

# JUNIOR GRANGE HANDBOOK

## 2022 - 2023

STATE OF MAINE



LET'S GROW JUNIORS & "Harmony"

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN OF  
SUBORDINATE MEMBERS

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### MEMBERSHIP

The 1+ program from National Grange seems to be working from what we can see on face book and Bulletin posts, but the Community Granges aren't sending the Junior Department the information we need and we don't know who has joined.

We need the Junior's name \_\_\_\_\_ and birthdate \_\_\_\_\_,  
parent(s) or guardian(s) name \_\_\_\_\_, address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, email \_\_\_\_\_, phone number \_\_\_\_\_

home Grange \_\_\_\_\_, date of joining \_\_\_\_\_. Marilyn will remain on the Jr. Committee and will accept this information and forward to our new Director. Please let us know so we can put the kids on our rolls and they can be included with information about Junior Activities.

**Maine Junior Grange #17 is on Face book. Check us out!**

**If you have kids at your Grange, join us, please!!**

***If you have email, please give your address to State Director. You will be notified with codes for virtual meetings. Everyone is invited to tune in for the meetings.***

***Because we are separated by so many miles and can't meet together very often we would like everyone to do their Community Services at their homes – Helping some older people in your neighborhood, cleaning up some environment are the two projects to be working on.***

**ALL adults working with Juniors and Youth must have background checks.**

Beginning in January 2019 it will be offered from the National Grange and National Junior Grange and Youth Departments to obtain a background check through the company "Safe Gatherings" [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com) as an alternative for having to obtain and find your own background check company.

It is highly encouraged to have every person in our organization who is working in a supervisory position with our Juniors and Youth under 18 years of age to undergo this background check through Safe Gatherings as it is a National Background Check program that covers many levels of security checks as well as providing a training on working with vulnerable youth and adults.

The benefits of utilizing Safe Gatherings for the Grange is:

A No Hassle system: State Masters, Directors, and Leaders now have the pressure taken off them to make sure these critical steps are taken appropriately in accordance of their state laws. Everything is handled from the National Grange office and your information is kept 100% safe and secure through the Safe Gatherings Network. (No personal information is held with the National Grange) Safe Gatherings provides 4 levels of background checks: Local, State, National, and Sex Offender. Safe Gatherings provides Professional Reference Checks Safe Gatherings provides training for abuse prevention and ideas on how to appropriately work with minors who are at their most vulnerable time in life.

LOW COST- the break down cost for the 2-year clearance through Safe Gatherings is less than \$2.00 a month.

BEGIN YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK TODAY: [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com)

Register today and use the following search criteria below to register under our organization.

Have your SS# handy. Language Preference: English

Choose Your Type of Organization: Other Organizations Serving Children/Youth

Select the country for your Organization: United States

Select the state/province for your organization: **District of Columbia**

Search "Grange" to register under our organization

For more information: Please contact National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins at 210.838.7892 or [junior@nationalgrange.org](mailto:junior@nationalgrange.org)

Maine State Junior Department is happy to cover the costs. Just send a copy of your payment receipt to Maine State Treasurer to be reimbursed.

**A reminder that we MUST have permission from parents/guardians to post any pictures of minors on any social media!**

GRANGE COMMUNICATION HANDBOOK PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant the National Grange permission to use my likeness in a photograph or graphic representation, in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment, or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the National Grange and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the National Grange to edit, alter, copy, display, distribute, or any other uses for the purposes of publicizing the National Grange programs, events, website content, or for any other promotional or marketing purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive the right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby release and forever discharge the National Grange from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am the parent/guardian of the following children and grant permission for their likenesses to be shared.

Child(ren)

Responsible adult:

Date

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Or:

I am 18 years of age or older, and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

## **Schedule for 2022-2023: Theme- "Harmony"**

Dates are subject to change. Meeting places are not fully decided, they are moved to reach Juniors in different towns as we are invited. Some dates and places are definite because of Holidays and hall availability where we have been invited.

**November - 19<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Meeting @10:00am.** What are you working on for badges?

Through the year, we will take turns presenting the Lecturer's Programs for anyone who wants to earn that badge. Show your Thanksgiving place cards.

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Meeting @10:00am .** Show the Christmas or Hanukkah Cards you are making for someone in your Subordinate Grange or your FRamily (Friend-Family). Or send to Veterans' Homes.

**January ??? — Virtual Meeting at 10:00.** Share your Re-cycle Craft. Badges?

**February ???– Virtual Meeting at 10:00** At home, on your own time, practice your baking for CWA Contest. Get the date of your local subordinate's contest to take part in it. Check the Badge requirements and earn the Cooking Badge

**March – 11<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Meeting @ 10:00 – Who has earned a badge? –Time for poetry for Lecturer's Contest. Share your talents!**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30-2:00** Spring Challenge Meeting, Enterprise Grange in Richmond. Work on some crafts and badges, Renew friendships, have fun, learn something! Welcome new members you take to Grange with you!! Badge Ceremony for those who have earned any. Part 1 of Paper Clay bowls (Harmony for Humanity Bowls) – take any drawings or photos for ART FEST in Richmond. Master the challenges!!

**May TBA** –(Possible Danville Junction) Part 2 of Paper Clay Bowls - Please work on your National or Big-E Project or a badge or two. Then, take to Junior Summer Camp-out for Fair Exhibits and for July judging.

**June 24-26** Junior Campout Weekend – work on crafts, fun, Community Service, etc. Welcome Ceremony for any new members! The kids who have been participating want to have it at Enterprise again. (This has been the weekend after Father's Day We can change the date. )

**July TBA** - Family Campout – Craft Judging will be done. July is National Junior Grange Month; please encourage your Subordinate/Community Grange to feature Junior Activities

**August 15! Tranquility Grange in Lincolville, take swim suits & towels** – 'Let's Grow Juniors' Meeting. Cooking contest winners go to CWA Conference - Just the entries need to go. Kids can, if they want, but don't have to. Also any crafts you have done for CWA Contests!

**September 23, 2023** Fall– place TBA

**October - State Session** – take or send the photos/drawings for Lecturers Contest.

Juniors have a special, featured time at State Session. Try to go!! You will receive information about this.

JUNIOR CRAFTS for 2023:  
**OPEN TO CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN OF SUBORDINATE MEMBERS**  
**Age grouping is 5 – 7, 8 – 10, 11 – 14. Your age on January 1, 2023**

Judging will be at Grange Family Campout in July or our August 'Grow Juniors Meeting' at Tranquility Grange in Lincolnville. These will be part of next year's Fair Exhibits. The premium money earned from Litchfield Fair will be sent to support the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Minnesota or Grange Foundation for Juniors and Youth. Money earned at other fairs will go to Junior Grange projects, camperships, and the fall 'Grow Juniors' meeting expenses. The Juniors need to do research on the OHK Farm to earn a badge since they've already contributed to support it with their crafts at the fair exhibits. And those are the only two requirements for that badge.

**MAINE CONTEST – We have LOTS OF BEADS!!! AND CHENILLE STRIPS!!**

**Let's do something with supplies we have!**

**Beads and/or chenille strips – make flowers, grains or fruit at Spring Challenge Meeting  
Or make bracelets or necklace with beads and string, or using beads at each end of 10-12" of  
yarn make bookmarks, or whatever you wish.**

We can repeat the 'Melly Beads' for Fair Exhibits at our April Spring Challenge Meeting.

**RE-CYCLE CRAFT (A National craft each year)**

Use your own imagination for your own project... plastic lids or tubs, paper towel or toilet tissue rolls, used greeting cards, jars or cans that have no sharp nicks, any clean item that might be thrown away!

Turn it into a decoration or usable object. Use ribbon, colored paper, stickers, whatever strikes your fancy. If you use a glue gun or super glue, have parental guidance, PLEASE!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Let's continue to help keep our environment clean. Do what you can with litter, etc. in YOUR neighborhood. The crafts can be part of Fair Exhibits and earn money for our charity.

BIG E (EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION) CRAFT – TBA

**These are open to children/grandchildren of any Granger.**

**Please make copies to share with other kids and adult Grangers**

**CWA CONTESTS – BAKING = ANNUAL BAKING CONTEST**

## LECTURER CONTESTS – BOOK READING (earn a badge with this), poetry, art & photo

### POETRY WRITING

**Deadline: August 1, sent to the State Lecturer's home or email address.**

**Categories:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other**

1. Open to all subordinate Grange and Junior Grange members also children and grandchildren of Subordinate members.
2. Age groups for Junior's are: 5 – 9; 10 – 14 as of August 1.
3. All poems must be the original work of the person submitting it
4. The writer will determine the category, in which the poem is entered.
5. Each entry must include the following: Writer's name, Grange including number, Address, Poem title and Category. Juniors should include their age as of August 1.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

**Deadline: One hour after the opening on the first day of the 2023 State Grange session.**

**Categories**

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1. Open to all Subordinate Grange and Junior Grange members, also children and grandchildren of Subordinate members.
2. Age groups for Junior's entries are 5 -7; 8 - 10; and 11 – 14. (as of 10/1)
3. Entries must have been taken during the contest year (9/1/22 – 9/1/23).
4. The entrant must have taken photos.
5. Only prints are accepted for judging.
6. Photographer must select the category for his/ her entry.
7. All photographs must be Grange appropriate.
8. Members may enter as many photos in a single category as they wish.
9. With matting/backing, must be no smaller than 4" x 6" and not larger than 11" x 14".
10. Frames and glass are **NOT** permitted.
11. Labels must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the photo.

### ART

**Deadline: One hour after the opening on the first day of the 2022 State Grange session.**

**Medium Oil & Acrylics Watercolors Charcoal or Pencil, Markers or Crayons (juniors only)**

1. Open to all Subordinate Grange and Junior Grange members, also children and grandchildren of Subordinate members.
2. Age groups for Junior's entries are 5 -7; 8 - 10; and 11 – 14. (as of 10/1)
3. Entries must have been produced during the contest year (9/1/22 – 9/1/23).
4. Artist must select the category for his/ her entry.
5. Members may enter as many pieces of artwork in a single category as they wish.
6. Entries must have a frame with suitable hangers or hard matting/backing suitable so they may be displayed.
7. Glass is **NOT** permitted, however Plexiglas is allowed.
8. Labels must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the artwork.

