

**Vermont State Grange  
Program Book  
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**



**VERMONT  
GRANGERS  
WORKING IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES**





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# DONATION SUMMARY

Donations must be received by department by June 15, 2024

## **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 State Grange, Inc with Grange Center on memo line.
  - 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 Linda Sanderson, 321 Sanderson Road, Milton VT 05468

## **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
- Vermont Youth Leadership Fund
  - Make your checks payable to Vermont State Grange
  - Mail to: Jessica Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Lane, Pittsford, VT 05763

# VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

## **National Grange Mission Statement is:**

The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.

## **Vermont State Grange Mission Statement is:**

The mission of the Vermont State Grange is to advocate for agricultural interests, education, environmental stewardship, community involvement and family strength. While our history is rich, we look to the future to ensure that our legacy will serve as an example of what can be accomplished with thoughtfulness, caring and determination.

## VERMONT STATE GRANGE MASTER'S REMARKS

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Behold the 2023-2024 Program Book. Packed within its pages are activities and ideas to enhance your Grange experience and provide ways to further connect with your communities, with a chance to become, or continue to be, the preeminent organization in your area.

The Constitution of the Vermont State Grange, page 14, General Provisions, Sec. 16: "It shall be the duty of the Pomona Granges to assist in the social, educational, legislative, and business interests of the Order in their respective districts and especially to assume responsibility for Grange growth in the county or district under such system as the State Grange shall provide." To this end communication between Pomona Committees and their Subordinate counterparts is essential, as is Pomona Committee Chairs assisting their State Grange Directors. It is also beholden of the Masters of each Grange to appoint a member to no more than one committee, if possible, to reduce conflicts of duties. Keep these thoughts in mind as we work in our communities and raise the value and impact of Grange in the eyes of our neighbors.

Fraternally,

Kendal Holden

# DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM BOOKS

Each Grange will receive 3 copies of this Program Book before July 1, 2023. 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: [vtstategrange.org](http://vtstategrange.org).

## SUBMITTING REPORTS

The Vermont Grange introduced a format of submitting reports of activities at the end of each program year. The 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 10<sup>th</sup>) or be brought to the Vermont Grange Center by noon on Saturday of Family Camp Weekend 2024.

- ❖ **Please Note: There is also a Community Service Report that is a National Grange Competition and is a separate report/notebook and has same requirements for due dates as above but is mailed to the Community Service Chairperson.**
- ❖ **See Community Service Program Section for specifics on this notebook.**
- ❖ **Some reports go into Community Service notebook for State, and some go into National Grange Community Service Report.**

# 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.
- **Organization is very important!**
  - **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

- 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 for their Grange Award Certificate showing their accomplishments for the various departments within the Grange.
- Those Granges that go above and beyond 100 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.

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**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, State
- 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.



# AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Tel: 802-584-3296; Email: [jnelson@fairpoint.net](mailto: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 describe 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.vtfarmtoschool.org](http://www.vtfarmtoschool.org) for ideas and resources to guide you.
5. All Agriculture/Environment Committee donations should be sent directly on or before June 15, 2024, 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](http://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](mailto: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](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.
  - See Fall Festival pages in this program book for more information.
  - 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](mailto:aginfo@farmjournal.com)

# AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

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 to share ideas other Chairs might want to use in their Granges. Use a separate page to document this, if necessary.

Did you report on Agricultural or Environmental issues/topics at 6 meetings? **Yes/No**

	Date of meeting	List Topics
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

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

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 Ag/Environment related Community Service project. Please share activities, time spent, and resources used in order that others may have the information to use in their Granges.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed Agriculture/Environmental Report	
20pts	Present an Agriculture/Environment Program	
20pts	Donation of time, money, project or produce to a Farm to School Program	
10pts	Volunteer at Vermont Farm Show for 4 hour shift (each person)	
20pts	Submit a Resolution on Agriculture/Environment topic	
10pts	Invite Pomona Agriculture/Environment Chairman to a meeting	
10pts	Reported at Meeting under Committee Reports (minimum 6 meetings)	
20pts	Community Service Project Agriculture/Environment related. Must include donation of locally grown fruits and/or veggies	
<b>Donations:</b>		
10pts	Kelley Farm                      Amount	
10pts	Heifer Project International    Amount	
10pts	Other Agriculture Fund        Name: Amount	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Pomona Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Ag Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Ag program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Ag Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
1	
2	
3	
4	

Did you have an Agriculture/Environment program for your Pomona. YES or NO  
 Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you submit at least one resolution on an Agriculture/Environment topic? YES or NO  
 Attach copy.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		
30pts	Submit Completed Agriculture/Environmental Report	
20pts	Points for each Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Submit a Resolution at Pomona level on Agriculture/Environment topic	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present an Agricultural/Environmental Program on a topic of interest	
10pts	Invite Vermont State Ag Director to your meeting	
20pts	Attend State Ag Committee meeting (in-person or ZOOM)	
<b>Donations</b>		
10pts	Kelley Farm Amount	
10pts	Heifer Project International Amount	
10pts	Other Agriculture Fund – Name: Amount	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Director: Deborah Ploof, 3965 Crown Point Road, Bridport, VT 05734

Tel: 802-989-3237; Email: Deborah.ploof@outlook.com

Welcome to the Community Service section of the program book. I look forward to reading your reports and what you have done for Community Service in your area of Vermont. Every Vermont community is different, and Grangers can WORK in Our Communities in many ways. National and State Grange do not dictate what community service projects you decide to do. That decision is up to your Grange. No two communities are exactly alike AND your community encompasses the entire area from which your Grange members come from, not just where the Grange Hall or meeting place is located. What I am doing as Community Service Director, is making suggestions and asking that you document your efforts so it can be recognized at State and National level.

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 National 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 National and/or State forms with supporting information. Please mail your notebook or report to by July 10, 2024, to Community Service Director (see above) or deliver it to Family Camp 2024 by noon on Saturday.

**The following are lists of Community Service projects suggested by National and State Granges with resources.**

### **National Grange Community Service Projects**

- ❖ **Words for Thirds** - Dictionaries are purchased and given to all Third Graders in a school or schools. They may be ordered online from
  - 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 your Grange's Report Form.
- ❖ **Honor Local Firefighter-EMS, 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. You honor a local Firefighter-EMS, Law Enforcement or Teacher. That person's name and form is forwarded to the Community Service Director. Complete the form on page 26 and include photos. The Statewide Winner will be submitted to the National Grange for competition.
- ❖ **Community Service Award**
  - A Pomona or Subordinate Grange can award a Community Service award to any person, Granger or non-Granger, the members feel has served their community and impacted the lives of others.
  - Contact State Grange Secretary to obtain Community Citizen Award Certificate.

- ❖ **Socks, Hats, and Mittens for National Session in Niagara Falls, November 2023**
  - Vermont will be collecting **socks, hats and mittens** through the entire year. Those collected by October 2023 at State Session will go to National Session to be donated to Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier. While we are collecting for all ages, I am **emphasizing adult male as it is the largest percentage of the homeless population in Niagara Falls**. They have quite an outreach with providing shelter, food, clothing, etc. and a great website that tells more. <https://www.communitymissions.org/>
  - Please bring socks to the VSG Session and to any other state sponsored event and I will have a collection bin for them. Log them in! For items collected after state session, they will go to homeless shelters in Vermont.
  - Award for Community Grange donating the most items.
- ❖ **The Wib and June Justi award** is sponsored by the National Grange Community Service Department in conjunction with the National Grange Youth Department.
  - This award is for a Grange Youth who does outstanding community service work in and out of the Grange. This is not a Youth of the Year award but only for the nominee's community service work. The winner will be recognized at NG session and their name will be added to the permanent plaque hanging in NG Headquarters.
  - To nominate a Youth, contact the Community Service or Youth Director.
- ❖ **Quilts of Valor** - Website: [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)  
A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation. "To use the term Quilt of Valor, Quilts of Valor or QOV, the quilt must be a specific size, must have a label with required information, it must be awarded (it is not a gift) and it must be recorded. If interested in this project, see their website.
  - A quilt too much? How about making a Quilt Block or 2? For free pattern and more information go to: <https://www.qovf.org/in-the-news/2023-national-block-drive/>.

## Vermont Community Service Projects

- ❖ **Ronald McDonald House or David's House** – The Committee has decided to continue taking donations and/or doing a fund raiser (if possible) for the Ronald McDonald House or David's House.
  - **Ronald McDonald House** Charities of Burlington, Vermont, is a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children seeking treatment at the University of Vermont Children's Hospital. It is their aim to be a refuge for families experiencing the stress and anguish of their loved one's illness. Whether for a short stay, or for weeks at a time, they provide families with the comforts of home as well as the support of their dedicated staff and volunteers.
    - Website: <https://www.rmhcvt.org>
    - Check out their wish list! They accept more than money!
    - Send check directly to RMHC, 16 So Winooski Ave Burlington, VT 05401.
  - **David's House** is in Lebanon, New Hampshire Built so that families can remain together when it is most crucial, David's House provides a home-away-from-home and support for families with children receiving treatment through the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.
    - Website: <https://davids-house.org>
    - Check out their wish list! They accept more than money!
    - Send check directly to David's House, 461 Mt. Support Road, Lebanon, NH 03766
  - Be sure to record the amount of donation or list of items donated so it can be totaled for Vermont State Records.
- ❖ **Sending Thoughtful Cards** - Write cards to Seniors in facilities and military personnel at holiday time, and it doesn't have to be just Christmas. Thanksgiving is a lonely time for shut-ins. Don't put a name on the envelope but sign the card inside with your Grange Name.
  - Check with facilities on number of residents and send cards at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, for example. Same with military.



- ❖ **Empty Plate Project** - This gives Granges 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 or by item. Please complete the report form and include it in your National Report Notebook (or State notebook if not doing a National one.)
- ❖ **Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting** – Many items can be made by our talented Grange members to donate. **Here are a few suggestions. If you need patterns, let me know.**

Items	Where to donate
Comfort Pillows; Adult Clothing protectors; lapghans, lap quilts, bed quilts; Wheelchair and Walker bags; Hats, Mittens, Scarves Socks	Hospice, hospitals, Senior Citizen Living, Rehab Centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, veterans' home, schools, military, just to name a few. <b><u>Scarves and Hats for Soldiers</u></b> - Website: <a href="http://www.operationgratitude.com">www.operationgratitude.com</a>

- ❖ **Scarves and Hats for Soldiers** - Website: [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)
    - There is no specific pattern required but keep your pattern simple. No bulky stitches or yarns.
    - Use a size 4 medium worsted weight yarn in muted colors that will match our troop's uniforms. Deep shades of blues, greens, grays, reds, browns, tan, and black are all good choices and appropriate for both male and female troops. You can also use multi-colored yarn in these colors or make multi-colored scarves and hats. Please do not send solid white hats or scarves.
    - Your scarves need to measure no wider than 4 to 5 inches and be no longer than 48 to 50 inches. **If you are making hats, please do not put a pom-pom on top.**
- Bring your scarves and hats for Soldiers to the October 2024 State Grange Session and we will mail them out in one BIG donation!**

## **Community Service section of State Grange Scrapbook**

- Put in your Subordinate or Pomona Annual report forms.
  - Empty Plate Report Form
  - National Grange FF-EMS/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award
  - Volunteer Hours log sheets
- **Do NOT include Subordinate and Pomona Annual Report forms in your National Community Service notebook or Volunteer Hours log sheets in National Book.**
- Any projects in the National book will be reviewed and credit earned for scoring on State Annual Report Forms.

## **Judging of the the National Community Service Annual Report Form at State level**

Please review the following sections before putting your notebook together.

- **Community Need** **30 points.**
  - How has the community been impacted by your project?
  - How many people benefited from your project?
  - How did you hear about this project?
  - Why did you choose this project?
  - Submit proof: Thank you letters, letters of acknowledgement from organizations, etc.
- **Program Plan** **10 points**
  - Describe how the plan was organized and by whom.
  - Describe how project was advertised. (Such as enlisting workers, work Schedule, financing, public meetings, etc.)
  - Submit proof: Flyers, newspaper ads, articles, etc.
- **Cooperation Achieved** **15 points.**
  - Describe who was involved (whether it was all Grangers or if you worked in cooperation with other organizations; be sure to discuss in detail the role of the other organizations involved and why you chose to work with this group.)
  - Be sure to give an accurate account of everyone involved.
  - Submit proof: photos, letters, etc.
- **Presentation of Final Report** **15 points**
  - Neatness – How well organized is your notebook, is it easy to follow along? Content – did you cover all the areas requested with enough details? Quality of pictures and publicity items submitted. Please be sure to include a table of contents at beginning of book and a write up for each project that is listed on the table of contents with photos, newspaper articles, advertisements, etc.
- **Activity Summary Report** **10 points**
  - Ensuring that your Activity Summary Report form is included in your notebook. The more comprehensive the form is filled out the more points attained.
  - Use Hints (below) as a reference for completing your book.
- **Overstuffing** **-10 points (Minus 10 points)**
  - Filling your book with excessive photos for any of the events. (For example: cleaning ones' own Grange, repairs to same Grange are not considered Community Service.
- **HINT:**
  - Front Cover of Book - Picture of Grange Hall or Activity complete with Grange # and Name
  - Place the **National Community Service Annual Report Form** as the first page of your notebook.
  - Next – **Table of Contents**
  - Next – **Activity Summary Report**.
  - Next – **Information about your Grange and the community you serve.**
  - Next - **For the rest of the book, please use labeled tab/dividers for each project and relate it back to Activity Summary and/or Table of Contents.**
    - One section for each project and should contain an explanation about the specifics on that project. Copy **Community Service Project Report Form** as many times as necessary to document your projects.
    - 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 of project before and after photos are great.
    - 1 or 2 Thank You cards/letters for an event.
    - 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.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Grange Members \_\_\_\_\_

Total Community Service Hours Grangers volunteered.

Attach Complete Community Service Hours Reporting Logs for each member.

Name of person who volunteered the greatest number of hours.

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in the “Words for Thirds” Project?

**Yes / No**

- If yes, total number of students and teachers were served? \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of schools:

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 to an individual or group?

**Yes / No**

- ❖ If yes, please include a write up about him/her/them

Did you honor a local Fireman/Law Enforcement/Teacher?

**Yes / No**

- If yes complete and submit the **National Grange FF-EMS/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award Form**

Did you participate in an Empty Plate project?

**Yes / No**

- If yes complete and submit the **Empty Plate Project Report Form**

Did you provide an update on Community Service projects during Committee reports at 6 meetings?

**YES / NO**

- | Date of meeting | Project updates |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1.              |                 |
| 2.              |                 |
| 3.              |                 |
| 4.              |                 |
| 5.              |                 |
| 6.              |                 |

Did you raise money for Ronald McDonald or David's House?  
 What was your fundraiser?  
 How much did you donate?

**YES / NO**

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed 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	
20pts	Present Community Service Award	
30pts	Did you submit a Report for National Judging	
10pts	Write Cards to Seniors or Military Personnel (Minimum 10)	
TBD pts	Did you do a local Community Service Project? The director will assign points after reading your Community Service Reports. Multiple items to one or more organization will earn points	
20pt	Invite Pomona Community Service Chairman to a meeting	
20pt	Invite Vermont State Community Service Director to your meeting	
20pt	Report under Committee Reports at minimum of 6 meetings	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

# COMMUNITY SERVICE 2023-2024 POMONA GRANGE ANNUAL REPORT

Pomona name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Community Service Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about their Community Service Projects, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Community Service Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange</u>	<u>Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1		
2		
3		
4		

Did you have a Community Service program for your Pomona. YES or NO  
 Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you submit at least one resolution on a Community Service topic? YES or NO  
 Attach copy.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed Community Service Report	
20pts	Points for <b>each</b> Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Submit a Resolution at Pomona level on Community Service topic	
30pts	Did you submit a Report for National Judging	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Community Service Program on a topic of interest	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Community Service Director to your meeting	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Grange Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

City, County and State \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Master's Name \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b>	
<b><u>Tab</u></b>	
1	History/Information of Grange and Community
2	Summary of Each Community Service Projects

Place each completed Community Service Project Report Form with supporting documentation under a new numbered tab so it is easily accessible.

**Provide Title of Project below.**

3	
4	
5	
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Summary of Each Community Service Project for National Community Service Book

Tab Label	Summary



# Community Service Project Report Form

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Participation: How many Grange members \_\_\_\_\_ non-Grange members \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of Hours Spent planning and Executing \_\_\_\_\_

Type of project:      New    On-going (Done yearly)    Joint Projects

For each of your Community Service Projects answer the following questions and complete this form for each project. Make copies of this page and use extra pages as necessary for each project. Refer to page 18 for information to include. Copy this form for each project and use extra pages as needed.

# National Grange FF-EMS/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award

Please check which category you are submitting this person for:

Police Officer     Firefighter/EMS     Teacher

Nominee’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Department/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**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 demonstrating involvement in the community not related to their profession. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary and attach photos.**




**Community Service Hours Reporting Log**  
**Submit in State Report Book**

**Grange Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Where Volunteered?	What were you doing?	# of Hours	Miles Traveled

# Empty Plate Project Report Form 2023-2024

## Submit in your State Community Service Book

The **Empty Plate Project** gives Grangers the opportunity to help those less fortunate. Each Grange would decide how they will accomplish this project. It could be collecting non-perishable food items or have a special fund raiser 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. You could also coordinate a Community Dinner, giving a warm free meal to hungry people. Some communities have found that their meals were not just for the hungry but became THE social event of the week. Donations are allowed as long as advertised as FREE and bucket is just a freewill offering.

Name of Grange \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chairperson(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of non-perishable boxes and cans collected and donated \_\_\_\_\_

For Fresh foods - Total Number of Pounds collected and donated \_\_\_\_\_

Was money raised to give to an organization such as a Food Shelf? Yes/No

How much money was raised? \_\_\_\_\_

How was it raised or was it a donation from the Grange?

List When (dates) and Where food was distributed.

Community Meal  
Date

How many served

Menu

Did your Grange work with other organizations, schools, churches, to help with food distribution, whether it was cans and boxes or a free Community meal?  
If so, who participated and what was done?

Yes/No

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

Yes/No

# EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

## Vermont Grangers Working in Our Communities

Chairman: Lois Wakefield, 4 Mound Street, Randolph, VT 05060

Tel: 802-728-9892: Email: [ltwakefield37@gmail.com](mailto:ltwakefield37@gmail.com)

### **Scholarships Available for Granger Members and Non-Members through VSAC**

There are four 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.
- 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](http://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](http://www.agriculture.vermont.gov)



# EDUCATIONAL AID FUND ANNUAL GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Grange Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Master: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe 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:

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

# 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 for class, etc.**

Office Use Only
Check No. _____
Issued Date: _____

# FALL FESTIVAL 2023

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**Chairman: Beth Morse, 92 Happy Valley Rd, Middlebury, VT 05753**

**Tele: (802)388-2653; Email: morbe8@live.com**

The Fall Festival Committee extends a cordial invitation to all Grangers and non-Grangers to exhibit at the festival. It is our pleasure to present the opportunity for all to showcase the quality products they have produced. Thank you for sharing your work with us. For more information, please read the following guidelines:

- You can pre-register your items by August 26<sup>th</sup>, send a copy of your entry form to Beth Morse 92 Happy Valley Rd Middlebury, VT 05753 or morbe8@live.com. This is to ensure a smoother process.
- All entries will be accepted starting at 5pm on Friday of the Festival and no later than 10:00 am on Saturday. If you have not pre-registered your items that is ok, we will still except them.
- Exhibitors of all ages are welcome and do not need to be Grangers.
- All entries must be created, grown, or prepared by the person entering.
- A complete entry form must accompany all items to be displayed. Indicate on the form if the item is or isn't to be donated to the auction.
- Items are entered for display at your own risk. All items not for auction must be picked up by 5:00 pm on Saturday. The festival committee will not be responsible for items and ribbons not picked up.
- Judging will start at 10:30 am on Saturday. All exhibits are closed to the public during this time.
- Paper plates (unless otherwise indicated) will be provided for entries and your entry number will be assigned at check in.
- The Fall Festival Committee reserves the right to photographically and/or electronically document any item entered for use in publications, publicity material or purposes deemed necessary to the Fall Festival operations.

### Divisions:

- Juniors I (ages 5 – 7) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Juniors II (ages 8 – 10) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Juniors III (ages 11 – 14) Be sure to mark Junior entries as these will be judged separately.
- Youth (14 – 21) Be sure to mark Youth entries as these will be judged separately.
- Young Adult (22 – 35)
- Grangers/Adult (36 – 59)
- Senior (age 60 & up)
- Family – All members of the family must enter one entry form and live in the same household. If there are any juniors or youth within the Family, please attach a separate entry form as well for their items.

### Prizes:

- Awards are based on the person or family with the largest number of blue ribbons. Red ribbons will be considered in case of a tie.
  - \$25.00 and Master's Cup – (Grange Member only) 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 (one prize for each Junior Division). Group entries will be disqualified.
  - \$25.00 to Senior (age 60 & up)

## Fruits & Vegetables

### Suggestions for Preparing Fruits & Vegetables for Display

- **Apples/Pears** – Clip stems level with fruit. Polish with dry cloth. Uniform in size.
- **Apricots/Peaches** – Stems should be removed. Uniform in size.
- **Asparagus** - Select straight, dark green spears. They should be at least 1/2-inch diameter at the butt end and trimmed to a uniform length of 7 to 8 inches. Display in water to prevent wilting.
- **Beans** - Harvest beans at tender stage with no noticeable bulges due to enclosed seeds. Use scissors to cut beans from plant; do not wash; wipe with soft cloth; trim stems to ¼ inch.
- **Berries** – (Blueberries, Blackberries & Raspberries) Should be clean & uninjured. Ripe & uniform in color.
- **Broccoli** - Over 3-inch head diameter, remove all leaves. Head and stock six to eight inches long.
- **Brussels sprouts** - Sprouts should not be less than 1 inch in diameter. They should be round, fresh, and firm. The stems should be smoothly trimmed to about 1/4 inch.
- **Cabbage** - Do not peel excessively, leave layers of sound green outer leaves, but loose leaves should be removed. Trim root smooth with base of leaves.
- **Cauliflower** - Trim outer leaves even with outer edge of head, remove outer leaves, cut stem 1" below base of head.
- **Celery** - Trim leaves uniformly, cut roots even with stock.
- **Celeriac** - trim back roots to bulb.
- **Cherries/Plums** – Leave stems attached. Select plump, uniform, and ripe. Clean with soft brush or cloth.
- **Cucumbers** - Wipe clean with soft cloth, leave one quarter to one half inch stem.
- **Eggplant** - Select normal-sized fruit, well colored without greening or bronzing. Color should be deep purple, nearly black. The calyx or "cap" should be bright green with about 1/2 inch of stem remaining. Do not "oil" fruits to increase shine but polish lightly with a soft cloth.
- **Garlic** - One inch stem, trim root to one inch of bulb.
- **Grapes**- Clusters should be uniform in size. Clusters should be firm, compact & uniformly ripened.
- **Kale** - Select plants with bright stems and dark green, crisp leaves. Wash roots and exhibit whole plant with roots in water. Lower leaves may be removed if discolored.
- **Kohlrabi** - Select firm, tender stems 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches in diameter. Cut root off at base. Cut leaves to within 1-1/2" of bulb.
- **Leeks** - wash dirt off. Trim roots to 1/2". Cut tops to 6". Do not display in water.
- **Lettuce, Head** – Crisp, good color, & firm. Remove damaged outer leaves. Trim stem evenly at the base, retaining outer leaves.
- **Lettuce, Leaf** – Tender, young & fresh. Cut off stem at ground level, exhibit plant intact. Wash carefully to prevent damage.
- **Muskmelon or cantaloupe** - Most melons shown will be of the netted type. Should be shown without stem attached. Select well-formed, round fruits with slightly sunken stem scar. Netting should be well defined with the rind showing a grayish or yellowish tinge. Clean with a soft brush rather than washing.
- **Okra** - Select fresh, green, straight pods no longer than 4 inches with about 1/2 inch of stem attached. Clean by gently brushing, but do not wash pods.
- **Onions** - Pull onions at least one week before the Fair to allow for curing time; trim tops to 1-inch, trim roots to ¼" of bulb; remove outer covering on bulb but only enough to make onion look clean and attractive; do not peel.
- **Peas** - Select large, plump, bright green pods well filled with seeds at the eating stage. Do not wash and handle carefully to preserve the waxy "bloom" on the pods.
- **Peppers, sweet, green, red, yellow, orange** - green peppers should not be streaked with color. Select large, deeply colored, heavy fruits. Cut stem squarely 1/2 to 1 inch long. Select for uniform number of lobes. Wipe clean if necessary.
- **Peppers, hot** - Select for uniform color development, shape, and size. Allow about 1/2 inch of stem remaining.

- **Potatoes** - Brush or wipe off with soft cloth, a paint brush works well. Be careful to avoid fork marks while digging.
- **Pumpkin** - Select only symmetrical round or oval fruits. Each pumpkin should stand upright and have a uniformly developed color characteristic of the variety. Cut stems 2 to 3 inches long, depending on the size of the pumpkin. Wash or wipe clean, but do not polish away the natural wax on the surface.
- **Rhubarb** - Trim leaves two inches of leaf blade attached to stalk. Display in jar with water.
- **Roots** - Leave tops approximately one inch long on carrots, beets, parsnips, radishes, turnips. Wash carefully but do not scrub. Leave one tail on root.
- **Rutabaga** – Uniform, smooth, 3 – 5 inches in diameter. Side roots should be carefully trimmed, leaving the taproot.
- **Spinach** - Select thick, crisp, deeply colored plants. Roots should be washed, and any lower, discolored leaves removed. Exhibit with roots in water.
- **Squash, summer** - Harvest close to time of exhibit, & hold in refrigeration. Summer squash should be young and tender. Brush gently to clean or wash if necessary. Trim stems from 1/4 to 1/2 inch.
- **Squash, winter** - Harvest when well matured with hard rinds. Color should be fully developed & typical of the variety. Brush gently to clean, or wash if essential, but do not remove any waxy natural covering that may be present in some varieties. Allow about 1 inch of stem to remain.
- **Strawberries** – Stem & cap should remain attached. Uniform in size, shape & color. Firm & free of injury.
- **Sweet Corn** - Peel back husk to a width of one inch. Kernels should be visible for a width of 3-5 rows along the length of ear. Trim nub to 1 inch from base of ear.
- **Swiss chard** - Select crisp, well-colored leaves with bright, tender stems. Leaves and stems should be 8 to 10 inches long. Wash if necessary and exhibit with stems in water.
- **Tomatoes** – Firm without cracks. Remove stems. Exhibit with stem end down. Wash if necessary.
- **Watermelon** - Select large, well-shaped symmetrical melons with good color development typical of the variety. When cleaning melons, do not remove the waxy covering. About 1 to 1-1/2 inches of stem should remain on the melon.

## Category A – Arrangement

Most colorful and artistic display by a home gardener or community gardener presenting:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Edible flowers

Display will be judged on color, variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers, and artistic presentation. Container to be chosen by the exhibitor.

## Category B – Vegetables

### Class 1

- Be sure to have the correct number of vegetables in each lot.
- Please label varieties of all vegetables, tomatoes, and fruits

Asparagus – 5	Celery – 1 bunch	Leeks – 3	Potatoes – 5
Beans – 12	Celeriac – 1	Lettuce, Head - 1	Pumpkin – 1
Beets – 5	Corn – 5 ears	Lettuce, Leaf – 1 plant	Radishes – 5
Broccoli – 1 head	Cucumbers – 3	Onions – 3	Potatoes – 5
Brussels sprouts – 1 pint	Eggplant – 1	Parsnips – 5	Pumpkin – 1
Cabbage – 1 head	Garlic - 3	Peas – 12	Tomatoes – Cherry/Grape – 12
Carrots – 5	Kale – 1 bunch	Peppers, Sweet – 3	Tomatoes – Roma/Eating – 5
Cauliflower – 1 head	Kohlrabi – 1	Peppers, hot – 5	Turnips - 5

**Category B – Vegetables (continued)**  
**Class 2 - Pumpkin/Gourd Art**

Pumpkins/Gourds will be carved/painted on site. This contest is open to juniors, youth, and adults. A free pumpkin will be provided to the first 10 competitors for carving/painting though you may bring your own. Brushes and paints will be provided. Only one entry per person. Attached decorations to pumpkins/gourds are allowed (must provide your own decorations).

- Ages 5-10 (painting only)
- Ages 11-15(painting only)
- Adult painted or carved pumpkins
  - Adult painted/carved pumpkin- Ages 16 & up
  - Carved pumpkin/gourd (Adults only. (Anyone under 18 must have permission from parent or guardian) Adults need to bring their own carving tools.
    - Carved pumpkins/gourds must be free hand carving, no template, tracing, and carving. Though you may draw out your design prior to the contest.

**Judging Criteria** - Pumpkins/Gourds will be judged on the following factors:

Scoring on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the best	Score
Creativity (1 – 10 points)	
Workmanship (1 – 10 points)	
Details (1 – 10 points)	
“Wow” Factor (1 – 10 points)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Category C – Fruit**

- Be sure to have the correct number of Fruits in each lot.
- Please label varieties of all vegetables, tomatoes, and fruits

Apples – 5	Cherries – 8	Melons (Ex. Watermelon/Cantaloupe) - 1
Apricots – 5	Grapes – 5 bunches	Pears – 5
Berries (Ex. Blue, Black, Raspberry & Strawberry) – ½ pt	Plums – 5	

**Category D – Canning**

- Only standard canning jars permitted. No cloth decorations on jars. The jar must be sealed with a jar ring left on it.
- No artificial color or preservative can be used. All entries must be preserved during the 12 months prior to the 2023 Festival and must be preserved by the exhibitor.
- Each jar must be accompanied by a file card with the recipe used, processing time and processing procedure.
- All entries must be properly sealed and processed according to USDA recommendations for that product.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, packaging, & cleanliness of containers.

Fruits	Juices	Preserves/Marmalades
Chutney	Mincemeat	Salsas
Jellies	Pickles	Vegetables
Jams		

## Judging Criteria

- Jellies, Jams, and Other Sweet Spreads
  - Pack, Color, Clarity (Jellies), Consistency, & Container
- Fruit Preserves
  - Pack, Quality of Fruit, Quality of Syrup, & Container
- Preserve, Marmalade
  - Clarity or Clearness, Color, Pack, Consistency & Container
- Fruit Butters
  - Color, Pack, Consistency, & Container
- Pickled & Fermented Foods
  - Size and Shape, Pack, Color, Liquid & Container
- Canned Fruits, Tomatoes & Vegetables
  - Pack, Quality of Product, Quality of Liquid & Container
- Juices
  - Pack, Clarity, Color, Consistency and Container

## Category E – Flowers

### Class 1 – Cut Flowers

Specimens of Cut Flowers will be judged for the following:

- Good quality blooms.
- Appropriate length and size of stem.
- Good quality foliage.
- Size, form, and appropriate number of flowers, according to Lot # Guidelines.

<b>Perennials</b>		
Chrysanthemum – 5 stems	Delphinium – 3	Phlox – 3 stems
Dahlia – 1	Gladiolus – 1	Rose – 1 Stem
Daisy - 5	Lily – 1 stem	Other – 3 stems
Daylily – 1		
<b>Annuals</b>		
Aster – 6	Dianthus – 12 stems	Petunia – 6 stems
Bachelor’s Button – 6	Everlasting Flower – 6 stems	Salvia – 6
Bells of Ireland – 3	Gaillardia – 6	Snapdragons – 6
Calendula – 3 stems	Marigold – 6 stems	Sweet Peas – 12 stems
Celosia – 3 Stems	Nasturtium – 6	Verbena – 6 stems
Cleome – 6 stems	Pansy – 12 stems	Zinnia – 6 stems
Cosmos – 6 stems		

## Class 2 – Potted Plants

Container Plants will be judged for the following:

- Abundance of blooms and quality of color.
- Good quality foliage and color.
- Health of Plant

African Violet – 1 plant	Desert Garden – featuring cacti & succulents	Foliage – 1 plant	Succulents – 1 plant
Begonia – 1 plant	Dish Garden – variety of plants excluding cacti & succulents	Fuchsia – 1 plant	Terrarium – closed container featuring mixed plants, excluding cacti & succulents
Bulb – 1 plant	English Ivy – 1 plant	Geranium – 1 plant	
Cactus – 1 plant	Fern – 1 plant	Philodendron – 1 plant	Trailing Plant – 1 plant
Coleus – 1 plant	Flowering – 1 plant	Mixed Planter – 3 to 5 plants	Vine – 1 plant

## Class 3 – Herbs, Edible Flowers

1. Herb Theme Garden – Collection of related herbs grown in one container at least 3 in container or grown in an individual pot grouping. (i.e., spaghetti sauce garden, salsa garden, Medicinal). Label the varieties.
2. Herb Collection – Best Display of at least five different kinds of herbs normally used to flavor foods (at least one bunch each in individual vases of water) Label with a sign.

## Class 4 – Wearable Flowers

Examples:

- Corsage – A pin on or wrist style floral bouquet of fresh, dried, or artificial flowers & foliage
- Headband or Crown – a floral bouquet of fresh, dried, or artificial flowers & foliage
- Hair Comb - a floral bouquet of fresh, dried, or artificial flowers & foliage

Use your creativity, lace, ribbons, and other decorations may be included in your design.

## Category F – Eggs

Enter your best dozen fresh home-grown eggs and see how they stack up. They will be judged on shape, shell, color, and freshness.

- Brown eggs – 1 doz.
- White eggs – 1 doz.
- Other – 1 doz.

## Category G – Maple & Honey

### Class 1 – Maple

1. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor from trees located in Vermont since the 2022 Festival.
2. All syrups should be entered in clear glass jars.
3. All products must meet current USDA Maple Syrup Grades & Standards found at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/MapleSyrupStandards.pdf>
4. Entries will be judged on color, density, clarity & container

- Maple syrup – 1 pint
- Maple Cream – ½ pint
- Maple Sugar – 3 cakes



## Class 2 – Honey

Honey must be purely produced by bees in Vermont with no additives and be true to the entry category and produced by the exhibitor.

### Judging Criteria:

- Extracted Honey – Cleanliness (no foam or dirt), Density, Clarity (no crystals),
  - Creamed Honey – Fineness of crystals, firmness, & lack of foam
  - Honeycomb – color, appearance, lack of granulation & pollen
- Honey – 1 pint                                      • Creamed Honey – ½ pint                      • Honeycomb – 1 pint jar

## Category H – Culinary

### Class 1 – Baking/Cooking

#### Rules:

1. All foods must be “MADE FROM SCRATCH”. No boxed mixes of any kind including cake mixes, pie crusts, etc. will be accepted in any category.
2. EVERY entry must include a LEGIBLE recipe, written or printed on PLAIN paper or PLAIN cardstock; these will become the property of the Fall Festival Committee. Pies must include recipes for both crust and filling. Cakes must include recipe for both cake and frosting.
3. Please use disposable plates or pans. The Fall Festival and Grange Center Committees will not be responsible for plates or pans.

<b>Types</b>		
<b>A) Raised Breads</b>	<b>B) Quick Breads</b>	<b>C) Cakes (≤ 10 inches in diameter)</b>
Bagels – 4	Biscuits – 4	Angel Food – 1
Coffee Cake (Raised) – 1	Brownies – 4	Carrot Cake – 1
Donuts (Raised) – 4	Coffee Cake - 1	Chiffon – 1
Plain Rolls – 4	Donuts – 4	Cupcakes (Frosted/decorated) – 4
Sourdough – 1	Irish Soda Bread – 1	Layered (Frosted/decorated) - 1
Sweet Rolls – 4	Loaf – 1	Loaf – 1
Wheat Loaf – 1	Muffins – 4	Pound – 1
White Loaf – 1	Scones – 4	Sponge – 1
<b>D) Cookies</b>	<b>E) Pies/Tarts</b>	<b>F) Candies</b>
Bars – 4	Chiffon – 1	Brittle – 5
Drop – 4	Cream – 1	Carmel – 5
Filled – 4	Custard – 1	Chocolates – 5
Fried Cookies – 4	Galette – 1	Fudge – 5
Molded – 4	Meringue – 1	Jelly Candies – 5
No bake – 4	Pot Pie – 1	Lollipops – 5
Pressed Cookies – 4	Quiche – 1	Stained Glass – 5
Rolled or cutout – 4	Silk - 1	Taffy – 5
Sandwich – 4	Tart – 1	Toffee – 5

## Class 2 – King Arthur Sponsored

King Arthur has gratuitously donated the below prizes for a special baking contest for both Juniors and Youth this year.



### RULES:

1. Pre-entry is not required but greatly appreciated.
2. Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when he/she submits the entry.
3. Contestant may use their own recipe within the category of the baking contest. Parent supervision is highly recommended for the Juniors. All Junior entries are expected to be carried out with minimal adult involvement.
4. An entry form must accompany the entry (form provided below).
5. Must provide a legible recipe with the entry, preferably typed.
6. All entries must be submitted on a disposable container for judging.
7. Judging criteria:
  - TASTE: 50 points
  - OVERALL APPEARANCE + CREATIVITY: 25 points
  - TEXTURE: 25 points
  - TOTAL: 100 Points
8. Failure to follow the rules may result in disqualification.
9. King Arthur is not responsible for replacing lost or misplaced prizes or ribbons (including: gift cards).

Contest: **Decorated Cookies** (4) – Your own recipe. Each entry must be accompanied by a file card with the recipe used. Be creative, using edible decorations is allowed.

### Junior Prizes: (5 – 14)

- First place \$40 gift card
- Second place \$25 gift card
- Third place King Arthur Tote Bag

### Youth Prizes: (15 – 18)

- First place \$75 gift card
- Second place \$50 gift card
- Third place \$25 gift card

### ENTRY FORM FOR THE KING ARTHUR BAKING CONTEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange name & #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check the one that applies: Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

## Category I – Arts & Crafts

### Rules:

1. All entries must be made by the exhibitor during the 12 months prior to the 2023 Festival.
2. Each exhibitor may enter only one item per category for judging.
3. All quilts must have dimensions listed on tags.
4. Wearables must have sizing on tag.
5. All items must be individually tagged with provided tags and attached to item by safety pin or string.

### Classes

<b>1. Knitting</b>	<b>2. Crochet</b>	<b>3. Sewing</b>	<b>4. Quilts</b>
Garments I. Adult II. Child III. Vest	Garments I. Adult II. Child III. Vest	Garments I. Adult II. Child III. Vest	Garments I. Adult II. Child III. Vests
Infant Items IV. Baby Blanket V. Infant garment VI. Baby hat, booties VII. Toys	Infant Items IV. Baby Blanket V. Infant garment VI. Baby hat, booties VII. Toys	Infant Items IV. Baby Blanket V. Infant garment VI. Baby hat, booties VII. Toys	Infant Items IV. Baby Quilt V. Bibs VI. Toys/books
Accessories VIII. Hats IX. Scarves X. Mittens or gloves XI. Socks or slippers XII. Shawls	Accessories VIII. Hats IX. Scarves X. Shawls XI. Slippers	Accessories VIII. Hats IX. Scarves X. Shawls XI. Handbags XII. tote bags	Accessories V. Hats VI. Scarves VII. Slippers VIII. Handbags IX. Tote bags
Home Décor XIII. Pillows XIV. Afghans XV. Dishcloths	Home Decor XII. Afghans XIII. Tablecloths XIV. Curtains XV. Potholders XVI. Dishcloths	Home Décor XIII. Pillows XIV. Tablecloths XV. Curtains XVI. Placemats XVII. Potholders	Home Décor X. Pillows XI. Bed Quilts XII. Wall Hanging XIII. Table runners XIV. Placemats
<b>5. Embroidery/ Needlepoint</b>	<b>6. Handmade Jewelry</b>	<b>7. Basketry</b>	<b>8. Rugs</b>
I. Cross Stitch II. Punch III. Ribbon IV. Crewel V. Candlewick VI. Chicken Scratch VII. Beading	I. Wire Wrap II. Strung Beads III. Chainmail IV. Paper V. Knitted VI. Crocheted	I. Coiled II. Plaiting III. Twining IV. Wicker	I. Woven II. Braided III. Latch Hook IV. Crocheted V. Knit  *No larger than 40"x24"
<b>9. CHRISTMAS CRAFTS</b>	<b>10. DOLLS &amp; MINIATURES</b>	<b>11. WOODWORKING</b>	<b>12. PAPER CRAFTS</b>
I. Ornaments II. Wreaths III. Stockings IV. Tree skirts	I. Dolls II. Doll houses III. Dioramas IV. Individual pieces	I. Toys, models II. Furniture III. Jewelry Boxes IV. Carving V. Wood burning	I. Quilling II. Papier Mache III. Note Cards IV. Origami V. Paper Model

## Category J – Art Gallery

- The Art Gallery is open to all artists interested in showing ceramics, drawings, paintings & photographs. Two works per artist if space allows.
- All paintings, drawings and photographs must be ready for hanging & must have the artist's name, title of work and category on the back. Matted and framed but no glass.
- Canvas paintings do not need to be framed but must be ready to hang.
- Works are judged based on artistic merit, including originality, composition, technique & mastery of the medium.
- The Fall Festival Committee reserves the right to disqualify & remove entries deemed to be in poor taste or not family friendly at their sole discretion.

Photography	Painting	Drawing	Ceramics/Pottery
I. Aerial II. Black & White III. Nature IV. Panoramic V. Underwater	I. Acrylic II. Oil III. Watercolor IV. Pastel V. Collage VI. Ink	I. Caricature II. Cartoon/Comics III. Doodling IV. Sketch V. Stippling	I. Sculpture II. Tile III. Wheel Thrown IV. Coil V. Pinch VI. Slab

### Class K - 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: **Vermont Grangers Working in our Communities.**

- With a few changes, your local fair booth exhibit can easily be changed to this theme.
- Be sure the theme appears somewhere in your exhibit.
- 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.	
Exhibits should be colorful and attractive, yet simple and uncluttered. Scored on how well this is done	
Was the theme of: <b>Vermont Grangers Working in our Communities</b> on the exhibit and was it demonstrated? Scored on how well this is done	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

# FALL FESTIVAL ANNUAL GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

*Report for Fall Festival held in September 2023*

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

Attach Picture of Card Table Exhibit

### You need to provide evidence to earn your points

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
10pts	Members Attending Fall Festival (10 pts per Member)	
10pts	Members entering contests (10 pts per person)	
40pts	Card table exhibit	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		
<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
10pts	Members helping run a game/contest (10 pts per person)	
50pts	Pomona Card table exhibit	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# Fall Festival Entry Form

*(To be completed by exhibitor before entries are accepted)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member?  Yes  No (Non-grange members may enter but must be sponsored by a Grange) Sponsoring Grange Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Division:

- Junior I (5-8 yrs.)                       Junior II (8-10 yrs.)                       Junior III (11-14 yrs.)  
 Youth (14-21 yrs.)                       Young Adult (22-35 yrs.)  
 Adult (36-59 yrs.)                       Senior (60 ≥ yrs.)  
 Family (Please attach a separate entry form for any Jr/Youth entries included w/ Family)

Do you want your ribbons?                       Yes  No

Class from Premium List			Description	Is item being donated to auction?	Award
	CLASS	Name			
Example	E	Fresh Flower Arrangement	Example of entry – Wildflowers	Yes	
1				No Yes	B R Y
2				No Yes	B R Y
3				No Yes	B R Y
4				No Yes	B R Y
5				No Yes	B R Y
6				No Yes	B R Y
7				No Yes	B R Y
8				No Yes	B R Y
9				No Yes	B R Y
10				No Yes	B R Y
11				No Yes	B R Y
12				No Yes	B R Y
13				No Yes	B R Y
14				No Yes	B R Y
15				No Yes	B R Y

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Director: Linda Sanderson, 321 Sanderson Rd., Milton, VT 05468  
Tel: 803-999-3510 Email: vtlvs54@gmail.com

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Family Activities 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)? With Corvid 19 present, please take care of your health.

### 2024 NORTHEAST NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

- The 2024 brochure will be mailed out in October 2023 and on the Vermont State Grange website.

### VERMONT CONTESTS

#### COOKING CONTEST 2023-2024

Your mystery ingredient for this year is **Cabot Cheese** (send packaging or sale slip)

- Make your dish using 1 to 2 cups of Cabot cheese
- Include your recipe and the name of your dish
- Judges must be able to taste the cheese
- Mention if your dish should be eaten hot.
- **Anyone who wishes can enter the State contest** by bringing it Saturday by NOON to Family Camp in July 2024.
- **Send a serving for 2 people.**

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 2024

#### COOKING CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

Flavor	40 points
Appearance	20 points
Texture	20 points
Easy preparation	20 points

## **VERMONT Needlework & Craft Contest**

The following classes are open to anyone. Non-members will need a Grange Sponsor. Bring your entries to Family Camp 2024 by NOON Saturday, they will be judged after Family Camp.

**CLASS Z: CRAFTED ACCESSORIES** - Knitted, Crocheted, or Woven product.

1. **Lap Robe:** may be knitted, crocheted or woven. min. size 30 x 45 or max. size 48X56
2. **SHAWL:** may be knitted, crocheted or woven, any size or product.
3. **LEG WARMERS:** knitted or crocheted using any product.

**CLASS Y: SEWING** – Placemats-sew a set of 4 placemats. Your choice of pattern & material.

**CLASS X: SEWING** – a tea cozy. Made from quilted fabric.

**CLASS W: TOY** – made with child safe materials. Min. size 5 x 5", max. size 12 x 14"

**CLASS V: QUILTED** –table runner Triangle: max. 30" L by 25 W" Rectangle: max:18" W by 68" L; Circle: min: 14" max: 24" diameter

**Class U: CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT-** may be made from any non-breakable material (No glass, ceramic, or clay). Max. size 6" x 6"

**CLASS T: WOODEN BIRDHOUSE** – no larger than 12" x 12", finished.

**CLASS S: TRAY** - any material suitable for this craft. max size 14" x 14"

**CLASS R: DIAMOND ART CRAFT:** go to your craft stores for the materials and craft your best design. Project no larger than 14" x 14" framed.

**CLASS Q: A COOKBOOK HOLDER** - may be made of any material & sized to your special cookbook (send your cookbook also)

**CLASS P:** Sew a walker or wheelchair bag using heavy cotton material, at least 2 pockets and any design with 2 or 3 ties. This project will not be given back and will be sent onto the New England Grange Building store, to be sold. **(I will send out a walker/wheelchair & tea cozy pattern)**

## **VERMONT CONTESTS**

**This point system is also used at the Northeast Needlework contest)**

Workmanship & size	30 points
General appearance	20 points
Harmony of Color	10 points
Selection of design & Degree of Difficulty	20 points
Material & articles are suitable to purpose	20 points

**Prizes & Ribbons for Northeast & Vermont Contest are First, Second, Third**



# FAMILY ACTIVITIES ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

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.  
Please list items and number below

Did you have a Family Activities 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. Use extra pages as necessary.

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

Date of meeting	List Topics
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

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

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Family Activities Program- Describe 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	
20pts	Reported at Meeting (minimum 6 meetings)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Family Activities Chairman to a meeting	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Family Activities Chairman to a meeting	
25pts	Community Service Project – Helping another organization	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Family Activities Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Family Activities program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Family Activities Chair did the program? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange</u>	<u>Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
1	
2	
3	
4	

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Family Activities Program- Describe your program	
40pts	Contact Subordinate Family Activities Chairs – provide proof of contact with chairs (copy of letters, emails, etc.)	
20pts	Required 4 Meeting reports	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Family Activities Chairman to a meeting	
15pts	Donation of \$5.00 National Delegates Gift	
30pts	Your Pomona’s Community Service Project- Describe project	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

**2023-2024 Family Activities Entry Form**  
 Attach this form to the project  
 Put your mailing address on back of this form.

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Name

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Phone

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Email

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Grange & Number

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Class                      Age

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Description

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Class                      Age

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Description

# FAMILY CAMP 2023

Family Camp is a fun filled weekend of games and activities under the direction of the VSG Assistant Stewards and Lecturer who will plan and execute Family Camp Weekend. Pomona Lecturers are also to be involved in supporting and planning group activities for this event.

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**Location:** VERMONT GRANGE CENTER  
308 West Street  
Brookfield, Vermont

Grange Center Telephone: 802-276-2156

**Date: July 7-9, 2023**

Activities:

Outside: Frying Pan Toss, Rolling Pin Toss, and Croquet.  
Inside: Card, Board Games, chess, cribbage, checkers

Rooms and Meals by the Grange Center



**Check the June 2023 Green Mountain Granger for more details and reservation form.  
2024**

**Date: July 12-13, 2024**

More details will be available in the Green Mountain Granger.

# GRANGE CENTER

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**Board Chair: Ruth Hovey-Sicely, 270 Eagle Ledge Rd, Worcester, VT 05682**  
**Tel: 802-223-7961      Email: ruthsicely@aol.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, please contact one of the Board members.

Other funding includes donations from individuals or from Granges. We ask Granges 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 these weekends 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.

## 2023 Grange Center Schedule

June	July	August	September
Clean-Up Weekend 9, 10, & 11	Family Camp July 7, 8, & 9	Chicken Pie August 26 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Sharon Rest Area 3 & 4
Clean-Up Weekend 16, 17, & 18	Jr/Youth Camp 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16		Fall Festival 8, 9 & 10
Sharon Rest Area 18 & 19	Sharon Rest Area 29 & 30		

## 2024 Grange Center Schedule

May	June	July	August	September
Clean-Up Weekend 10, 11, & 12,	Fund Raiser 17, 18, & 19	Family Camp 12, 13, & 14	Chicken Pie 24 <sup>th</sup> 5 PM	Fall Festival 6,7,8
Clean-Up Weekend 17, 18, & 19		Jr/Youth Camp 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21		

### Assignments for Cleaning at Grange Center 2024:

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



# GRANGE CENTER ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your Pomona Board members representing your Grange. 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 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? **YES / NO**  
Tell us about the date(s) and what kind of donation.

Did your Grange receive update from Grange Center with minutes of Grange Center Board meetings?  
If yes, Dates of meetings and time received.

YES / NO

Were Grange Center Activities reported at minimum of 4 meetings?

YES / NO

Date of meeting

List Topics

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points.**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Complete this Report and submit	
50pts	Donation to Grange Center?	
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) counted by Grange	
20pts	Reported under Committee Reports about activities at Grange Center	
20pts	Volunteering for at least 4 hours at a Rest Area (each person)	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal</b>		

# GRANGE CENTER ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Pomona Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona Board Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Grange Center Board members are elected by each Pomona and serve on the Vermont State Grange Center Board and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you as board member, contact the Master of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about the Grange Center? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you send out a copy of approved Grange Center minutes within 2 weeks of meeting of Center Board to the Pomona Master and all Subordinate Masters? **YES / NO**  
Document emails below and give brief descriptions of the Grange activities reported on.

Subordinate Grange	Attended	Date	Activity
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
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Did members attend a work weekend or prearranged day and clean-up their assigned area? Please list names and dates here or on separate page:

**YES / NO**

What area was your Pomona assigned to clean/improve? \_\_\_\_\_

What improvements did you do to your assigned area?

Did your Pomona Grange donate food/money for a Rest Stop?  
Tell us about the date and what kind of donation.

**YES / NO**

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Complete this Report and submit	
25pts	Donation of food or money for Rest Area (Be sure to sign in)	
40pts	What maintenance or improvements) were made to their assigned building at Grange Center?	
20pts	Email or mail Grange Center Board minutes out to all Subordinate Master/Grange Center Chairs and the Pomona Master within 14 days of board meeting	
20pts	Report Grange Center Activities under Committee Reports at Pomona meetings	
20pts	Attend Grange Center Board meetings	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal</b>		

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN 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 - 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 Dementia and other illnesses.
- Suicide Prevention- 802-254-6590/802-273-8255
- 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
  - eat breakfast
  - put fork down between bites
  - 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.
  - Depression, seek help.
- Type 2 Diabetes/Hypertension
- 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 Hotline – Dial 988 for Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - Suicide prevention and resources
- Check in with people that live alone.

**Mental Health** – Website: [Ruralminds.org](http://Ruralminds.org)

Growing Hope Together – The National Grange and Rural Minds Collaborate to Help Prevent Suicide in Rural America. National Grange and Rural Minds have joined forces and offer free Webinar to all. Go to the National Grange or **Rural Minds website for additional information.**

**Monthly ideas for programs**

- January - Blood donor month; Cervical cancer awareness month; Thyroid cancer month, 1/11 is National Milk Day
- February - National Heart Month (wear Red); Low vision month; Children’s Dental month
- March - MS Awareness; Colorectal Cancer; Deaf History Month, Endometriosis Awareness; Nutrition
- April - Alcohol Awareness; IBS; Autism Awareness; Parkinson’s Awareness, Stress Awareness Month
- May - Stroke Awareness; Arthritis Awareness; CF; Healthy Vision, Dental Care Month
- June - VT Dairy Month; Alzheimer’s Awareness; Cataract Awareness; Scleroderma Awareness; Men’s Health, Pride Month
- July - Healthy Vision; Juvenile Arthritis; Sarcoma Awareness, National Ice Cream Month, World Chocolate Day on 7/5
- August - Psoriasis; Lung Cancer Awareness, Eye Exam Month, Immunization Awareness Month
- September - Blood Cancer; Healthy Aging Month; AFib Awareness; Cholesterol Awareness; Ovarian Cancer; Prostate Cancer
- October - Breast Cancer Month; Down Syndrome Awareness; Mental Illness Month, 10/21 is Apple Day
- 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](http://www.CDC.gov) for additional information and health related ideas
- [ww.UVM.edu/extension](http://ww.UVM.edu/extension)
- [Ruralminds.org](http://Ruralminds.org)
- CRISIS TEXT LINE: Text VT to 741741 from anywhere in the USA to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.
- [VTHealth.Org](http://VTHealth.Org) Health Awareness Calendar

# HEALTH & WELLNESS ANNUAL SUBORDINATE REPORT 2023-2024

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

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

How much money? \_\_\_\_\_

How many pounds? \_\_\_\_\_ or items? \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Date of meeting

List Topics

1.

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Did you support a community meal (donating food or time)?  
 See Community Service Empty Plate Form  
 Describe

**YES / NO**

Emergency Car totes – Host an educational program (Summer & Winter)  
 Describe

**YES / NO**

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

**YES / NO**

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit completed 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	Invite Pomona Health Chair to your Health Program	
20pts	Invite State Health Director to your Health Program	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange- show evidence	
1 to 40pts	Donate to Food Shelf - Money or point per pound/item of food donated with max of 40 pts	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		



# HEALTH AWARENESS ANNUAL POMONA REPORT 2023-2024

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Health Awareness Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Health Awareness program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Health Awareness Chair did the program? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange</u>	<u>Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	Date	Topic
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**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submit completed report in notebook	
30pts	Present a Health Awareness- Describe your program	
40pts	Contact Subordinate Family Activities Chairs – provide proof of contact with chairs (copy of letters, emails, etc.)	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visit in your Pomona	
20pts	Required 4 Meeting reports	
15pts	Donation of \$5.00 National Delegates Gift	
20pts	Invite State Health Director to your Health Program	
20pts	Attending state committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
30pts	Your Pomona’s Community Service Project- Describe project	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# INFORMATION

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Contact: Lois Allen 69 Lily Lane #229 West Lebanon, NH 03784  
Tel: 603-653-3046 Email: DevilsSister1308@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/](http://www.facebook.com/nationalgrange/)
  - [www.twitter.com/NationalGrange](http://www.twitter.com/NationalGrange)
- National Grange Newsletter - "The Patrons Chain"
  - Email [information@nationalgrange.org](mailto: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](mailto:information@nationalgrange.org) to order a subscription (\$16)
- National Policy Updates and Issue News – "View from the Hill"
  - Email [information@nationalgrange.org](mailto:information@nationalgrange.org) to request emailed updates

### State Grange Publications and Information

- Email List - Email Lois Allen at **Email: DevilsSister1308@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 27<sup>th</sup> of each month (Except February. That one is the 25<sup>th</sup>)**
- 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 DevilsSister1308@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 20<sup>th</sup> for February**
  - **March 20<sup>th</sup> for April**
  - **May 20<sup>th</sup> for June**
  - **July 20<sup>th</sup> for August**
  - **September 20<sup>th</sup> for October**
  - **November 20<sup>th</sup> for December**

### **Send Info For The Website**

E-mail the Webpage webmaster at [vtgrangewebsite@yahoo.com](mailto: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 SUBORDINATE REPORT 2023-2024

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?

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

List Topics

Date of meeting

1.

2.

3.

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Describe and attach any newspaper or other articles.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIRMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submitting Completed 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. <b>Lois will keep a record of your event submissions</b>	
50pts	Send information about subordinate Grange to State Grange website	
10pts	10 points for pictures of activities sent with the information to website	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Information Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite State Information Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange- show evidence	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# INFORMATION ANNUAL POMONA REPORT 2023-2024

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona name: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Information Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Information program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange</u>	<u>Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date Topic

1

2

3

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**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submitting Completed 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	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted in your Pomona	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited in your Pomona	
20pts	Reporting at 4 Pomona Meetings	
20pts	Invite State Information Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
Varying	Sending information to Lois to go on monthly calendar. 1 point per event submitted. <b>Lois will keep a record of your event submissions</b>	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		



# JUNIOR GRANGE

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN 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:** To be determined. Watch Green Mountain Granger for updates.
- Due dates for all projects will be on Saturday at NOON at Family 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:

<b>TALENT</b>	Stage Presence	1-10pts
	Talent	1-10pts
	Crowd Response	1-10pts
<b>PROJECTS</b>	Workmanship	50pts
	Originality	25pts
	Neatness	25pts

## 2023-2024 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 the National website at <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/> and Good Day Magazine

**National Junior Projects** – Refer to the National Grange website at <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/> Deadlines vary for National contests.

**Photo/Writing Contests** – Refer to the National Grange website.

### 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 SUBORDINATE REPORT 2023-2024

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations made: Provide amount	Junior Camp _____
	Junior Goodwill Fund _____
	Junior Camp Scholarship _____
	Junior Passport/Badge Program _____
	Other Contributions made to community's schools or other non-Grange Junior age groups _____

Did your Grange have staff at Junior Camp? If, yes, who?

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

Number of Junior members (Junior or 1+):

Did you report on Information topics at 6 meetings?

**YES / NO**

- |    | Date of meeting | List Topics |
|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. |                 |             |
| 2. |                 |             |
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| 4. |                 |             |
| 5. |                 |             |
| 6. |                 |             |

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points.**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submitting Report	
80pts	Active Junior Grange or 1+ Members automatically qualify	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Junior Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Junior Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange - show evidence	
20pts	Staff at Junior Camp	
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
20pts	Junior Camp (food, art supplies, snacks, cash)	
20pts	Junior Goodwill Fund	
20pts	Junior Camp Scholarship	
20pts	Junior Passport/Badge Program	
40pts	Support or donate to a non-Grange Junior-age group or event	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# JUNIOR GRANGE ANNUAL POMONA REPORT 2023-2024

Pomona Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

	Junior Camp _____
	Junior Goodwill Fund _____
	Junior Camp Scholarship _____
Donations made: Provide amount	Junior Passport/Badge Program _____
	Other Contributions made to community's schools or other non-Grange Junior age groups _____
	_____

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	Date	Topic
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4		

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points.**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		
30pts	Submitting Report	
40pts	Support or donate to a non-Grange Junior-age group or event	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted in your Pomona	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited in your Pomona	
20pts	Reporting under Committee Reports at minimum of 4 Pomona Meetings	
20pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
40pts	Sponsor a fundraiser	
20pts	Invite State Junior Chair to your Grange	
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
20pts	Junior Camp (food, art supplies, snacks, cash)	
20pts	Junior Goodwill Fund	
20pts	Junior Camp Scholarship	
20pts	Junior Passport/Badge Program	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# LECTURER

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN 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 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. **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:

- Something I taught myself.
- My Favorite Comfort Food
- Something new I learned on my smart phone
- Writers' choice

❖ **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 dream vacation
- I made the best .....
- My favorite season
- 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.
- Computer generated.
- ❖ **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
- Wood Burning/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, 2023 to June 30, 2024. 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:

- Churches
- Things in a Tree
- Clouds
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Fences
- 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022 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**

Report Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Alice Daley, VSG Lecturer 22 Carmichael St. Apt 306, Essex Junction, VT 05452**

Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

General Theme (fiction/non-fiction): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 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 Grange Lecturer Mercantile
- Challenge Coin Fundraiser
- Garden Design
- Weather Watcher Challenge
- **Virtual Photo Contest** (See below)
- Evening of Excellence
- Publicity Item Contest
- **Quilt Block Contest – Deadline Sept 1, 2023**

### 2023 National Grange Photo Contest 2023 Photo Contest

#### STATEMENT OF INTENT

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

#### RULES

- A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- B. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grangephoto2023> by September 1, 2023.
- C. Divisions – there are four divisions: > Farm machinery > Potluck Activity > Gardens > Grange Family
- D. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
- E. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- F. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.
- G. **Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.**

#### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection. `

# LECTURER ANNUAL SUBORDINATE REPORT 2023-2024

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 2024?** **YES / NO**

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 _____

Number of meetings held in your Grange: \_\_\_\_\_ Number open to Public: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Describe at least two programs that you presented at your Grange or at another Community Grange.. Use extra pages as necessary.

Describe one non-Grange community project that you participated in

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

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Completed report and put in Grange notebook	
30pts	Plan a program with the public/community in mind and present at an open meeting	
<b><i>Assist or Attend or Participate In</i></b>		
40pts	Lecturer attends State Lecturer Workshop or GRIT	
20pts	Lecturer visits two other Granges in person or on Zoom-show proof	
10pts each	For each Granger that enters the Lecturer's contest. 10 points per entry	
10pts	Read-a-book program- multiples of 12 reports	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Lecturer to your Grange- show evidence	
20pts	Invite State Lecturer to your Grange- show evidence	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange - show evidence	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# LECTURER ANNUAL POMONA REPORT 2023-2024

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Lecturer of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona? Were you invited? Where did you go? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

<u>Subordinate Grange</u>	<u>Invite</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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A few sentences of what programs were presented at Pomona meetings even if the Lecturer was not the presenter. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	Date	Topic
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**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		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 game for meeting	
<b><i>Assist or Attend or Participate In</i></b>		
40pts	State Lecturer Workshop or GRIT	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange contacted in your Pomona	
20pts	For each Subordinate Grange visited in your Pomona	
20pts	Reporting programs presented at 4 Pomona Meetings	
20pts	Invite State Lecturer to your Grange	
20pts	Attending Vermont State committee meetings in person or via Zoom	
10pts	For each Subordinate Grange that has entries in Lecturer Contests	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

**Lecturer 2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# LEGISLATIVE

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN 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 2024 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](http://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/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/category/policy-updatesnews/)
  - Under Policy and Advocacy, you can find the history of the Grange and many of its Legislative policies.
- At Vermont Farm Bureau - Policy ([vtfb.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Resolution<sup>1</sup>**

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> From National Grange website on 5-30-2021; Writing a Grange Resolution - The National Grange; [www.nationalgrange.org/writing-grange-resolution/](http://www.nationalgrange.org/writing-grange-resolution/)

# LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

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

Did you report on Legislative topics at 6 meetings?

YES / NO

List Topics

Date of meeting

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed 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 2024	
20pts	Attend National Legislative Grange Fly IN in-person or by ZOOM	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Legislative Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite VT State Legislative Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Pomona Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Legislative Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about the Legislative program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Legislative Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
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Did you have a Legislative program for your Pomona. YES or NO  
 Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you submit at least one resolution to State Grange Secretary YES or NO  
 by August 1, 2024 deadline?  
 Attach copy.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		
30pts	Submit Completed Legislative Report	
20pts	Points for each Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Submit a Resolution at Pomona level	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Legislative Program on a topic of interest	
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	Invite Vermont State Legislative Director to your meeting	
20pts	Attend State Legislative Committee meeting (in-person or ZOOM)	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

### Co-Directors:

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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, several flyers that explain the Grange and Grange symbolism, 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.

### **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?**<sup>2</sup>

**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.
- 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.

**(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.

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



## **Membership Matters**

This is a series of Zoom meetings under the direction of National Membership Leadership Facilitator, Amanda Brozana. It is a Zoom Meeting and open to all members.

- Date: Every second Tuesday of the month
- Time: 8:30 pm EST

For more information sign into the National Grange login page, and search for Membership Matters. Zoom link will be there. Link: ZOOM Meetings - The National Grange

## **Membership Types**

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

### **Individual Membership in a Subordinate Grange – Fourth Degree Member**

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.
- Payment of dues to Community Grange is required. Currently \$24 goes to state each year for every member.

### **Affiliated Membership in a Subordinate Grange – Fourth Degree Member**

- 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 are determined by the Community Grange. Remember: of \$24.00 is paid to the State Grange so make it more than that. Suggestion is \$40-\$50.
- 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 in this book.

### **Pomona Members – Fifth Degree Member**

- Fourth degree members in good standing may submit an application (obtain from Pomona master or secretary) with application fee to apply for membership in any Pomona within Vermont. Application fee is
- Annual dues are determined by the Pomona Grange.
- You MUST be a member in good standing in a Subordinate Grange to maintain Pomona membership.
- Full membership in the Pomona Grange is attained with the approval of the application and the candidate's participation in the Fifth Degree Official Obligation Ceremony or the conferral of the Fifth Degree upon the candidate.

### **State Grange – Sixth Degree Member**

- Fifth degree members in good standing may submit an application (obtain from State secretary) with application fee to apply for membership in Vermont State Grange. Application fee is
- No annual dues.
- You MUST be a member in good standing in a Subordinate and Pomona Grange to maintain membership.
- Full membership in the State Grange is attained with the approval of the application and the candidate's participation in the Sixth-Degree conferral.
- Conferral of Sixth Degree – Conferral is performed yearly. Location, date, and time of degree is announced in the *Green Mountain Granger*.

### **National Grange – Seventh Degree Member**

- Conferral of the Seventh Degree will be in our region in November of 2023. **157th National Grange Convention will be held from** November 14-18, 2023 at Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.
- Register online at the National Grange website. Registration is \$32 to \$42 depending on when you register and then signup for the Seventh Degree for \$30. Saturday, November 18, 2023
- You must be a Sixth-Degree member to apply.

**Mission Statement** - All Granges are encouraged to develop a mission statement.

**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)

**Tips for Creating an Effective Mission Statement**

1. Do keep it short and concise. Sum up the Grange's mission in just a few sentences.
2. Don't write an essay. ...
3. Do think long-term. ...
4. Don't make it too limiting. ...
5. Do find out what your members think of the mission statement and vote on it!
6. Don't be afraid to change it.

**National Grange Mission Statement is:**

The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.

**Vermont State Grange Mission Statement is:**

The mission of the Vermont State Grange is to advocate for agricultural interests, education, environmental stewardship, community involvement and family strength. While our history is rich, we look to the future to ensure that our legacy will serve as an example of what can be accomplished with thoughtfulness, caring and determination.

# MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP ANNUAL SUBORDINATE GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Grange Name & Number

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Membership Chair

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Number of Members as of July 1, 2023

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Number of Members as of June 30, 2024

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Increase in Membership for Grange was

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## **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 Family Activities 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. Get at least 3 members of your Grange to attend the Membership & Leadership meeting organized by the Pomona membership chair.
4. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Community/Subordinate Grange.

Please list the names and address of all new members.

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.

Did you report on Membership Recruitment, Grange Benefits, or other topics at 6 meetings?

**YES / NO**

Date of meeting

List Topics

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Your Grange's Mission Statement

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed 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	
20pts	Any Subordinate Member becomes a Pomona 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	For each member attending the Pomona Membership/Leadership meeting?	
10pts	For each member attending a Grange sponsored leadership conference. (GRIT)	
10pts	For each Membership Matters ZOOM meeting – provide evidence with dates, etc.	
25pts	Created and submitted Mission Statement for your Grange	
20pts	Invite Pomona Membership Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite VT State Membership Chair to your Grange	
	<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>	

# MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE 2023-2024 REPORT

Pomona Grange Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members as of July 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members as of June 30, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Increase in Membership for Grange was \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 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.
4. Spearhead the development of a Mission statement for your Pomona Grange.
  - a. Developing a mission statement will be discussed at the Membership & Leadership meeting.

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges are in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a Membership/Leadership program for your Pomona? YES or NO  
Please write a short paragraph outlining your topic and activities associated with it.

Did you organize and present a Membership/Leadership Workshop for all members in your Pomona and Subordinate to attend? YES or NO  
Please describe your Membership/Leadership meeting.

How many members attended? \_\_\_\_\_ How many subordinates were represented? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Membership Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Membership program, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Membership Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite                      Attended                      Date                      Activity

A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

	Date	Topic
1		
2		
3		
4		

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		Points Earned
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
80pts	Gain in Membership	
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 organize and hold a Membership/Leadership Workshop?	
25pts	Did any member attend a Grange sponsored leadership conference?	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Membership/Leadership Program	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Membership Director to your meeting	
20pts	Attend State Membership/Leadership Committee meeting (in-person or ZOOM)	
25pts	Created and submitted Mission Statement for the Pomona Grange	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal – Total your Points Here</b>		

# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## VERMONT GRANGERS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Director: Jessica Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Lane, Pittsford, VT 05763  
Tel: 802-483-4330; Email: [jjem1999@yahoo.com](mailto:jjem1999@yahoo.com)

### **An Important Note About Regional and National Contests & Programs**

Each Grange will receive a supplemental section for the Youth Department in December when additional new Regional and National Grange contests and programs start.

### **Youth Department 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.

### **Recommended for Youth Chairs (Subordinate/Pomona) to Help Achieve Our Mission**

- Attend planning meetings for State Youth Activities
- Assist at Youth Camp or the Northeast Youth Conference (when in Vermont)
- Encourage Youth to attend state events such as State Session, Family Camp & Fall Festival
- Attend the National Youth Zoom Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of even months at 9pm)
- Read the Green Mountain Granger and this program info to keep informed.
- Encourage participation in Youth Contests, and other department contests.
- Hold a Youth program. Invite your Pomona Youth Chair, and the State Youth Director.
- Keep all Youth members informed of the upcoming activities.
- Pay attention to deadlines for contests, & registration deadlines for camps & conferences.
- Report Youth activities under Standing Committee Reports at each meeting.
- Read the Program Book
- Relay all youth-related correspondence to members.
- Inform members about Grange Scholarships & Grants
- Encourage donations to the VT 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").

### **Youth Delegate to State Session**

One Youth member between the ages of 16-23 may be selected to serve as a non-voting delegate at the Annual State Convention. An application with at least two letters of recommendation must be submitted to the State Master by July 1, 2024. The Executive Committee will review all applications and decide by August 15th, 2024. Please contact the State Youth Director Jessica Falker at [JJEM1999@yahoo.com](mailto:JJEM1999@yahoo.com) or 802-483-4330 if you are interested.

# Vermont State Grange Comic Strip Contest

**Deadline: June 30th, 2024**

Awards: One winner will be chosen in each of the 3 categories and will receive a \$25.00 cash prize to be awarded at State Session.

Please include completed comics in the Youth section of your Grange's 2023-2024 report book **OR** submit directly by email to JJEM1999@yahoo.com or mail to Jessica Falker, 72 Alfred Buck Ln, Pittsford, VT 05763.

Rules: Comic must be written and drawn by the person submitting it, who is age 14-35 at the time comic is created. You may enter up to 3 comics, but no more than 1 comic in each of the 3 categories. Please include your name, address, age, and Grange name with your submission.

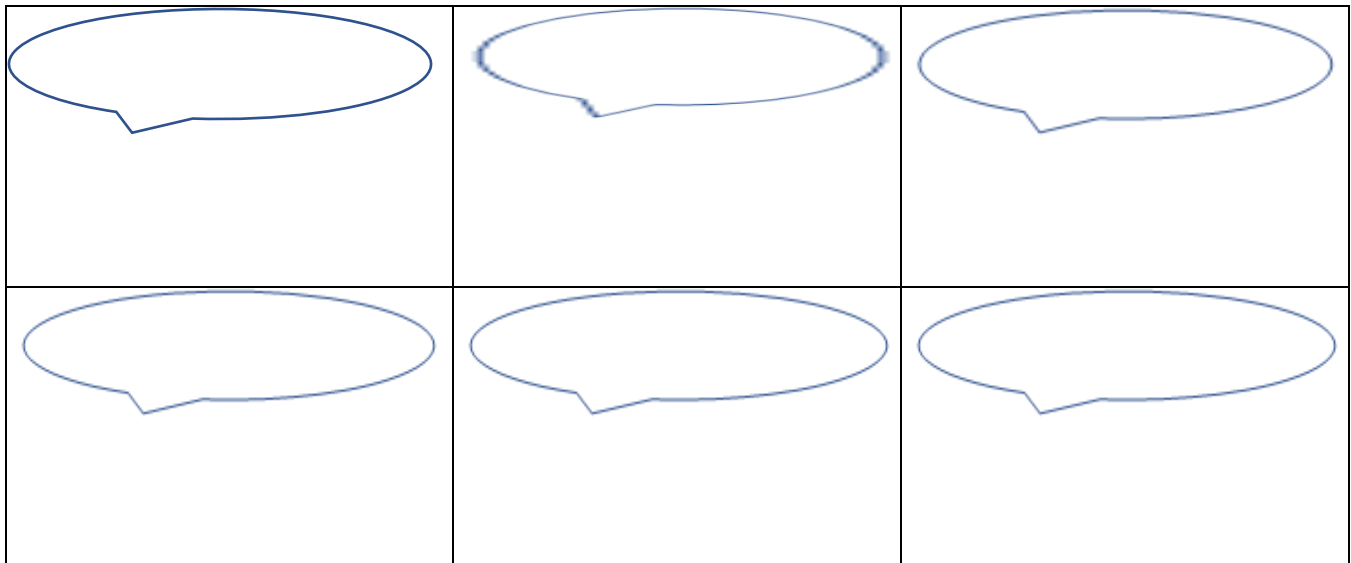
Categories:

- Grange
- A Day at the Fair
- Artist's Choice

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Artistic Talent, and Subject Matter.

By submitting a comic, you give permission for its publication and use by the Grange.

Example template (may create your own frames or use templates available on the web)





# National Grange Youth Programs, Awards & Contests

**Please note: each Grange will receive a supplemental section for the Youth Department in December when additional new National Grange contests and programs start.**

If you are interested in entering any of the National Grange Youth Programs, Awards, or Contests, please contact the State Youth Director Jessica Falker at [JJEM1999@yahoo.com](mailto:JJEM1999@yahoo.com) or 802-483-4330. Some of them need a referral from the State Youth Director. More information can be found on all the of the National Grange Youth Programs, Awards, and Contests at [www.NationalGrangeYouth.org](http://www.NationalGrangeYouth.org).

**Wib & June Justi Youth Community Service Award - Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - This award honors youth members age 14-35 for their outstanding community service.

**Grange Display Contest – Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - The goal of the Grange Display contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, Grange program or Grange issue.

**Youth Officer Team T-Shirt Design Contest – Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - Youth Officers will be provided a shirt to wear at National Convention. Any youth member age 14-35 may submit a design to be voted on via social media votes.

**National Grange Youth Officer Council – Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - The purpose of the Youth Officer Council is for Grange Youth to provide valuable input on current and future programming, fundraising, youth events at Annual Session, regional conferences, and other youth and young adults-focused events AND to assemble a team of Youth from across the nation to open the National Grange convention on Friday morning at the annual session.

**Junior Mentor Award - Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - This award is designed to recognize the youth members age 14-35 that go above and beyond to guide and mentor Junior Grangers.

**John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience - Deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** - This program will provide opportunities for one or two Grange Youth, age 16 – 35, with an interest in the legislative aspect of the National Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grassroots legislative policy development effort at the National Grange Convention

**Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Patron Program – Deadline September 1, 2023** - The purpose of the Horizon Leadership Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for Youth, Young Adults and Young Couples, selected to represent their state at a National Grange convention.



# YOUTH ANNUAL

## SUBORDINATE GRANGE REPORT 2023-2024

**Please complete this report even if your Grange has no Youth members.**

Grange Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations made (suggested donations are to the Vermont Youth Leadership Fund, National Youth Leadership Fund, and fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp):

Describe any Youth-Centered Programs, Projects, or Activities your Grange planned or participated in. Please include additional details on the following pages. Pictures are appreciated!

Did you report on Youth Events, Contests, etc. at 6 meetings? **YES / NO**

Date of meeting	Topics	
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List any State, Regional, or National Grange events that a Youth member age 14-35 attended. Please include additional details on the following pages. Pictures are appreciated!

Grange Contests in which Youth Members age 14-35 participated – This may include Youth Department Contests as well as contests from other Departments such as Family Activities, Lecturer’s, Fall Festival, etc.:

Did any member promote the Grange on social media? Please list platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and additional details on the following pages if necessary.

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points.**

<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
30pts	Submit Completed Report	
20pts	Donations Made (example: National Youth Leadership Fund, VT Youth Leadership Fund, fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp)	
20pts	Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity	
20pts	Participation by Youth in Grange Contests	
20pts	Youth member attended State Session	
20pts	Youth member attended a National Grange event	
20pts	Any member attended a State or Regional Grange Youth Gathering	
20pts	Any member attended the Northeast Grange Youth Conference	
20pts	Any member promoted the Grange on social media	
20pts	Report at meetings (see documentation)	
20pts	Invite Pomona Youth Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Invite State Youth Chair to your Grange	
20pts	Visit another subordinate Grange	
50pts	Submit a list of Youth Members (14 to 35) including contact info with your annual report (if no Youth include note stating, “No Youth at this Time.”)	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal</b>		

# YOUTH ANNUAL POMONA GRANGE REPORT 2023-2024

Name of Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Pomona name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Pomona Committee Chair's serve on the Vermont State Grange Committee to help the State Director and are the communication link to subordinate/community Granges.***

How many Subordinate Granges in your Pomona? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you contact the Youth Chair (or Master) of each of your subordinate Granges to offer to visit, talk about Youth programs, offer assistance? Document date, Grange name, contact person, topics on separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

Did you attend Subordinate meetings in your Pomona when the Youth Chair did the program? Document visits below and give brief descriptions of the theme and activities.

Subordinate Grange Invite	Attended	Date	Activity
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A few sentences of what was reported at Pomona meetings. (Minimum of 4 meetings)

Date	Topic
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Donations made (suggested donations are to the Vermont Youth Leadership Fund, National Youth Leadership Fund, and fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp):

Did any member promote the Grange on social media? Please list platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), and additional details on the following pages if necessary.

Did your Pomona assist a Subordinate Grange with a Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity? Please include details on the following pages if necessary. Pictures are appreciated!

**You need to provide evidence to earn your points**

<b>POMONA GRANGE SEAL REQUIREMENT</b>		
30pts	Submit Completed Youth Report	
20pts	Donations (example: National Youth Leadership Fund, VT Youth Leadership Fund, fruits/vegetables to Junior & Youth Camp)	
20pts	Points for each Subordinate Visit	
20pts	Assisted a Subordinate Grange with a Youth Centered Program, Project, or Activity	
10pts	Reported at Pomona Meeting (minimum 4 meetings)	
20pts	Present a Youth Program on a topic of interest	
20pts	Invite Vermont State Youth Director to your meeting	
20pts	Any member promoted the Grange on social media	
50pts	Submit a list of Youth Members (14 to 35) including contact info with your annual report (if no Youth include note stating, "No Youth at this Time.")	
<b>Must total at least 80 points to receive a seal</b>		

# 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
7/01/23	Record here the number of members in your Grange	
7/8/23	<b>2022 – 2023 contest entries and reports for Lecturer, Family Activities/, Junior, National Community Service Notebook and State Report Notebook are due at Family Camp at Grange Center.</b>	
7/10/23	<b>Subordinate Quarterly Report Due with Dues payment</b> – Submit in <b>Duplicate</b> to State Secretary - 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). Send a copy to Pomona Secretary and one to Deputy.	
7/10/23	<b>Pomona Annual Report Due with Dues payment</b> - Submit in <b>Duplicate</b> to State Secretary - 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). Send a copy to Deputy.	
7/20/23	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
8/01/23	Resolutions due to State Secretary	
8/01/23	Distinguished Grange materials due to National Grange	
9/01/23	Schedule audit. Must be done yearly	
	Election of Officers according to your Grange’s Constitution and by- laws	
9/20/23	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
9/30/23	Grange Fiscal Year ends; IRS Form 990-N to be filed between this date and 2/15/24	
10/01/23	State Convention paperwork due to State Secretary	
10/10/23	<b>Subordinate Quarterly Report Due with Dues payment</b> – Submit in <b>Duplicate</b> to State Secretary - 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). Send a copy to Pomona Secretary and one to Deputy.	
10/14/23	Delegates names for State Session due	
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 27-29, 2023	Delegates attend State Session (and report back to the Grange)	
11/01/23	Be sure Bonding is done this month. Deadline to State Secretary is 11/15/2023	
11/01/23	Grange submitted Officers List to State Secretary by November 1 <sup>st</sup> deadline	
11/01/23	Grange submitted updated Membership List to State Secretary by Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	
11/20/23	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
1/01/24	Due date for Granges who file biennial corporate reports to the Secretary of State in even-numbered years.	
1/10/24	<b>Subordinate Quarterly Report Due with Dues payment</b> – Submit in <b><u>Duplicate</u></b> to State Secretary - 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). Send a copy to Pomona Secretary and one to Deputy.	
1/20/24	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
2/01/24	Corporation papers on file and up to date with the Secretary of State's office	
2/15/24	Deadline to have IRS tax form 990-N filed	
3/20/24	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
4/10/24	<b>Subordinate Quarterly Report Due with Dues payment</b> – Submit in <b><u>Duplicate</u></b> to State Secretary - 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). Send a copy to Pomona Secretary and one to Deputy.	
	April is Grange Month – Plan a special activity to promote your Grange	
5/20/24	Deadline for articles to Green Mountain Granger	
7/1/2024	Record here the number of members in your Grange. Increase or decrease???	