

*Home Grown Roots*  
*For Bountiful Harvest*

*Maine State Grange*  
*Lecturer's Program*  
*2025-2026*



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## Calendar of Events

April	Grange Month Observed
September 1	Skit writing entries due Poetry writing entries due
September 1	Book Reading entries due
TBD	Maine Lecturer's Conference New program review, and workshop
October	Photo, Coloring & Art entries due at State Grange Session 1 hour after 6 <sup>th</sup> degree opening <i>(Bring your entries to department area)</i>  <i>(Dates subject to change)</i>

As a Lecturer of your Grange the important duty of leading the literary programs and educational work of the Grange is up to you. You should be prepared to present a program at each meeting.

At each meeting, please remind members about upcoming events in the lecturer's departments, as well as the yearlong contests. Be sure to have a supply of entry blanks for any members interested in entering the contests.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the committee members below.

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## SKIT WRITING

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

1. Open to all Subordinate Grange members
2. The skit must be an original work of the person submitting it
3. Must have at least two characters
4. Time for performing the skit must be no more than 10 minutes.
5. All material must be Grange appropriate.
6. Each entry must include the following: Writer's name, Grange including Number, Address, and Skit title.

### Awards

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

## 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 2026 State Grange session.**

## Categories

**Grangers Working Gardens Fair Favorites Pets**

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 - 10/1).
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**.

# Adult Coloring

**Deadline: One hour after the opening on the first day of the 2026 State Grange session.**

1. Open to all Subordinate Grange Members.
2. Entries must have been colored during the contest year (10/1/24-10/1/25).
3. All entries must be from an adult coloring book.
4. All entries must be Grange appropriate.
5. Members may enter as many pieces as they wish.
6. Entry, including matting/backing, must be no smaller than 4" x 6" and not larger than 11" x 14".
7. Frames and glass are **NOT** permitted.
8. Labels (included in this booklet) must be affixed to the lower righthand corner of the photo.

## **Judging Criteria**

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

- Use of Color
- Interest
- Neatness
- Overall Impression

## **Awards**

First, Second and Third places will be awarded. Entrants may be awarded only one ribbon. No cash prizes will be awarded.

## ART (Juniors only)

**Deadline: One hour after the opening on the first day of the 2026 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 ages 5 -7; 8 - 10; and 11 - 14.  
(as of 10/1/25)
3. Entries must have been produced during the contest year (10/1/24 - 10/1/25).
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.







**Maine State Grange**

**Art Contest (juniors only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior:  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- MEDIUM:**     Oil and Acrylics  
                   Watercolors  
                   Charcoal or Pencil  
  
 Markers or Crayons

*Attach this label to bottom center of entry  
with words facing front. Label to be read  
while looking at picture.*

**Maine State Grange**

**Art Contest (juniors only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior:  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- MEDIUM:**     Oil and Acrylics  
                   Watercolors  
                   Charcoal or Pencil  
  
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**Maine State Grange**

**Art Contest (juniors only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior:  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- MEDIUM:**     Oil and Acrylics  
                   Watercolors  
                   Charcoal or Pencil  
  
 Markers or Crayons

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**Maine State Grange**

**Art Contest (juniors only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grange: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior:  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- MEDIUM:**     Oil and Acrylics  
                   Watercolors  
                   Charcoal or Pencil  
  
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Maine State Grange

Adult Coloring Contest

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Maine State Grange

Adult Coloring Contest

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Grange  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Maine State Grange

Adult Coloring Contest

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Grange  
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Maine State Grange

Adult Coloring Contest

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Grange  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Maine State Grange  
Photography Contest  
2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult  
 Junior  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

- Grangers Working  
 Gardens  
 Fair Favorites  
 Pets

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picture.*

**Maine State Grange  
Photography Contest  
2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult  
 Junior  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

- Grangers Working  
 Gardens  
 Fair Favorites  
 Pets

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**Maine State Grange  
Photography Contest  
2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult  
 Junior  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

- Grangers Working  
 Gardens  
 Fair Favorites  
 Pets

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**Maine State Grange  
Photography Contest  
2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grange \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult  
 Junior  5-7  8-10  11-14  
Age as of 10/1 \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

- Grangers Working  
 Gardens  
 Fair Favorites  
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