

Ag Committee Annual Report 2025-26

The Ag committee again had a table at the Augusta Trade Show, and at the MAAF (Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs) convention, both in January, and at Ag Day at the State Legislature in March.

At the Trade Show, committee members took turns manning our table, promoting our scholarship, and chatting with visitors to our table. At the MAAF meeting, we had a table promoting Grange fair exhibits, our scholarship and shared information with Ag Fair exhibition hall superintendents. At the Legislature, we again promoted our scholarship, and had fudge (and some seeds) for those visiting our table.

At each event we were able to interact with many Ag related groups and enterprises from all parts of the state, along with letting them realize that the Grange is still alive in Maine.

In early May, we met to choose scholarship recipients. We were able to provide scholarships (\$500.00 each) to these deserving students:

- Carrol Frigon, Moose River - Forest Hills Consolidated School
- Caitlin Harvey, West Newfield - Ossipee Valley Christian School
- Landon McKenney, Guilford - Piscataquis Community Secondary School
- Abigail Rowell, Palmyra - Maine Central Institute
- Emma Vining, Moose River - Forest Hills Consolidated School
- Madison Wiberg, Southwest Harbor - Mount Desert Island

There was no entry for the Enterprise Award this year.

We hosted the Maine Ag in the Classroom annual meeting and dinner at State Headquarters. Thank-you to Agnes Nelson for taking charge, and all who helped to make it a success. We received a donation towards our scholarship fund from them at the dinner.

Thank-you to all the Granges and others who contributed to our scholarship fund, including Maine Ag in the Classroom, Androscoggin Pomona, the Grange Store, York Pomona, Evening Star, Dirigo, Topsham, Cumberland Pomona, Knox Station, John F. Hill, No. Scarborough, Norway, Danville Junction, St George. Lakeside, and Somerset Pomona.

Congratulations to all Granges who exhibited at their local fairs.

Reported fair winners: Ossipee Valley (combined): 1st Waterford; Pittston: (combined) 1st Enterprise; Topsham: 1st Enterprise, 2nd Merriconeag; Union:(combined): 1st Pioneer, 2nd Medomak Valley, 3rd Union Harvest; Windsor: (combined) 1st Union Harvest, 2nd Winthrop, 3rd Branch Mills, 4th Vassalboro; Monmouth: (combined) 1st Waterford, 2nd Winthrop, 3rd Enterprise; Washington County: 1st Jonesboro, 2nd Perry, 3rd Alexander; Oxford: Ag: 1st Danville Jct., 2nd Rumford, 3rd West Minot, 4th Excelsior, 5th Waterford; Domestic: 1st West Minot, 2nd Danville Jct., 3rd Rumford, 4th Excelsior, 5th Waterford; Cumberland: (combined) 1st Danville Junction, 2nd Highland Lake, 3rd Harraseeket; Fryeburg: Ag: 1st West Minot, 2nd Rumford, 3rd Waterford; Domestic: 1st Maple Grove, 2nd West Minot, 3rd Waterford, 4th Rumford.

Thank you to the committee for all your help, especially Sharon and Henry for setting up our tables and displays for the various events.

Roberta Meserve, Ag Director

Willie Grenier, Pete Ivers, Henry and Sharon Morton, Agnes Nelson, Vincent Nelson, Nate Pennell, and Paula Roberts