

MAINE STATE JR GRANGE COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024

Betty Young, Co Director

Terry LaCombe-Stevens, Co Director

Kathy Gowen, ME State Grange Pomona

Marilyn Stinson, Emerita

Nicole Nickerson

Caroline Coffin

Dana Coffin

Terry Wilson

Tim Wilson

To: Master/President Sherry Harriman, Distinguished Guests, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The Maine State Jr Grange, started an exciting year with a trip to the National Grange Convention in New York. Maine State Grange, paid for most of our entire trip. Thank you Master/President Harriman for coordinating this and for our Jr Grange pins. We will wear them with pride. We went to the Niagara Power Vista, we learned so much about power. The Hospitality Room, at convention was very well supplied and a fun time was had by all. This was such an EXCELLENT opportunity for or homeschooled Jrs.

We have been scheduled to meet every month but weather, medical leave and other commitments have been difficult. We have two 6th generation Grange families with Jrs, as well as 1st generation. A small diverse background of families.

The Coffin Family, with the help of Co Director Betty Young and Marilyn Stinson, set up several fair displays and our JR's won many BLUE ribbons. Thank you Dana and Caroline Coffin for that. Next year, we would like everyone to choose at least one fair to set up and send pictures to the director for our Jr Maine State Grange best Jr display contest. Parents will participate and JR's/Youth helping will raise your score. More details to follow as we prepare for our 2025 year.

Jrs attended our Sesquicentennial 150th at ME State Grange, we enjoyed Pizza, birdhouse painting, chocolate bars provided by Past Jr William (Thank you) We had a fun opportunity to sing a song (Thank you, Caroline Coffin for sharing your music degree/expertise with us) and help eat Sesquicentennial Celebration food with attending members. (Thank you, Secretary Sharon)

Thank you to the entire Highland Lake Grange, the Ivers and Gowen families, for hosting our Campout and providing lots of the food and tablecloths. (Sincere Condolences) We visited a horse rehab center, camped, had a talent show, ate delicious food left for us, played games, did air clay for Big E and made HUGE bubbles, ate Smores and two big kids camped in tents. Next year it would be fun to add tents for Jrs and camp outside. If you need to dispose of any camping equipment, please advise.

Our vision for 2025, We would like to continue our Jr Grange and add Youth, as families with younger children can blend nicely together. (they grow fast enough) All participate in a(several) fair(s) of your choice, possibly find a Director that would like to plan the events, I enjoy doing it but it is my time with grandchildren/children so I would like to help, possibly giving my daughter a day off. I do have permission to continue. Co Director Betty Young, has four grandchildren who attend and we make sure they all get their chocolate and our children understand the reason for sharing. We would like to have a simplified mthly schedule, as to what we COULD be working on at home, deadline(s) for State, Big E, National, meet quarterly and another fun trip to National Grange. Our Grangemobile has been serviced and thus far works great. We will start planning this ASAP when our 2025 committee is established, agreed upon and confirmed.

Please, stop by our JR table at Maine State Convention and take a chance on our 50/50 or a chance on our raffle baskets. Thank you to Marilyn Stinson, Enterprise Grange 50/50 and Basket, Searsport Grange (2-baskets), Tranquility Grange, Lincolnville(basket), Hudson Grange #457(basket) and Committee member Nicole Nickerson and her son Jr Granger Sebastian for helping. Please note: We may add helpers after this report!

Thank you for the honor of being your 2024 Co Directors and working with our Jrs,

Terry LaCombe-Stevens, Co Director

Betty Young, Co Director

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