

Committee Woman's Activities

August 2024 – August 2025



CWA Conference August 23,2025, 10:00 am

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	ENTRIES	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
2024 BEST OF SHOW				
BAKING:				
SEWING Class Q:				
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				

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CWA CONFERENCE AUGUST 23, 2025, 10:00 AM

August 19, 2025 (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 any time before or on this date if call you to make sure someone is there to receive them. **If items are received after the deadline, they will not be accepted for judging, but they will be displayed.**

August 23, 2025, ~ Baking Contest entries must arrive downstairs to be logged in by 9:30 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), potholders, 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; Potholders 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 can tab for the Shriners Hospital along with Box tops 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 Ditties Bags Donated to the Courts

Conker Pillowcases Donated

Pillowcases Donated to Barbara Bush Children's Hospital

Backpacks 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!

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 Judged by individual categories:

Men, Women, and Juniors.

Traditional Chocolate Whoopie Pies with traditional vanilla

filling. Using your own recipe

For judging place 4 – (3-4 inches) 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 9:30 AM, the day of the conference to be judged.

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### **SEWING CONTEST: Casserole Carrier**

1. Any material, any pattern. May have pockets.
2. Maximum Size: 17" x 13".

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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 fiberfill. 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.

Note: Articles that go on to the Big E, may be signed for and picked up at State Grange Session.

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 Anyone (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 Anyone (1) item from any of the above categories may be entered in this category. Work by any Junior.

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

CLASS O: DECORATED ITEM: Mosaic

2 DIVISIONS Subordinate and Juniors

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

1. Size: no larger than 12” x 12”

CLASS P: WOODEN ITEM: Clock

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. No premade or kits.
2. Decorate or finish any way you choose. Painted, carved, or wood burning.
3. Must work
4. Size no larger than 12” x 12”

QUILTS: FIVE DIVISIONS

1. **The method of quilting** will determine the division.
Please - No “Cheater quilts” meaning a pre-printed yardage which is sandwiched and quilted.
2. **Minimum Size:** 1,296 square inches (36” x 36”)
3. Any brand of batting may be used.
4. Piecing may be by hand or machine.

A. Hand Quilted

B. Machine Quilted

C. Hand Tied

Divisions A, B. & C all work completed by Entrant

D. Quilt Pieced by Entrant and Quilted by someone else.

E. Baby Quilts – Separate Division

(Regardless who does and/or completes the work)

~~~~~ Thank you for your support and participation. MLH ~~~~~

**All entries and completion will be judged using the following criteria**

Award each entry a score in **QUILTS Judging Sheet**  
each of the following areas: **ENTRY**

Ex. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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|---------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Workmanship Possible 50 Points        | 49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Appearance Possible 20 Points | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DESIGN Possible 30 Points             | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL Possible 100 Points             | 85 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Judge 1     | 85  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 2     | 60  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 3     | 85  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**All entries and completion will be judged using the following criteria and sizes checked where applicable**

Award each entry a score in **Baking Judging Sheet**  
each of the following areas: Women \_\_\_\_\_ & Men \_\_\_\_\_ Judged together

Ex. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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| APPEARANCE Possible 5 Points | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FLAVOR Possible 15 Points    | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEXTURE Possible 10 Points   | 9  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL Possible 30 Points     | 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Judge 1     | 85  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 2     | 60  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 3     | 85  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 230 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**All entries and completion will be judged using the following criteria and sizes checked where applicable**

Award each entry a score in **NEEDLEWORK & CRAFTS JUDGING SHEET**

Each of the following area: **ENTRY**

Example 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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|--------------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Workmanship Possible<br>50 Points          | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Appearance Possible<br>10 Points   | 3  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selection of Design Possible<br>15 Points  | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harmony of Color Possible<br>10 Points     | 5  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degree of Difficulty Possible<br>15 Points | 8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL Possible<br>100 Points               | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Judges **ENTRY**

Total Scores Ex. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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| Judge 1     | 56  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 2     | 49  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judge 3     | 75  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score | 180 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**2024 – 2025 REPORT OF SUBORDINATE/POMONA C.W.A.**

DUE TO STATE DIRECTOR, AUGUST 23, 2025 *(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:

**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*

### **Official Entry Form and Identification**

**Label** Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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