

2020 - 2022

Goals and Awards Program Handbook Idaho State Grange



The Grange is a national family fraternal organization that is dedicated to developing strong leaders, promoting agriculture, and encouraging participation in legislative issues and community events

National Grange Mission Statement

The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.

*In essential unity
In non-essentials Liberty
In all things Charity*

Contest year begins November 1 and ends October 31st (unless otherwise stated)

GOALS FOR THE IDAHO STATE GRANGE

Junior

1. A well-balanced program at each meeting
2. An enthusiastic effort to increase membership
3. Promotion of good ritualistic work – proper flag presentation and respect for God and Country
4. Regular attendance and orderly conduct at meetings and activities
5. Participation in State contests and projects
6. An active Junior Grange Committee in every Subordinate and Pomona Grange
7. Every Subordinate member is an honorary Junior Grange member

Subordinate

1. Every Grange conducting meetings in accordance with the Digest and Constitution and By-Laws
2. An active educational program on farm problems and concerns
3. Support of farm cooperative activities
4. Encourage farm safety
5. Promote Youth and Junior Activities
6. Participation in State and National contests and projects
7. An improvement in Ritualism
8. Sponsor a Go-To-Church Sunday
9. Every member working to make his Grange bigger, better and of greater service to the State, Nation and Community
10. Every Grange appoint the following standing Committees: Agriculture, Legislative, Membership, Finance, Relief, Women's Activities, Youth and Junior.

POMONA

1. Visit Subordinate Granges – encourage regular visitations.
2. Promote discussion on Legislative matters
3. Lead the way to better ritualistic work in the Grange
4. Conduct meetings in accordance with the Digest and Constitution and By-Laws
5. Encourage development of Installation Team to present work within your county or district
6. Develop and promote Youth and Junior Grange activities
7. Emphasize proper presentation and retirement of the Flag
8. Organize drill teams
9. Encourage Subordinate membership in Pomona and show a net gain in membership

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Membership Certificates Available

Anyone who has been a continuous member for 25 years is eligible to receive a Silver Star Certificate. The membership may be by demit from another Grange.

Application forms can be obtained from the Idaho State Grange Office. The Silver Star Certificates and Seals cost \$2.50. When the completed form and payment are returned to the State Office, a Silver Star Certificate will be completed and returned. Silver Star pins may be purchased from the State Office.

Anyone who has been a continuous member for 50 years is eligible to receive a Golden Sheaf Certificate from National Grange. Application forms for Gold Sheaf Certificate must accompany a \$10.00 check made out to the National Grange. Send both to the State Office for processing.

Seals are available for 40, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years of continuous membership. Seals may be placed on Silver or Gold Sheaf Certificates. Purchase seals from the State Office.

Anyone who has been a continuous member for 75 years is eligible to receive their Diamond Certificate from National Grange. Contact the Idaho State Grange for costs and processing.

Grange Membership Development

The key ingredient to any membership campaign is the involvement of people. As Membership Director you should determine the membership goals for your Grange for 2019-2020.

SECRETARIES

Completed reports are due in the State Office by the 10th of the month following the close of each quarter. Prompt reporting of the office-elect form, credentials, memorials, net gain forms, membership lists, and other forms are required. Distinguished Secretaries will be honored.

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PUBLICITY

No matter what the Grange activity, its success depends on publicity – internally, externally or both. Subordinate Information Directors have the responsibility of telling both the Grange and non-Grange public about Grange activities. This “reporting” should accomplish two things:

1. Disseminate information
2. Create a positive image of the Grange.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please send to: Bonnie Mitson
328 S. Seeley, Post Falls, ID83852
isgcomserv@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Granges are encouraged to assess the needs of their community in order to determine their projects. Volunteer to help wherever needed anytime during the year. Your volunteer hours total must be included in the report. Reports are required to be emailed.

Your report can be mailed to the isgcomserv@gmail.com as your events happen, include photos, reports and hours as you do them. The hours will be compiled and will be your report that will be submitted to National Grange Community Service Director. Your photos and reports may be used in the Idaho State

Grange Insights and website. Reports and Photos may also be used in National Grange Publications.

Your Grange will be honored for outstanding achievement in your community at the Idaho State Grange Session each year. A special award will go to Granges that collaborate with another Grange to make a bigger difference in the community.

LECTURER STATE PROGRAM

Lecturer of the Year

The Lecturer of the Year will be receiving an award at the State Session in October. A name will be selected from those who have turned in reports to the State Lecturer before State Session. Each Lecturer is asked to include one detailed program they presented during the year.

Grange Month-April

Grange Month creates National recognition to our organization. It is a time when all granges pay tribute to the order.

Garden Contest

Gardeners and Grangers can make a garden even out of a cup and seed packs or large gardens in the back yard. The Challenge is: Write a report on the adventures of starting your garden. Include photos from start to finish of the produce, flowers, (the amaryllis you got for Christmas), or succulents you grew. Report if you are involved in a community garden. Or you started one for a neighbor. Also include if you canned your produce, made flower arrangements, or pots. Every Granger that enters a report will receive a certificate and be entered in a drawing for a prize. Drawing will be held at the state session in October of 2021. Reports/photos can be emailed. Reports may be used by the Grange for websites and newsletters.

Granger of the Year

ENTRIES ARE DUE by October 1st. to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer. **Granger of the Year** will be presented by the Subordinate Grange Lecturer to a Subordinate Grange member for outstanding achievement or service. A photograph of the nominee must accompany the entry form. And an essay by the Lecturer describing why the Granger is being nominated for Granger of the Year.

AWARDS

A Plaque will be given by the ISG Lecturer to the "State Granger of the Year" from the Subordinate entries.

Grange Award for Public Service – Pomona Lecturer only.

Grange Award for Public Service is to be awarded by the Pomona Grange Lecturer for anyone of outstanding achievement or service.

Contest General Rules

1. Contests are open to Grangers and Non-Grangers.
2. Being a "Professional" does not prevent anyone from taking part in these contests.

AWARDS FOR LECTURER CONTEST

The Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes for:

- 1st Place - \$12.00
- 2nd Place - \$10.00
- 3rd Place - \$ 8.00

If fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined. **Entries are due to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer on the opening day of the Idaho**

WITH PEN IN HAND.....

This writing contest offers three different areas for Grangers and non-grangers to enter. This contest is for persons aged 14 years and up.

Criteria for judging writing.

- A. Topic
- B. Presentation
- C. Writing
- D. Contest
- E. Effectiveness



Categories for Writing:

1. **Poetry Topic** – 300-word limit- Your choice of topic.
2. **Tell-a-Story** – 500-word limit – "A Special Holiday" story about a holiday you remember or tell why a holiday (ie. Christmas, Valentine's Day, 4th of July) is important to you.
3. **A Book I have Read** – 300-word limit – Your choice of any book you wish to share with us. What you liked (or disliked) most about this book. Were you impressed or entertained? Was the book you read worth reading?

Please submit entries typed and double spaced. Thank you.



IDAHO PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Division A: Grange members and non-members age 15 years and up.

Division B: Grange members and non-members age 10-14 years of age.

Division C: 5 – 9 years of age

Criteria for judging photos.

1. Technical Criteria
2. Visual and Aesthetics
3. Content
4. View's Response
5. General Characteristics

RULES for Photography Contest:

1. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides please.
2. Size of entry including frame or backing must not be smaller than 5" x 5" or larger than 16" x 20."
3. Each photo may be in a frame or have a stiff backing on it. Please NO GLASS in the frame. The backing of the photo must be stiff enough to stay flat when the photo is propped against a wall or display. Tag board is ideal.
4. Each photo MUST have the following information attached to the back of the photo.
5. A photo may be entered in only one category. A different photo may be entered in each different category.
6. Entries must have been taken after October 1, 2020.
7. The print may be made by a commercial process but must be taken by the entrant personally.
8. Traditional photos and Digital photos will be judged together in each category. Digital photos must not be modified.
9. Panoramic, Close-up or Black and White photos may be entered in any category.
 - Scenery Photos – Skyscapes, Landscapes
 - Animal Photos
 - Family Photos of any type
 - Other – (if it does not fit any other category)

ART CONTEST

The Idaho State Lecturer encourages children to enter their artwork, watercolors, crayon, pencil, or marker drawings made at school or at home. Recognition of their talents helps build self-esteem and confidence.

Division A: Grange members and non-members age 15 years and up.

Division B: Grange members and Non-members ages 10-14 years of age.

Division C: Children ages 5 – 9 years of age

Art Contest Categories:

- A. Oils and Acrylics
- B. Watercolor
- C. Charcoal or Pencil Drawing (graphite or color)

Criteria for Judging Art:

- A. How well the artist used the medium selected.
- B. Craftsmanship and skill
- C. Composition, Preservation of Subject
- D. Originality
- E. Theme and it's treatment.

Art Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be the original work of the artist.
2. All entries must be completed after October 1, 2020
3. Each artwork may be in frame or have a stiff backing on it. PLEASE NO GLASS in the frame. The backing of the Artwork must be stiff enough to stay flat when it is propped against a wall or display. Tag board is ideal.
4. Each artwork MUST have the following information attached to the back of the photo. Name. Grange name, Category and Division A, B or C.
5. Entries are judged according to the medium used.
6. Charcoal and Pencil entries must have been treated for permanency to prevent smudging.
7. Nude entries will not be accepted, or if sent will not be judged or displayed.
8. Size for all classes: Artwork must not exceed 24" x 36. There is no minimum size; therefor miniatures will be accepted in all categories.
9. Computer enhancements of artwork and/or art generated by using computer printers are not yet permitted.
10. Sculpture is not permitted due to display and shipping problems.

NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER CONTEST

1. The Best of Show entry from each State Grange (adult division only) will be eligible to be exhibited and judged as part of the Photography Showcase at the National Grange convention. States are entitled to select their Best of Show winners as they choose. Photography Showcase participation is limited to one entry, per state.
2. State Lecturers are responsible for overseeing the photography contest within their respective states. State Lecturers shall complete, sign and return the Submission Form as verification of eligibility for the photograph representing their state.
3. Each participating State Grange is responsible for delivering their Photography Showcase submission to the National Grange convention and for getting them back home.
4. To be exhibited, a Submission Form must be received by the National Lecturer by **October 31**.
5. To be judged, all Photography Showcase submissions must be received by the National Lecturer at the National Grange convention by 12:00 noon on Tuesday.

6. Each Photography Showcase submission will receive a participation ribbon. In addition, a first, second and third place will be awarded. First place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$50; second place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$30; and third place will receive a rosette ribbon and \$20.

7. Remember that all photographs are representing their State Grange. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be exhibited in the National Grange Photography Showcase.

TALENT CONTEST

ENTRIES ARE DUE to the Idaho State Grange Lecturer the first day of the State Session in October. Idaho State Grange will present cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for each category and in each division containing a minimum of 3 entries. If there are fewer than 3 entries, categories may be combined. Best of Show can perform at National Grange in November.

Division A: Participants 14 years or older must be Grange members to qualify for National Grange Talent contest.

Division B: Participants 13 years and younger.

Talent Contest Categories:

- A. Vocal
- B. Instrumental Music
- C. Variety Acts – to include dance, skit, reading, Monologue.
- D. Originally
- E. Audience appeal

Talent Contest Rules:

1. The maximum time is 5 minutes per entry. There is no minimum time.
2. Accompanist need not be a Grange Member
3. Taped musical accompaniment for vocal acts must be instrumental.
4. For instrumental acts, there is to be no taped sounds or other instruments as accompaniment.
5. Group entries may include non-members. At least half of the participants must be Grange members to qualify for National Talent Contest.
6. State Grange Talent Contest will be held during State Session in October.

NATIONAL LECTURER CONTEST and PROGRAMS

Check with the Idaho State Lecturer for rules or the National Grange Website or the Idaho State Grange Website for more information.

Quilt of Valor Foundation Partnership

National Grange Foundation Raffle

Public Relations Contest

Quilt Block Contest

National Grange Fountain Mercantile

LEGISLATIVE

One of the great contributions the Grange has made to the American Way of Life is its part in promoting the interest of Agriculture within the legislative halls—defending the welfare of rural people and supporting the cause of good government.

We must rededicate ourselves to the development and implementation of Grange Legislative policies and programs. The responsibility belongs to each and every member of the Grange. The responsibility of coordinating legislative activities rests in the hands of the Legislative Director.

Legislative goal activities of a Grange are twofold. First, of course, is to influence government decisions to reflect Grange policy; second, and of equal importance, is to give members an opportunity to see improvement in government.

COMMUNITY NEEDS MEETING

In conjunction with the State Grange Legislative Department, Granges are encouraged to hold a Community Needs Meeting. The Legislative Director will be in charge.

The Subordinate Grange should invite town officials, other organizations, and non-members to come to an open meeting to discuss issues and needs of the community. Coordinate your community concerns and needs into unified efforts to accomplish these goals.

FAMILY HEALTH & DEAF AWARENESS

State Program

IT'S ABOUT HEALTH AND HEARING LOSS. You are given the opportunity to direct and work with Family Health and Deaf Awareness:

- 1.. Appoint a Family Health and Deaf Awareness Director and committee to meet and set goals and objectives.
2. Survey your community for needs of the deaf and hard of hearing.
3. Choose a project to which your Grange can relate.
4. Publicize your activities.
5. Present a least one program about family, health, and deaf awareness. Ideally, a report should be given at each meeting.
6. Encourage member participation.
7. Plan to make a yearly contribution to the Deaf Awareness State fund. Notify the State Director if you donate to other health groups. Donations will be accepted anytime.

IDAHO STATE GRANGE Family Activities Contest 2021-22

State Grange contests start November 1st and end October 31st of the following year. State Grange contests are for members and non-members. Contestants may submit several entries in each category but may only win one prize in each class. First through third place awards will be presented. Cash awards will be given for 1st place -\$12.00; 2nd place-\$10.00 and 3rd place-\$8.00. All Baking and Needlework entries are to be entered on the first morning of the Idaho State Grange in October.

Baking Contest

1. Brownies – 6 pieces in a Ziplock bag
2. Quick Bread – 1 Loaf
3. Caramel Corn – 1 Gallon Zip Lock Bag

Baked goods will be served at break.

Needlework and Craft Contest

All needlework and crafts will be judged by the following division:

Division I: Adult
Division II: Juniors

- Section 1. Ages 5 -9
Section 2. Ages 10-13

A contestant may win **ONLY ONE PRIZE IN EACH GROUP OR CLASS.**

Crafts

- Class A: Jewelry
Class B: Wood Crafts
Class C: Repurposed Flowerpots

Needlework

Group I: Afghan

Afghan may be made using any yarn product, any pattern and it may be knitted or crocheted, woven, etc.

- Class A: Adult
Class B: Baby

Group II: Doilies

May be knitted, crocheted, or tatted. May use any thread suitable to article. May be any pattern or design.

Class A: Tablecloths

Class B: Any type of doily other than a tablecloth.

Group III: Embroidery

Any embroidered item except Counted Cross Stitch. Any embroidery thread may be used. **Back of work must be visible.**

Group IV: Needlework Crafts

Any item made with any pattern that uses yarn or thread. Example: Dolls Clothes, Plastic Canvas, Counted Cross Stitch, etc.

Class A: Item must be for an adult.

Class B: Item must be for a baby (may be a set) or child.

Class C: Scarf, hats, socks, mittens, or any clothing accessory.

Group V: Quilts

Class A: Queen, Full,

Class B: Youth or Baby.

Class C: Wall Hanging, Table Runner, or a Bed Runner.

Group VI: Fidget Sleeves

May be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any product thread. Cash award of \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 sponsored by Arlene Ankenman. The sleeves will be donated to a local care center facility in the host region and continue this project for each District of our State.

Group VII: Sewing Craft

Class: A Sewing craft for example: purse, apron, pillowcases, etc. **NOT A GARMENT.**

Class: B Re-purposed sewing craft.

IDAHO STATE GRANGE Junior and Youth/Young Adults

Please check the National Grange website for programs and contest.

Western Regional Youth/Leadership Conference

Western States Leadership Conference is held in July or August of each year in the Western States Region. Scholarships are available to Subordinate members throughout the State who are 14 years and older. \$300 will be awarded to each District to help cover registration, mileage, and room. Amount will be divided in the District, depending on the number applying. Unclaimed scholarships will be forfeited. Applications will be available by March 31st each year and must be received by the Idaho State Grange office by the second Friday of June. Winners will be notified by July 1st. Contact the Idaho State Grange office for forms.

IDAHO STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Any Grange member or non-member starting any year of college in Idaho may apply. Applications are available from the State Grange office and are due **April 1st**. One scholarship will be given for \$1,000.

GIA SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Current GIA Policyholder (or children or grandchildren of GIG Policyholder) in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, or Wyoming
- Children of current GIA Company employees
- A previous recipient of a GIA Scholarship Requests for more information and application forms should be sent to: Scholarship Committee Grange Insurance Group
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 21089
Seattle, WA 98111-3089

National Grange Programs

Be sure to check out the rules on the National Grange website.

Quilt of Valor

National Grange Photography Contest

National Grange Quilt Block

Public Relations Contest

Evening of Excellence

Grange in Action

Distinguished Granges

The Grange Foundation Mercantile

Grange Hall of Fame

Member Benefits

Health Care

Pharmacy

Travel and Hotel

Shopping

Insurance