

Connecticut State Grange

"Blue Book"



Program for 2011

Jody A. Cameron
State President

One Copy each to Master, Secretary,
Lecturer, CWA and Youth Committee



Brothers and Sisters,

“Community Grown” is the 2011 Grange year theme. As a grass roots organization our influence and positive impact is best felt in the individual communities our Granges serve.

As we look ahead to the 2011 Grange year let us always remember with pride our opportunity and ability to change the landscape of our communities and improve the lives of our neighbors for the better through our programming and community service.

Our ritual is the foundation of our organization and our salutation truly exemplifies who and what we are, “A good Patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity, is noted for Fidelity and will Persevere.”

As we go forth into our communities let us remember our salutation and what we are, **COMMUNITY GROWN!**

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jody', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jody A. Cameron
State President

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IMPORTANT DATES



(Others may appear under each department)

- February 27, 2011** **Meeting of Pomona Lecturers,**
Cheshire Grange, 2:00 P.M.
- April 16, 2011** **State Grange Rally**
- April 23, 2011** **Clean-Up Day at Camp Berger**
- April 30, 2011** **Mystery Night,** Cheshire Grange Hall,
Dinner, Entertainment and Mystery Package
Tickets, Dinner at 6:30 P.M., Tickets \$10.00
- June 11, 2011** **“Let’s Celebrate” Entries Due** at Cheshire
Grange Hall for judging by 10:00 A.M.
- June 12, 2011** **Grange Sunday & “Let’s Celebrate” Day**
Cheshire Grange Hall, Cheshire
- Exhibits open at 10:00 A.M. for viewing
 - State Chaplain’s Service at 11:00 A.M.
 - Lasagna Dinner by Youth Committee
 - Talent & “A Number” Competitions at 1:00 P.M.
- June 26, 2011** **New England Grange Sunday,**
Rockingham Meetinghouse, Rockingham, VT
- September 1, 2011** **Community Service Reports Due** to
Jeff & Debbie Barnes, 121 Stillman Rd. Ext.,
N. Stonington 06359
- October 1, 2011** **Honor Community Grange Award Reports to**
State Master *(No written report for Pomonas as*
Inspection Reports serve as Honor Grange report)
Lecturer’s Dept. Contest entries due
Public Relations Dept. Contest entries due
Agriculture “Young Professional” and
“Outstanding Professional” award nominations
due to Agriculture Director
- October 20-22, 2011** **127th Annual Session of the CT State Grange**
Sheraton Hartford Hotel, East Hartford, CT

Lecturer's Program



Marge Bernhardt, *State Lecturer*

424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire 06410 • (203) 272-4620 • lecturer@ctstategrange.org

Let's Celebrate - Grange Sunday

These two events have been combined into one as we celebrate our accomplishments at Cheshire Grange Hall. Photos will be judged on Sat. June 11. On Sunday, June 12, the hall will be open at 10:00 a.m. for viewing entries followed by our State Chaplains Service at 11:00. The Youth Committee will serve a Lasagna Dinner at the conclusion of the service. Talent and "A Number" competition will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Photo Contest – NEW THIS YEAR **A Best in Show photo will be chosen from the 1st place winners. This photo will be judged at the National Session. This contest is open to all Grangers as well as their children and grandchildren. However, only Grange Members may compete at National.

**Five Categories: America The Beautiful; Animals;
Grangers In Action; Family Celebrations; and, Historic Places or Events**

Rules:

1. Only prints accepted. No slides in any category.
2. Participants may enter all categories but are limited to one entry in each category.
3. Entries must have been taken by the participant after July 23, 2010.
4. A rigid backing is required for all photographs. No glass or frame is allowed.
5. Print may be processed commercially, but it must have been taken by the entrant. Remember, this is a picture you took, not a picture of you.
6. Panoramic photographs as well as black and white photographs may be entered, but no separate category is provided for these.
7. Size of backing: No smaller than 4" x 6" or larger than 11" x 14".
8. Name, Category, Grange and Number must be placed on the back of picture.
9. Youth Entries (Age 14 and under) will be judged separately.
10. Judging: Photos will be judged at Cheshire Grange Hall on Sat. June 11th.

Entries may be mailed or given to the State Lecturer ahead of time, or may be brought to Cheshire Grange Hall between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Talent Contest – STATE RUN-OFFS will be held at Cheshire Grange Hall, 44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire, at 1:00 p.m. on Sun. June 12th. This is in conjunction with Grange Sunday. State winner will compete at the New England Run-off to be held at Lecturers Conference in Massachusetts in August. Complete rules will be distributed to all Lecturers.

"A Number" Contest – Theme "The Great Outdoors" – Any number suitable for a Grange Meeting is eligible. Time Limit: 6 minutes (includes set-up and performance). One number from each Pomona will perform at Cheshire Grange Hall on June 12th. Subordinate Granges within any Pomona may combine forces to enter. Numbers will be judged on presentation, quality, audience appeal, appropriateness of theme, and originality.

Complete Program: Subject: “When He Was President” This can be done on the events occurring during the term of any President except George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Program must be presented at your own Grange and another Grange of your choice. Full program must be submitted to be considered. All material used must be included. Length 30 – 45 minutes. Deadline for Entries: October 1, 2011.

Should Auld Acquaintance: Provide assistance to a Convalescent, Nursing or Rest Home at least 6 times during the course of a year. May be programs, gifts, or any type of help the home requests. If unsure of whether or not you qualify, submit report and let us decide. Deadline for report: October 1, 2011.

A Word from Home: Write to a service man or women serving overseas or someone who has served and is now recuperating in a military hospital. Let’s let our troops know that we care. These can be sent to someone from your area, you can get addresses at www.anysoldier.com, you can bring them to the State Office or get them to me. Letters must be done in the name of your Grange. Packages should also include a letter.

Essay Contest: Write an essay. It should be 100 words or less entitled “The Grange Then and Now”. Deadline for entries October 1, 2011.

Lecturer’s Appreciation Award

1. Be responsible for a suitable program at every meeting.
2. Programs to be between 30 and 60 minutes except on special occasions.
3. Cooperate with your Committees.
4. Reports submitted in a timely manner.

Honor Lecturer Requirements— Meet requirements for the Lecturer’s Appreciation award plus participate in at least 5 of the above contests or projects.

Pomona Award for Public Service and Community Citizen Award

The Pomona Award for Public Service may be given to either a member or non-member individual or group.

The Community Citizen Award is presented to a non-member individual or group who gives of himself for the betterment of the community. The National Grange has a certificate in a folder and a paperweight available. You can also order just the paper certificate to be placed in your own frame.

Order from: The National Grange, 1616 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-4999. Or you can order on line by going to www.nationalgrange.org. Phone orders can be called into 888-447-2643 ext. 103 or Faxed to 202-347-1091.

Northeast Grange Lecturers Conference

The Conference will be in Massachusetts this year. Watch the Granger for details.

Pomona Lecturers’ Meeting

Pomona Lecturers or their representative will hold their annual meeting at Cheshire Grange Hall on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Program



The legislative program of the Connecticut State Grange supports the interests of rural and suburban Connecticut at the local and state levels of government. The Grange's legislative posture is based on over 125 years of continuous concern for the problems of rural and suburban communities in a rapidly changing economic and social environment.

The Grange is very protective of its non-partisanship in the public forum. Thus, this positive force is used by the Grange in its approach to legislative matters and in its discussions of Grange legislative positions. Grange policies draw upon a historic strength, which in changing times, has emerged to address the needs of the traditional family unit.

The Grange legislative policies are "Community Grown". Members ideas are passed along to their Community and Pomona Granges as resolutions. These are then forwarded to the State Grange for consideration.

The State Grange Legislative Committee reviews the resolutions passed by the delegate body at the State Grange Session. Those that involve legislative issues are communicated to the Connecticut General Assembly. The Connecticut State Grange Legislative Handbook is an important tool used to relay the Grange's position on issues as determined by the delegate body. The Legislative Handbook is distributed to every member of the Connecticut General Assembly as well as all Pomona, Community, and Junior Granges in Connecticut.

Grange members are encouraged to read the Legislative Handbook. The committee will communicate to the Granges on active issues throughout the year. This will be either through the Granger or newsletters to the Pomona Grange chairman. Pomona Chairmen are asked to pass this information on to the Community Granges within their Pomona. Members are encouraged to contact their local Representatives or Senators to support Grange positions on issues.

If any member would like assistance in contacting your Legislators or in writing resolutions contact any member of the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee.

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For the year 2011 the Agriculture committee will be trying to implement some new activities and putting a spin on some of the same programs. Some of them are going to be geared to the overall goal of recruitment.

Agricultural Resolutions - To be submitted to the State Grange for further action.

Quarterly Award

Grange Professional Spotlight - a Grange member who is doing something noteworthy in their career. Someone who demonstrates the power of a Grange member and the role of Agriculture in Connecticut.

Examples:

- Starting a business
- Aggressive expansion of an existing business
- Executive promotion in their career

Spotlight includes:

- Story in newsletter, web or print
- Story posted on website

Annual Award

Young Professional Award – Individual under 30 that has shown development in the agricultural field, including production, service, sales, marketing.

Outstanding Professional Award - Individual that has shown development in the agricultural field, including production, service, sales, marketing.

Growing Contest

This year we will be growing food and donating it to a food bank. The particulars are not worked out yet but a proposed plan is:

- Members grow Butternut squash
- Weigh the amount grown and donate to the food bank for credit
- Award to be announced

Networking Events

To be planned with other committees

A networking event planned with other Agricultural Organizations to recruit and meet people from and to the other organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Alpha Gamma Rho, Master Gardeners, etc. It may be possible to have business donations for promotion of the event(s). Food, Drink, Keynote speaker...

Membership



Jim Lamoureux (*Director*) - Southington Grange #25

22 Linda Court, Meriden, CT 06450; membership@ctstategrange.org

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George Russell (*Ex-Officio*) - 63 New St., Canaan, CT 06018

State Contests

It is the responsibility of the Grange Secretary to send information to the Membership Director by October 1, 2011 on each of the following contests:

NEW MEMBER CONTEST - Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) Subordinate and Pomona Granges taking in the most new members:

Prize: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

HIGHEST NET GAIN CONTEST - Prizes will be awarded to the three (3) Subordinate and Pomona Granges with the highest net gain in membership:

Prize: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST - A prize of \$25.00 will be given to the Junior Grange obtain in the largest number of new members:

Prize: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP AWARD - Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) Granges obtaining the largest number of new youth members (35 and under in age):

Prize: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AWARD - We always rely on the old ways because they have worked for us in the past. If your town has a tree lighting ceremony, have your Grange sponsor the hot chocolate table. Have brochures available and Grangers to talk to people and answer any questions that they may have about the Grange. Think of new ways to have members sign up, keep their interest in the Grange and encourage them to have their friends and family join also. Think outside the box!

Prize: 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

NOTE: CONTEST YEAR IS FROM JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011.



THEME:
“Taking Flight”

State Committee:

- Pat Palmer, 622 Jerusalem Rd., Windham 06280 860-423-8993
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- Barbara Kulisch, 88 Evergreen Park, Clinton 06413 860-434-1085
- Marge Sendewicz, 2 Cole Place, Danbury 06810. 203-744-1656
- Nancy Strong, 274 West St., Vernon 06066 860-875-2412

Duties of Pomona Chairman:

- Attend the regional meeting with the State Committee.
- Make a short report at each regular Pomona meeting.
- Promote all contests within your Pomona.
- Assist the State Committee when requested.
- Send annual report to the State Director by September 15th.

Duties of Subordinate Chairman:

- Report at each regular meeting.
- Explain and promote all contest and projects.
- Put on a program (or part of a program) for the Lecturer.
- Encourage your Grange to contribute monetarily to the State CWA projects.
- Send copies of the annual report to the Pomona Chairman AND State Director by September 1st.

CONTESTS:

NEW ENGLAND NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

- Open to the Public
- No Product Requirement

There are ten classes for competition – afghans, doilies, embroidery, baby set, plastic canvas, counted cross stitch, adult garment, latch hook, quilted wall hanging and stuffed toy.

ALL FIRST PLACE STATE WINNERS WILL COMPETE IN THE NEW ENGLAND FINALS. THERE IS NO LONGER A SEPARATE STUFFED TOY CONTEST.

Toys are one of the categories in the needlework contest. We encourage you to make extra toys for “Giving and Loving” which may be given to any member of the State Committee or distributed in your area. Brochures and entry forms for the New England Needlework contest may be obtained from the State CWA, Pomona or Subordinate chairman.

DRESS A DOLL CONTEST

You may use any doll. Judging will be on the way that the doll is dressed. Clothing may be knitted, crocheted or sewn. Dolls will be returned to the owner. This contest is for Connecticut only and will not go on to the New England judging.

CRAFT CONTEST

The Craft Contest has an aeronautical theme. You may make any item that has anything do with flight – be it butterflies to kites to rocket ships. Be creative and let your minds soar.

Categories: Needlework

Other Media

There will be Youth and Adult classes in each category.

Craft entries are NOT returned. They are retained by the State CWA to be used as gifts and/or given to the Country Store at the BIG E for the upkeep of the New England Grange building.

SCRAPBOOKING

You may enter a scrapbook of any size, any subject, any design. Contest is for members only. ALL SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE RETURNED.

GRANGE BAKING CONTEST

Open to Grange members, Junior Grange members and children and grandchildren of members.

This year's recipe: ***CHOCOLATE-COCONUT PINWHEELS***

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour	1 tablespoon milk
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder	1 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup shortening	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup butter or margarine	1 cup flaked coconut
3/4 cup sugar	1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans
1 egg	

Stir together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt. In a large mixer bowl beat shortening and butter till butter is softened. Add 3/4 cup sugar and beat till fluffy. Add egg, milk, and 1 teaspoon vanilla and beat well. Add flour mixture and beat till well mixed. Divide dough in half. Cover and chill for 2 to 3 hours or till easy to handle.

• Meanwhile, in a small mixing bowl stir together softened cream cheese, 1/3 cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon vanilla till smooth. Stir in coconut.

• Roll each half of the dough into a 10-inch square. With a pastry wheel or sharp knife, cut each square into sixteen 2-1/2 inch squares. Place 1/2 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. With a knife, cut 1-inch slits from each corner to center. Drop a level teaspoon of the coconut mixture in each center. Fold every other tip to center to form a pinwheel. Sprinkle chopped nuts in center and press firmly to seal.

• Bake in a 350 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or till edges are firm and cookies are

slightly puffed. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute, then remove and cool thoroughly. Recipe makes 32 cookies.

Judging for the baking contest is held in the Subordinate Grange with the winners baking again for the State Judging.

PRIZES FOR THE NEEDLEWORK, CRAFT AND BAKING CONTESTS AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL BE: 1ST PLACE - \$15.00, 2ND PLACE – \$10.00 AND 3RD PLACE - \$5.00. State Ribbons will be given in all contests.

ALL JUDGING FOR THE STATE CWA CONTESTS WILL BE HELD ON “LET’S CELEBRATE DAY” – JUNE 12, 2011 AT CHESHIRE GRANGE HALL. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE)– THIS WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH GRANGE SUNDAY AND THE LECTURER’S PROGRAM).

All entries must be at the Grange Hall by 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11th.

STATE PROJECTS

MONETARY DONATIONS

- Connecticut Granger Trust Fund
- Connecticut State Grange Student Loan Fund

All monetary donations may be combined in one check and made out to the Connecticut State Grange and sent to the State Secretary, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

FOOD BANKS / SOUP KITCHENS

This year we are encouraging all Granges to donate to their local Food Banks and/or Soup Kitchens. I know that many of you are doing this already but there is more need than ever for our help. Please keep track of what your Grange has donated or hours that members donate to put on your end of the year report.

FOSTER FAMILIES

This year we are asking the CWA Committees to donate to the “Kid’s Fund”. This is basically the same as the “Make A Wish Foundation” in that they use the money to help the kids to be able to do special academic, athletic and social activities that their foster families may not be able to afford. Donations should be sent to the State Grange office earmarked for that fund. Also, small denomination gift cards from Walmart, McDonalds, etc. are vital to the social workers dealing with these kids when they need to take them out for a meal or for shopping. You can give these to any member of the committee anytime during the year.

NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING COUNTRY STORE

Items are always needed and appreciated for sale during the BIG E. All handmade items are welcome. No commercial items may be sold in the building. All items may be given to any member of the State CWA.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

NEEDLEWORK CONTEST: This contest requires the use of any type of needle – sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc.

BAKING CONTEST: The Juniors will use the same recipe as the adults.

ALL JUNIOR ENTRIES FOR BOTH OF THE CONTESTS WILL BE SENT TO THE STATE JUDGING ON "LET'S CELEBRATE DAY" - June 12, 2011 AT CHESHIRE GRANGE HALL. All entries must be at the Grange Hall by 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11th.

Prizes are the same as in the adult contests.

A REPORT FORM is given to all Subordinate and Pomona Chairman for detailing their activities for the year. An ACHIEVEMENT AWARD will be given to those Granges achieving the goals for the year.

Thank you in advance for participating in the State CWA projects and look forward to reading your end of the year reports and the good works that you have done.



Have a Safe Flight!

Camp Maud Isbell Berger



THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE CAMP

Please make a special effort to visit our State Grange Camp on Park Pond in Winchester Center. It is a delightful place, and one of which we should be very proud. It is an asset to the Connecticut State Grange, and to each and every member.

The camping season will be for six weeks in 2011. Camping privileges are available to Junior Grange members, children of Grange members, and grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Grange members. Non-members will be included as room is available.

CLEAN-UP: SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2011

FOR INFORMATION ON USE OF CAMP BERGER, please contact: Edith Schoell, State Secretary, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, MEMORIAL GIFTS

Checks for donations made in memoriam to the Trust Fund of Camp Berger or the General Fund of Camp Berger for projects should be made payable to: The Connecticut State Grange, and sent to the State Grange Office, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033. The checks should be marked for the purpose intended. If it is a check in memoriam, please send the name of a relative to whom an acknowledgement may be made.

Student Loan



The purpose of this fund is to assist patrons in obtaining a higher education.

An applicant for a loan must be a member in good standing in a CT Subordinate Grange.

Applications and information are available from the State Grange Secretary's office, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

Scholarships are awarded each year to students attending accredited colleges and universities. Applications must be made by the students. Forms are available from the State Grange Secretary.

Social Connection



Joanne Cipriano, (*Director*) - Beacon Valley Grange #103

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Barbara Robert - Watertown Grange #122

182 Bamford Ave., Waterbury, CT 06708

Our Committee has been charged with the task of coming up with activities to connect the Granges in Connecticut on a social level. Plans for the 2010-2011 year are to have a **"Mystery Night"** in the Spring and a **"Pomona Competitive Night"** in the Fall.

We will also be sponsoring the **"Granger of the Year"** Contest.

Granger of the Year Contest:

Each Grange is asked to nominate one of their members who they think qualify to be named the "Granger of the Year." Applications will be sent to each Grange.



Saturday, April 30, 2011

Public Relations



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Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Committee is: to promote the Grange as an identifiable service-oriented organization, staying true to its agricultural and historical roots while increasing relevancy in today's communities; to serve the Connecticut State Grange as its informational conduit to Subordinate (local) Granges and to the public on general or specific items which are of informational or promotional topics; to work in connection with the Membership Committee to promote and advertise the benefits of The Grange; to assist other Connecticut State Grange committees with their specific promotions; to promote contests and events which encourage participation of Grange members; and to create new and unique ways of promoting the Grange in the communities across Connecticut.

Contests for 2010-2011:

1.) "SPOT ON" - 30-SECOND GRANGE VIDEO COMMERCIAL CONTEST

Create a commercial for your Grange that is 30 seconds in length, using the theme "Community Grown"

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Creative: Think of an idea for a commercial representing your Grange. Make us laugh. Make us cry. Make us say, "Wow! I want to join the Grange." Make it something you'd want to see on TV. You write it. You cast it. You direct and shoot it. You have total creative control.

Requirements: The Commercial must be thirty (30) seconds in length, including any tags. The entry must reflect the theme "Community Grown." Please note the following: Any elements in your submission, including without limitation music, audio,

speech/voiceovers, stills, video, supers, or other audiovisual materials used must be 1) entirely original, created and performed by you, 2) be in the public domain. Use of any elements, including without limitation music, audio, speech/voiceovers, video, stills, visuals, or other materials that are not original or in the public domain may result in disqualification of submission.

Judging Criteria: The judging criteria is as follows:

- (1) Originality (40%)
- (2) Overall Appeal (30%)
- (3) Likelihood to Motivate People to Join the Grange (30%)

Prizes: Best of Show submission will receive a plaque declaring their achievement, prominent placement on the Connecticut State Grange website and YouTube page, a special showing of their clip at the 2011 Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange, mentions and links on the Connecticut State Grange Social Media outlets, a custom media blitz, and a cash award. Honorable Mentions will be awarded to all who submit entries. Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Connecticut State Grange Session in October.

Submission Rules: Upload your completed video to YouTube, then send an e-mail to publicrealitions@ctstategrange.org containing the link to your YouTube page as your submission, as well as your Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address. We will send you a confirmation e-mail to verify your entry has been received.

Technical Requirements: The maximum file size for any video file uploaded to YouTube is 100 MB. Video file(s) submitted to your YouTube account must be provided in one of the following file formats: avi, mov, mpg, or wmv. See the YouTube User Terms of Use for additional details.

Conditions of Entry: By uploading and entering a submission, entrant warrants and represents that the submission:

- 1.) is original and has been legally created, and is not negative or detrimental to the missions of the Grange;
- 2.) does not infringe the intellectual property, privacy or publicity rights or any other legal or moral rights of any third party;
- 3.) has not been published or distributed previously

2.) “SPREADING THE WORD” - CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE WEBSITE PARTICIPATION CONTEST

Spread the Word about your Grange, its projects, activities and events by submitting content to the Connecticut State Grange website. Submissions can be articles, photos, and scrapbook items (such as newspaper clippings and historical data).

Contest Period: Submission period would run January 1, 2011 - October 1, 2011

Submission Rules: Submissions should be e-mailed to submissions@ctstategrange.org. Please include Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address on all submissions. Photos and scans should be a MINIMUM size of 400 x 600 pixels, with a minimum resolution of 72 dpi. (Larger is better for clarity.) Multiple photos from one event will be counted as ONE submission. Any submission used for publication will be counted for judging. We encourage quality submissions

for publication, but quality is not necessarily a factor of judging. We reserve the right to edit or decline any and all submissions prior to publication on the Connecticut State Grange website.

Judging Criteria / Prizes:

This contest is based on numbers of submissions.

1 submission per month - Small honorable mention participation certificate

2 - 5 submissions per month - Large (8.5 x 11) Participation Certificate

6 or more submissions per month - Framed (8.5 x 11) Certificate

The Grange with the most overall submissions will receive a special recognition; all prizes will be awarded at the 2011 Connecticut State Grange Session.

Conditions of Entry: Submissions cannot contain any profanities or any other language, suggestion, or message that is inappropriate, negative, and inconsistent with the Grange's mission and work.

3.) "SHOW US YOUR STUFF" - GRANGE MARKETING CONTEST

One of the best ways for the Grange to reach the community is to spread the Grange name. Show us a collection of the ways that your Grange promotes itself in the community through its marketing efforts. The possibilities are endless. Some examples include:

- Hosting and then publicizing an Agricultural Fair
- Participation in community programs and projects, such as the Farmer's Markets, Chamber of Commerce, Recycling Centers, Can and Bottle Drives, etc.
- Community Displays and Booths at local non-Grange sponsored community events
- Newspaper, Television and Radio Advertising
- Signage in your community
- Original printed pieces, such as Flyers, Brochures, Letterhead, Postcards and Notecards
- Participation in internet activities such as having an individual Grange Website and Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter
- and more!

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Submission Rules: To enter, submit a report of NO MORE than 10 pages containing a description and photos/scans on how your Grange promotes itself through marketing. Note that this contest is not a community service contest, although it incorporates community service fundamentals. Entries should concentrate on the promotional aspects of the projects your Grange participates in. Submissions must be fronted by a cover sheet that contains the following information: Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address. Reports should be mailed to Public Relations Co-Director Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden, CT 06451 prior to the October 1, 2011 deadline.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) Content: Diversity of Scope (30%)
- (2) Content: Community Impact (30%)
- (3) Content: Originality (20%)

(4) Presentation of Entry (20%)

Prizes: Best of Show submission will receive a special plaque declaring their achievement, mentions and links on the Connecticut State Grange Website and Social Media outlets, a custom media blitz, and a cash award. Honorable Mentions will be awarded to all who submit entries. Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Connecticut State Grange Session in October.

4.) “CONVEY THE MESSAGE” - BEST GRANGE-WRITTEN PRESS RELEASE CONTEST

An engaging press release with an interesting ‘hook’ or angle is an excellent way to gain exposure for your Grange and can lead to publication in newspapers, magazines and on the internet. Show us how your Grange uses Press Releases to capture an audience.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Creative: A press release is a news story, written in third person, that seeks to demonstrate to an editor or reporter the newsworthiness of a particular person, event, service or project.

Submission Rules: Entries must be an ACTUAL press release written and used by your Grange, should be less than 400 words in length, and follow the proper style and format as described in the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Tool-Kit booklet. Entries should be mailed to Public Relations Co-Director Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden, CT 06451, or sent as an attachment (PDF or Microsoft Word Format) via e-mail to publicrealitions@ctstategrange.org prior to the October 1, 2011 deadline. Submissions must contain the following information: Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) Use of Proper Format (20%)
- (2) Accurate Spelling and Grammar (20%)
- (3) Content: Engagement (20%)
- (4) Content: Originality (20%)
- (5) Overall Impact of Message (20%)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards to be presented at the Annual Connecticut State Grange Session in October.

5.) “LET’S ADVERTISE” - BEST GRANGE EVENT POSTER

Set your imagination loose! Let your mind run wild, but be sure that your artwork relates to your Grange event.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Submission Rules: Submissions must be an ACTUAL poster designed, executed, and used by your Grange for an event. Posters should be either 8.5 x 11 or 11 x 17 in size, and may be in either black and white, or color. Submissions must contain the following information: Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address. Submissions should be mailed to Public Relations Co-Director Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden, CT 06451, or sent as an attachment (PDF, JPG, or Microsoft Word Format) via e-mail to publicrealitions@ctstategrange.

org prior to the October 1, 2011 deadline.

Judging Criteria:

There will be two categories for entries -

- A. Digital Design (developed with the aid of a computer and software)
- B. Traditional Media Design (developed using traditional artistic media, such as paint, pencil, ink, etc.)

Adult and Junior entries will be judged in both categories. Exhibitors may enter both categories.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) Clarity of Message (40%)
- (2) Creativity and Originality (30%)
- (3) Visual Impact (30%)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards to be presented at the Annual Connecticut State Grange Session in October.

Conditions of Entry: The use of any copyrighted cartoon figures (such as Spongebob Squarepants, Charlie Brown, etc.) or pictures of famous individuals will result in poster being disqualified.

6.) "IN THE NEWS" - BEST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CONTEST

Research has revealed that the news media is responsible for influencing the thoughts and behavior of the general public. Here's an opportunity to show how the Media has helped promote your Grange through the written word.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Submission Rules: Entries must be an ACTUAL printed or published newspaper article written about your Grange. Entries should be mailed to Public Relations Co-Director Robert Charbonneau, 102 Spring Street, Meriden, CT 06451, or scanned and sent as an attachment (PDF, JPG or Word format) to publicrelations@ctstategrange.org prior to the October 1, 2011 deadline. Submissions must contain the following information: Name, Grange Name and Number, Address, Phone Number and E-mail Address.

Judging Criteria: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) Accuracy (40%)
- (2) Overall Appeal (30%)
- (3) Community Impact (30%)

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards to be presented at the Annual Connecticut State Grange Session in October.

Junior Grange



THEME:

“COMMUNITY GROWN”

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Dates to Remember:

(The following dates are subject to change. Most dates and locations will be determined later. Communications regarding these events will be made available through Subordinate and Pomona Granges, as well as the “Connecticut Granger”.)

June, 2011 Grange Sunday: Talent Run-Offs, Big E Contest Judging

July, 2011 “Let’s Celebrate”, Good Will Grange Hall (Glastonbury),
CWA Contests, Drawing Contests and Creative Writing Contest
Judging

September, 2011 Honor Grange Reports Due
Junior Granger of the Year Due

October, 2011 All other contests to be at the State Session are due by 12:00 Noon

October, 2011 Junior Program at State Session, 1:00 P.M.

Junior Goal:

As always, increasing and improving the number of Junior Grangers in the State. The Junior Grange Motto is Improvement. The 2010-2011 Motto for the Connecticut Junior Grange is “Change”.

State Projects:

Right to Read Book Project – Collection and distribution of books to children who are less fortunate, for them to keep.

Pet Food Project - Provide pet food, old blankets, kitty litter and other items to local animal shelters.

Connecticut Junior Day at the Big E.

Contest Rules:

1. All work to be done by a Junior Member.
2. All entries must be labeled with the contestant's name, Junior Grange and age (as of January 1, 2010).
3. All craft entries to be sent to the State Session in October and must be in place in the Junior Display Room by 12:00 noon on Friday.
4. On most of the contests there are no specific rules. Use your imagination and have fun making them.

Contests:

1. Regional Craft (Big E) – Collage of pictures with the theme of “Community Grown, 8.5” x 11”.
2. Creative Writing – Write about your favorite Community Event.
3. Drawing Contest – Your favorite Grange/Community Event.
4. Make a farm scene using whatever items you want to use.
5. Come up with a fun idea for Connecticut Junior Grange to do for an outing.



THEME:

“COMMUNITY GROWN”

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YOUTH GOAL:

As always, increasing and/or improving the number of Youth Grangers in the State. The Youth Grange Motto is Improvement and Change for this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

(The following dates are subject to change. Most dates and locations will be determined later. Communications regarding these events will be made available through Subordinate and Pomona Granges, as well as the “Connecticut Granger”.)

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| March, 2011 | Bowl Across America |
| May, 2011 | Youth Ambassador, Drill Team, Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Lip Sync Contest Entries due to State Director |
| June, 2011 | Grange Sunday: Talent Run-Offs, Big E Contest Judging
Applications due for the Northeast Youth Conference |
| July, 2011 | “Let’s Celebrate”, Good Will Grange Hall (Glastonbury), CWA Contests, Drawing Contests and Creative Writing Contest Judging

Northeast Youth Conference |
| September, 2011 | Big E – Connecticut Youth Day |
| October, 2011 | All other contests to be at the State Session are due by Noon |
| October, 2011 | State Session – Youth Hospitality Room – Friday Evening Activities |

STATE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS:

Public Speaking	Youth Achievement Report
Lip Sync	New Youth Member Award
State Bowling Program	Family Camping Weekend
Scavenger Hunt	Connecticut Youth Day – Big E
Sign-A-Song	Youth Night Programs
Community Grown	

“NEW YOUTH MEMBER AWARD”

An award will be given out to the Subordinate and Pomona Grange that initiates the most youth members in the Grange year. To submit an entry, simply answer the questions at the bottom of the Subordinate/Pomona Youth Achievement Report.

“COMMUNITY GROWN”

An award will be given out to the Subordinate and Pomona Grange that helps youth members in providing a service and/or benefit for their Community. Such assistance can be a clean up of a park and/or assisting elderly. Use your imagination and see where it can take you. Please write a 200 or less words explaining what the project was and include photos also. All projects will be shown at State Session in October, 2011.

“BOWL ACROSS AMERICA”

1. This contest is open to all ages.
2. Each team will consist of two (2) players and at least one member of the team, must be a Granger.
3. Each team will bowl three (3) games and each team is responsible for their own bowling expenses.
4. The team with the highest score at the end of three (3) games will be the winner.
5. Each team is encouraged to wear something depicting their Grange or that is Grange related.
6. Awards will be given to the highest scoring team and for the team that raised the most money in pledges. Additional awards will be given for enthusiasm, original team name and original team outfits.
7. Pledge sheets will be available from the State Youth Director and Committee. You must notify the State Youth Director by March 1, 2011 if you intend to enter. Teams need to turn in their pledge sheets by the end of the day before the event in order to qualify for awards.
8. Special awards will be given to Junior Grange teams that participate. Same rules to be followed as above except that both team members must be under the age of 14 and at least one (1) member of the team must be a Junior Grange member.

“MOST CREATIVE YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAM”

The purpose of this contest is to promote creativity and spark the enthusiasm of the youth and youthful. This contest will allow each Granger to have a Youth Night

Program. The program should be educational, interesting and involve the members.

Category 1 – Any Subordinate and/or Pomona Grange Youth Chairperson, Youth Committee member or Grange member who have put together the Youth Night Program (ages 14 to 35).

Category 2 – Any Subordinate and/or Pomona Grange Youthful Chairperson, Youthful Committee member or Grange member who have put together the Youth Night Program (ages 3 35 and up).

Please submit what your Youth Night Program was and include copies of your materials used and pictures from the event by October 1, 2011 to the State Youth Director.

“SCAVENGER HUNT”

Like to find funny and strange items. Joint the scavenger hunt. All ages are invited. More on this fun hunt will be coming. Look for it in the “Connecticut Granger”.

“MOST YOUTH MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES ATTENDED”

Are you a Youth Granger who attends all of the meetings and/or fun filled events? Make sure that you sign in when you attend so that you earn 1 point for each meeting and 2 points for events. At the end of the year, awards will be given out for the Youth who attended the most meetings and the Youth who attended the most events.

Inspections & Ritual



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INSPECTIONS:

Inspections will be held in each of the Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges throughout the state this year. Subordinate Deputies are required to visit each Grange at least three times for a school of instruction and two inspection dates.

The purpose of the unannounced inspection is to give the State Master an idea of how your Grange operates under normal circumstances. We all know how to put on the “bells and whistles” when we know the deputy will be present. The purpose of the inspection is not to penalize Granges. Rather, it is intended to give us an accurate evaluation of the good things our Granges are doing along with the areas that need improvement. With this information, we are better able to offer the help Granges need to succeed and grow.

Granges are no longer required to submit committee reports on the night of inspection. Deputies will evaluate committees based on the reports given on the night of the unannounced inspection along with answers given by the Secretary on the Inspection score sheet.

Please provide your account information requested on the inspection sheets. Several Granges have run into trouble upon losing a long-serving Treasurer, with no clear record of where the funds of the Grange are deposited/invested. With a record on file, we will be able to access this information whenever it is needed.

Please refer to the Inspection Forms stapled into the center of this book and use them as a worksheet, filling out as much of the information as you can prior to the inspection. The actual forms will be provided and filled out on the night of inspection by the Deputy.

What do I need to have on Inspection Night:

- Please have all of the usual records available (i.e. checkbook, minutes, ledgers, membership/dues records, etc.).
- A copy of your latest Executive Committee Report (filed with the State Sec. by Dec. 31, 2010 or soon after for Granges on a different cycle).
- The inspection will include all records from the last inspection night forward to the present inspection night.
- Grange Seal

Questions?

Please contact the General Deputy or your own Subordinate or Pomona Deputy if you have any questions. We are here to help.



CODE READING:

- How do the Assistants open the Bible?
- How is the word taken up?
- What is the signal in the third degree?

Those questions and many others can only be answered by being able to read the Code Book. The Code Reading program is designed to encourage all members to become more familiar with the unwritten work of the order.

An Award of Merit/Code Reading Card will be issued to each member who demonstrates his/her ability to read the Fourth Degree Cipher Code Book. This card is signed by both the National Master and the State Master. The card is earned by reading the Code Book with a minimum of errors.

Any member in good standing is entitled to a code book for study purposes. They may be acquired through the General Deputy or the State Master.

Instruction and testing of the Code will be provided by all members of the Deputy Team along with Mildred Bell (600 Allen Ave., Meriden, CT 06450).



DEPUTIES' RITUAL CHALLENGE:

The Deputies' Ritual Challenge has been created to give Granges the opportunity to "brush up" on ritual and have some fun while doing it. The top scoring Granges in each of the Pomonas will be recognized at State Session. The top scorer in the State will have one of their own meetings conducted with the assistance of the officers of the Connecticut State Grange. The State Lecturer will provide the program, the State Family Activities Committee will provide the refreshments and the officers will help with the meeting alongside the officers of that Grange!

Please note:

The Steward, Assistants and Ceres participating in the Challenge DO NOT have to be the people elected to those offices. Granges are welcome to assemble teams of officers to present the Flag Presentation for judging.

What will the Deputy be looking for?

The conduct of the members in the Flag Presentation is just as important as the work of the Stewards and Ceres. The Deputy will be highly critical of members who talk during the Presentation and/or Retirement and who do not stand with their hands at their sides. (Members of the Military are encouraged to use the appropriate salute.)

The Deputy will also be looking to see the Stewards and Ceres properly conduct the march during the opening and closing. A key to a good flag presentation is having the Steward present the flag to Ceres without slowing down or halting the line of march and receiving the flag at the closing in the same manner.

The Assistant's staves should be held properly. The flag should be presented with respect and reverence. The Lady Assistant Steward, Assistant Steward and Ceres are not permitted to sing during the National Anthem. When at the Altar, the Assistants should be in proper position on the cloth with the bottom of their staves on the floor and tilted forward. Ceres should be a step or two forward (we're not going to be very picky about this - but she should at least be off of the cloth as the Assistants should be standing on either side of Ceres, on the cloth, centered).

The line of march from the Altar to the Master's Station can be difficult for inexperienced members. The three remain shoulder to shoulder and turn to the right towards the Executive Committee, moving forward and turning until they are again in line with the Master's station/flag stand.

Your Deputy will be happy to provide any assistance you may need. Please let your Deputy know as soon as possible that you are interested in participating in the Ritual Challenge as it will require him or her to be present at one of your meetings to evaluate it.

We strongly encourage ALL GRANGES to participate in this project regardless of whether or not you present the flag at your regular meetings.

Even if you choose not to participate in the project, we hope you will stress proper Flag etiquette with your members (i.e. standing at attention with hands to the side, not talking and placing hand over heart during the National Anthem).

Judging Criteria: *(Provided for your information, Deputy has proper forms)*

Members:

- Hands to the side during opening presentation and closing retirement
(appropriate salute for members of the military) 20 pts.
- Hands over heart during Anthem 20 pts.
- Silent while flag is in motion 20 pts.

Music (any kind) (Marching music and Star Spangled Banner) 20 pts.

Assistant Stewards:

- Floor Work:
 - Opening Presentation 20 pts.
 - Closing Retirement 20 pts.
- Centered on cloth with staves in proper position 10 pts.
- March shoulder to shoulder in straight lines/smooth corners 20 pts.
- March in step 10 pts.
- Tops of staves point straight back 10 pts.

Steward:

- Ready to hand off flag during opening 10 pts.
- Ready to receive flag during closing 10 pts.
- Presents flag to Ceres without halting or slowing line of march 20 pts.
- Does not step backwards when retiring flag 20 pts.

Ceres:

- Holds flag properly (with Eagle straight/flag not touching floor) 20 pts.
- Floor Work (Opening & Closing) - In line and in step w/Assistants 10 pts.
- One step ahead of Assistants at Altar with flag held properly 10 pts.
- Ready to join line of march with flag during closing retirement 10 pts.
- Flag arranged properly with stripes facing Master and Eagle
(or other flag top) straight 10 pts.

Ceres and Assistants do not sing during National Anthem 10 pts.

(300 Possible Points)

Honor Grange



*The following applies to Community/Subordinate Granges. **Pomona Granges no longer file Honor Grange reports.** The annual inspection reports now serve as the Honor Grange Report.*

The Honor Grange Program is designed to recognize Subordinate/Community Granges that are succeeding in being exemplary Granges. This means helping in the community through community involvement projects, and having active members.

The Honor Grange Program has three levels: **BRONZE, SILVER** and **GOLD**. A documented report is to be made to the State Grange Master/President outlining and exhibiting your Grange's accomplishments. There is no actual form to be filled out. Simply write a report explaining how you achieved each of the requirements and provide any supporting documentation/evidence (i.e. photos, letters of appreciation, news articles, names of new members and dates they were initiated, etc.).

Each year, if the Grange qualifies, it will receive a bronze, silver, or gold recognition.

BRONZE LEVEL

To receive a Bronze, a Grange must accomplish the following, submit written report fully answering all questions in detail. Reports to be postmarked by September 15, 2011:

1. A minimum of one (1) new member to your Grange (includes new, reinstated, demits into your Grange, do not include new affiliate members or mergers).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month.
3. Representation of the Grange at one (1) Pomona meeting during the year.
4. Lecturer has a relevant program monthly. Programs should include recreation, inspiration, music, and education.
5. One (1) community service project or activity.
6. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue must be adopted by the Community Grange, and submitted to Pomona for consideration.

SILVER LEVEL

To receive Silver, a Grange must do the following:

1. A minimum of two (2) new members to your Grange (includes new, reinstated, demits into your Grange, do not include new affiliate members or mergers).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month.

3. Representation of the Grange at two (2) Pomona meetings during the year.
4. Lecturer has a relevant program monthly. Programs should include recreation, inspiration, music, and education.
5. One (1) community service project or activity.
6. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
7. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue must be adopted by the Community Grange, and submitted to Pomona for consideration.
8. **Must complete at least (5) of the requirements (8-15) of the Gold level below.**

GOLD LEVEL

To receive Gold, a Grange must complete, **ALL** of the following:

1. A minimum of three (3) new members to your Grange and a net gain (includes new, reinstated, demits into your Grange, do not include new affiliate members or mergers).
2. A minimum of one (1) legal meeting per month.
3. Representation of the Grange at all regular Pomona meetings.
4. Lecturer has relevant program monthly. Programs should include recreation, inspiration, music, and education.
5. One (1) community service project or activity.
6. Have a delegate present at State Grange Session.
7. One (1) resolution on a community or legislative issue which must be adopted by the Community Grange, and submitted to Pomona for consideration.
8. Officers planning meeting held and goals for year set.
9. All standing committee chairs must be appointed by the Master (Standing committees are: CWA/Family Activities, Agriculture, Legislative, Community Service, Membership, Junior and Youth.)
10. All standing committees report at the majority of meetings.
11. At least (5) members, as a group, visit another Subordinate/Community Grange meeting at least once during the year.
12. Master must attend at least one (1) Pomona meeting.
13. Hold at least one (1) activity to support the Junior Grange program, ex.- assist at a meeting or fundraiser, help leader with activities, provide scholarship to camp, etc.
14. Submit Community Service Annual Report due September 1, 2011.
15. Hold at least one (1) open house or other community activity per year in the Grange Hall to which the public is invited.

Reports are to be postmarked by September 15, 2011

Send to:

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What is the Grange?

Do you know these facts about the Grange?

1. It is a family organization with a ritual based on the Holy Bible, which fosters a mutual friendship and fellowship between members and extends to non-members as well.
2. It is a patriotic organization- always having the American flag displayed.
3. It is a civic organization - with an interest in rural-urban problems and their solutions through community efforts and local and state government legislation.
4. It is a service organization- contributing to a variety of causes, local, state, and national.
5. It is a community betterment organization contributing through its community service and progress projects, conservation projects and beautification projects.
6. It is a general interest organization, with a special interest on the social recreation and educational areas of its members of all ages and levels, with an eye to personal improvement and enjoyment.
7. It provides additional services such as various types of insurance (life, fire, auto, casualty and liability), educational scholarships and financial aid, and educational and recreational trips and excursions.

You see there are unlimited advantages to being a member of the Grange, because the Grange is a way of life.

