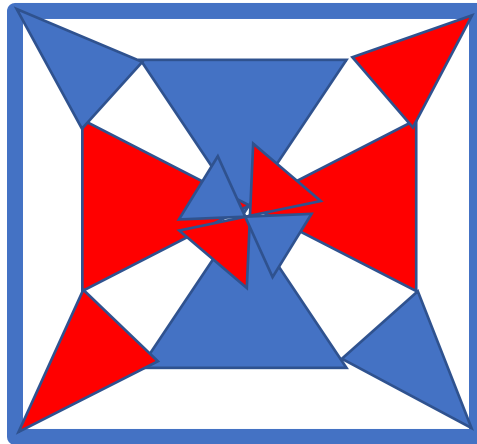


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Activities

August 2023 – August 2024



CWA Conference August 24, 2024 9:00 am

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CLASS / CATEGORY	ENTRIES	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
2024 BEST OF SHOW				
BAKING: Blueberry Cake				
SEWING Class Q: Tote Bags				
NEEDLEWORK				
Class A: *Afghan				
Class B: *Doilies				
Class C: *Embroidery				
Class D: *3 Piece Baby Set				
Class E: *Plastic Canvas				
CLASS F: *Counted Cross Stitch				
Class G: *Adult Garments				
Class H: *Latch Hook				
Class I: *Quilted Wall Hanging				
Class J: *Stuffed Toy				
Class K: *Baby Afghan				
Class L: Children's Garments				
Class M: Table Runners				
Class N: Miscellaneous Items				
CRAFTS				
Class O: Decorated Item				
Class P: Wooden Item				
QUILTS				
A: Hand Quilted				
B: Machine Quilted				
C: Hand Tied				
D: Pieced by Entrant & Quilted by Someone else				
E: Baby Quilts				
Total Entries				

CWA CONFERENCE AUGUST 24, 2024 9:00 AM

August 20, 2024 (Drop off time 9 am - 2pm) ~ All sewing, needlework and craft contest entries are due at State Grange Headquarters. They can be brought in at anytime before or on this date as long as you make sure someone is there to receive them.

August 24, 2024 ~ Baking Contest entries must arrive downstairs to be logged in by 8:30 A.M. All Pomona and Subordinate Reports are due to the State Director. Please get all donations in by this date.

FUND RAISING CWA prize money and donations. We plan to have a table at the State Grange Yard Sale date & place TBD and at the CWA Conference in August to raise funds for our prize money and the other organizations listed. We are asking for donations of fudge, candy, cookies, etc. and homemade sale items such as tote bags, aprons, scrubbies, rice bags, half towels, adult clothing protectors (bibs), pot holders, socks, mittens, hats, etc., (see additional list in this book). Stop by, visit us & maybe buy something. Contact me for drop off / pick up info.

Table at State Session in October: We are asking for donations of homemade canned goods, relishes, jams, & jellies and homemade sale items such as those listed. *We cannot have any goodies at State Session table in Oct.*

Items Requested For Sales Tables – (Yard Sale, State Grange and Big E)

Please continue to make the other items that you usually donate, even if they are not listed here as they ALL sell very well, and any item you would like to donate is appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work in helping your State CWA Department with our fund raising efforts. The items listed are what Patrons/Customers are looking for, the high quality, handmade and homemade items sell out fast, and have always been very popular. In addition to the yard sale and State Grange fund raisers, would you consider making a couple of sale items for the BIG-E Store (Fair is held in September in Springfield, MA). Thank you for helping the New England Grange Building with their fundraising efforts. Sale items can be dropped off any time prior to or at the CWA conference in August.

Tote / Shopping Bags	Bag Holders (to hold plastic bags)
Scrubbies – lots and lots needed	Half Towels – many needed;
Pot Holders	Aprons (full size)
Draft Stoppers	Rice Bags
Adult Clothing Protectors (bib size med. to lg.)	
Plastic Canvas Glasses Cases	Long Plastic Canvas Kleenex Covers
Toss Pillows	Embroidered Pillowcases
Large and Medium Afghans	Baby Afghans
Sweater Sets, anything for baby.	Sweaters (with sizes pinned on them)
Quilted Wall Hangings	Stuffed Toys for Children (child safe)
Dog Sweaters, Dog & Cat Toys	Table Runners & Placemats
Magnets (with good magnets securely attached)	
Christmas or Holiday Ornaments or Mobiles (Well made)	
Adult Slippers, Hats, Mittens, Winter Scarves (some colors for men, not black or brown.)	

Any other handcrafts you would like to make and share are appreciated!

DONATIONS AND PROJECTS

Donation requests for Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers; House in the Woods, Military & Family Retreat and CWA Prize Money will continue. The Directors of these other worthwhile organizations have been very appreciative of our shared generosity from all of you over the years, thank you. We will continue to collect and present pennies, or any loose change, for House in the Woods; (pennies & change may be sent as a check also). We will continue with new toys & clothing (new items) for Home for Little Wanderers. Donations and items will be presented to the two groups at State Grange in October. Save your can tabs for the Shriners Hospital along with Boxtops for Education for the local schools.

Checks are to be made out to **Maine State Grange** and mailed to the Maine State Grange office, with a notation who you want the money to go to and how much to each in the subject line. One check may be used to combine your donations if you prefer. Certificates will be given to all contributors.

OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Thank you. As you continue to make items for your various charitable projects in your communities and other areas, please make sure your Grange gets credit for what you do. When you deliver your items, be sure someone is there to receive your gifts in person, take a couple of members along, take pictures for your Grange's album and send pictures along with a short article about your Grange projects to the local papers (include contact information for prospective members) and post your article to the MSG website. Keep up the great work!

Please check with the organizations or group you wish to donate to first, find out what the drop off policy would be before you get there.

The facility may not accept individual items or blankets or they may have a limit. Most organizations have information available on their websites.

Linus Blankets need special tag to be counted for Maine (Grange) Project Linus

Dittie Bags Donated to the Courts

Conkerr Pillowcases Donated

Pillowcases Donated To Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

Backpakcs Program

Nursing Homes, Veterans Homes, Women's and Homeless Shelter Donations

Animal Welfare Donations -- Pet food, blankets, litter, toys

All are worthwhile projects and there are many more in need of help.

We appreciate any suggestions you may have. Thank you!

CWA GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Eligibility: Open to Subordinate, Juniors and Non-members

- A. All work must be solely that of the contestant.
- B. Any 1st and 2nd place Pomona winners may be submitted to the State level for judging. (*Judging on Subordinate and/or Pomona level(s) is required for eligible entry in State contests. Prizes may be awarded by the Sub/Pom Granges if desired*)
- C. You may enter only one (1) item per class in all categories.
- D. You MUST select the class the item is to be entered into.
- E. A person may enter any number of items, (1 item per class) but all must be entered through the same Grange.
- F. Contestants are eligible to receive one prize in each class entered.
 - To be eligible for prizes contestants must agree to:
 - Abide by the contest rules, Judge's decision, and interpretation.
 - Permit MSG to use name, photo, and item description for publicity.
- G. Non-members may enter. *Please note non-member on the label.*
- H. Professionals may not enter.

2. How to Enter:

- A. Each contestant must **completely** fill out the entry form(s), you **MUST** select the class and the label must be put in a plastic bag.
 - * Soft items - Attach label bag to the back of the item using a **safety pin**.
 - **Any entry containing straight pins will be disqualified.**
 - * Baking contest -- Attach the label bag to the edge of the plate.
 - * Crafts & Wood projects - Attach the label bag pinned or taped on, or attached with a string securely tied to the item.
- B. Drop off entries at designated place prior to conference by deadline date
- C. Pick up items at conclusion of conference (*must sign them out*)

3. Judging Criteria:

- 1. General appearance. Size limitations will be strictly observed.
- 2. Suitability of pattern, fabric, trims, color and coordination.
- 3. Basic construction, accuracy, finishing, & workmanship throughout.
- 4. No **pre-printed panels** in any contest.
- 5. Items may not be re-entered from previous years submissions.

4. Prizes and Awards: A Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded

1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners will be awarded ribbons.

1st place winner in each class will receive \$15.

Juniors will receive ribbons and \$3, \$2, and \$1 respectively.

Note: Articles that go on to the Big E, may be signed for and picked up at State Grange Session. Please speak to me to sign for your entry. If someone else is picking up your item(s), please let me know who it will be.

ANNUAL BAKING CONTEST

Subordinate Members only

Men & Women judged together

BLUEBERRY CAKE

Preheat oven to 350°

½ Cup Shortening

2 Cups Sugar

2 Eggs

Beat these ingredients together.

Sift 2 ½ Cups Flour

3 teaspoons Baking Powder

Add this to above mixture

Then add 1 Cup Milk

Combine 2 cups blueberries with ½ cup flour; add this to the other ingredients.

Pour into greased and floured 9 X 13 or 2 8 X 8 pans; sprinkle 3 teaspoons sugar on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Cake is done when toothpick comes out clean.

For judging place 4 -- (2 inch by 2 inch) pieces of cake on a paper plate, place plate in zip gallon bag, and attach label to the baggie.

Baked goods may be dropped off prior to the conference or must arrive by 8:30 AM, the day of the conference to be judged.

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### **SEWING CONTEST: TOTE BAGS OR SHOPPING BAGS**

1. Any material, any pattern, and any use. May have multiple pockets.
2. Maximum Size: 16 x 16 x 16 (Handles do not count in overall size.)
3. Must have handles, any material. (Added on or as part of the tote.)

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CWA NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFT CONTESTS

- a. A contestant may submit or enter only **ONE** item per class.
- b. All of one person's entries must be entered under the same Grange.
- c. Are you willing to allow your 1st place winning entry in any asterisked (*) class to be taken to Regional judging at the Big E in Springfield, MA?

Additionally, please indicate if you would like to DONATE any item to go to the New England Grange Building for sale.

CLASS A: *AFGHAN Excluding Baby Blankets – Afghan may be made using any yarn product suitable to entry. May use any pattern and may be knit, crocheted, woven, etc. Min size 45” x 74” Max size 52” x 84”.

CLASS B: *DOILIES May be any size or any pattern, knit, crocheted or tatted, may use any thread suitable to article. Max size 14” x 14”.

CLASS C: *EMBROIDERY Any embroidered item except counted Cross Stitch, made using any product suitable to entry, **pillowcases** must be submitted as a pair. Pictures may be in frames or stretcher strips, **but the back of the work must be visible.** **DO NOT include the glass with any framed item.**

CLASS D: *3 PIECE BABY SET Set may consist of sweater, bonnet, booties or mittens (**THREE PIECES**), may be knitted or crocheted using any product suitable to entry. Afghans are not counted as an item.

CLASS E: *PLASTIC CANVAS Any item made with any pattern using any product suitable for the entry.

CLASS F: *COUNTED CROSS STITCH Any item made with any pattern using any product suitable to entry. Pictures may be in frames or stretcher strips, but the back of the work must be visible. **DO NOT** include the glass with any framed item.

CLASS G: *ADULT GARMENTS Adult garment. A garment is something worn on the body - sweater, dress, cape, poncho, vest, etc. Items such as hats/caps, mittens/gloves, scarves, socks, belt, etc. are considered accessories and are not included in this class. Entry may be knitted or crocheted.

CLASS H: *LATCH HOOK Any item made with any pattern using any product suitable to entry. Minimum width 18” length 24 - 45” max. If it is to be a wall hanging, a sleeve is required on the back for hanging.

CLASS I: *QUILTED WALL HANGING Wall hanging must be complete **with dowel or method for hanging.** Piece may be hand or machine quilted using any product suitable to entry, using any brand of filler. Max 20” x 20” Must have sleeve on back for hanging. **May not use preprinted fabric.**

CLASS J: *STUFFED TOY Must be child proof Toy may be knit, crocheted, stitched, etc., may be stuffed with any brand of fiber-fill. Toys must meet U.S. Safety regulations, all trimmings secure, no sharp edges or protrusions, no buttons or hooks. Glue, paste or paint must be non-toxic. Loose knit or crocheted toys should be lined.

CLASS K: *BABY AFGHAN Baby Afghans may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc., and must appear for a baby - choice of color, selection of yarn product, etc. *NOTE: Size stipulations have been eliminated from this contest because size is often determined by the pattern directions, type and weight of yarn or thread product, tension of the person doing the work and personal feelings of the contestants.*

Asterisk (*) denotes items for New England Grange Contests - Regional Judging. The 1st place winners, **if you agree**, in each class marked with an (*) will be going on to Regional Judging at the Big E in Springfield, MA.

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CLASS L: CHILDREN'S GARMENTS Garment must be a child's size 2 or larger; may be sweater, dress, vest, etc. May be made using any product suitable to entry, using any pattern, knit or crocheted. Must have size marked

CLASS M: TABLE RUNNERS

Items may be any material; knit, crocheted or sewn.

14 X 36 inch minimum size; including fringe

24 X 54 inch maximum size; including fringe

CLASS N: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Any one (1) item which does not fit into any of the above categories may be entered in this category. Any material, any type of item. Sewing items may be included in this category.

JUNIOR CLASS N: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Any one (1) item from any of the above categories may be entered in this category. Work by Junior only. Jr -1: Ages 5 -7 Jr -2: Ages 8 – 10 Jr -3: Ages 11 -13

CLASS O: DECORATED ITEM: Kitchen Towel

2 DIVISIONS Subordinate and Juniors

Jr -1: Ages 5 -7 Jr -2: Ages 8 – 10 Jr -3: Ages 11 -13

1. Lay the kitchen towel face down completely flat on the table. (Use the pot holder on the towel to adjust the width of the towel to fit the width of the potholder, fold the sides of the towel in and pin in place.) Flip the towel face up.
2. Fold or measure the towel and pot holder to find the center lines. (The towel will be face up or the design up and the pot holder will be face down or the design down at this point to attach them together.)
3. Lay the pot holder center line face down on the towel center line. Sew straight across all layers on this center line. Don't forget to remove all pins.
4. Attach a button on the opposite edge of the pot holder in line with the loop.

CLASS P: WOODEN ITEM: Key Rack

2 DIVISIONS Subordinate and Juniors

Jr -1: Ages 5 -7 Jr -2: Ages 8 – 10 Jr -3: Ages 11 -13

2023 – 2024 REPORT OF SUBORDINATE/POMONA C.W.A.

DUE TO STATE DIRECTOR, AUGUST 24, 2024 *(copy your Pomona CWA Chair)*

GRANGE _____ NO. _____

Subordinate/Pomona C.W.A. Chair: _____

Did you attend conference or anyone from your Grange attend: _____

Did you report on CWA events, projects and contests at your meetings: _____

Did you provide rules & information to the members and non-members: _____

Did your Grange make a monetary donation to: CWA Prizes \$ _____

Home For Little Wanderers \$ _____ House In the Woods \$ _____

Other \$ _____ To whom _____

Did your Grange make item donations to any special projects: *To whom & what?*

Other projects you helped with or participated in: _____

Please list contest entries & how many by your Grange including non-members:

Any Suggestions or comments: *(use back of form)*

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**Official Entry Form and Identification Label**

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grange Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Entered thru: \_\_\_\_\_ Grange # \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest. (PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG & ATTACH TO ITEM)

Yes to NE for judging.  Yes to donate for sale.

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*Please make copies for use on projects*

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