Cervical cancer awareness month; Thyroid cancer month
- February - National Heart Month (wear Red); Low vision month; Children's Dental month
- March - MS Awareness; Colorectal Cancer; Endometriosis Awareness; Nutrition
- April - Alcohol Awareness; IBS; Autism Awareness; Parkinson's Awareness
- May - Stroke Awareness; Arthritis Awareness; CF; Healthy Vision
- June - VT Dairy Month; Alzheimer's Awareness; Cataract Awareness; Scleroderma Awareness; Men's Health
- July - Healthy Vision; Juvenile Arthritis; Sarcoma Awareness
- August - Psoriasis; Lung Cancer Awareness
- September - Blood Cancer; Healthy Aging Month; AFib Awareness; Cholesterol Awareness; Ovarian Cancer; Prostate Cancer
- October - Breast Cancer Month; Down Syndrome Awareness; Mental Illness Month
- November - Diabetes Month; Bladder Health Month; COPD Awareness; Epilepsy Awareness; Pancreatic Cancer; Great American Smoke-Out Nov. 19
- December - Flu Vaccination week 12/6-12; Handwashing Awareness; AIDS day 12/1

Resources

- Contact www.CDC.gov for additional information and health related ideas
- ww.UVM.edu/extension
- VT CRISIS TEXT LINE: text VT TO 741741
- VT Suicide Prevention Ctr at 802-254-6590
- VT Health.Org Health Awareness Calendar

HEALTH & WELLNESS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Did you donate to your local Food Shelf? **YES / NO**

How much money? _____

How many pounds? _____

Did your Grange support a Food Shelf in some other way? If so, describe:

Did you write a Health resolution? **YES / NO**

- Please attach resolution to this report.

Did you report on health topics at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

List Topics

Date of meeting

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Did you support a community meal (donating food or time)?
Explain

YES / NO

Weather totes – Host an educational program (Summer & Winter)
Explain

YES / NO

Informational meeting on opioid crisis (proper disposal of drugs)
Explain

YES / NO

You need to provide evidence to get your points

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
|---|---|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit report in notebook | |
| 20pts | Present a Health program | |
| 20pts | Write a Health Resolution (attach copy to this report) | |
| 20pts | Report at every meeting (see documentation) | |
| 20pts | Visit another subordinate Grange | |
| 1 to 40pts | Donate to Food Shelf - Money or point per pound of food donated with max of 40 pts | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit report in notebook | |
| 20pts | Present a Health program | |
| 20pts | Contact all the Subordinate Grange Health Chairs in your Pomona | |
| 20pts | Visit a subordinate Grange other than your own | |
| 1 to 40pts | Donate to Food Shelf - Money or point per pound of food donated with max of 40 pts | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

INFORMATION

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Contact: Lois Allen 69 Lily Lane #229 West Lebanon, NH 03784
Tel: 603-653-3046 Email: lgahea1308@gmail.com

Information Chairmen are encouraged to promote the activities of their Granges and publicize the good works of members and the Grange. This not only means telling what we have done, but advertising events yet to happen. In cooperation with other Grange departments, produce posters and press releases for all events to increase public awareness of and attendance at Grange functions.

Take advantage of newspapers willing to publish articles about Grange events. Always include a contact name and phone number and make sure to address these five questions: **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY**. When possible, take advantage of Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, State Grange Website, etc.) to inform others about our organization, its philosophy and activities, and to encourage their involvement.

National Grange Publications and Information

- Website
 - <https://www.nationalgrange.org/>
 - Create LOGIN and password to be able to enter the members web area.
- Social Media:
 - www.facebook.com/nationalgrange/
 - www.twitter.com/NationalGrange
- National Grange Newsletter - "The Patrons Chain"
 - Email information@nationalgrange.org to request emailed newsletter. This publication is forwarded to all on Lois Allen's e-mail contact list as well, so you can contact Lois to be added to the list if you wish.
- National Grange Magazine
 - Encourage members to subscribe to the **GOOD DAY!** magazine, a quarterly publication of the National Grange.
 - Email information@nationalgrange.org to order a subscription (\$16)
- National Policy Updates and Issue News – "View from the Hill"
 - Email information@nationalgrange.org to request emailed updates

State Grange Publications and Information

- Email List - Email Lois Allen at lgahea1308@gmail.com to be added to email list. Valuable and timely information can be delivered to your Inbox about Grange activities. If you do not have access to the internet, Lois also does a minimal amount of "snail mails". If you wish to be added to that list, please send contact information to the address above. **Deadline for submission is the 27th of each month (Except February. That one is the 25th)**
- Website is <http://vtstategrange.org>
 - This program book is on the website as well as information about the Grange Center and upcoming activities, calendar of Grange events, information about every Grange in Vermont, Check it out.
 - Link to submit pictures and information about your Grange to be posted on the website.

- Social Media – Facebook. Search for:
 - Vermont State Grange
 - Vermont State Grange Youth
 - Vermont Grange Center
 - VT Grange Youth & Young at Heart
- Newsletter – Green Mountain Granger

Recommended Activities

Taking Pictures

Take pictures at an event that the Grange is involved in. It can be an event that is hosted jointly with another organization or just by the Grange. It can be a rummage sale, a supper, a legislative breakfast, or anything else that is a community event.

- Send the pictures to **Igahea1308@gmail.com** with information about the picture and event so it can be posted. If you can't email, mail a copy to director.
- The pictures must be from July 1st-June 30th of each year.
- **Include a copy of all in the Information section of the report/scrapbook along with the Information Report form.**

Newspaper Article

Send a newspaper clipping of an event that your Grange has put on or participated in and your Grange is MENTIONED in the article. The article must be from July 1st- June 30th.

- **To receive credit, include a copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.**

Green Mountain Granger

Send in an article for the Green Mountain Granger

- **To receive credit, include a copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.**
- **Deadlines**
 - ***January 20th for February***
 - ***March 20th for April***
 - ***May 20th for June***
 - ***July 20th for August***
 - ***September 20th for October***
 - ***November 20th for December***

Send Info For The Website

E-mail the Webpage webmaster at **vtgrangewebsite@yahoo.com** or mail a picture of your Grange Hall and/or of Grangers at an event and contact information for your Grange to have posted on the website. This is so if someone is interested in becoming a member of your Grange (or renting your hall), they can contact you directly.

- If your Grange already has a page on our website, then send updated information and pictures.
- **For Subordinate Granges: Include copy of write up and pictures in the Information section of the scrapbook along with the Information Report.**
 - ***50 pts for information and 10 bonus points for extra pictures.***

INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Chairperson _____

Did you take pictures at an event your Grange was involved in and submit to website and attached to this report with a write up saying how many Grangers and non-Grangers attended and when it happened. **YES / NO**

You have attached a newspaper clipping of an event that your Grange has put on or participated in and is MENTIONED in the Article. **YES / NO**

Attached is a copy of your published article from the Green Mountain Granger. **YES / NO**

Your Grange sent in new or updated information for the Vermont State Grange Website. **YES / NO**

If your Grange has a web page or social media page, please provide address here.

How many months have you sent information to Lois to go on the monthly calendar?

Describe and attach any newspaper or other articles

You need to provide evidence to get your points
(photos, writeups for papers, published articles, etc.)

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIRMENTS | | Points Earned |
|---|--|------------------|
| 30pts | Submitting Report | |
| 35pts | Taking Pictures and sending to State Grange website via email or to Information Director by mail | |
| 35pts | Newspaper Article copy submitted with this report | |
| 20pts | Green Mountain Granger article; copy with this report | |
| 20pts | Does your Grange have a social media or web page? | |
| varying | Sending information to Lois to go on monthly calendar. 1 point per event submitted. Lois will keep a record of your event submissions | |
| 50pts | Send information about subordinate Grange to State Grange website | |
| 10pts | 10 points for pictures of activities sent with the information to website | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submitting Report | |
| 35pts | Taking Pictures and sending to State Grange website via email or to Information Director by mail | |
| 35pts | Newspaper Article copy submitted with this report | |
| 20pts | Green Mountain Granger article; copy with this report | |
| Varying | Sending information to Lois to go on monthly calendar. 1 point per event submitted. Lois will keep a record of your event submissions | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

JUNIOR GRANGE

Raised to Serve the Future of our Communities

Director: Martha Bissell, 213 Maple Lane, West Danville, VT 05873
Tel: 802-563-2429; Email: mbisswal@hotmail.com

Welcome to another year of Junior Projects, Camp, Talent contest information.

- All applications for Camp, and Talent must be in the hands of the director on or before the deadlines. Remember: Due dates are very important so that everyone has an equal and fair chance.
- **Junior camp dates:** Tuesday, July 11 – Saturday, July 15, 2023
- Due dates for all projects will be at Junior Camp on Tuesday, July 11, the day of Registration. All projects are to be brought to Camp
- All projects must have a 3 x 5 in. card attached with the following information:
 - Name
 - Age (as of January 1st)
 - Date of Birth
 - Mailing Address
 - Name and number of Junior Grange or Subordinate if 1+ member.
 - Name of Contest (This is VERY IMPORTANT!)
- The Age Groups for all contests are (age as of January 1st):
 - 4-7
 - 8-10
 - 11-14

Judging for projects will be as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| TALENT | Stage Presence | 1-10pts |
| | Talent | 1-10pts |
| | Crowd Response | 1-10pts |
| PROJECTS | Workmanship | 50pts |
| | Originality | 25pts |
| | Neatness | 25pts |

2022-2023 PROJECTS

Other Projects:

Rock Painting - Find a nice rock to paint or color. Size of rock no larger than 3" x 3" x 3".

Duct Tape project - Create a project using duct tape. Size not to exceed 6" X 6" X 6".

Buttons--Create something interesting or useful using buttons. Decorate with any medium. 4" X 4" X4"

Other state contests can be found on the Community Service, Fall Festival, Family Activities and Lecturer program pages in this program book.

Big E Project- To Be Determined later. Watch the Green Mountain for announcements.

Passport / Badges – Refer to Vermont State Junior Grange Program Book or the National website at <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/> or Good Day Magazine

National Junior Projects – Refer to the National Grange website at <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/> or check Vermont State Junior Grange Program Book. Deadlines vary for National contests.

Photo/Writing Contests – Refer to the National Grange website or check Vermont State Junior Grange Program Book

See additional information in the separate Vermont State Junior Grange Program Book to be published when 2023 contests are announced by National in November of 2022.

Membership in Junior Grange or 1+ Program

Junior Grange membership is allowed in any Subordinate/Community Grange which means any Subordinate/Community Grange can have a Junior Grange Program with as little as one child age 5 to 14 years of age. That is the “1” part of the program. The “+” part of the program is that you don’t have to stop at 1, it is just the starting point.

Process:

- The Junior Granger completes an application, submits it to a Community/Subordinate Grange, and receives the Junior Grange Obligation from the Subordinate President.
- At that point, the Junior member may participate in all of the age-appropriate contests and activities open to them. As your Junior membership grows, make plans to charter a full Junior Grange in the future. All Junior Grange 1+ members will automatically become members in the newly chartered Junior Grange.
- Who can join?
 - Junior Grange membership is open to any boy or girl
- What are age requirements:
 - Must be at least 5 years old. Must not be older than 14 years
 - Membership terminates at the end of the year when the member reaches 14
- Where to join?
 - Applications may be submitted to any Junior Grange in your State,
 - If there is no Junior Grange nearby, you can now submit your application to a Subordinate/Community Grange.
- Anything else?
 - Applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. Minimum application fee is \$1.00. Contact the Junior Director or Membership Director for applications.

JUNIOR GRANGE ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Junior Chairperson _____

Donations made:

| | |
|--|--|
| | Junior Camp _____ |
| | Junior Goodwill Fund _____ |
| | Other Contributions made to community's schools _____ |

What events has your Grange participated in involving young people ages 5-14 years old?

Number of Junior members (Junior or 1+):

You need to provide evidence to get your points

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 30pts | Submitting Report | |
| 80pts | Active Junior Grange or 1+ Members automatically qualify | |
| 20pts | Staff at Junior Camp | |
| 20pts | Donation to Junior Camp (food, art supplies, snacks, cash) | |
| 20pts | Donation to Junior Goodwill Fund | |
| 20pts | Donation to Junior Camp Scholarship | |
| 20pts | Donation towards Passport / Badge Program | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | |
| 30pts | Submitting Report | |
| 40pts | Junior Camp Scholarship Donation | |
| 40pts | Sponsor a fundraiser | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

LECTURER

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: Alice Daley 22 Carmichael St. Apt 306, Essex Junction, VT 05452
Tel: 802-999-7025 Email: adodds0322@gmail.com

Contest year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. **All contests are due by noon Saturday of Family Camp.** The exception to this is the Photography Contest "Best of Show" which has to be at National Lecturer by June 30. **Junior entries will be judged at Junior Camp.** Non-members are welcomed to enter but must be sponsored by a Community Grange. By submitting any item to the Lecturers Contest, you give permission for their publication for use by Grange Lecturers in their programs or on the Vermont State website. **All entry forms are in this program book, please make copies as needed.**

Deadline: To State Lecturer by Noon on Saturday of Family Camp.

Essay

Themes:

- Write a letter to your teenage self.
- My favorite town/city in Vermont
- Writers' choice
- My Favorite Comfort Food

Rules: Essay must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one essay per category. At least 2 full pages but not more than 3 pages, on 8½" x 11" paper, double spaced. May be written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name & number of sponsoring Grange.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

Short Story

Themes:

- My favorite place to be
- I made the best
- When I grow up I want to be...
- Writers' choice

Rules: Short story must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one story per category. No more than 1½ pages on 8½" x 11" paper, double spaced. Entries may be hand-written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

Poetry - Create a poem of your choice. It must be at least 3 lines

Rules: Poem must be written by the person that submits it. You may enter only one poem. No more than 1 pages on 8½" x 11" paper, double spaced. Entries may be hand-written on lined paper. Attach entry form to submission. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Composition, Subject matter

Create-a-Card

Categories:

- Handmade (drawn by hand or cut and pasted with materials found in the home rather than commercially prepared).
- Hand stamped
- Die cut cards

Rules: You pick the occasion for the card, no larger than 8½" x 5½", one card per category per person, must be made by person submitting card. Attach entry form with paperclip. Entries by non-Grangers need the Grange name and number of sponsoring Grange.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Composition, and Eye Appeal.

Craft - Use any material to make your craft. Maximum size 18 inches

Categories: Wreath for ANY Holiday

Suggestions: Winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Patrick's or Valentine's Day

Rules: All work must be original of the person submitting it.

Judging Criteria: Creativity, use of materials, themed for holiday

Art categories

Categories:

- Acrylics
- Sculpture/Wood carving
- Computer generated art (maximum size: 8 ½ X 11)
- Watercolors
- Multimedia Project (at least 3 or more mediums used, i.e. acrylics, paper, buttons, string, twigs, etc. on one entry)

Rules: All work must be original of the person submitting it. All entries must be completed between July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Entries judged according to medium used. Size for artwork: not to exceed 20" x 24" including framing. No minimum size. All entries must be framed or have a firm backing. Entry form must be securely fastened to the right front of your entry.

Judging Criteria: Originality, how well the artist used the medium selected, craftsmanship and skill, composition, presentation of subject, and theme and its treatment.

Photography - "BEST OF SHOW" will be sent on to the National Grange Photo contest in November 2023. Best of Show must be a Grange Member. The exception to this is the Photography Contest "Best of Show" which has to be at National Lecturer by June 30.

Categories:

- Still Life
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Wildlife
- Fences
- A Vermont Mountain (place required)
- My Favorite

Rules: Photo must be taken by person that submits it. Maximum size with matting 16" x 20". You may only enter one photograph per category. Participants may enter all categories using different photographs. Entries must be taken during the past Grange year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 when submitting for judging. No Photo editing. Photos must be framed using matting, backing (foam or corrugated cardboard), or frames with **no glass**. All photographs must have a caption on the entry form. Attach entry form on right front. Entries by non-Grangers need the sponsoring Grange name and number.

Judging Criteria: Composition and arrangement, Interest, Presentation, and Technique

Read a book

Read a book then answer questions below with no more than 300 words:

- Maximum 12 per person, or a combination of people submitting a total of 12 reports
- Describe in 2 or 3 small paragraphs why you enjoyed (or did not enjoy) this book.
- **Deadline:** Send your book reports by mail (anytime) to the State Lecturer or have them at the Grange Center by noon on Saturday of Family Camp.

Book Report Format

Grange Name & Number _____

Address _____

Grange Member's Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Alice Daley, VT State Lecturer;

22 Carmichael St. Apt 306, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Title: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____

General Theme (fiction/non-fiction): _____

Report Number: _____

Describe in 2 or 3 small paragraphs why you enjoyed (or did not enjoy) this book. (Continue on back if necessary):

National Grange Lecturer Programs

2021 Programs and Contests:

All Pomona Lecturers have more information on this. Or you may go to the National Grange website: <https://www.nationalgrange.org> click on Lecturer's Programming tab.

- Quilts of Valor Foundation Partnership
- National Weather Service Partnership
- National Grange Lecturer Mercantile
- Challenge Coin Fundraiser
- Virtual Photo Contest
- Evening of Excellence
- Publicity Item Contest
- Quilt Block Contest

LECTURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number: _____

Lecturer: _____

Did you or a member of your Grange attend?

- Vermont State Lecturers Workshop **YES / NO**
- State Organized Workshop **YES / NO**
- NE Lecturers Conference, April 2022 **YES / NO**

Did you submit a complete program and present it at an open meeting that the public was invited to?

YES / NO

- If yes, what was the theme or topic you presented at this meeting?

Number of Granges you visited: _____

Did you present a full or partial program?

YES / NO

Number of meetings held in your Grange: _____

Number of programs open to Public: _____

Number of people that entered the Lecturer's contest:

Short Story _____

Essays _____

Read-a-book _____

Create-a-Card _____

Photographs _____

Short Story _____

Art _____

Holiday Wreath _____

Poem _____

National Quilt Block _____

Briefly explain two programs that you presented.

Explain one non-Grange community project that you participated in

What changes would you like to see to the Lecturers program?

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
|---|---|---------------|
| 30pts | Completed report and put in Grange notebook | |
| 30pts | Plan a program with the public/community in mind and present at an open meeting | |
| <i>Assist or Attend or Participate In</i> | | |
| 40pts | Lecturer attends State Lecturer Workshop | |
| 20pts | Lecturer visits two other Granges in person or on Zoom | |
| 10pts each | For each Granger that enters the Lecturer's contest. 10 points per entry | |
| 10pts | Read-a-book program- multiples of 12 reports | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Completed report and put in Pomona Grange notebook | |
| 30pts | Program presented at another Pomona Grange in person or on Zoom | |
| 30pts | Plan and present a program at an open meeting with public/community present in person or on Zoom. | |
| 20pts | Pomona - Create a program | |
| <i>Assist or Attend or Participate In</i> | | |
| 40pts | State Lecturer Workshop | |
| 40pts | Visit two of your Community Granges (Each) in person or on Zoom | |
| 10pts | For each Subordinate Grange that has entries in Lecturer Contests | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

Lecturer 2023 Entry Form
Attach this form to the item entered

Category/Division (i.e., Art—Acrylics): _____

Division: Circle One Ages: 5-13 Ages: 14-35 Ages: 36 and up

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City) _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ TEL: _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

Lecturer 2023 Entry Form
Attach this form to the item entered

Category/Division (i.e., Art—Acrylics): _____

Division: Circle One Ages: 5-13 Ages: 14-35 Ages: 36 and up

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City) _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ TEL: _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

Lecturer 2023 Entry Form
Attach this form to the item entered

Category/Division (i.e., Art—Acrylics): _____

Division: Circle One Ages: 5-13 Ages: 14-35 Ages: 36 and up

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street, City) _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ TEL: _____

Grange Name & Number: _____

LEGISLATIVE

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: Kathleen Paglia, 1328 Rte. 100A, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
Phone: 802-672-1067 Email: kmpaglia@gmail.com

The Granges should focus their Legislative endeavors on local government and issues. This will allow communities to see what Grangers are concerned within their communities.

Programs to consider might be:

- Host a candidate night for local offices – be sure to invite ALL candidates
- Sponsor school or town budget meeting review prior to Annual Meeting
- Hold a public meeting highlighting a community concern such as a discussion on zoning or community development plans

These ideas are just a sample of how your Grange can **serve the future of your** Community. By assisting local Boards and inviting local officials to your meetings, you can strengthen involvement in the community and in your Grange.

Duties of Subordinate/Community Legislative Chair

- Report at each Grange meeting on Legislative matters at local, county, state, and national levels
- Assist the Grange Members in writing resolutions
- Attend Pomona and State Workshops

Duties of Pomona Legislative Chair

- Pomona is the Legislative Leader for the Subordinate Granges and needs to reach out to those Granges to insure they are informed on Grange policy concerning legislative matters
- Report at each Pomona meeting on Legislative matters at the county, state, and national levels
- Assist the Pomona members in writing resolutions (Host a Resolution Writing Workshop)

Legislative Day 2023 will be announced in the Green Mountain Granger

- Each Subordinate and Pomona Grange should be represented at the event.

Resources

The National Grange website (www.nationalgrange.org) is a great source of National policy updates

- Refer to it for monthly updates of National Policy at www.nationalgrange.org/category/policy-updatesnews/
 - Under Policy and Advocacy, you can find history of the Grange and many of its Legislative policies.
- At Vermont Farm Bureau - Policy (vtfb.org) you can find Ag related legislation approved by Vermont Farm Bureau. You can sign up for their publication Vermont Farm Bureau - Under the Golden Dome (vtfb.org). “Under the Golden Dome”, is emailed weekly to subscribing members to keep Vermonters apprised of legislative developments at the Vermont Statehouse that affect agriculture.
- Vermont State Grange Legislative Policy Book – Updated each year after state session a copy is sent to each Grange and is available on the state website (www.vtstategrange.org). This covers all the current policies voted on by the delegates that are still current.

Resolution Process

1. All Subordinate Granges will send a copy of any resolutions to their respective Pomona Secretary who will present it at the Pomona meeting. The Pomona Legislative Person should lead the discussion if possible.
2. The Secretary of the Subordinate Grange is responsible for sending their resolutions to the State Grange Secretary by the August 1st deadline.
3. Pomona resolutions must be sent to the State Secretary by the Pomona Secretary. All Subordinate Resolutions passed or changed (new approved sections or wording) by Pomona must be agreed upon by the Subordinate Grange who wrote the resolution.
4. Subordinate resolutions not supported by Pomona can be sent by the Subordinate Grange but must say not supported or acted upon by Pomona. In this way, Pomona can still assist Subordinate Granges with the resolution process and still have their own. They can send a joint resolution stating: 'offered by the Pomona and the original Subordinate Grange'.
5. The Pomona Legislative person will send information about resolutions (passed or not) to the State Legislative Director for information purposes in their report.

Writing a Grange Resolution¹

The Title - The title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. Be clear about the topic, the more specific you are the easier it is to differentiate between resolutions on similar topics.

The Body - The body of the resolution is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue. It is important to note that these should be rooted in facts and not based on the opinions of the writer.

The Conclusion - The conclusion must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and *can stand alone without any of the supporting information*.

Example - Deregulation of the Postal Service

WHEREAS the federal government imposes unreasonable regulations and mandates on the U.S. Postal Service but no longer funds any of the organization's operating costs; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service will continue to be forced to close local post offices and reduce services under such a business model; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service could survive and compete if allowed to create its own business model free of Congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS the National Grange has a rich tradition in helping to ensure the rural free delivery of mail; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the National Grange support legislation that creates an autonomous U.S. Postal Service, which can set its own operating procedures and business model without the undue regulation of the federal government.

¹ From National Grange website on 5-30-2021; Writing a Grange Resolution - The National Grange; www.nationalgrange.org/writing-grange-resolution/

LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number _____

Legislative Chairperson _____

Did your Grange sponsor a Legislative meeting open to the public? **YES / NO**
If YES provide additional information below and attach any newspaper articles available.

Sponsor a Legislative Event or Forum in your Grange such as a Candidates Night, Town, or School Budget meeting. **YES / NO**
• If YES provide additional information below.

Did Host a community planning meeting, zoning, or community master plan or another Community-centered event? **YES / NO**
• If YES provide additional information below.

Did you invite a local official to a Grange meeting?

YES / NO

- If YES provide additional information below

Did you have a Junior/Youth make a poster on a topic or issue of interest to the Grange?

YES / NO

- Describe or provide a picture

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
|---|--|---------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 20pts | Junior/Youth made a poster on a topic/issue of interest to the Grange? | |
| 20pts | Grange sponsored a Legislative meeting open to public | |
| 20pts | Sponsor a Legislative Event or Forum in your Grange such as a Candidates Night, Town or School Budget meeting. | |
| 20pts | Host a community planning meeting, zoning, or community master plan or another Community-centered event. | |
| 20pts | Submit a resolution | |
| 20pts | Invite a local official to a Grange meeting | |
| 20pts | Attend Legislative Day 2023 if held | |
| 20pts | Attend National Grange Fly IN in-person or by ZOOM | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 30pts | Host a Resolution Writing Workshop for your Pomona | |
| 20pts | Submit a resolution to State | |
| 30pts | Contact all the Subordinate Grange Legislative Chairman in your Pomona via letter or email on a regular basis? Attach copies | |
| 20pts | Attend Legislative Day 2023 if held | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | | |

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Raised to Serve the Future of Our Communities

Director: To be announced

Contact State Master Joseph Goodrich 119 South St, Middletown Springs, VT 05757

Tel: 802-235-1520 Email: vtsgm26@gmail.com

Membership should be a factor in all our activities with a goal of retaining current members and attracting new ones. Granges are encouraged to develop a special project (or several) for their program year that will be beneficial to their Grange, their community, and their current members. There are many resources available to you for help with gaining and keeping members.

If you have access to the web at home or the local library, there are many websites you can consult for information. Nationalgrange.org and vtstategrange.org are two of them as well as websites for other state Granges across the United States. On the National webpage are many downloadable files of information for many different projects as well as membership tools for gaining new members and keeping current members. Go to the Member's page and Login. In that section, you will find many articles about the Grange. If you do not have web access, there are several membership tools that could be useful, and they can be mailed to you. Write or call to request material.

The Vermont State Grange has a supply of Membership Applications for Subordinate and Junior Granges and Membership Packets. **The Membership packets should be requested from the current Membership Director when a new member is going to be admitted to the Grange. It contains the Fourth-Degree Pin, "The Grange and You" booklet, and other useful information about the Grange. There is no cost for these items.**

To stay abreast of activities for all Grange members:

- **Read the Green Mountain Granger** for ongoing/current news about Grange Activities, Grange Benefits, and Grange Opportunities.
- **Invite State Officers** to visit your Grange. You have a State Grange Deputy assigned to your Grange. They are always ready to help you learn and grow in the Grange.
- Any time you are out and about doing community service you are a representative of the Grange. Be proud of the excellent work you do and wear a Grange pin, hat, or shirt to show you are proud of the Grange.
- Do you want to do a Membership Drive? An Open House or an Open Meeting with information about your Grange? Prepare a booth for the Local Fair? These are all ways to build your Grange.

During COVID-19 or any Emergency which requires Stay in – Stay Safe

- **Virtual Grange Meetings** can be setup. The Vermont State Grange has a subscription to Zoom, an online meeting program. To setup a meeting contact: Brenda Rousselle by calling 802-878-5877 or emailing her at brousselle@myfairpoint.net. She will schedule the meeting for you. Even members without a computer but do have a phone can join the meeting.
- **Setup a Phone/internet Tree** to check on each other on a regular basis.
- **Join or Plan** an internet game such as Bingo.

Member Benefits

The National Grange website and Good Day™ magazine are good resources for Member Benefits. A Membership Benefits brochure is no longer being printed as they outdate quickly.

National Grange and Vermont State Grange websites

National Grange Website: <https://www.nationalgrange.org>

Vermont State Grange Website: <http://www.vtstategrange.org>

Both of the above websites have resources you can use for informing members of upcoming activities and recruiting members.

Why do People Join the Grange? ²

Needs: Start by understanding why people sign their name on the dotted line and join organizations. It doesn't matter if you have membership fees or how much your dues are to most people. For a sizable portion of society, it isn't a concern if you have an initiation ceremony. What will matter to everyone is if your group **fills their needs**. All people have the same basic needs.

- Level 1: The basic or first level is the physical need for food, shelter, and clothing. Every human must fill this basic need for survival. We are very fortunate that in America these are relatively easy to fill.
- Level 2: The second level is the need for security. People want to feel safe, have an income, protect themselves for the future.
- Level 3: The third level is the need to be social. Belonging to a group that is accepting of you is important to everyone. Being a part of a group is critical to a healthy lifestyle. This level is where many people will join the Grange. How the Grange fills the need to be social is crucial to long-term success.
- Level 4: The fourth level is the need for approval. People need recognition, a sense of achievement or of status. Gaining the respect of your peers for your achievements or effort is significant for most people. The knowledge that you are making a valuable contribution to an individual, the Grange, or the community makes life much more special.
- Level 5: The fifth level is the need to be beneficent. This is where people have developed the confidence to be selfless in their actions. They don't need rewards or recognition in order to give purpose to their lives as they believe that their actions reflect their life.

Purpose: People often join the Grange for specific purposes. While some will join just because they are asked, most will want to know, "What's in it for me?" These purposes are part of their needs and will vary depending upon interests. The following interests are grouped in two areas, (1) Family and (2) Community.

(1) Family - The family group includes all the reasons that a person and their family may benefit from Grange membership.

- Material Benefits: The National Grange offers several benefits
- Education: The Grange is an educational opportunity.
- Fellowship: The Grange membership is an extended family
- Fun: There are many opportunities for fun activities in every Grange.

² <http://www.grange.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Success-Leadership-IA.pdf>; May 1, 2019

(2) Community - “The Grange Provides the Opportunity, The People Provide the Leadership, The Community Reaps the Benefit”

- Educational Community Service: Service to the Community is often done through education projects.
- Community Service Projects: The projects that Granges take on range from small one day projects to massive multi-organizational endeavors
- Legislative Action: The Grange is a nonpartisan organization. This means that while we do not take a position on candidates for office, we do take positions on the issues. As a grass-roots organization, Grange policy is set by the local members and works its way up to the higher levels.

Membership Types

Individual Membership in a Subordinate Grange

A person fourteen year of age (thirteen years and six months) or more, with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as a candidate and be elected to membership in a Subordinate Grange as follows:

- Submit an application to a Subordinate Grange accompanied by the application fee of \$3.00.
- The application for membership shall be sponsored by and signed by one member of the Subordinate Grange.
- Member must be voted on at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present.
- Full membership in the Subordinate Grange is attained with the approval of the application and the candidate’s participation in the Official Welcoming Ceremony, the Official Obligation Ceremony, or the conferral of the Four Degrees upon the candidate.

Affiliated Membership in a Subordinate Grange

- A Fourth-Degree member may not be a member of more than one Subordinate Grange at the same time except that Fourth-Degree members may be elected membership in one additional Subordinate Grange as an Affiliated Member. A proposal for Affiliate Membership, including proof of the member being in good standing in their original Grange, and election thereto shall be the same as for other Subordinate candidates.
- Affiliate members shall pay the applicable membership dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Subordinate Grange,
- Be sure to designate Affiliate Members clearly on quarterly reports to the Secretary of State Grange.
- Affiliate members shall not hold the same office in two Subordinate Granges at the same time.

Associate Members in Subordinate Granges

- A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an Associate Member.
- Annual dues of \$25.00 is paid to the affected Subordinate Grange.
- Associate members shall be entitled to receive State Grange information publications and participate in State Grange services as provided for by the Vermont State Grange. The Associate member shall be entitled to attend regular Grange meetings except when Degrees are being conferred but shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Vermont State Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange members only.

Junior and 1+ Junior Grange

- See the Junior Grange requirements on page 58 of this book.

**Applications for any of these Membership types
are available from your State Membership Director.**

Mission Statement

All Granges are encouraged to develop a mission statement. The National Mission Statement is: **The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.**

A mission statement defines an organization's goals in two important ways:

- It defines what the organization does for its members
- It defines what the organization does for non-members (our community)

Pomona Membership Chairs Duties

1. Contact your Community Grange Membership chair monthly.
 - a. See if there is anything they need and communicate with them any updates on happenings within the Grange.
2. Recruit members for the Pomona. What is your Pomona doing that subordinate members would want to be a part of?
3. Plan a FUN DAY in your Pomona area with a trip/visit to a local historical or other interesting site in your area.
 - a. Advertise in the Green Mountain Granger so that members (and non-members!) from across the state can attend.
 - b. Include in your article date & time, event description, cost to attendee, etc.
4. Plan a Membership & Leadership meeting in your Pomona area and the State Membership Chair will provide the program.
 - a. Plan a 3-hour time slot. Could be in conjunction with a Pomona meeting as long as event will be over by 9 PM to allow director to get back home.
 - b. Do not schedule from January through March because Vermont weather is too unpredictable!
 - c. Advertise and get at least 3 Grange members from each subordinate/community Grange to attend.
5. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Pomona Grange.
 - a. Developing a mission statement will be discussed at the Membership & Leadership meeting.

Subordinate Membership Chairs

1. Recruit members for your Grange. What is your Grange doing that a prospective member would want to be a part of? Promote Home Economic and Lecturer's Contests and encourage Community Service. Be sure to advertise what your Grange is doing.
2. Consider starting a Junior 1+ Program. Juniors grow up and become subordinate members!
3. Participate in the Pomona FUN DAY and communicate (and carpool) with your members AND invite non-members to come.
4. Get at least 3 members of your Grange to attend the Membership & Leadership meeting organized by the Pomona membership chair.
5. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Community/Subordinate Grange.
 - a. Developing a mission statement will be discussed at the Membership & Leadership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number

Membership Chairperson

Please describe below and on the following pages what you did to gain and retain members, promote membership activities, and provide proof of completion of seal requirements.

Please list the name and address of all new members

Your Grange's Mission Statement

Pomona Chairs: Please describe your FUN DAY. What and here was it? How many attended? Any non-members attend?

Pomona Chairs: Please describe your Membership/Leadership meeting.

How many members in all? _____

How many subordinates were represented? _____ How many subordinates in your Pomona? _____

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 20pts | Vermont Farm Show Volunteer (4-hour shift) if held | |
| 80pts | Gain in Membership | |
| 50pts | Open House to showcase the Grange and its Activities | |
| 50pts | Conduct an event to gain members | |
| 20pts | Any new Member | |
| 50pts | Prepare a Float for a Parade | |
| 20pts | Information Booth at a Fair | |
| 20pts | Subordinate Grange STARTS a new Junior Grange or 1+ Program | |
| 20pts | Did your Subordinate Participate in a Degree Day, hold one of your own, or exemplify all four degrees in your Grange? | |
| 10pts | Did your Subordinate exemplify any Degree at your Grange? 10 points for each degree exemplified during the Grange year. | |
| 10pts | Did any member attend a Pomona FUN DAY anywhere in Vermont? | |
| 25pts | Did at least 3 members attend the Pomona Membership/Leadership meeting? | |
| 25pts | Did any member attend a Grange sponsored leadership conference? | |
| 25pts | Did your Grange enter the National Membership Contest? | |
| 25pts | Created and submitted Mission Statement for your Grange | |
| | Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 80pts | Gain in Membership | |
| 50pts | Conduct an event to gain members | |
| 20pts | Any new Member | |
| 20pts | Information Booth at a Fair | |
| 20pts | Sponsor a Degree Day with the first Four Degrees | |
| 20pts | Pomona exemplifies the Fifth Degree | |
| 40pts | Did Pomona host a FUN DAY? | |
| 40pts | Did Pomona organize and hold a Membership and Leadership meeting? | |
| 25pts | Did any member attend a Grange sponsored leadership conference? | |
| 25pts | Created and submitted Mission Statement for the Pomona Grange | |
| | Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here | |

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Raised to Serve the Future of our Communities

Director: Beth Morse, 92 Happy Valley Road, Middlebury, VT 05753
Tel: 802-388-2653; Email: morbe8@live.com

Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Grange Youth Department is to provide fun and educational activities that bring youth members together in a safe and open environment, and to promote Grange leadership opportunities, activities, and programs among youth members.

Responsibilities for all Youth Chairpersons (Subordinate/Pomona)

- Attend planning meetings for State Youth Activities, i.e., Youth Camp, Northeast Youth Conference
- Assist at any Youth Camp or the Northeast Youth Conference (when in Vermont)
- Attend the Bi-monthly National Youth Yammering Zoom Meetings
- Read the Green Mountain Granger and this program info to keep informed of the current activities.
- Hold a Youth night. Invite other local Granges, your Pomona Youth Committee Chair, and the State Youth Director.
- Create a Youth Centered Program
- Keep all Youth members informed of the upcoming activities, even if they cannot attend the meetings.
- Pay attention to deadlines for contests, registering for Youth Camp and Northeastern Youth Conference.
- Report Youth activities under Standing Committee Reports at each meeting.
- Read the Program Books
- Read all correspondence to members during meetings; if received between meetings, contact those members that the information might affect.
- Encourage participation in all Youth Contests.
- Suggested donations from your Grange:
 - Vermont Youth Leadership Fund
 - National leadership Fund
- Submit a list, including names, date of birth, office if applicable, email and address of all Youth Members (14 to 35) in your Grange to the State Youth Director (if no Youth send note stating, "No Youth at this time").

National Grange Youth Programs & Contests

National Grange has developed many new programs which are listed below. If you are interested in any of these, contact the Youth Directors or go to the National Grange website www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

- Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange (GISYE)
- Washington DC Experience
- Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship
- Youth Community Service Award/Application
- Junior Mentor Award/ Application
- Youth Membership Recruitment Award
- Distinguished Youth Program/Applications (State and Subordinate/Pomona)
- Grange Baseball
- Regional Public Speaking Competition
- Regional Sign-A- Song Competition
- UPDATED Grange Ritual Contest
- Parliamentary Procedure Contest
- NEW Grange Debate
- Grange Display Contest
- NEW G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Project
- National Grange Youth Officer Team Guidelines and Application
- John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience Guidelines & Application
- Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Guidelines and Application
- National Grange Youth Leadership Team
- G.R.O.W Club Travel Scholarship (online application only)
- G.R.O.W. Club Academic Scholarship
- NJHA & Grange Youth Horticulture Identification Judging Contest

****** See Youth Program Book for other Contests and Activities ******

The contests in this list can be used by any Grange member any age as part of the State Grange Program of Contests/Activities, they will not be submitted to National unless the participants meet the age requirements.

YOUTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Grange Name & Number: _____

Youth Chairperson: _____

Donations made:

Describe a Youth Centered Program or Youth Night:

- Must include program outline, topic, speakers (pictures are optional)

Contests in which Members Participated:

- Please list all contests and who participated

- Did any Youth attend Vermont State Grange? **YES / NO**
- Did any Youth attend 2022 National Grange? **YES / NO**
- Did any Youth attend a Vermont Grange Youth Gathering? **YES / NO**
- Did any Youth attend the Northeastern Youth/Junior Conference? **YES / NO**
- Did your Grange sponsor a Youth Camp Scholarship? **YES / NO**
- Did your Grange submit a list of Youth or report “No Youth?” **YES / NO**

You need to provide evidence to get your points

| SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | Points Earned |
|--|---|----------------------|
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 20pts | Donations (example: National Youth Leadership Fund, VT Youth Leadership Fund) | |
| 20pts | Youth Centered Program/Youth Night | |
| 20pts | Participation in Contests | |
| 20pts | Attend State Grange as a Delegate (Youth) | |
| 20pts | Attend National Grange (Youth) | |
| 20pts | Attend a Vermont State Grange Youth Gathering | |
| 20pts | Attend Northeast Youth/Junior Conference (Any Member) | |
| 20pts | Helping with Game at Family Camp Weekend | |
| 20pts | Submit a list of all Youth Members (14 to 35) in your Grange to the State Youth Director (if no Youth send note stating, “No Youth at this Time.”) | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | | |
| POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS | | |
| 30pts | Submit Report | |
| 20pts | Donations (example: National Youth Leadership Fund, VT Youth Leadership Fund) | |
| 20pts | Youth Centered Program/Youth Night | |
| 20pts | Participation in Contests | |
| 20pts | Submit a list of all Youth Members (14 to 35) in your Pomona Grange to the State Youth Director (if no Youth send note stating, “No Youth at this Time.”) | |
| Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal | | |

GRANGE CHECKLIST

Stay on track and keep your Grange healthy with this checklist

This checklist is designed to help keep deadlines in mind for submission of various reports. Extra lines have been added each quarter so you can add items specific for you Grange.

| Date Due | Activity | Date Done |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| 7/01/22 | Record here the number of members in your Grange | |
| 7/9/22 | Lecturer, Family Activities/Domestic Arts, National Community Service Notebook and State Report Notebook due at Family Camp at Grange Center. Attend Celebration for 150th Anniversary at Grange Center | |
| 7/10/22 | Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). | |
| 8/01/22 | Resolutions due to State Secretary | |
| 8/01/22 | Distinguished Grange materials due to National Grange | |
| 9/01/22 | Schedule audit . Must be done yearly | |
| | Election of Officers according to your Grange's Constitution and by laws | |
| 9/30/22 | Grange Fiscal Year ends; IRS Form 990-N to be filed between this date and 2/15/23 | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 10/01/22 | State Convention paperwork due to State Secretary | |
| 10/10/22 | Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). | |
| Oct | Auditing Complete? | |
| Oct | Resolutions reviewed with members so delegates ready for state session | |
| Oct | Plan your activities for the year | |
| Oct | Plan when to invite your Deputy. Contact them to schedule. | |
| Oct | Hold your Corporation meeting and record minutes of this meeting. | |
| Oct | Delegates names sent to State Secretary? | |
| Oct 14-16 2022 | Delegates attend State Session (and report back to the Grange) | |

| | | |
|----------|--|--|
| 11/01/22 | Grange submitted Officers List to State Secretary by November 1st deadline | |
| 11/01/22 | Grange submitted updated Membership List to State Secretary by Nov 1st | |
| 12/01/22 | Be sure Bonding is done this month | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 1/01/23 | Due date for Granges who file biennial corporate reports to the Secretary of State in even-numbered years. | |
| 1/10/23 | Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). | |
| 2/01/23 | Corporation papers on file and up to date with the Secretary of State's office | |
| 2/15/23 | Deadline to have IRS tax form 990-N filed | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 4/10/23 | Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). | |
| | April is Grange Month – Plan a special activity to promote your Grange | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 7/10/23 | Quarterly Report Due – Submit in Duplicate - Always record new members name and address on the forms, any change of address, and any loss of a member with reason (death, moved, demit). Compare this number with your July 1, 2021 number. Did you gain or have a loss for the year? | |
| 7/8/23 | Lecturer, Family Activities/Domestic Arts, National Community Service Notebook and State Report Notebook due at Family Camp at Grange Center. | |
| 8/01/23 | Distinguished Grange materials due to National Grange | |
| | | |