

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

I submit my sixth annual report on the activities of the lecturer's department for 2021 - 2022. Without the assistance of the members of the lecturer's committee and the participation of the members of the Maine State Grange this department would not be as effective as it has been.

The theme for 2021 – 2022 was announced. The theme was “**Reach for the Stars**.” This theme was continued from the previous year due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual State Conference.

The joint Northeast Leadership Conference and Northeast Lecturer's conference was scheduled to be held in Maine in March of 2022. At the beginning of 2022 Covid cases were on the rise so it was decided to cancel this conference. At this time there is no information on when the next conference will be held.

Lecturer's Conference is scheduled for October 1. Packets which will include the Lecturer's Program, Poetry entries and members certificates as well as other material will be available at the conference. If not picked up then they will be available to be picked up at the Lecturer's table during the State Session in Auburn.

Creative Writing Contests: I am sorry to say that participation in the creative writing contests, which includes poetry, was down again this year. I received poetry entries from only two Grangers. I sincerely thank them for taking the time to compose these pieces of writing and applaud their accomplishments. More emphasis needs to be given to encourage members to participate in this contest.

Subordinate & Pomona Lecturer's Reports: I received only 5 Subordinate Reports and 1 Pomona Report. Each person submitting a report will receive an Achievement Certificate.

Book Reading Club: Twenty-one Subordinate members sent in reading logs. Everyone submitting lists will receive bookmarks. The top three readers in each category will receive ribbons and special awards. The list of top readers can be found at the end of this report.

State Session is expected to again be a busy time for the Lecturer's Department. I am hoping for a large participation in the Photo contests. Each photo category will be judged and a first, second and third place will be awarded. A Best in Show ribbon will also be awarded. This year a People's Choice award will be added. Any member attending the session may vote for their favorite photo, the votes will be tallied and a People's Choice ribbon will be awarded. There will again be an adult coloring contest this year.

THANK YOU to all who have supported, promoted, and participated in any of the programs or activities of this department. I am very grateful for the help and encouragement from State Master Sherry Harriman.

A **THANK YOU** to the members of the Lecturer's committee for all their hard work. I wish to thank all those in advance who will assist at the Lecturers tables, hanging art and photos, and all the other things that will need doing during the session.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Morse, Lecturer

Poetry First place winners

Stars/Universe – Sherry Harriman

Humorous – Sherry Harriman

Patriotic – Sherry Harriman

Other – Barbara Strout

Book Club Awards (Number of Books)

First – Margaret Henderson

Second – Janet Nolan

Third – Melissa Baldwin

Book Club Awards (Number of Pages)

First – Janet Nolan

Second – Margaret Henderson

Third – Gay Anderson