

Committee

Woman's

Activities

August 2025 – August 2026



CWA Conference August 22, 2026, 9:30 am

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	ENTRIES	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
<i>2025 BEST OF SHOW</i>				
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 22, 2026, 09:30 AM

August 19, 2026 (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 22, 2026, ~ **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), 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!

CWA GENERAL INFORMATION

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.
- 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:

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.**

- A. *Baking contest -- Attach the label bag to the edge of the plate. *
- B. Crafts & Wood projects - Attach the label bag pinned or taped on or attached with a string securely tied to the item.
- C. Drop off entries at designated place prior to conference by deadline date
- D. 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.

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 Afghan must be made using any yarn product suitable to entry. May use any pattern and may be knit, crocheted, woven, etc. Min width is 45 inches and Max, width is 60 inches. Min length 60 inches, max length 75 inches.

CLASS B: *DOILIES May be any pattern, knit, crocheted or tatted, may use any thread suitable to article. Max size 20" x 20".

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; **the back of the work must be visible. DO NOT include the glass with any framed item.**

CLASS D: *3 PIECE BABY SET: Must consist of a sweater plus your choice of bonnet, booties, mittens, skirt, or pants to make a three piece set. 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. Entry must be knitted or crocheted. 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.

CLASS H: *LATCH HOOK Any item made with any pattern using any product suitable to entry. Minimum width 18" and max of 24", and with a max length of 45". 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 36" x 36" 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. Maximum size 35: x 40”

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: CHILD or ADULT GARMENT SEWN: Entry must be a sewn garment must be a for a child or adult using your own design or a pattern and use a suitable product for age. Must be completely finished and must state size. A garment is something worn on the body i.e. jacket, dress, skirt, shirt, cape, poncho, or vest

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 other needlework that is not included in Classes A-L

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: Wreath

2 DIVISIONS Subordinate and Juniors

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

1. Size: 12” diameter. Fall themed wreath, must have a hanger for hanging. You can purchase the frame and hanger, Decorate in a fall theme.

CLASS P: WOODEN ITEM: Bird House

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. Has to have a hole for the birds to enter.
2. Decorate or finish any way you choose. Painted, carved, or wood burning.
3. Must work of the contest
4. Size no larger than 12” x 12”

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**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 | | | | | | | | |

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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 50 Points | 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| General Appearance Possible 10 Points | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Selection of Design Possible 15 Points | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony of Color Possible 10 Points | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Degree of Difficulty Possible 15 Points | 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL Possible 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 | | | | | | | | |

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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2025 – 2026 REPORT OF SUBORDINATE/POMONA C.W.A. DUE TO STATE DIRECTOR, AUGUST 22, 2026 (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: