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From the President's Desk

By Corey Spence



I just spent a weekend cultivating connections with Grangers at the Northeast Grange Lecturers' Association Conference titled Seven Strong for the

seven Grange States in the region. The workshops and gathering times were full of fun and interesting information for Grangers and introduced ideas for growing your Grange with fascinating new programs. Our region's Lecturers are full of great ideas, and I know that our Lecturer, Deb Goodrich, and her committee would love to help you work on getting members into your halls and meeting rooms.

Are you cultivating connections to build your community stronger by inviting people to your hall? Have you thought about collaborating with our agricultural partners to find a time to invite them to share their mission and purpose with your Grange and community? You can find the contact information through the Agriculture and the Environment Committee Co-Directors Matthew Johnson and Kathy Peterson. Find their contact information at <https://www.mass-grange.org/agriculture-and-environment>.

Are you seeking out ways to cultivate connections in your towns? We have Granges that have started Farmers' Markets, worked on right to farm by-laws in their towns, help local farms after disasters strike, and more. Please do send us info and pictures of your events! We want to be able to share before and after stories about the great projects our Granges are involved in.

Cultivate connections and make new friends from all over at the State Grange Chowder and Lobster Roll booth at the Big E. Sign up for shifts at by contacting any member of the Committee to sign up. Greet thousands of members of the public and give your short elevator speech about the amazing organization you belong to. It is a lot of work, but it is so rewarding both to your heart and your Grange's pocketbook through our profit-sharing program!

Consider building the Grange stronger by meeting with Grangers from all over the Northeast at the New England Grange Building. Thousands of people come through the building to buy jams and sauces, knit goods, quilt raffle tickets (proceeds go to a charity in the state that provides the quilt), and learn about the Grange. Share your love of the Grange with visitors to the building. Learn new ideas and ways to invite people into your hall and proj-

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Third Quarter Report of the Executive Committee

It was voted to approve the iHeart Media contract for the Ag Expo in the amount of \$8,000.

State Steward John Carter reviewed the Session meal choices. It was voted to again underwrite the cost of the session meals.

It was voted to give Anawan-Oakton Grange \$90,000 from its trust fund for the siding on the Grange Hall.

It was voted to move \$90,000 from investments to the checking account.

It was voted to obtain a CANVA account under the direction of the State Treasurer.

It was voted to close Lunenburg Grange as of March 31, 2024.

It was voted to close Central Community Junior Grange as of March 31, 2024.

The State Grange will pay for Quilts of Valor recipient and one guest at the Friday night banquet at State Session.

It was voted to approve the contract with DoubleTree Boston North Shore for the January 2025 Leaders' Conference.

The proposal for an Agriculture Education Grant for Groton Grange in the amount of \$320 was approved subject to the receipt of a vote of the Grange.

It was voted to give the State Treasurer the authority to file the 990 and PC when the final draft is received.

The new membership brochure will be available for 10 cents per brochure.

It was voted to approve the proposal to begin digitizing materials at the Thomas/Vaill Library and Museum.

The proposal for an Opportunity Grant for Whately Grange in the amount of \$720 was approved.

The consolidation of New Braintree Grange into Ware Grange was approved.

It was voted to purchase a printer for the State Grange News.

It was voted to approve an Agriculture Education Grant in the amount of \$450 to Upton Grange.

The proposal for an Agriculture Education Grant for Dartmouth Grange in the amount of \$2,840 was approved.

It was voted to transfer \$100,000 from investments to the checking account.

Summer is here! This is the perfect time to get together with family and friends, go to the lake or beach and enjoy local fairs.

Fraternally,

Kathy Peterson, Chair

Mass. State Grange Executive Committee

Upcoming Events

July 19-21 — Northeast Youth Conference, New York State, location TBD.

July 27 — Northeast Grange Service and Family Fun Day, Vermont State Grange Center.

Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Family Fun Day, Barre Falls Dam, 200 Colbrook Rd./Barre Rd. Extension, Barre, MA.

Sunday, August 25 — Craft & Needlework Contest Judging, MA State Grange Thomas/Vaill Library Museum, Rutland.

September 13-29 — Big E, West Springfield.

October 24-27 — State Grange Session, Milford.

Please submit event information to:
stategrangenews@massgrange.org

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From the Agriculture and Environment Committee

Hi Everyone! July is always one of my favorite months. There is so much going on. It will be time to start harvesting from your home gardens, flowers are in full bloom, and the area Farmer's Markets are in full vigor. It is also an exciting time for those Granges that are preparing for their fairs in August. If your Grange has a fair, the committee would love to hear about it. If you could send in a short "blurb" and some pictures from your fair, we would love to highlight these Granges in the future.

On May 23rd, a group gathered at the Wachusett Reservoir for the 37th annual Envirothon. The Massachusetts State Grange assists this event in many ways. People volunteer to be judges and the State Grange helps support other opportunities for the day. High school students arrive and present on areas related to the environment. They put in a lot of time researching, practicing, and presenting. If there is a school close by your Grange, contact them to see if they have a team. If they do, see what you can do to help support them. Invite them to your Grange to present or donate in other ways. If they don't, see what you can do to help them build a team.

For more information about the Envirothon, you can visit their website at www.massenvirothon.org. It is a perfect opportunity to begin to build a partnership between your Grange and the leaders of tomorrow.

Matt, Kathy, Ann, Jessica, Scott, & Warren

Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo

Hey there Folks! I hope you have an eraser on your pencil as the date has changed for the 2025 Expo. The new erasable date is April 26th. Please remember, this is all subject to change. We are working to hard to secure a spot to hold it. Once we have that locked in, we will be off like a rocket. Keep your eye on this space for more announcements.

Reminders from the State Secretary

August 1st is the deadline for Resolutions to the State Secretary.

All Granges need to make sure their June 30th Quarterly Report is in to the State Secretary, in order to have a delegate at State Session.

Want Your Grange Events Posted on Facebook & Instagram for 2024?



Reach out to Social Media Manager, Lauren Vaill with dates and details



lauren@thevails.com

Contact the Communications Committee

To submit news items, photographs and events for use on the Massachusetts State Grange social media pages, website and The State Grange News, please e-mail:

stategrangenews@massgrange.org

The deadline to submit content for publication in The State Grange News is the 20th of each month. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the committee via the above email.

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ects you can start outside your hall too.

Join the Junior Committee at Junior Day at 10am on July 13 at Upton Grange Hall. The Massachusetts State Junior Grange will hold a meeting, and all are welcome.

On August 3, mark your calendars for Junior and Youth Mini-Camp and Family Fun Day at the Barre Falls Dam. The Juniors and Youth will hold workshops and get acquainted exercises at 9 am and then the State Grange Event Planning Committee will hold lunch at 11 am followed by a short service from our Chaplain at 1 pm. Games and conversation follow. The committee asks those whose last names start with A-L to bring a side dish and M-Z to bring a dessert. Don't forget to bring a chair too!

There are so many things that pull on our hearts and so many of us are involved in several organizations. I am grateful for all those who devote time to attending meetings, running programs, and working on State Grange Committees. The Connections Committee is working on a program to help Granges evaluate where they are, create goals for the future and chart ways of moving towards growth and increased membership. They look forward to working with Granges to see where they can help you.

Please make plans to join us at the State Grange Session October 24 – 27. I hear that several Granges accepted my challenge to write resolutions for this year's session. I look forward to hearing the debate in the session committee rooms and on the session floor. Healthy democratic debate is the lifeblood of

Mission Statement:

The Massachusetts State Grange brings people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agriculture and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders.

the Grange and the delegates from your Grange get to vote on the direction of the State Grange. Come join us in Milford and cultivate connections with your fellow state Grangers.

Cultivating the beautiful variety of plants in my garden reminds me of the beauty of the Granges across our state. Let us work together to fertilize our Granges and help each to strengthen their roots and create blooms that will attract new people to our halls. Keep making all the connections you can in all the ways your Grange can. You never know when a connection will lead to a new member.

Spike and I wish you all a blessed Summer. May you find time to rest and rejuvenate amidst the running around inherent to modern life. And never forget to Cultivate Connections so that you can build your Granges, your communities, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts even stronger!

Santana's musical wizardry coming to the Grange

Love salsa-tinged rock & roll?

Then pack your lawn chair and come on down to Dudley Grange Saturday, July 13 from 5-8 PM to groove the evening away with Supernatural. Formerly known as Abraxas, they're a tribute to one of the guitar wizards – Carlos Santana and his famous melding of rock, jazz and Latin rhythms.

The following month, you can get a dose of a wider range of classic rock from the Great Garage Band Reunion, who returns to the Grange August 3, also 5-8 PM. In case of rain, Supernatural will be July 20, and GGBR will be August 17.

Dudley Grange is next to Nichols College, 139 Center Road, Dudley.

Both shows are free and sponsored by the Dudley and Massachusetts Cultural Councils. Bring a picnic (no alcohol) or get some snacks from the bake table and enjoy!

From the Home & Community Service Committee

Can you believe summer is already here. Hoping you are all staying hydrated! We have two deadlines for **August 15, 2024**. Nominations for the 2024 MA Grange Recognition Award are due to Patti Gibson, Co-Director Home & Community Service, 163 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA 01604, or by email to PATTIGJG@AOL.COM. Applications for the Hearing Aid Reimbursement are due to Susan LaFleur, 691 Marys Pond Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

The craft and needlework judging which will be on Sunday, **August 25, 2024**, at the MA State Grange Thomas/Vaill Library Museum which is in Rutland, MA. Entries need to be at the museum between 12:30 & 1:00 pm. No entries will be accepted after 1:00 pm. If you are unable to bring your entries yourself, please contact someone from the Home & Community Committee. Details can be found in the program book <https://www.massgrange.org/grange-info-documents> or the Home & Community Service website <https://www.massgrange.org/home-community-service>. You can also reach out to one of the committee members who have copies of the pamphlet with all the rules. Or you can reach out to Theresa Kenney or Patti Gibson. This year, the crafts for the adult categories are an **Agriculture Craft** in which you must use some-

thing from agriculture (i.e. grain/seed, old tools, etc.). The other item is a Christmas Stocking. For the junior category, it will be a **Christmas Ornament**.

All Home & Community Service Reports are due by **September 15, 2024**. This report will be available on the Grange web site. This completed report must be received by the Home & Community Service member, Ruth Leahey, 18 Long Plain Rd., So. Deerfield, MA 01373 or leftinker@comcast.net. A digital copy of this report is available on the website, please visit www.massgrange.org to download the form.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Fraternally, Theresa Kenney & Patti Gibson,
Co-Directors

Hello from the Youth and Young Adult Department

Come join us at Youth Mini-Camp on August 3, 9am Barre Falls Dam

The Youth Committee invites all our youth to join us on August 3 at the Barre Falls Dam. We will spend the morning learning about the Grange and each other. We will join the Family Fun Day potluck lunch, Chaplain's service, and the rest of the afternoon's activities and games.

Youth Committee Held Bowling Contest and Public Speaking Contest

On Sunday May 5th, Grangers from across Massachusetts gathered for the State Grange Bowling Competition at the Mohegan Bowl in Webster. Teams fought hard to bring home the trophies.

- 1st Place Team: Central Community/ Holden (1024)
- 2nd Place Team: Upton #125 (1023)
- 3rd Place Team : Central Community #22 (1011)
- High Single Male: Glenn Gibson (96)
- High Single Female: Mary Goulet (91)

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JUNIOR AND YOUTH MINI-CAMP
9am - 11:30am
workshops, crafts & fun

POTLUCK LUNCH
11:00am gather- 11:30am eat
A-L Side Dishes, M-Z Desserts
bring your own chair

CHAPLAIN SERVICE
12:30pm
Followed by fun, games, and karaoke

Barre Falls Dam,
200 Coldbrook Rd,
Barre, MA
Reservation requested
not required to
tperkins2112@charter.net



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- High Triple Male: Ken Paulson (264)
- High Triple Female: Monique Girard (248)

Central Community/Holden team was Patti Gibson, Kathy Gibson, Deb Barakian, Deb Goodrich, and Doug Hall

The MA State Jr. Grange #84 were Rocco Vellucci, Susan Rugg, Theo Sweeney, Grace Giguere, Zander Giguere

Grangers of all ages gathered and took

part in the Public Speaking Contests at the Extravaganza on Saturday May 18th at So Middleboro Grange. Categories included prepared and impromptu speeches. Those competing with impromptu speeches chose one of two categories they pulled out of a hat to present a speech about the subject on the spot.

Impromptu Speeches

Alumni 26+ from So Middleboro Grange

- 1st Place: Sandra Jefferson, So

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JULY 2024 NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THESE EVENTS!

ALL TIMES
EASTERN

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5: FELLOWSHIP FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 P.M. Connect: grange.biz/FirstFriday

Join us for this fun monthly program - a time for fellowship, thought-provoking conversation, and connecting with Grange members from coast to coast. Includes a short program, activity, and time to socialize around topics of your choice.

July topic: **S'mores!**

17: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS 8:30 P.M. Connect: grange.biz/matters

Join Membership/Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana for this monthly time to learn about various membership challenges and growth opportunities.

24: COMMUNICATIONS ZOOM-TORIAL 8:30 P.M. Connect: grange.biz/GrangeZoomtorial

Communications Director Philip Vonada and the Communication Fellows will discuss best practices for newsletters, finding free templates, and more to enhance your Grange's storytelling.

31: FINAL DAY OF EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 158TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

Learn more: nationalgrange.org/158thconvention

Last chance to save on early registrations. You won't want to miss this year's Convention on the banks of the Mighty Mississippi!



JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:
DEAF AWARENESS
YOUTH FOCUS AREA:
NETWORKING



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Middleboro Grange #337

- 2nd Place: Nikki Andrews, So Middleboro Grange # 337

Youth 14-20 from Upton Grange

- 1st Place: Susan Barrows, Upton Grange #125

Junior

- 1st Place: Molly Quinn, Upton Grange #125

Prepared Speech

Junior

- 1st Place: Dylan McCloskery

Tips for submitting news & photos

1. The best way to submit your news items is to send us a document that is typed in a word processing program and attached to an email.
2. The best way to submit photos is to attach high resolution images individually and type the captions in the body of an email or attach a document that contains the captions.
3. Send your submissions to:
stategrangenews@massgrange.org

Happy 4th of July!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEAK LIKE A "CHAMP"

Speak like a "CHAMP" will be a monthly word or phrase designed to get everyone speaking the same language to build a positive message as we Grange.

"FIRST IMPRESSION"

A *first impression* refers to the initial judgment or evaluation that someone forms about another person, a situation, or an object upon their first encounter. This immediate assessment is often based on observable attributes such as appearance, demeanor, behavior, or initial interactions.

First impressions are notable for their speed and significance. While they may not always accurately reflect a person's true character or capabilities, they can create a lasting impact and influence subsequent interactions. As the saying goes, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Photos from the Extravaganza Speech Contests



Photos from the Bowling Tournament



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated or attended these events!

1ST ANNUAL NORTHEAST CHAPLAINS WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, July 27, 2024

1:30pm

Vermont Grange Center
308 West Street
Brookfield, VT

Join us for lunch at
12noon, followed by
worship service at
1:30pm.

RSVP for Saturday lunch by
JULY 8th to Ruth Hovey-
Sicely VT State Grange.
ruthsicely@aol.com

Stay the weekend at the
center!

- Camper hookups & cabins available
- Meals available courtesy of VT State Grange

For reservations, contact Ruth Hovey-Sicely @
802-223-7961 by JULY 8th

1st Annual Northeast Regional Grange Service & Family Fun Weekend July 26-28, 2024

Come and have a fun time at the 1st Annual Northeast Regional Grange Service & Family Fun Weekend, being held at the VT State Grange Center at 308 West Street in Brookfield, VT on July 26-28. The main events will be held on Saturday, July 27, but overnight lodging and meals are available if you choose to stay over.

Meal & Lodging Registration Form July 26-28, 2024

- Friday night – 6 pm Shepherd’s Pie (\$15), Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese, Rolls, Cake
- Saturday
 - Breakfast 7-8 am (\$7) Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Fruit, Coffee & Juice
 - Lunch 12-1 pm (\$12) Choose 2 Meats, 2 Sides, Chips, Dessert & Drink (Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Hotdog, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Chips, Watermelon & Drink)
 - Dinner – 5:30 pm (\$15) Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cake
- Sunday – 7 am (\$7) Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Coffee & Juice

Allergic to Any Foods? _____

Are you Vegetarian? _____

How many people? _____

| Meals | Lodging |
|---|---|
| _____ # people Friday Supper (\$15) | _____ # nights for Camper Hook-Up (\$10 each night) |
| _____ # people Sat Breakfast (\$7 each) | _____ # people Friday night (\$5 each) |
| _____ # people Sat Lunch (\$12 each) | _____ # people Sat night (\$5 each) |
| _____ # people Sat Supper (\$15 each) | |
| _____ # people Sun Breakfast (\$7 each) | _____ # people Package (\$55 each) |

Name(s) _____

Address & Phone # of Contact Person: _____

Come spend the day or weekend with friends and have fun. Mail form back to Ruth Hovey-Sicely at 270 Eagle Ledge Road, Worcester, VT 05682 for reservations by July 8th, or call 802-223-7961. Make checks payable to VT State Grange, Inc and put Go To Church on the memo line.



Family Fun Day Information

The State Event Planning committee would like you to save the date for the 2024 Family Fun Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Barre Falls Dam, 200 Colbrook Road / Barre Road Extension, Barre, MA 01005.

Please come and share in a fun day with your family and Grange friends! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. We ask that you bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. Families with the last name beginning with A-L should bring a side dish. Families with the last name beginning with M-Z should bring a dessert. Lunch will be enjoyed under the picnic shelter.

We will have cornhole, bocce and other lawn games available, as well as karaoke! Please bring your own games if you'd like. There will also be a service by our State Chaplain, Karlena Henry.

An RSVP is requested, but not required to attend. If you know you will be able to attend, please RSVP to Tracee Perkins at tperkins2112@charter.net. We hope to see many of you there!



Fraternally,

Tracee Perkins, State Flora
Patti Gibson, State Pomona
Ruth Ellen Henry, State Ceres
Karlena Henry, State Chaplain

** This letter has the approval of the Worthy State President **

WARE GRANGE FAIR

AUGUST 24, 2024

WARE GRANGE HALL, 297 BELCHERTOWN RD.

BRING YOUR ENTRIES

THURSDAY AUG. 22, 5-7PM
FRIDAY AUG. 23, 9-11AM

BARBECUE DINNER - NEW MENU **4PM**

**MEAL INCLUDES PULLED PORK,
CHICKEN, BRISKET, BAKED BEANS,
COLESLAW, CORNBREAD, DESSERT
AND DRINK - \$25**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED -
CALL 413-284-1135 OR
EMAIL WAREGRANGE@COMCAST.NET**

NEW EVENTS THIS YEAR!

FUN DOG SHOW
REGISTRATION 1:30-2:15PM
SHOW 2:30PM

KIDS PLUSHIE PARTY & PARADE
BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL
12PM

**FOR FULL SCHEDULE
AND MORE INFORMATION**
VISIT WAREGRANGE.ORG





Home & Community Service

www.massgrange.org/home-community-service

2024 Massachusetts Grange Recognition Award

(please print)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____

Name of Department or School _____

Category of Recognition:

- Law Enforcement (*including Police, Sheriff, State Police*) Number of years employed in the profession _____
- Firefighter (*including EMT*) Current Rank/Position _____
- Educator (*including Primary, Secondary, College/University*) Previous Ranks/Positions _____

What community and professional activities, including volunteering in church, civic, school, or professional settings, has the nominee participated in? (Please include any training, special recognitions or awards, and any committees served.)

Why does the nominee deserve to be recognized? _____

Is there a situation where the nominee stood out in handling his/her position? _____

Nominating Grange _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel. No. _____

E-mail _____

Nominations are due by: **August 15, 2024**, or hand deliver to.

Send with a photo of recipient to:

Patti Gibson, Co-Director
Home & Community Service
163 Hamilton Street
Worcester, MA 01604
PATTIGJG@AOL.COM

Has the nominee been recognized at your Grange? _____

Please write on the back or attach additional sheets with other information of which the judges should be aware.



Home & Community Service

www.massgrange.org/home-community-service

HEARING AID REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Subordinate/Junior Grange _____

Hearing Aid Cost _____

(A copy of the invoice along with a copy of the proof of payment must be submitted with the application)

Insurance

Reimbursement _____

(Was any payment made by insurance to cover the cost of the Hearing Aid and if so the amount of the payment)

Has the applicant received a previous reimbursement for a Hearing Aid? If so, what was the date of reimbursement _____

All applications must be received **no later than August 15** to

Susan LaFleur
691 Marys Pond Road
Rochester, MA 02770

3. HOW TO ENTER

Each contestant must completely fill out the official entry form(s) which is to be placed in a plastic bag and pinned to the entry.

4. JUDGING

- A. Needlework entries will be judged in each state by their own procedure.
- B. Only one entry placing First in each class is to be sent to the next higher level of judging.
- C. All entries will be judged using the following criteria:
 - Workmanship
 - General Appearance
 - Selection of design and degree of difficulty
 - Harmony of Color
 - Material and article are suitable to purpose
- D. Time and place of State judging is to be determined in each state. Subordinate and Pomona Chairpersons will have details on judging in each state.

5. AWARDS

Local & State Awards are determined in each state.

NORTHEASTERN AWARDS

Each First Place:
Blue Ribbon & \$15.00

Each Second Place:
Red Ribbon & \$10.00

Each Third Place:
White Ribbon & \$5.00

Best of Show:
\$25.00

AT EACH LEVEL OF JUDGING ... THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Judges should be selected with great care. They should be knowledgeable, open-minded, fair, and not be influenced by personal feelings. It is recommended that three judges work together to avoid a tie. It is preferred that judges include non-Grange members if possible, but if they are members they should not be relatives or friends of the contestants. Judges should never be told who made an article. Name identification must be covered until all judging is completed.

It is acceptable to invite a member or members of a state committee to judge in another state, but they should never be allowed to judge in their own state.

The State Director may sit with (or near) the judges to help with the recording of winners, etc. but must refrain from commenting in any way.

For any information pertaining to this contest, please contact your State Director:

For local contest information, please contact the

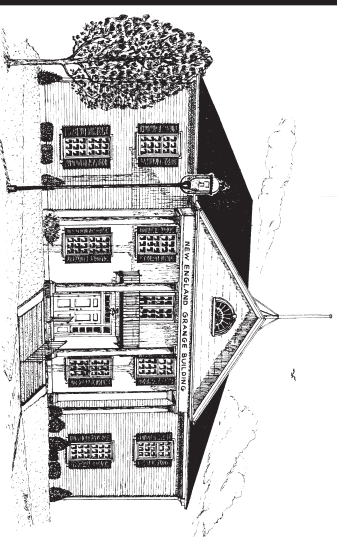
CWA/Family Activities/HEC Chairman of

_____ Grange No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____



Northeast Needlework Contest

2023-2024



sponsored by the
Trustees of the
New England Grange Building

Official Entry Form and Identification Label Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

Official Entry Form and Identification Label Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

Official Entry Form and Identification Label Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

2023-2024 Northeast Needlework Contest Rules

Rules must be followed exactly for each class or entries will be eliminated at the State or Regional level.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Grange members and non-members may enter. This excludes the Family Activity State Directors from entering.
- B. Professional needlework designers or teachers or anyone earning their living in a needlework related field may not enter.
- C. A contestant may submit as many entries as have fulfilled the following requirements, but may enter only ONE item per class.
- D. Work must be entirely that of the contestant.
- E. Entries must have been completed within the contest year (August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024).

2. WHAT TO ENTER

CLASS A: AFGHAN

An afghan may be made using any yarn product. It can be any pattern and it may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc. (Min. width 45 inches and max of 60 inches; Min. length 60 inches and max. of 75 inches).

CLASS B: DOLLIES

May be knitted, crocheted or tatted. May use any thread suitable to article. May be any pattern or design. Max. size 18x18 inches.

CLASS C: EMBROIDERY

Any embroidered item except counted Cross Stitch. Any embroidery thread may be used. (Back of work must be visible.)

CLASS D: 3 PIECE BABY SET

May consist of a sweater plus, booties, bonnets, skirt, mittens or pants to make a three piece set. May be knitted or crocheted using any suitable pattern and product.

CLASS E: PLASTIC CANVAS

Any item made with any pattern using yarn or thread.

CLASS F: COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Any item using any thread product.

Entry may be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any suitable product.

A garment is something worn on the body- sweater, dress, cape, poncho, vest, etc. Items not covered in this class, such as hats/caps, mittens/gloves, scarves, socks, collar, belt, etc. are considered accessories.

CLASS H: LATCH HOOK

Any item made with any pattern, using any yarn. The width must be a min. of 18" and max. of 24", and with a max. length of 45". Project must be finished (including back). If project is to be hung, it must have a sleeve on the back for hanging.

CLASS I: QUILTED WALL HANGING

Piece may be hand or machine quilted, no bigger than 36x36 inches and any product may be used for filler. If it is to be hung add a sleeve on the back.

CLASS J: STUFFED TOY

Toy may be knitted, crocheted, stitched, etc. May be stuffed with any product i.e. fiber-fills. Toys must be child safe.

CLASS K: BABY AFGHAN

Baby afghans may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc. and must appear suitable for a baby- choice of color, selection of yarn product, etc. suitable for a baby. Max. size 35x40 inches.

CLASS L: CHILD OR ADULT GARMENT SEWN

Entry must be a sewn garment 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, slacks, shirt, cape, poncho, or vest.

Craft Contest

One tea cup and one saucer. Tea cup does NOT have to be glued to the saucer. Any design is permitted. Each state to send the first place winner only to the NEGB.