

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021



Guide To Contests And Programs

Contact State Directors Or Subordinate Chairmen
For Information On All Contests And Programs.

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P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange

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P.I.C.K. helps expand the vision and explores new avenues of funding which will enable the members to create interest in the Grange. PICK is a 501c3 organization. All Donations to: PICK are Tax-exempt.

PICK can partner with your Grange when you need a 501c3 status to accomplish a project. Contact the secretary for details.

Specific areas of interest to PICK are as follows:

- **Mandy Project** — We supplement applications received by CSG as needed.
- **Youth and Juniors** — We support educational camps, seminars, workshops and retreats focusing on leadership, strengthening community involvement, developing and enhancing awareness of cultural and social unity specifically for Youth. Granges desiring to start a program needing some financial assistance can apply to PICK.
- **Community Improvement** — We encourage Granges to continue to bring Community Improvement Projects to their community. This includes keeping their building up-to-date and usable, thus a need for Capital Improvement Projects is in order and we will assist Granges in seeking grants for Capital Improvement Projects. An Emergency Project Fund has been established. Contact PICK secretary for details.
- **Women's Resources** — Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each Grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are

Outstanding Granger Award

Any initiated Colorado Grange member may be nominated for the Outstanding Granger Award. This award is presented at the Final Banquet of the State Convention to the deserving person or persons.

- Nominations can be made by any Grange member.
- The nominations should be in booklet form about the nominee for the judges to use to make their decision. The booklet should contain:
 1. Letters of Recommendation
 2. Information about the person's Grange activities and achievements.
 3. Articles
 4. Pictures
 5. Other supportive material (involvement with organizations other than Grange)
- Entries are due in the **State Grange office** by **September 1**. The State Master will appoint a committee to judge the entries. The winner is not announced until the banquet, and may be kept a surprise if the sponsor so wishes.
- An award is given to the winner, as well as a special name badge that will denote that the person received this special honor.

requested the following information must be included:

Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, Name of workshop expert, Qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshop's completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via email. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within the 30 days.

- **Women's Health Issues** — are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** — PICK will supplement prizes for contests open to non-members. We will help Talent participants with travel expenses to the National showcase.

Health Awareness Department

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The Purpose of the Health Awareness department is to educate Grange and Community members about major health issues and prevention.

What Health Issues are prominent in your Grange and Community? Do you have Grange or Community members that are affected by Cancer, Heart Disease, Hearing Loss, Alzheimer's, etc? Subordinate and Pomona Health Awareness chairmen are encouraged to explore what issues are affecting their community and see if there are any needs your Grange can meet. Does someone need a sitter, ride to an appointment, a hot meal, a listening ear, groceries picked up...? Chairmen are encouraged to work with the Community Service Chairmen in deciding how you can best serve your members and community.

Activity Ideas include:

- Sponsor a family in need. Schedule members to take turns.
- Assist with a benefit for a local individual who is facing a major health issue.
- Sponsor or assist with a local Health Fair.
- Sponsor a health screening event.
- Sponsor a Team and/or participate in Relay For Life or other Health Awareness Events.
- Encourage members and non-members to participate in a Walk-A-Thon, 5K, etc.
- Support legislation that promotes prevention of health issues and hearing impairment.
- Assist your Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about major health issues and how they can be prevented.
- Create a container to collect Campbell's product UPC labels and donate labels to a local school or the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.
- Create a container to collect Aluminum Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Post and encourage healthy habits or other health related issues.
- Host a Disease Prevention Seminar.
- Be creative.

Junior Grange Contests

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- Open to anyone ages 1 to 14, Junior Grange members and non-members.
- Age category is determined by the age of the child as of Dec. 31 of the current Grange year.
- All entries must be labeled with name, age, sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, member or non-member, and class.
- Items will be judged on neatness, creativity, appropriateness and ability for age.
- All entries are due by noon on Thursday of State Session.
- There will be three age categories: under 5, 5-9 and 10-14.
- Children may enter more than one item in each class but are limited to no more than three items per class.
- First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each class and age group.
- Entries will be judged at State Session. All entries must be submitted on Thursday morning.

Art Contest —

Any medium may be used. There is no minimum or maximum size.

1. Water Color
2. Other Mediums

Photography —

Prints only, do not have to be matted or framed.

Any size is acceptable.

3. Scenes
4. Animals
5. People
6. Sunsets, Sunrises

Cookies —

Cookies exhibited on a disposable base in a zip-lock type bag. The recipe must be included.

Cookies will not be returned.

Crafts —

7. Holiday Decorations
8. Recycled Craft — Any item made using something one generally throws away.
9. Nature Craft — Any item made from nature (rocks, pine cones, seeds, etc.).
10. Textiles — May use any type of fabric, yarn, thread, etc.
11. Miscellaneous
12. Special Gifts
13. Patriotic — Anything that represents our Country!
14. Agriculture Craft — Must use something from Agriculture, ex: grain/seed, old tools, etc.
15. ***NEW* Woodworking — craft or project using wood. Including painting, burning, shaping. If it uses wood it can be included in woodworking.**
16. ***NEW* Super Hero — you can be as creative as you like. Create your ultimate super hero. It can be a picture, sculpture, you name it. Make sure to include their special abilities (ex. flying, see through walls, turn back time, etc.)**

Growth —

Any type of plant that the Junior has grown from a seed or is taken as an offshoot. These will be judged on health of plant as well as creativity of planter.

Creative Writing Project —

Open to members and non-members. May be a poem, story or an essay. Entry may be typed or hand written, double

spaced and placed in a protective cover and labeled.

There will be three age groups in the Creative Writing Project: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14. **Member only:** What would you like to grow and who would help you.

Mini-Scrapbook Contest —

To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year. What did you do? Where did you go? What did you make? This is your journey, how did it help you grow?

Digital Scrapbook —

See Mini-Scrapbook above.

Creative Art Contest —

Must be a picture showing what the Theme means to you. May use crayons, colored pencils, markers or paints. Maximum size is 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

Public Speaking —

Topics: (1) How the Junior Grange Can Grow Across the Nation OR (2) Any Topic of your choice. Speech must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes.

Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program.

Talent —

This can be any type of talent, Musical, Variety Act, Joke Telling, anything you can imagine.

Sign A Song: Categories —

- Individual Sign A Song Contest: Ages 11-14
- Group Sign A Song Contest: Two or more Junior Grangers. All members must be 9-14 years of age. Contest held in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

Junior Grange Camp —

DATES & LOCATION TBD.

Talent Contest —

Junior Talent Contest will be held during State Session in conjunction with the Lecturer's Department Talent Contest. Three classes:

- 1: Vocal;
2. Instrumental;
3. Comedy.

Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Director of intent to enter.

National Opportunities:

Theme: Please see the National Junior Grange

Handbook or <http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/>

Contest held at State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer's program at State.

Grange Insurance Association Scholarship Program

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) awards scholarships annually to policyholders or their children. Winners may take any course of study at any accredited school. **Application deadline is March 1, 2021 (postmarked).** Funds awarded are for the 2021-2022 school year.

Applications may be secured from: Grange Insurance Association, P.O. Box 21089, Seattle, WA 98111-1089. Forms can also be downloaded at www.grange.com.



Mandy Project

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The purpose of the Mandy Project is to help children with hearing loss to become productive citizens and to provide assistance to a family experiencing hardship due to a child's hearing loss.

As many children will be helped as possible and as funds are available. Families with a child who has a hearing loss will be chosen through the application process to receive funding assistance to help cover costs of hearing aids, speech therapy, surgery or other related expenses.

Brochures can be obtained by contacting the State Director.

Granges who sponsor a special fundraiser or make a donation to the Mandy Project will receive a special certificate at State Convention.

Every Grange should have a "Do You Know the Signs" poster up in their hall or in the building where they meet if at all possible. Brochures with the same information are available and should also be available for distribution at your meeting place.

Granges are encouraged to give these posters and brochures to their local schools, pre-schools, and Kindergarten classes. Early intervention is important to a child's learning when hearing loss is involved. Posters and Brochures can be obtained through the Mandy Project Director.

Granges are encouraged to collect Campbell's product UPC Symbols for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Bring the symbols to the State Grange Convention and we will pass them on to the school.

Granges might also sponsor sign language classes in their halls.

Subordinate And Pomona Grange Activities And Suggestions

- A. Sponsor, host, or promote Sign Language classes or a Sign A Song contest for the community.
- B. Support legislation and encourage assistance for the hearing impaired.
- C. Sponsor a special fundraiser for the Mandy Project flyers and brochures.
- D. Promote Hearing Testing
- E. Assist Lecturer with a program educating members and non-members about deafness or hearing loss.
- F. Write articles about Grange Deaf Activities Projects and send to local news media during May, which is a special month for deaf awareness.
- G. Each Grange should have posters up on Signs of Deafness or Hearing Loss for
 - 1) Adults
 - 2) Children
- H. Promote Finger Spelling Bees, Sign Language Challenges,



and Sign A Song Competitions.

- I. Create a container to hold Campbell's product UPC symbols so members can bring them to a central location for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

Community Service

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Watch for Community Service suggestions in *The Colorado Granger* throughout the year. The first suggestion here is to keep a notebook at your Grange for any member to record their volunteer activities and hours since they were last there. At each meeting, as you go through reports from each of your areas (Legislative, Agriculture, Community Service, etc.) have the members talk about their own volunteer activities since the last meeting, in addition to any reports your Community Service person has to share.

Participation in the State programs: Deaf Education, Mandy Project, P.I.C.K, Emergency Relief Program, Family Activities, Junior Grange and Youth Grange projects will certainly count toward Helping Hands.

All three of the Community Service forms mentioned below must be submitted for the Community Service 1st place winner to be eligible for the National Community Service Contest.

September 1, 2021 —

DEADLINE FOR CONTEST REPORTS.

Community Service Additional Information Form

A combined contest report form will be sent to each Grange. It is also available by email and on the Colorado State Grange Website, so it can be filled out on a computer. Please refer to the instructions in the Lecturers' Star Awards section of this Handbook, and on the form itself, for more details on how to complete and submit the combined report form. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like any clarification at all.

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands form is for you to keep track of your Grange members' projects and hours spent volunteering on them. Everyone helps someone at some time. Everything you and your Grange do to help your community or individuals qualifies. Examples are: helping at Church, the Library, the Museum; helping your neighbor cut wood, fix a door, feed their pets; visiting a nursing home, a hospital, a sick friend; and time you spend at the Grange Hall for community service events. Although the hours you spend doing a project are not nearly as important as the project itself, sometimes it is enlightening to see how much time you actually spend helping others. This report is the place to put those hours you've tracked throughout the year. *Time spent on maintenance or cleaning of your own Grange hall is not considered hours to be counted for Helping Hands.

Empty Plate

Feeding the hungry and helping others through food can be an ongoing project for each Subordinate Grange. Did you start a community cupboard; do you have an ongoing community cupboard; did you adopt families during the holidays; did you designate your Grange as a distribution point for Angel Food or another program; do you go to a food kitchen and feed the hungry/homeless; do you sponsor Free meals at your Grange? When reporting on projects under the Red Star or any of the other Community Service related Stars, make a note if you're calling out the project as applying to either Empty Plate or Helping Hands (or both).

Family Activities

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**In all categories you may enter
only one entry per class.**

**Baking, Food Preservation and Needlework, Quilting
and Sewing entries must be a Grange member.**

Entries will be judged at State Session.

Baking

Label baking entries with the following:

- Recipe printed on recipe card
- Contestant's name, address, Grange
- Class

All baking entries are to be exhibited on a sturdy disposable base and placed in a Ziploc bag. All items will become the property of the State Directors and will be sold following judging at the State Session.

Class A — Cakes (Butter Cake, frosted)

Class B — Altered Cake Mix

Class C — Yeast Bread

(One loaf or seven rolls per plate)

Class D — Sweet Rolls (Seven rolls made with yeast)

Class E — Bar Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class F — Drop, Rolled, Shaped Cookies

(Seven per plate)

Class G — Quick Breads

(Fruit or nut containing no yeast)

Class H — Fudge (Seven pieces per plate)

Class I — Other Candy (Seven pieces per plate)

Class J — Gluten Free Cookies (Seven per plate)

Class K — Gluten Free Cakes

Class I — Gluten Free Breads

Food Preservation

Canned items should be entered in standard glass canning jars and sealed with new lids. Headspace for jams/jellies is 1/4" and canned foods is 1/2". Canned items will not be opened for judging. Canned foods must be picked up before the end of State Session.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Name of item and Class
- Method of processing
- Month and year processed
- Contestant's name, address, Grange

Class 1 — Canned Foods

Class 2 — Jams, Jellies

Class 3 — Juices

Class 4 — Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes

Class 5 — Pickles, any kind

Class 6 — Dried Foods including leathers and jerky

(1/2 Cup in a plastic bag)

Needlework, Quilting And Sewing

All entries must be made by a Grange member and finished within the current Grange year.

Entries should be labeled with the following:

- Class

- Name, address, Grange

All items should be picked up before the end of State Session.

Needlework

Class A — Crocheted or Knit Afghans (any size)

Class B — Crochet or Knit

Sweater (any size)

Class C — Crochet (miscellaneous)

Class D — Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch
(any item — back must be uncovered)

Class E — Decorator Pillows

Class P — Recycled Items

Quilting

Class F — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class G — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class H — Quilted Table Runner

Class I — Wall Hangings (not to exceed 36" x 54")

Sewing

Class J — Adult Garment

Class K — Child's Garment

Class L — Aprons

Class M — Stuffed Toys

Class N — Quilt Block Contest

Quilt block pattern and instructions will be printed in the *Granger* or posted on the FWA page on the State or National website.

Class O — Miscellaneous includes anything with fabric, thread or yarn.

"From The Heart" Projects

Baby quilts, items collected for Blue Star Mothers, eyeglasses (eyeglasses only, no cases), and boxtops for education will not be collected at the Colorado State Grange Session. Please continue to collect these items at your Grange and donate them to a worthy cause in your own community.

Membership Program

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The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021. The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net members will be recognized, as well as the top recruiters. The form on which to report, is included in the Combined Report Form for this year. Please fill it out completely and return it according to the directions on the form.

If you are only submitting for Membership, you can mail that page to me directly or you can also give it to us on the first day of State Session. If you mail it, be sure to send as early as you can in September so that it will arrive at my home before the week of State Session.

To summarize, you may be recognized in three ways:

- 1) Granges that get at least seven (7) new members.
- 2) The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most new members.
- 3) The Top Recruiters in the State will be honored.

Remember, ask someone to join your Grange. YOU can

make a difference. New members make your Grange stronger.

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Lecturer's Star Awards

Star Awards will be presented *only* based on the information supplied in the Combined Star Report. The Outstanding Grange Star Report will be recognized, as will each Grange that submits a report and earns any of the stars available. Granges completing all of the categories will be recognized as a Star Achievement Grange.

The awards for Community Service activities will also be based on information from the Star Report. The winning Grange's Combined Star Report will be sent to the National Grange convention for consideration to be awarded at the National level. The completed Community Service Additional Information Report form is required — to contain summary information only — to be the Colorado State Grange entry to the National contest.

Submission of Star Reports by email is *strongly* preferred. Your State Lecturer will forward emailed reports to the Directors of Community Service and Membership. If email is absolutely impossible, please mail three copies of your report. In addition to mailing your report to the Lecturer — please mail separate copies of your report to the Community Service and Membership Directors (mailing addresses are on the form). They will each need a copy of your reports by September 1, so there is time for them to thoroughly evaluate them all and prepare the prizes. Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars:

- **Gold Star — Lecturer & Community Service — INFORMATION:** Programs/activities providing education or information on issues pertinent to your community.
 - **Blue Star — Lecturer — ENTERTAINMENT:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
 - **Green Star — Lecturer & Membership — MEMBERSHIP:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
 - **Red Star — Community Service — COMMUNITY:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community. A Community Dinner hosted by your Grange, planned around a theme, and open to your community will be reported under this star. *It is likely this Star will be the best fit for reporting most of your Community Service programs and events.
 - **Silver Star — Lecturer & Community Service — COOPERATION:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
 - **Orange Star — Lecturer — FAMILY:** Programs/activities oriented around children and family, or providing opportunities for members and guests to enjoy Grange events together as a family.
 - **Purple Star — Publicity — PUBLICITY:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor, plus traditional brochures (that may also be entered in the Pen in Hand portion of the Lecturer's contest), posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualifies for this award.
- Special Publicity Contest:** Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2021. The brochure should include an application form, information on your Grange, your activities and some history of the Grange. Be creative, add pictures and have fun with it.

In an effort to streamline the process and to cut down on duplication, information for the Community Service and Membership Awards will be taken from the combined Lecturer's Star Report. Please see the possibilities with each Star's description, in bold color.

Outstanding Program of the Year will be chosen from the combined report areas: Community Service, Lecturer, Membership, Publicity, and Food Sustainability.

The Star reports must be filled out completely to qualify for awards. You may send samples of your work along with the report, such as a picture, flyer, etc. Please include only up to four samples per Star.

ONE BOOK: We encourage each Grange to still do a One Book or Scrapbook as this is a historical record for your Grange and is a useful informational tool to use in recruitment or just to show who and what your Grange is, and what you do.

Please send your One Book with your Grange's delegates to State Session. It will NOT be used for judging the Star categories, or Community Service or Membership activities. If no one from your Grange will be attending State Session in September, you may mail your One Book to either Director (Elizabeth or Lisa) by September 15th to allow time for it to arrive so the Director can carry it to State Session for you — your books will be judged at State Session and on view for the membership in attendance. The Outstanding One Book Award winner's book will travel to National Convention in November and then be returned to you. **This Award is separate from the Lecturer's Star and Community Service Awards.**

Granges do not need to create a One Book to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star or Community Service Awards.

Contest Criteria

- All Granges in the state will be judged on the same basis, whether Subordinate or Pomona
- Judged on: Completeness of reports, efforts of activities and events to meet the intent of each Star category
- One Books to be Judged at State Convention

Lecturer's Awards

**Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography,
 With Pen in Hand and Talent**

General Guidelines for all Lecturers' Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, Individual Scrapbooks (not the Grange One Book) or With Pen in Hand must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-member, and value.
- All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon.
- Individuals may have more than one entry in a class.
- All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-members sponsored by a local Grange.
- Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous State Convention.
- We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
- Participants must select the class for his/her entry.

Awards: First place receives \$5, second place \$3 and third place \$2.

A **Best of Show** will be awarded.

1. The Grange with the most entries will receive The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award.
2. A Sweepstakes Award will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.

s Awards

Fine Art Guidelines

- All entries must be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.
- Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.
- Entries of nudes are not allowed.
- Entries cannot be covered with glass. (Plexiglas may be used.)

Criteria for judging entries:

- Use of medium selected — Craftsmanship and skill — Composition/presentation of subject — Originality
 - Painting
 - Drawing
 - Computer art/collage

Hobby Corner Guidelines

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
 - Holiday items
 - Jewelry
 - Miscellaneous
 - Individual Scrapbooks
 - Special Gifts

Work Bench Guidelines

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
 - Woodworking
 - Handmade Toys
 - Leather Craft
 - Metal Craft
 - Duct Tape Craft

Photography Guidelines

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- Framed photos will not be accepted.
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries in one category.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have been taken by the entrant.
- The photo must not be less than 4 x 6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.
- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography).

Judging Criteria:

- Composition and arrangement — Interest — Presentation — Technique
 - Landscapes and Seascapes
 - People
 - Animals and Other Creatures
 - Photo Collage or Story

With Pen in Hand Guidelines

- All entries must be typed and double spaced.
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional.
- Flyers and Pamphlets may be computer generated [custom flyers for Grange may also be used in the Publicity (Purple Star) category and/or in the Publicity Contest].

Judging Criteria:

- Content — organization — Spelling, punctuation and grammar — Audience appeal
 - Short story or essay
 - Recommend a book (your choice)
 - Poetry
 - Pamphlet/Flyer

Performing Arts Guidelines

The statewide Showcase will be held at the State Convention

on Saturday evening.

- Those wishing to participate in the Talent Showcase need to notify the State Lecturer on or before Thursday of State Convention.
- One participant in the statewide Showcase 14 and over division will be eligible to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence held during the National Convention in November.
- Each Grange is encouraged to bring at least one participant to the State Talent Showcase. The participant does not have to be a Grange member. More participants will make for a better Showcase.
- There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling — Junior, 5-13; and Adult, 14 and over.
 - Vocal, Instrumental, Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
 - Joke Telling, Public Speaking (See Youth and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)
 - Sign A Song (See Deaf and Junior Dept. for specific guidelines)

Lecturer's Report

Lecturer's Report to include information on the following:

- **Community Dinner**
Granges that sponsor a Community Dinner planned around a theme such as a Chili Cook-off or Luau or other creative event (to be reported in the Red Star category).
- **Food Sustainability**
Program for Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category will receive a Food Sustainability Award. Do one or more of the following Categories (A or B, within one of the three groups):
- **Share The Harvest**
 - A. Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family.
 - B. Plant or sponsor a community garden.
- **Community Produce Classes or Contest**
 - A. Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria.
 - B. Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.
- **Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes**
 - A. Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community.
 - B. Sponsor a class on food preservation.

LECTURER PROGRAM: CHRISTMAS CARD SIGNING

With Marlys' permission I am adding as a stateside Lecturer program the following: USASOA (United Soldiers and Sailors of America) Christmas Card Signing (See Publicity Report) for Granges that wish to participate. This will assist Marlys with her yearly project to get cards sent to our service men and women overseas. This program will not be included in the Star awards, but an award will be given to the Grange that produces the most cards for this by September 1, 2021. See instructions below. Per Marlys it is best to purchase cards right after Christmas or use any you have left over. This an easy pandemic type program that you can do as a Grange while stuck at home with social distancing. Let's see if we can top the 40,000 done this last year.

Sign your cards with your first name using the following phrases:

- God Bless You
 - God Bless you my friend
 - Thank you for your service
 - Thank you for our freedom
- Please DO NOT use cards with glitter or upraised attachments.

Cards need to be sent unsealed (for insert to be added) to Marlys Halbiesen at 10650 West 45th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The cards can be sent anytime during the year before September 1, 2021.

Youth Program

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The Colorado State Grange Youth Department is open to all ages with only a couple of contests restricted to age. Thus, anyone from very youthful to young at heart can enter contests at a state level but may not be selected to proceed on to regional or national competitions.

Youth/Junior Officers — will be opening the Colorado State Grange Session on Saturday morning. We need Youth age and Junior age Grangers to serve as officers. Following the opening and the Junior Luncheon, a special Fun Activity will be planned.

Hospitality Room — The Youth department will operate the Hospitality room at State session. Food donations and monetary donations are appreciated.

Fun Family Event — Watch *The Colorado Granger* for details.

There are many contests and activities available for the youth. Please submit your ideas and suggestions to the State Youth Department. Send your email and/or snail mail address to the State Director to receive upcoming information.

Check the State Grange website (www.coloradogranger.org/youth) or the national youth website (<https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>) for youth programs and updated information. Remember you are a Grange member!! Participate in all

Leadership Scholarship Foundation

The Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation that provides college and vocational school scholarships as well as financial support for individuals enrolled in qualified leadership development programs. The Foundation is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations from individuals and other entities. Applicants of all ages are welcome provided they are or will be enrolled in an accredited Colorado institution of higher education, a Colorado-licensed vocational school, or a recognized program to develop leadership skills.

Scholarships are awarded once each year to individuals who are regular members of a Grange in Colorado or who are children or grandchildren of Colorado Grange members. Applications must be submitted to the Foundation Treasurer, by April 15. Applications should be submitted by email to grangescholarshipfoundation@gmail.com. To obtain an application visit www.coloradogranger.org/scholarship. For more information call the State Grange Office or phone the Foundation treasurer, Jim Miller, at 303-898-5052.

The Foundation welcomes donations of funds or property. Donations made in memory of a deceased Grange member will be noted in the Grange Book of Memories held by the Colorado State Grange Office. Donations should be directed to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, 2009 County Road 31, Florissant CO 80816.

Please submit the donation along with the name of the deceased Granger and the name of the Grange to which he or she belonged, along with an address where a memorial appreciation note can be mailed.

Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

National Grange Youth Program includes the following:

Grange Youth Handbook & Contest Guide; Grange Fair Program; Parliamentary Procedure; National Youth Ambassadors; Regional Sign-a-Song; Regional Public Speaking Competition; Distinguished Youth Program; National Grange Youth Officers Team (N.G.Y.O.T.); GROW Club; Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program; John Trimble Legislative Experience; National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA); Folding Display Contest; Photo Scavenger Hunt; Grange Jeopardy; National Grange Youth Membership Representative Program; Apathy Not Allowed.

National Youth Achievement Awards include:

Oliver Hudson Kelley Public Speaking Award; William Saunders Award; John Trimble Legislative Award; John Thompson Award; Caroline A. Hall Award; Aaron B. Grosh Mentoring Award; Francis McDowell Trivia Challenge Award; William Ireland Deaf Awareness Award; Drill Award; Right On Target Award; Outstanding Youth Award; Member Recruitment Award; Grassroots Activism Award; Junior Mentor Award; Youth Community Service Award.

If you have any questions about the National contests please see the 2019-2020 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference — More information on National Grange website.

155th Annual National Grange Convention — November 9-13, 2021, Wichita, Kansas.

Please reach out to the State Youth Directors with any questions or suggestions. We are always working to make this a better program across the state.

Publicity Dept.

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Publicity is connected with the Community Service, Lecturer and Membership in the Star Awards Program. Each Grange will need to submit a Publicity Report by September 1, 2021 to me by either email or mailing address listed above.

Please fill out the Report (to be sent out in early August 2021). You can attach example of your work.

- Quantity of Information Releases
- Quality of Information Releases (visual, contact info, when, where, what...)
- Variety of public promotions (flyers, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- Social/web Media presence (Web, Facebook, Twitter...)
- Professional submission of this report

I also encourage each of the Granges to become more visible in your publicity efforts. If interested please contact Larry Corman, who is the State Grange's webmaster – please contact him at Larry_Corman@hotmail.com if you want your Grange to have a presence on the State's website. He is also available for any of your technology needs.

Publicity Contest:

Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Due by September 1, 2021.

The brochure should include an application form and information on your Grange and your activities. Be creative.