

From the desk of Melissa Baldwin-Lecturer, Maine State Grange

Now is the time to register for the 2026 North East Region Lecturers Association (NELA) Conference, which will be held April 17–19, 2026, at the New York State Grange Headquarters, 100 Grange Place, Cortland, NY 13045.

With our nation approaching its 250th anniversary, this year’s conference theme, “America 250,” will explore how Grange education, community engagement, and shared history continue to shape our local, regional, and national story. The conference will feature workshops, discussions, and fellowship designed to inspire and equip participants for the years ahead.

This event is open to everyone—not just Lecturers. Members, friends, and anyone interested in Grange education and programming are warmly encouraged to attend. The conference begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 17, and concludes by 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 19.

#### Affordable and Flexible Registration

Conference Registration: \$20 per attendee

Saturday Lunch: Soups and sandwiches – \$15

Celebration Dinner: Turkey buffet – \$25

Attendees may pay for individual events or save \$5 by registering for all three for a total of \$55. Whether you attend for one meal, one day, or the entire weekend, the 2026 NELA Conference offers a meaningful and affordable opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate. Our next conference won’t be held until 2028, so you won’t want to miss the 2026 NELA Conference.

Conference attendees will stay at the Quality Inn Cortland, located at 188 Clinton Avenue, Cortland, NY, conveniently next door to the New York State Grange Headquarters. To reserve your room for Friday and Saturday nights (April 17 and 18, checking out April 19), call 607-7565622 and mention “Grange Conference.” Reservations must be made by April 1 to receive the reduced nightly rate of \$110 plus tax, which includes a complimentary full breakfast both mornings.

We hope you’ll join us in Cortland this April as we reflect on America’s past—and look ahead to the next 250 years.

Any questions feel free to contact me at 207-651-0063

**North East Lecturers Association Conference**

**April 17–19, 2026**

New York State Grange Headquarters, 100 Grange Place, Cortland, NY 13045

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- Conference Registration – \$20
- Saturday Lunch (Soups & Sandwiches) – \$15
- Celebration Dinner (Turkey Buffet) – \$25
- All Events Package – \$55 (Save \$5!)**

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions or special needs:

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Please make checks payable to: **NELA**

Mail this coupon and payment by **April 10, 2026**, to:

**Dave Roberts, Treasurer**

North East Lecturers Association

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