

2010

*Connecticut State
Grange*

Program



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

ROBERT J. SENDEWICZ
2 Cole Place, Danbury, CT 06810

Seize the Opportunities

Brothers and Sisters,

Now is the time to look to the future of our fraternity. We have built a strong foundation for our organization for more than one hundred years. That foundation has been our strong support of agriculture and rural America coupled with our increasing emphasis on community service. We must now build on that foundation to increase our membership. Opportunities present themselves at times, we must seize the opportunities and try different and exciting ideas to improve our programs and move our Granges ahead into the future.

Find innovative ways to increase participation of your inactive members. They are part of our foundation and use these new ideas to interest prospective members to join your Grange. Keep all members active with different and exciting projects. Have educational and entertaining programs. Enjoyable meetings are a cornerstone for increased attendance.

Remember our Mission Statement and inculcate it in all the work that we do. Working together we can accomplish new heights for our Granges and enjoy our success well into the future.

Fraternally,
Robert J. Sendewicz
Master

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Connecticut State Grange, a fraternal organization with roots in rural and agricultural history and the Grange Ritual, is to serve as a unifying and supportive organization of community and district Granges in programs of community service, family activities, legislation and other activities relevant to local communities.”

Mailing Address of State Master Robert J. Sendewicz
2 Cole Place, Danbury, CT 06810

DATES TO REMEMBER

(Others may appear under each department)

- April 24, 2010** **Clean-Up Day at Camp Berger**
Supper at Winchester Grange Hall at 4:00 P.M.
(\$5.00) with Pink Sash Meeting to follow
- June 13, 2010** **Grange Sunday Service**, Good Will Grange Hall,
Glastonbury, Service at 11:00 A.M., followed by
Lunch, Talent Program and Jr. Talent Program
- June 27, 2010** **New England Grange Sunday**, Cathedral of the
Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire, 3:00 P.M.
- July 24, 2010** **“Let’s Celebrate”** - Contests, Entertainment, Refreshments
Cheshire Grange Hall, Cheshire
- September 1, 2010** **Community Service Reports Due** to
Jody & Jodi Ann Cameron, 11 Lake St., Moosup,
CT 06354
- October 1, 2010** **Honor Grange Award Reports to State Master**
• Subordinate/Community Report Form (pgs. 7-9)
• Pomona Report Form (pgs. 21-22)
- October 21-24, 2010** **126th Annual Session of the Conn. State Grange**
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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. It is the hope of the Trustees that the camp be used to capacity throughout the year. It is YOUR camp. Visit and enjoy it.

The camping season will be for six weeks in 2010. 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 24, 2010

FOR INFORMATION ON USE OF CAMP BERGER, please contact: Ellsworth Beecher, P.O. Box 63, Winchester Center, CT 06094, Tel. (860) 379-2527.

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.

LECTURER'S PROGRAM

Marge Bernhardt, State Lecturer
424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410
(203) 272-4620 e-mail: mbcb76@cox.net

TALENT CONTEST – New Rules will be in effect for 2010. Rules will be sent to all Lecturers as soon as possible. STATE RUN-OFFS will be held at Good Will Grange Hall, Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury, at 1:00 P.M. on Sun., June 13th. This is in conjunction with Grange Sunday. State winner will compete at the New England Run-off to be held at Lecturer's Conference in Vermont in August and will be eligible to perform at the next National Grange Session.

"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 Good Will Grange Hall on June 13th. Subordinate Granges within any Pomona may combine forces to enter. Numbers will be judged on presentation, quality, audience appeal, appropriate use of theme, and originality.

COMPLETE PROGRAM – Subject: "As American As Apple Pie". Program must be presented at a Grange meeting and then submitted to be considered. All material used must be included. Length 30-45 minutes. Deadline for Entries: October 1st.

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 a report and let us decide. Deadline for report: October 1st.

A WORD FROM HOME – Write to a service man or woman 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.

THE GRANGE IS... Write an essay. It should be 50 words or less entitled "The Grange in Our Community." Deadlines for entries October 1st.

LET'S CELEBRATE July 24th – Cheshire Grange Hall

Grange Hall will be open on **Friday, July 23 from 9:00-11:00 A.M.** to receive entries. Or, Entries may be mailed or given to the State Lecturer ahead of time. On Sat., July 24th, the hall will be open at 11:00 A.M. for viewing the displays and lunch. Professional entertainment will begin at 2:00 P.M. followed by the announcement of the winners.

125th ANNIVERSARY - In honor of the 125th Anniversary Year of the Connecticut State Grange, each Grange is asked to have an Anniversary Number at 5 different meetings to educate our members about our forefathers and to help us celebrate.

PHOTO CONTEST – *This contest is open to all Grangers as well as their children and grandchildren.*

Five Categories

- a. America the Beautiful
- b. Animals
- c. Grangers in Action
- d. Family Celebrations
- e. 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 category in each category.
3. Entries must have been taken by participant after July 24, 2009.
4. Backing is required for all photographs. No glass 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 5"x5" or larger than 16"x20".
8. Name, 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 **Friday, July 23rd**. Entries may be mailed or given to the State Lecturer ahead of time, or may be brought to Cheshire Grange Hall between **9:00 & 11:00 A.M.** See *Let's Celebrate* above for more information.

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/herself 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 St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006-4999. Or you can order online by going to www.nationalgrange.org. Phone orders can be called into 888-447-2643, ext. 103 or faxed to 202-347-1091.

NEW ENGLAND GRANGE LECTURERS CONFERENCE

The Conference will be in Vermont this year. Watch the *Connecticut Granger* for details.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The legislative program of the Connecticut State Grange is to support the interests of rural and suburban Connecticut at the local and state levels of government. The Grange's legislative posture is based on 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, the positive force used by the Grange in its approach to legislative matters and in the discussions of Grange legislative positions. Grange policies draw upon an historic strength which, in changing times, has emerged to address the needs of the traditional family unit.

The State Grange Legislative Committee works to carry forward the resolutions passed by the delegate body at the State Grange sessions each year that involve legislative issues. Each year the committee revises the *Connecticut State Grange Legislative Handbook* to include the Grange's position on new issues as determined by the delegate body. The *Legislative Handbook* is distributed to every member of the Connecticut General Assembly as well as Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges in Connecticut.

Committee members are available to speak on legislative issues at Grange meetings throughout the state and to assist Granges and individual Patrons in writing resolutions. To arrange a speaker or assistance, contact any member of the Legislative Committee:

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CODE READING AWARD OF MERIT

An incentive award program designed to encourage all Grange members to become familiar with the ritualistic unwritten work of the Order.

The Fourth Degree Cipher Code Book is the authority for certain Grange procedures and a good understanding of it ensures good Grange work.

Youth are especially encouraged to participate in the program, both on Subordinate and Pomona levels.

AWARD - An AWARD OF MERIT card will be issued to each member who demonstrates his ability to read the Fourth Degree Cipher Code Book. This wallet sized card will be signed by both the National Master and the issuing State Master.

WHO - Any Grange member in good standing is entitled to a code book for study purposes. They may be acquired through your State Grange Master.

THEN - When a member desired to be tested for the AWARD OF MERIT, he/she will read the Fourth Degree Cipher Code Book, with a minimum of mistakes. The member will contact Mildred Bell, 600 Allen Ave., Meriden 06450; Carlton Platt, Jr., 162 Twin Lakes Rd., North Branford 06471; Marvin Wilbur, 12 Whittemore Ave., N. Grosvenordale 06255.

Upon proper certification of code reading ability, the State Master will issue the AWARD OF MERIT to the deserving member.

Let's all study our Ritual and we will all be better Grangers.

CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE STUDENT LOAN FUND

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.

AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- Ernest Finch (*Director*)101 Bacon Rd., Roxbury 06783; 860-354-4659
- Jon Hermonot227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Moosup 06354
- Dan Mutchler114 Sill Lane, Old Lyme 06371; 860-434-1086
- Dennis Rich . . .131 Dunlea Rd., Fairfield 06824; 203-259-9592; gildedage2002@yahoo.com
- Morris Buck1739 Marion Rd., Cheshire 06410

The State Grange Agricultural Committee will be offering the following activities for the 2009/2010 Grange year:

1. Donations to Heifer International; the total donations collected throughout the year will be presented at the 2010 State Session Banquet.
2. Agriculturally related resolutions - If your Grange endorses any resolutions related to agriculture they can be submitted to State Grange for action at the annual session by directing those resolutions to Ernest Finch, Director of the Agriculture Committee.
3. The Committee has a **Young Farmer of the Year Award**. This is an award designed to recognize a farmer less than 40 years of age who stands out as an exemplary young farmer.
4. The **Outstanding Farmer Award** will be awarded to a farmer or farm worker of any age who has demonstrated themselves to be particularly outstanding in any field pertaining to agriculture.
5. The **Outstanding Production Award** is intended for the individual who deserves to be recognized as being outstanding in the advancement or promotion of agriculture.
6. The **Outstanding Professional Award** is available for the *professional* who demonstrates an outstanding interest in the promotion or advancement of agriculture.

Applications for these awards are available by contacting Ernest Finch at 860-354-4659. Applications for the awards must be submitted by October 1, 2010.

AGRICULTURAL CONTEST: SUNFLOWER HEAD

This contest is open to all Grangers, with a second judging clas specifically for Juniors. Ruels for the **Adult** contest:

- A. The sunflower seeds provided for the contest are the only seeds to be used. The sunflowers must be grown and entered by the same Granger. If more seeds are

- desired, the Ag. Committee will provide additional quantities.
- B. The contest calls for 1 sunflower head. There should be no more than 3 inches of stalk attached. There may only be 1 entry per Grange.
 - C. The sunflower heads will be judged based on size *and* overall appearance.
 - D. Preliminary judging is to be completed at the Pomona level prior to the 2010 State Session in Oct. **The 1st and 2nd place winners from each Pomona judging should be entered at State Session by noon of the first day of the 2010 Session.**
 - E. Each entry must have the name of the grower and their Subordinate or Junior Grange clearly filled out and attached to the sunflower head. Entry tags will be supplied. There will be ribbons and prize money awarded at State level.

Rules for the **Junior** contest: The same rules apply from the adult contest *except rule "D"*. **Any and all regular J.G. members may submit entries which will be judged at State level only.** Pomona prize money shall be at the discretion of each Pomona. Pomona judges refer to rule "C" for criteria.

State Prizes are as follows:

Adult: 1st - \$15; 2nd- \$10; 3rd- \$5 **Junior:** 1st- \$15; 2nd- \$10; 3rd- \$5

MEMBERSHIP

Joanne Cipriano (*Director*)- Beacon Valley #103....393 Piedmont St., Waterbury 06706
 Ted Beebe - Norwich #172 12 Dr. Manning Dr., Lebanon 06249
 Marion Bradley - Totoket #83 10 Totoket Rd., N. Branford 06471
 Cindy Charbonneau - Meriden #29 102 Spring St., Meriden 06451
 Carl Manning, Jr. - Higganum #124 3 Old Country Rd., Chester 06412

STATE CONTESTS

It is the responsibility of the Grange Secretary to send information to the Membership Director by October 1, 2010 on each of the following contests:

- **NEW MEMBER CONTEST** - Prizes will be awarded to the top three Subordinate and Pomona Granges taking in the most new members.
Prize - 1st - \$25.00; 2nd- \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00
- **HIGHEST NET GAIN** - Prizes will be awarded to the three Subordinate and Pomona Granges with the highest net gain in membership.
Prize - 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00
- **JUNIOR GRANGE** - A prize of \$25.00 will be given to the Junior Grange obtaining the largest number of new members.
Prizes - 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00
- **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP AWARD** - Prizes will be awarded to the top three Granges obtaining the largest number of new youth members (35 and under).
Prize - 1st - \$25.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00

NOTE: Contest year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

SUBORDINATE HONOR GRANGE AWARD – 2010

The Connecticut State Grange will recognize as an “Honor Grange” each subordinate Grange earning 4,000 points or more.

The Subordinate Grange in each category, earning the highest number of points will be known as “GRANGE OF THE YEAR” and will receive an award of \$15.00. The Goal Sheet **MUST** be completed and returned to the State Master no later than Oct. 1, 2010.

Categories: Granges with 50 members or less
Granges with over 50 members

Subordinate Grange	#	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Earned</u>
1. Members assist at Camp Clean-Up (each)		50	.....
2. Music of some kind during opening/closing		50	.....
3. Increased <u>average</u> attendance over previous year at Pomona meetings 10/09-10/10 (max. 400)	each 50		.....
4. Subordinate members attendance at Junior meetings (max. 400)	each 50		.....
5. Member(s) attend Subordinate, Pomona, State Grange Sunday OR New England Grange Sunday at Cathedral of the Pines (max. 500)	each event 50		.....
6. Organize, sponsor or assist regularly a Junior Grange		500	.....
7. Offer Camperships to Camp Berger			
Each FULL Campership (maximum 200)		50	.....
Each additional 1/2 Campership (max. 100)		25	.....
8. Sponsor an Agricultural Fair		200	.....
9. Make an exhibit at an Agricultural Fair (max. 200)		50	.....
10. Enter and complete report in Community Service Contest		200	.....
11. Increased <u>average</u> Subordinate attendance over previous year (from 10/09-10/10)		100	.....
12. Donation to at least 3 of the following:			
A. Camp Berger General Fund			
B. Camp Berger Trust Fund			
C. <i>Connecticut Granger</i> Trust Fund			
D. Student Loan Fund			
E. Scholarship Fund			
F. Heifer International		100	.....
13. Subscriptions to <i>Connecticut Granger</i> - 100%		100	.....
At least 10% of membership		50	.....
14. Did you include non-members in a fun family activity?		100	.....
15. Flag presentation (majority of time)		50	.....
16. Grange incorporated (current)		50	.....
17. Grange has own By-Laws		50	.....
18. Officers attending School of Instruction	each 10		.....
	or 10 or more	200	.....
19. All regular meetings opened on time		50	.....
20. All regular meetings closed by 10:00 P.M. (2 exceptions)		50	.....
21. Lecturer’s Program started within one hour of opening		50	.....
22. Pomona meetings reported at Grange		50	.....
		Sub Total	<hr/>

23. Master - each written report to Pomona		25	.....
24. Oral report at Pomona by member	each	10	.....
25. Each session represented at State Grange Session	each	25	.....
26. Master sign order on Treasurer		100	.....
27. Quarterly reports to State Lecturer by the fifth of the month	each	20	.....
	all	100	.....
28. Lecturer at New England Lecturer's Conference (Representative attend instead)		100	.....
		50	.....
29. Quarterly reports to State Secretary by the fifth of the month	each	20	.....
	all	100	.....
30. Quarterly reports to Pomona Secretary by the fifth of the month	each	20	.....
	all	100	.....
31. Secretary send bills for delinquent dues		50	.....
No back dues (add)		50	.....
32. 90% of 2010 dues paid by 9/30/2010		100	.....
33. No member suspended without contact		50	.....
34. Full minutes at opening of Grange, condensed minutes at closing		100	.....
35. Secretary sign orders on Treasurer		100	.....
36. Secretary or Treasurer give financial report at each meeting		100	.....
37. Treasurer give Secretary receipt for funds		100	.....
38. Current Steward's Report on file		100	.....
39. Executive Committee report on file by 12/31		100	.....
40. Degrees conferred	each	100	.....
Conferred on candidates	each	50	.....
41. Obligation Ceremony conferred on candidates		100	.....
Each candidate		50	.....
42. Welcome Ceremony conferred on candidates		50	.....
Each candidate		50	.....
43. Each officer having part memorized for Opening		25	.....
44. Each officer having part memorized for Closing		25	.....
45. Any members receiving Code Reading Card		100	.....
46. CWA report sent in before deadline		100	.....
47. CWA report given at every meeting		100	.....
48. CWA represented at regional conference		100	.....
49. Donate to any (or all) CWA projects		200	.....
50. Entries in CWA Contests	each contest	50	.....
51. Net membership gain 10/09 to 10/10		500	.....
52. New members 10/09-10/10	each	200	.....
53. Keep ongoing prospective member list		100	.....
54. Use State Membership materials or create your own (approved by State Master)		200	.....
55. Membership Committee report regularly		200	.....
56. Donate to the State Youth Fund		100	.....
57. Donate to the State Youth Travel Fund		100	.....
	Sub Total		<hr/>

58. Have Youth participate in a program; your own Youth or Youth from another Grange	200	.....
59. Youth Committee report monthly	100	.....
60. Junior Committee report monthly	100	.....
61. Agricultural Committee report monthly	100	.....
62. Take action on Agricultural issue; send your action or or resolution to State Grange, to the State Grange Legislative Committee or to the State Legislature directly	200	.....
63. Agricultural Committee present at least 15 min. of a program during the year	100	.....
64. Organize a new Community Service project	100	.....
65. Non-Grange members assisting on Community Service Projects	each 10 max. 100	..........
66. Legislative Committee report at every meeting	200	.....
67. Sponsor a resolution to State Grange (Max. 500)	each 100	.....
68. Notice of Grange events in newspaper(s)	100	.....
69. Active participation in one or more townwide events other than community service	100	.....
70. Present Community Citizen Award	200	.....
71. Hold an Open House to promote Grange other than Citizen of the Year	200	.....
72. Sponsor a Supper using Dairy Products	100	.....
73. Assist the Foster Parent Plan in some way	200	.....
74. Assist the Deaf Fund or Mandy Project in some way	100	.....
75. For each member who donates items or time to the New England Grange Building during the Big E	100	.....
	TOTAL	.....

HONOR GRANGE AWARD REPORT GRANGE #
 WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FOREGOING HONOR GOAL SHEET TO THE BEST
 OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED MASTER

SIGNED SECRETARY

RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO:
 ROBERT J. SENDEWICZ, MASTER
 2 COLE PLACE, DANBURY, CT 06810

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CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

CWA DEPARTMENT

Theme: “Catnip Capers”

State Committee:

Betty Jane Gardiner, 15 Meadowlark Rd., W. Simsbury 06092 (860) 658-2855
Ruth Herbele, 401-1 Adams St., Manchester 06040 (860) 643-5391
Ann-Marie Knochenhauer, 137 South Rd., Groton 06340 (860) 446-8122
Jane Miller, 90 Brook Lane, Cheshire 06410 (203) 272-8255
Joan Ziegler, 30 Valerie Lane, Danbury 06811 (203) 743-3374

Duties of Pomona Chairman

1. Attend a regional conference with State Committee.
2. Make a short report about the committee work at each regular Pomona meeting.
3. Promote all contests and projects of the department.
4. Keep Subordinate Granges informed of our program and visit the Granges in the Pomona as often as possible.
5. Assist the State Committee when asked (example: Provide gift for the special fundraiser.)
6. Send annual report to the State Director before September 15th.

Duties of Subordinate Chairman

1. Report at each regular meeting (short, but informative.)
2. Explain and promote all department contests and projects.
3. Put on a program (or part of a program) for the Lecturer pertaining to our work.
4. Cooperate with other departments, encourage your Grange to contribute to the monetary donations of the department and do some small thing to enhance your hall or meeting place.
5. Send copies of the annual report sheet to your Pomona chairman AND State Director before September 1st.

CONTESTS

New England Grange 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 “LOVING” WHICH MAY BE GIVEN TO THE STATE COMMITTEE OR DISTRIBUTED IN YOUR OWN AREA.

Brochures/entry forms for the New England Grange Needlework Contest may be obtained from the State W.A. Committee, Pomona or Subordinate chairmen.

DRESS A DOLL CONTEST

By special request, we are offering a category for dressing a doll. You may use any doll- it does not have to be new. It will be judged on the way the doll is dressed. Clothing may be knitted, crocheted, made on a sewing machine, etc. Doll will be returned to the contestant. This is for Connecticut only so the winner will NOT go on to the New England finals. Category is open to Grange members only. All dolls will go to the state judging on "Let's Celebrate Day."

CRAFT CONTEST

The Craft Contest has a cat theme. You may make any item featuring something pertaining to CATS. Use your imagination and come up with something clever and different. BE CREATIVE!!

Categories: Needlework
Other Media

Youth and adult classes in each category.

Craft entries are not returned to the contestant. They are retained by the State WA Committee to be used as gifts and/or given to the Country Store to be sold for the upkeep of the New England Grange Building at the Big E.

SPECIAL CRAFT CONTEST CATEGORY:

We have added a craft category for those interested in SCRAPBOOKING. You may enter a scrapbook of any size, any subject, any design. ALL SCRAPBOOK ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PERSON MAKING THE BOOK. Contest is for members only.

GRANGE BAKING CONTEST:

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

The recipe called CALICO MUFFINS, may be obtained from any member of the CWA along with directions for entering.

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

PRIZES FOR THE NEEDLEWORK, CRAFT AND BAKING CONTESTS AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL BE, 1ST PLACE - \$15.00, 2ND PLACE - \$10.00, 3RD PLACE - \$5.00. An award of \$1.00 will be given to anyone earning an honorable mention ribbon. State ribbons will be given in all contests.

ALL JUDGING FOR THE CWA STATE CONTESTS WILL BE HELD ON "LET'S CELEBRATE DAY" - **July 24, 2010 in Cheshire Grange Hall**. All entries must be at the hall by 10 A.M. on Friday, July 23.

STATE PROJECTS

Monetary Donations:

- *Connecticut Granger* Trust Fund
- Connecticut State Grange Student Loan Fund
- Camp Berger Maintenance Fund

All monetary donations may be combined in one check with notations as to disbursements and made out to **CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE** and sent to

the State Secretary, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

COVENANT TO CARE, INC.

Our project for the year will be to have a baby shower of gifts for infants and toddlers. Any items appropriate to that age group will be welcome and may be brought to State Session in October 2010.

FOSTER FAMILIES

Your help and generosity in supporting Foster Children has been very much appreciated. This year we hope you will select any one of the things (or a combination of them) we have done in recent years and send them to State Session (2010) as your donation. Examples of the items are Comfy Covers, Christmas Stockings or gifts, School Supplies, Memory Books, Gift Cards for kids, etc.

If we receive a large number of the same type of things, they will be shared by Covenant and Foster Families.

NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING COUNTRY STORE

We are very pleased with the response to the requests for handmade items to be sold in the New England Grange Building at the Big E. Now we ask you to “do it again” for the 2010 Expo. Any kind of item is welcome as long as it is handmade. We are NOT allowed to sell commercial items in the store.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Nifty Needles is a special project or class we offer to Junior Granges. This is a part of the needlework contest. The contestants may make an item using ANY KIND OF NEEDLE, knitting, crochet hook, sewing needle, etc.

Juniors may enter the baking contest using the same recipe as adults. ALL JUNIOR ENTRIES IN ANY OF THE CONTESTS MAY BE SENT TO THE STATE JUDGING ON THE DAY BEFORE “LET’S CELEBRATE” DAY.

Prizes are the same as in the adult contests.

A Chart is given to Subordinate Committees and Pomona chairpersons as a guide for the year. An AWARD OF EXCELLENCE will be given to each group meeting the requirements listed.

We hope you will join us for a year of “**Catnip Capers**” when we will promote our contests and projects for the good of all and welcome your cooperation.

INFORMATION/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The State Committee:	Pomona
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Information Committee shall be to distribute information on the activities, programs and services available from the Connecticut State Grange. The committee shall provide the following:

1. Inform the general public that the Grange is a family and community service organization with a special interest in the betterment of agriculture and mankind.
2. Inform the general public of the activities of the Local Granges throughout Connecticut by utilizing the Grange's website and the internet.
3. Publicize the "grass roots" Legislative Program of the Grange.
4. Inform the general public of the services available to the members of the Grange.
 - Insurance Services
 - Prescription Drug Services
 - National Grange Visa Credit Cards
 - Student Loans and Scholarships
 - Discounts on Verizon and T-Mobile Wireless Telephone Service
 - Youth camping program at Camp Maud Isbell Berger in Winchester, CT
 - Pre-Paid Legal Services
 - Beltone Hearing Aids
 - Hertz & Choice Hotel Discounts
 - Merchandise at the Grange Store
5. Use the services available as a Membership Development tool.
6. Advertise the various contests sponsored by Committees of the Connecticut State Grange.
7. Keep the media informed of the Community Service work in progress by the Local Granges in Connecticut.
8. Publicize the dates and locations of the various Agricultural Fairs that are sponsored by the Granges in Connecticut.

INFORMATION/PUBLICITY CONTESTS FOR 2010

BEST SINGLE ARTICLE CONTEST

Each Subordinate and Junior Grange should select the best newspaper article that tells of the activities and Community Service work of the Grange. The best single article should be submitted for judging no later than October 1, 2010 to the Director, Carl H. Bernhardt, 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410. Awards will be presented at State Session.

PUBLICITY POSTER CONTEST

The members of each Subordinate and Junior Grange should submit their posters advertising a Grange sponsored event. There will be four categories: A Subordinate-Hand Drawn; B. Subordinate- Computer Drawn; C. Junior- Hand Drawn; D. Junior-Computer Drawn.

The exhibitor should label their entries on the back with their Name, Grange

and Class. Each exhibitor may enter one poster in both the Hand Drawn and Computer Drawn Classes.

Entries may be mailed or given to members of the Information/Publicity Committee ahead of time, or may be brought to Cheshire Grange Hall on Friday, July 23, 2010, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. All entries will be on display on Saturday, July 24, 2010 beginning at 11:00 A.M. at *Let's Celebrate* at the Cheshire Grange Hall.

2009-2010 - STATE JUNIOR GRANGE PROGRAM

STATE DIRECTOR:

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 8 Grange Sunday: Talent Run-Offs, Big E Contest Judging
July 24 "Let's Celebrate", Cheshire Grange Hall, CWA Contests
Oct. 1 Creative Writing Contests Due
Honor Grange Reports Due
Junior Granger of the Year Due
Community Service Reports Due
Oct. 22 All other contests to be at the State Session by 10 A.M.
Oct. 23 Junior Program at State Session

JUNIOR GOAL:

To increase the number of Junior Grangers in the state.

STATE PROJECT:

To obtain and distribute helmets to prevent head injuries from bike riding and skateboard accidents.

CONTEST RULES:

1. All work to be done by the 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 noon of the first full day of Session.
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) - Something Patriotic
2. Decorate a Pencil
3. Make and decorate a Christmas card
4. Make a picture on construction paper with Q-Tips
5. Make a picture with buttons on a paper plate
6. Creative Writing - If I could be any animal, what would I be and why?

STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE
2010 State Theme: “Essential Pieces”

State Committee:

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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 through Subordinate and Pomona Granges, as well as in the *Connecticut Granger*.

Youth Activities for 2010:

- March 10 Bowl Across America Deadline
- March 27 Bowl Across America
- May 15 Youth Ambassador, Drill Team, Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Lip Sync Contests due to the State Youth Director
- June 13 Grange Sunday
- June 15 Applications due for Northeast Youth Conference
- July 9-11 Northeast Youth Conference
- September 19 Grange Day at Eastern States Exposition (Big E), W. Springfield, MA
- October 1 Most Creative Youth Night Program and Youth Achievement Reports due to State Youth Director
- October 21-23 State Session, Youth Hospitality Room; Friday Evening Activities

State Programs and Contests:

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| Public Speaking | Visitation Contest |
| Youth Achievement Report | Grange Day at the Big E |
| How You Met Your Spouse | Drill Team |
| New Youth Member Award | Sign-A-Song |
| State Bowling Program | Youth Night Programs |

“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 question at the bottom of the Subordinate/Pomona Youth Achievement Report.

“Bowl Across America” – State Bowling Contest

1. This contest is open to all ages.
2. Each team will consist of two players, and at least one member of the team must be a Grange member.
3. Each team will bowl three games and each team is responsible for their bowling expenses.
4. The team with the highest score at the end of three 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 for the highest scoring team and for the team that raised the most money in pledges. Additional awards may be given for enthusiasm.
7. Pledge sheets will be available from the State Youth Director and Committee. You must notify the State Youth Director by March 10 if you want to enter a team. Teams need to turn in their pledge sheets by the end of April 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 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. This contest should allow each Grange 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 Chairman, Youth Committee members or Grange member who created the Youth Night Program (Ages 14 to 35).

Category 2: Any Subordinate and/or Pomona Grange “Youth at Heart” Youth Chairman, Youth Committee members, or Grange members who created the Youth Night Program (Age 36 and up).

Judging: All entries are due to the State Youth Director by October 1, 2010.

All entries will be judged on:

- Creativity50 points
- Educational Value 25 points
- Neatness of the Report25 points

Rules:

1. The Youth Night Program should be submitted in a soft cover notebook or folder.
2. The Grange name and number and the names of the members who prepared the program should be on the outside of the cover.
3. The notebook can contain any pictures, descriptions and materials used for the program.

Awards: An award will be given to the first place entry in each category.

Visitation Contest

I would like the youth to go out and visit other Granges. Go visit another Grange and get the Master’s signature and the person with the most will win. These are due back to me by October 1, 2010.

“Most Youth Activities Attended”

At each Youth Committee sponsored activity there will be a sign in sheet and each Youth member will be asked to sign in on the sheet. At the end of the Grange year I will tally all of the names at the events and an award will be given to the person that has attended the most Youth Committee events.

SUBORDINATE/POMONA YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Grange # _____

Youth Chairman

Master

NOTE: Youth refers to 14-35 years old. Committee chairmen and members may be of any age.

1. Each new member 35 and under initiated in your Grange. Per member. 50 pts. _____
2. Each activity sponsored by your Youth Committee for fun or fellowship other than a Grange meeting. Per activity. 25 pts. _____
List activities: _____
3. Reporting at a meeting at least once a month. (Pomona each meeting) 25 pts. _____
4. For each Youth assisting your Subordinate/Pomona in any activity outside regular meetings. (fairs, dinners, etc.) Per activity. 25 pts. _____
5. For holding a Youth Night program at a Grange meeting. 100 pts. _____
6. For each entry in the Lip Sync, Sign-A-Song or Public Speaking. Per entry. 30 pts. _____
7. For having an entry in the Most Creative Youth Night Program. 50 pts. _____
8. For your Grange's participation in the State Bowling Program through donations or active participation. 50 pts. _____
9. For each Youth member who bowls at the State Bowling Program. Per Youth 25 pts. _____
10. For each Youth member that receives their Code Reading Award of Merit in 2009-2010. Per Youth. 50 pts. _____
11. For each Youth member attending the New England Youth Conference in 2010.
 - A. Whole Conference, each member 25 pts. _____
 - B. Part of Conference, each member 10 pts. _____
12. Donation to the State Youth Fund. 50 pts. _____
13. Donation to the State Youth Travel Fund. 50 pts. _____
14. Donation to the National Grange Youth Leadership Fund. 50 pts. _____
15. For each Youth member attending any part of the 2010 State Grange Session. Per Youth. 25 pts. _____
16. For sending in the Youth Achievement Report by October 1, 2010. 100 pts. _____

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| 17. For each Youth that attends Grange Day at the Big E. Per Youth. | 10 pts. _____ |
| 18. For attendance at any State Youth Committee activity not mentioned above. Per member/Per activity. | 25 pts. _____ |
| 19. For a Committee member's attendance at another Subordinate or Pomona Youth Night within the State (Max. 100 pts.) Per Night. | 25 pts. _____ |
| 20. For each NEW Grange visited by the Youth during the year. Per Grange. | 50 pts. _____ |
| 21. For youth member attending the Youth days at National Session. Full | 150 pts. _____ |
| Part of | 50 pts. _____ |
| TOTAL POINTS _____ | |

** How many new Youth members did your Grange initiate this year? _____

This report must be completed and sent to the State Youth Director on or before October 1, 2010.

Donald Lanoue II, 75 Liney Hall Lane, Wallingford, CT 06492

HONOR POMONA GRANGE – 2010

.....Pomona Grange No.

The Connecticut State Grange will recognize as an “Honor Pomona Grange” each Pomona earning 4200 points or more.

The Pomona Grange earning the highest number of points will be known as “Pomona Grange of the Year” and will receive an award of \$15.00.

The goal sheet must be completed and returned to the State Master no later than October 1, 2010.

		<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Earned</u>
1. Deputy Inspection Score	90% & Over	200	.....
	80-89%	150	.....
	70-79%	50	.....
2. Music - Opening/Closing (any kind)		100	.....
3. Increased attendance over previous year at Pomona meetings 10/09-10/10		100	.....
4. Pomona Officers' attendance 80% (minimum) year Each additional 5% (add 25 points)		100	.....
5. Donations to at least 3 of the following:			
A. Camp Berger General Fund			
B. Camp Berger Trust Fund			
C. <i>Connecticut Granger</i> Trust Fund			
D. Student Loan Fund			
E. Scholarship Fund			
F. Heifer International		100	.....
6. Subordinate Granges with 100% Subscription to <i>Connecticut Granger</i>	each	100	.....
7. Remainder of Granges with 10% Subscription	each	10	.....
8. All Subordinate Granges represented at at least 2 Pomona meetings		100	.....
9. Masters of Subordinate Granges give written reports at each Pomona meetings	each Subordinate	50	.....
	all	500	.....
10. All regular meetings open on time		100	.....
11. Lecturer Program to start within an hour of starting time		200	.....
12. All meetings closed by 10:30 P.M. (with 2 exceptions)		100	.....
13. Master or delegate attend State Session		200	.....
14. Master sign Orders on Treasurer		100	.....
15. Quarterly Reports to State Lecturer postmarked by the fifth of the month	each	25	.....
	all	200	.....
16. Lecturer attend State Lecturer's planning meeting		100	.....
Assistant Lecturer or Alternate attend		50	.....
17. Lecturer attend New England Lecturer's Conference		200	.....
18. Quarterly reports to State Secretary postmarked by the middle of the following month	each	25	.....
	all	200	.....
19. Subordinates reminded of dues in arrears		100	.....
20. Subordinate Granges notified of suspensions		50	.....
	SUB TOTAL		.....

21. 90% of 2010 Dues paid by 9/30/10	200	.....
22. Complete minutes read at opening/condensed at closing	200	.....
23. Secretary sign orders on Treasurer	100	.....
24. Treasurer to give receipts to Secretary	100	.....
25. Steward's Report on file for year ending 9/30/10	100	.....
26. Executive Committee report for year ending 9/30 on file before December 1st.	200	.....
27. Executive Committee inspect and sign bills before payment	100	.....
28. 5th Degree conferred (each time)	200	.....
29. Candidates at Conferral (each)	100	.....
30. Financial report given at each meeting	100	.....
31. Each officer having parts memorized opening & closing	50	.....
Each officer having 5th degree part memorized	25	.....
32. Master for having Code Reading award	200	.....
33. CWA report completed and mailed before deadline	100	.....
34. CWA report at each meeting	100	.....
35. CWA represented at Regional meeting (each member)	25	.....
36. Pomona donate to CWA projects	100	.....
37. Net gain in membership for year - for each new member	50	.....
38. For each new member taken in during the Grange year	50	.....
39. Membership Committee report at each meeting	100	.....
40. Have Youth participate in Pomona activity	100	.....
Invite Youth from another Pomona to join an activity	75	.....
41. Youth Committee report at each meeting	100	.....
42. For each FULL Campership to Camp Berger	200	.....
For each half-campership given to Camp Berger	200	.....
43. Junior Committee report at each meeting	100	.....
44. Agricultural Committee report at each meeting	100	.....
45. Legislative Committee report at each meeting	100	.....
46. Resolutions presented to State Grange (each)	100	.....
47. Legislative issues discussed at Pomona meetings	100	.....
48. Pomona meetings & activities publicized in newspapers	100	.....
49. Pomona Incorporated	50	.....
50. Pomona up-to-date By-Laws	50	.....
51. Flag presented majority of time	100	.....
52. Pomona assist at Grange Sunday Lecturer's Program	100	.....
53. Assist the Foster Parent Plan in some way	100	.....
54. Assist a Junior Grange in some way	100	.....

HONOR GRANGE AWARD REPORT GRANGE #
 WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FOREGOING HONOR GOAL SHEET TO THE BEST OF OUR
 KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED MASTER

SIGNED SECRETARY

RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO
 ROBERT SENDEWICZ, MASTER, 2 COLE PLACE, DANBURY, CT 06810

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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.



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