

Colorado State Grange Program Handbook

September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023



Guide To Contests And Programs

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

*Please Save This Handbook, Pull Out And Fold.
Or see it online at coloradogrango.org.*

National Grange Office
1616 H St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20006
1-888-447-2643

Colorado State Grange Office
7629 County Road 100
Hesperus, CO 81326
719-748-5008

P.I.C.K.

People Improving Communities And Kids — The Heart Of The Grange

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer
7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326
970-588-3386
hcrdgreer@frontier.net

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 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.

Community Service

Lisa Mittan, Director
4951 W. 66th Ave., Arvada, CO 80003
720-413-4106
mittan42@msn.com

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.

Completing the following three forms will be helpful when reporting on your Granges' Community Service activities — the first is required to be considered for Community Service awards.

September 1, 2023 —

DEADLINE FOR CONTEST REPORTS.

Community Service Report (required for the 1st place winner's eligibility for the National Contest)

A combined contest report form will be emailed to each Grange. It is also available on the Colorado State Grange Website, so it can be filled out on a computer. A paper copy will be mailed to any Grange requesting one. 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 report your Grange members' projects and totals of 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 or hospital; 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, or do you have an ongoing community cupboard; did you adopt families during the holidays; did you designate your Grange as a location for a food distribution 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 have the project as applying to either Empty Plate or Helping Hands (or both).

COLORADO GRANGER

The 15th of the preceding month is the deadline for articles for the *Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326, or email coloradogranger.org.

Junior Grange Contests

Kara Jacobs, Director

8228 S. Balsam St., Littleton, CO 80128

303-746-4811

karjacobs92907@gmail.com

- 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, 2023 (postmarked).** Funds awarded are for the 2023-2024 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

Cindy Greer, Director

7629 CR 100, Hesperus, CO 81326
970-588-3386 • hcrdgreer@gmail.com

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.

National Grange Deaf Awareness Grant Program

For many years the National Grange conducted an active Deaf Awareness Program which led to many valuable projects that enabled our members to learn more about deaf people and their challenges. In many cases, great relationships were also built with the deaf community. A fund was developed within the National Grange Foundation for the purpose of supporting deaf activities within the Grange. Because funds are still available, this grant program is being offered to assist states with funding various deaf awareness activities.

Grant application is available on the National Grange web site. They are due to National by May 1. Community Granges can apply through their State Grange. Any state Grange is eligible to apply for a grant to assist with a worthwhile project that may be planned within the state. The State Mandy director should receive the applications by April 15 in order to review the application.

Grants up to a maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded to each approved application, and will be awarded to the State Grange. The State Grange will have the option of transferring those funds to the Community or Pomona Grange conducting the deaf activity included in the grant application. A maximum of two grants will be awarded each year.

Grants may be awarded for any project that enhances deaf education. Preference will be given to high-quality activities that involve significant numbers of individuals. Creativity and uniqueness of the projects will also be factored into the selection process.

The application should be in document form and include the following information:

Name of State Grange - Name and Address of Contact Person - Date of Application - Name of the Project - Description of the Project - Anticipated number of people involved - Anticipated impact on the Grange (State and/or Local) - Anticipated impact on the Community or State - Other anticipated results of the project

Health Awareness Department

Louetta Phelps

10676 State Hwy. 151, Ignacio, CO 81137
970-749-1747 • louettaphelps@aol.com

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.

Family Activities

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Co-Directors

Lewis • 11615 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

303-223-3393 • idellamlewis@gmail.com

Baxter • 14857 C.R. 240, Bayfield, CO 81122

970-259-1595 • kbquiltin@gmail.com

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

**Baking, Food Preservation, 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 — Crocheted or Knit Sweater (any size)

Class C — Crochet (miscellaneous)

Class D — Hand Embroidered items, Cross Stitch, Counted Cross Stitch (any item — back must be uncovered)

Class E — Machine Embroidered Item

Class F — Decorator Pillows

Class G — Recycled Items

Quilting

Class H — Machine Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class I — Hand Quilted Quilt (any size)

Class J — Quilted Table Runner

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

Sewing

Class L — Adult Garment

Class M — Child's Garment

Class N — Aprons

Class O — Stuffed Toys

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



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.

Elizabeth Hiner, Colorado State Lecturer
 2538 Hanamalia Place, Haiku, HI 96708
 970-403-4592
 elizabeth.natlgrange@gmail.com

Lecturer's Star Awards

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning the form to the State Lecturer by September 1, 2023, will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Reports should be mailed or emailed by this deadline to allow time for evaluation and preparation awards. Please send the completed form to Lecturer, Community Service, and Publicity Directors. Addresses will be on Star Report form. Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange having activities in any of the star sections. Granges completing programming in all of the star categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange. Outstanding Lecturer and Program Awards will be awarded based on the Star Report form.

You will need to send a copy of the Star Report Form (or a copy of just the Gold Star, Red Star, and Silver Star sections of this report) to the State Community Service Director. It is also requested that you send a copy of the Star Report (or a copy of the Purple Star section) to the State Publicity Director. They will need these copies by September 1, 2023, for evaluation and to prepare awards.

- **Gold Star — PROVIDE INFORMATION:** Programs/activities providing education or information on issues pertinent to your community.
- **Red Star — COMMUNITY:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.
- **Silver Star — COOPERATION:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups. These programs could be sponsored by your Grange or by another community group and you participate in the project or program.
 (The Gold Star, Red Star, and Silver Star sections will be used to award community service recognition in addition to Star Awards. If your Grange is active in community service, you are encouraged to format these sections to align with the national community service awards. Please see the community service section at www.nationalgrange.org for further details.)
- **Blue Star — ENTERTAINMENT:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc. Or, a program planned around an outside entertainment group that comes to your Grange Hall to perform.
- **Green Star — GROWTH:** Activities/programs promoting membership, and recruiting new members.
- **Orange Star — FAMILY:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or providing opportunities that are focused on the family.
- **Purple Star — MEDIA:** 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 LinkedIn, plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and PowerPoint presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualifies for this award.
 (The Purple Star section will be used to award state Publicity awards. Please, see the Publicity section of this handbook for further information).

Special Publicity Contest: Submit a tri-fold brochure advertising your Grange. Include a membership application in the brochure. Have fun. Use photos. Submit a copy of your brochure with the Star Report form to the Lecturer and the Publicity Director.

Grange Yearbook/Scrapbook

This is a SEPARATE Lecturer OPPORTUNITY. Note: Granges do not need to create a yearbook/scrapbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards. Scrapbooks may be brought to the State Session to avoid postage costs. We encourage each Grange to create a scrapbook as this is an important historical record for your Grange and is a useful informational tool to use for recruitment or just to show what your Grange does. Scrapbook Achievement awards, plus First, Second, and Third place awards will be presented.

Criteria:

Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category

Judging:

1. Completeness
2. Creativity
3. Craftsmanship

Performing Arts

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. The more participants, the better the *Showcase* will be.

There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety, and Joke Telling.

- Junior 5-13
- Adult 14 and over

The state-wide *Showcase* will be held at the state convention on Saturday evening. Those wishing to participate in the *Talent Contest* need to notify the State Lecturer on or before Thursday of state convention. One participant in the State-wide *Showcase 14 and over division* will be eligible to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence held during the National Convention in November

Classes:

- 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 Contests

General Guidelines for all Lecturers Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, 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.

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

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

s Awards

- 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

Classes:

1. Painting
2. Drawing
3. Computer art/collage

HOBBY CORNER

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship

Classes:

1. Holiday items
2. Jewelry
3. Miscellaneous
4. Personal Scrapbooks
5. Special Gifts

WORK BENCH

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship
1. Woodworking
 2. Handmade Toys
 3. Leather Craft
 4. Metal 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

Classes:

1. Landscapes and Seascapes
2. People
3. Animals and Other Creatures
4. 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.

Judging Criteria:

- Content — organization — Spelling, punctuation, and grammar — Audience appeal

Classes:

1. Short story or essay
2. Recommend a book (your choice)
3. Poetry

Food Sustainability Program

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any ONE category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to subordinate granges and due to the State Lecturer on September 1, 2023) will receive a Food Award.

Categories * (Do one of the following):

1. 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.

2. Community Produce Classes or Contests

- a. Sponsor an agricultural oriented contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria. OR
- b. Sponsor a class on an agricultural topic.

3. Community Food Preservation Demonstration or Classes

- a. Sponsor a food preservation demonstration for your community. OR
- b. Sponsor a class on food preservation.
- c. Present a program on Food Waste. According to National Grange, food waste is one of our world's biggest issues, and one where we can make a huge difference.

National Lecturer Contests, Programs and Recognition to Participate in: (see www.nationalgrange.org for details and further opportunities).

1. **The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers. ALL** entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 1GB via Google Forms at <http://tiny.cc/grange21photo> by October 31, 2023.
2. **The National Grange Publicity Item Contest is open to all Granges (State, Pomona, Community, Junior), Grange committees, or Grange groups (i.e., auxiliary, youth, Junior etc.) A Publicity Item may be a flyer, poster, or advertisement; a short video; a radio commercial or announcement; a social media post; a press kit or media release; a shirt, button, or other wearable item; or anything else you create to promote Grange. See National Grange website for details.**
3. **Grange in Action. Submit to National, a 1-page letter size with color pictures and brief caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept 1, 2022, to Sept 1, 2023 — anything over 1-page will be disqualified.**

Membership Program

Dominick Breton, Director

3645 Marshall St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

303-919-2680

dom.e.breton@gmail.com

The Colorado State Grange membership program will offer recognition and rewards to Granges for new members joining September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023. 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 7 new members,
- 2) The Subordinate/Community Grange with the most net 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.

Youth Program

Kara Jacobs, Director

8228 S. Balsam St., Littleton, CO 80128

303-746-4811

karjacobs92907@gmail.com

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.coloradogrange.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 Grange activities and programs. Help make the Grange GROW!

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, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus CO 81326.

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.

National Grange Youth Program includes the following:

- Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange (GISYE)
- Washington DC Experience
- Grange Grassroots Activism Scholarship
- Youth Community Service Award/Application
- Junior Mentor Award/Application
- Youth Membership Recruitment Award
- Distinguished Youth Program/Applications
- Grange Baseball
- Regional Public Speaking Competition
- Regional Sign-A-Song Competition
- Grange Ritual Contest
- Parliamentary Procedure Contest
- Grange Debate
- Grange Display Contest
- Youth Officer T-Shirt Design Contest
- G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Project and Contest
- National Grange Youth Officer Team Guidelines and Application
- John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience
- Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Youth Patrol guidelines
- National Grange Youth Leadership Team
- G.R.O.W. Club travel scholarship
- NJHA & Grange Youth Horticulture Identification Judging Contest
- National Grange Child Protection Policy

If you have any questions about the National contests please see the 2022-2023 Program and Contest Handbook at <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org>.

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

157th Annual National Grange Convention — Niagara Falls, New York.

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.

Elizabeth Hiner, Director

2538 Hanamalia Place, Haiku, HI 96078

970-403-4592

elizabeth.natlgrange@gmail.com

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, 2023, to me by either email or mailing address listed above.

Please fill out the Report off the Colorado State Grange web page or request a copy to be sent to you either by mail or email (report to be sent out in early August 2023). You can attach examples 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:

This contest will be a Flyer promoting an event at your Grange. Please send in your creative flier by September 1, 2023, to the address above.