

Junior Grange Handbook

2023-2024

State of Maine



Let's Grow Juniors

All activities are open to Children and grandchildren of
Subordinate members

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Junior Crafts to be announced separately.

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Schedule for 2023-2024 Regular meetings will start at 11:00

November	no meeting going to National	
December 16	Danville	Christmas Craft
January 20	Headquarters	Recycle Craft
February 17	Headquarters	Melty Beads
March 16	Danville	Grange month craft
April 20	Enterprise	History activity
May 18	Enterprise	Plant seeds
June 22	Lincolntown	
July 20	Enterprise	
August 3-5	Highland Lake	Jr Camp/big E craft
September 21	Headquarters	Ready for State session
October	no meeting State Session	

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 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 that 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

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

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

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.

_____/_____
Signature

_____/_____
printed name

date

CWA CONTESTS OPEN TO JUNIORS Ask director for labels.

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 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.

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

1. Must be made of wood.
2. Decorate or finish any way you choose. Painted, carved, stick-ons or wood burning.
3. Must have pegs or hooks to hold your keys.
4. Must have attachment to be able to hang your entry.
5. Size no larger than 6" x 12"

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## **LECTURERS DEPARTMENT CONTESTS open to Juniors**

### **POETRY WRITING**

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

**Categories      Hands      Celebrations      Autumn      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
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 September 1.

#### **Awards**

First, Second and Third places will be awarded in each category at the State Lecturer's Conference. An exception will be made if there are not enough entries in each category.

### **GRANGE BOOK READING CLUB**

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

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.
3. Send a list of books read, including title, author and number of pages.
4. Total the number of books and the number of pages read.
5. Each entry must include the following: Name, Grange including number, Address, Total number of books read, and Total number of pages read. Juniors should include their age as of September 1. A list of the books read should also be included in the entry. A template that may be used to record books read is included in this booklet.

#### **Awards**

First, Second and Third places will be awarded for the number of books and the number of pages read.





# PHOTOGRAPHY

**Deadline:** One hour after the opening on the first day of the 2024 State Grange session.

## Categories

**Grangers Working Flowers      Celebrations      Birds**

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 (10/1/23– 10/1/24).
4. The entrant must have taken photos.
5. Only prints are accepted for judging.
6. Photographer must select the category for the entry.
7. All photographs must be Grange appropriate.
8. Members may enter as many photos in a single category as they wish.
9. Entry, including 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 (included in this booklet) must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the photo.

## Judging Criteria

Entries in each category will be judged against each other based on the following:

Composition and arrangement

Interest

Presentation

Technique

## Awards

First, Second and Third places will be awarded in each category. Entrants may be awarded only one ribbon in a single category. No cash prizes will be awarded. One entry deemed "Best in Show" will be chosen by the judges.

After the photos have been judged, members will be given the opportunity to vote for their choice of the best photo. The photo which receives the most votes will be given the **People' Choice Award**.

Contact State Lecturer for labels for all photography and art entries.

## ART (Juniors only)

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

**Medium**      Oil & Acrylics      Watercolors Charcoal or Pencil  
Markers or Crayons

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 (10/1/23 – 10/1/24).
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 (included in this booklet) must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the artwork.

### **Judging Criteria**

Entries in each category will be judged against each other based on the following:

Composition and arrangement

Interest

Presentation

Technique

### **Awards**

First, Second and Third places will be awarded for each age group and medium. Entrants may be awarded only one ribbon in a single medium.

Contact State Lecturer for Labels for all Art entries.