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Legislative Involvement

Up to the Challenge”

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2014 Calendar

January
2 Winter Youth Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE
Young Adults Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE
Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song ENTRIES DUE
4 OSG D/D/O Conference REGISTRATIONS DUE
5 Local/Subordinate Quarterly Reports Due
11 State Grange Deputies, Directors, and Officers Conference; Friendly Hills; Registration required
17-19 Winter Youth Camp; Friendly Hills; Registration Required
Young Adults Camp; Friendly Hills; Registration Required
18 Young Adults Meeting; Friendly Hills; Registration Required, if attending meal(s)
19 Public Speaking/Signing Contests; Friendly Hills Entry Form Required
February - 2014
1 Bowling ENTRIES DUE
March - 2014
TBD State Bowling Tournament; Entry Form Required
22 Deaf/ Family Activities Spring Fling
REGISTRATIONS DUE
29 Deaf Conference and Family Activities Spring Fling; Friendly Hills; Registration Required
April - 2014
5 Local/Subordinate Quarterly Reports Due
5 State Dartball Tournament; Location TBD
9 Ohio State Grange Birthday, 1873 (141 years)
12 Lecturer/Community Service Conference; State Grange Office, Fredericktown Registration Required
TBD Eastern Regional Youth Conference;
26 OSG D/D/O Conference REGISTRATIONS DUE
May - 2014
3 Ohio State Grange Deputies, Directors, and Officers Conference; Friendly Hills; Registration required
Former ‘Young-Marrieds’ Reunion; Friendly Hills Registration required
4 Rural Life Sunday; Knox County
16-18 Eastern Regional/Mid-Atlantic Lecturer’s/Leader’s Conference; West Virginia – Parkersburg Area
June - 2014
16 Junior Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE to Jr. Directors
20 Culinary Showcase and State Fair Crafts ENTRY FORMS DUE
Junior and Subordinate Talent contest ENTRY FORMS DUE
20-22 Family Camp; Whispering Hills Campground
21 YA Sumer Meeting; Whispering Hills Campground
G.R.O.W. Club Meeting; Whispering Hills Campground
29-July 2 Junior Grange Camp; Friendly Hills; Registration Required
28 Youth Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE to Youth Directors
July - 2014
5 Local/Subordinate Quarterly Reports Due
10-13 Youth Camp; Friendly Hills; Registration Required
12 41 and Over Meeting REGISTRATIONS DUE
19 41 and Over Meeting; State Grange Office, Fredericktown Registration Required
20 Junior Grange Annual Membership Reports Due
22 Culinary Showcase and State Fair Craft Judging; Ohio State Fair - Lausche Building - Entry Form Required
23-Aug. 3 Ohio State Fair
August - 2014
2 Grange Talent Contest, Ohio State Fair - Entry Form Required
September - 2014
1 Junior membership contest ENTRIES DUE
University Grange Scholarship APPLICATIONS DUE
Community Service reports ENTRIES DUE
‘Granger of the Year’ NOMINATIONS DUE
Lecturer reports and program ENTRIES DUE
Deaf Activities report due
Family Activities Reports Due
6 Horseshoe Pitch and Cornhole Tournament, Friendly Hills
10 Youth Ambassador ENTRIES DUE
Young Couple ENTRIES DUE
15 Junior Prince & Princess ENTRIES DUE
20 RESOLUTIONS DUE - postmarked or e-mailed
OSG Session Registration and Meal REGISTRATIONS DUE
Session Hotel REGISTRATIONS DUE to Ramada Inn
October - 2014
5 Local/Subordinate Quarterly Reports Due
Subordinate Officer/Chairperson Forms Due
Pomona Dues and Officer/Chairperson Forms Due
23-26 Ohio State Grange Convention, Ramada Plaza,
4900 Sinclair Rd (I-71 @ Exit 116), Columbus Registration Required
November - 2014
11-15 National Grange Convention; Sandusky, OH Registration Required
December - 2014
4 National Grange Birthday; 1867 (147 years)
For the 2013/14 Grange year, I have chosen the theme ‘The Grange: Down to Earth; Up to the Challenge.’ I think of two things when I hear the ‘Down to Earth’ phrase. One indicates a real solid head-on, no-fantasy approach to life’s adventures, and the other suggests a return to the common reality after having been on an ‘out of the world’ experience. To me, both tell of the conservative way of life of just plain, good ‘ole’ hard-working Grangers. Down to earth – a conventional old-school approach to the world in general.

On the other hand though, to be ‘Up to the Challenge’ means being ready to respond to the necessary situations when we need to take that appropriate action, being ready to step up to the plate and wading into life’s challenges, and being prepared to do what needs to be done in order to achieve the goals in life. Is that not what we really need to do in order to be successful? Down to earth – up to the challenge; the role of a good Granger! I have shown four challenges of today’s Grangers on the cover: Membership Concerns, Community Service Projects, Legislative Involvement, and Grange Activities Participation.

Let’s look closer at those challenges. Heading the list certainly is Membership Concern of which we are all very much aware. While it does appear to be very difficult for some, there were still 27 Granges in Ohio that did achieve that ‘net membership gain’ status during the previous membership year. So, roughly 15% of Ohio’s Granges were ‘Up to that Challenge’ last year. Another 30% remained static, leaving 55% having a membership loss. Let’s all follow OSG Membership Director Daryl Flowers’ challenge, found on page 16 of this issue, and utilize the opportunity to be up to the challenge of having not only a net gain in your own Grange, but also a state-wide membership gain. Wouldn’t that be great? Remember, just ask!

Another very important ‘down to earth’ feature which causes positive publicity in Granges is their Community Service Projects. These projects bring about community awareness of your Grange’s activities, an important method for demonstrating good purposes for Granges. If your Grange does participate, you know this well. If not, why not rise up to the challenge of establishing a project in your area for the betterment of your community.

You cannot be more ‘down to earth’ in Grange terms than sharing in Legislative Involvement. Legislative activities certainly were the backbone of the early Grange, and we need to challenge ourselves to maintain it as such. We really need to remain legislatively active now as much as back then. At the time of this writing, only a half dozen resolutions have arrived at the state office. The deadline is September 20. I challenge you to submit more!

Undoubtedly the easiest of the four mentioned challenges we can address has to be increasing our Grange Activities Participation. On the state level, our directors do develop and offer very good ‘down to earth’ activities and programs, but overall participation certainly could be much better. On the state level, I ask you to be ‘up to the challenge’ of following the Ohio Granger magazine and our website for information and updates of Grange events and also to participate more if you haven’t been. Stay active and involved on the local level. If you haven’t been, take this opportunity to reestablish the relationship with your fellow Grange members. You and they will benefit from it. Be a part of today’s Grangers, and be - Down to Earth and Up to the Challenge!

Since space is limited because of this being the annual program issue, highlights of the Oliver H. Kelley Farm Experience will appear in the next issue. However, I do want to generally address it at this time. According to the National Grange, there were 415 persons at the Kelley Farm July 13th. I am very proud to say that 86 of them were from Ohio – that’s 20%! Likewise, I am very appreciative that so many of you were in attendance. However, what I want to address most importantly is the quality of the event. It was truly a wonderful experience! Just to sit there and take in the presentation of those beautiful old-time degrees with the participants being in 1870’s dress, outdoors, from under a tent on a gorgeous day, observing the surroundings of the well preserved farm of our primary founder, was, in my mind, totally astounding. Just to be immersed in all the Grange history at the same time, was nearly incomprehensible. Those unable to attend certainly missed a wonderful event. Also, the six Ohio Youth/Young Adult participants, the ones who were actually on the degree teams - Aaron, Amanda, and Andrew Evans, Melanie Fitch, and Hope and Stephen Murphy, truly represented our state well, and I am VERY proud of them!

This issue of the Ohio Granger magazines was sent to every valid address which we have in our data base. To receive the six 2014 Ohio Granger magazines in the mail, fill out the renewal form on the back cover of this issue and mail the entire page or a copy of it (DO NOT CUT IT DOWN!) to us by October 31, 2013 or bring to the October state session. ALL former renewals will expire at the end of this year. Otherwise, the Ohio Granger magazines are on our website at www.ohiostategrange.org - then select ‘Granger Magazine’, and then select the issue you want.
JUNE LEGISLATIVE DAY A SUCCESS

After postponing our regularly scheduled March Legislative Day a new date and location was set for the last Saturday of June to be held at the Ohio State Grange state office. Speakers that day included Angela Snyder of Lesic and Camper Associates. Angela updated us on Medicare Part B and D issues. Due to the across-the-board cuts made by the sequestration core cancer prevention and public health programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be slashed by an estimated five percent. Services to Medicare recipients who are being treated for cancer (through Medicare Part B) may be affected. Not only will preventative cancer screenings be affected but cancer treatment centers that provide chemo injections and infusions will also see cuts. These cuts could ultimately cause many community cancer treatment centers to close.

Sarah Poulton, Legislative Staff for Congressman Bill Johnson spoke to attendees about the Affordable Health Care for Americans (ObamaCare). Sarah showed us a flowchart that demonstrates the process by which Americans will have to use in order to get coverage under the Affordable Care Act. She also presented a flow chart that determines penalties for employers not offering affordable coverage under the Affordable Care Act beginning in 2014.

Luncheon speaker was Dallas Gerber, Legislative Aide for Congressman Bob Gibbs. Dallas updated us on the Farm Bill and also discussed the Affordable Health Care Act.

The afternoon session was a panel discussing the Second Amendment and gun control issues. Speakers were Dallas Gerber; Mindy Whited, NRA Trainer and Chapter Director for the Well Armed Women; Sheriff Dave Shaffer, Knox County Sheriff and Clint Lake, Training Coordinator for Buckeye Firearms. The panel members each gave an opening talk about their respective organizations and then answered questions and discussed recent issues with gun control. All in all the speakers drove home the point that being educated on gun handling and gun regulations are paramount for gun safety. A special thank you to the ladies of Williamsport Grange in Morrow County for providing the luncheon for the Legislative Day. Next year’s Legislative Day will also be scheduled for the last week of June at the Ohio State Grange state office in Fredericktown.

OHIO STATE GRANGE MEETS WITH SENATOR SHERROD BROWN’S STAFF TO DISCUSS MEDICARE PART B AND SEQUESTRATION CONCERNS

In August, Ohio State Grange Legislative Director, Lisa Tharp met with John Ryan, State Director for Senator Sherrod Brown to discuss the sequestration cuts on Medicare Part B and community cancer treatment centers. The meeting was held August 9th at the Mark H. Zangmeister Center for Oncology and Hematology, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting, coordinated by Jenny Camper of Lesic and Camper Associates was also attended by key staff of the Zangmeister Center, Ohio Hematology and Oncology Society and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In this meeting we were able to express our concerns about the cuts made by sequestration on cancer treatment centers and preventative cancer screenings. Tharp expressed concerns that rural Ohioans will be negatively affected by these cuts if the community cancer centers are forced to close. She explained that many rural Ohioans in treatment for cancer may choose to forgo treatments because of the lack of transportation options in getting to larger cancers centers located in metropolitan areas. And these smaller centers still offer the same chemo options without having to drive several hours to Columbus or Cleveland, she stated. Mr. Ryan seemed receptive to our concerns. H.B. 59 INCLUDES REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR OHIO GRANGES

This past June, the Ohio Legislators passed the state Budget Bill (HB 59) which included a line item that will allow fraternal organizations such as the Grange to tax exempt certain Grange properties. These properties must be used primarily for the meetings and administration of the fraternal organization. This should apply to our Granges in Ohio who still own their property. The exemption begins to apply with the 2013 Tax Year. Granges will need to apply for the exemption. As of the writing of this article, procedures and specific regulations have not been developed so please wait to apply once procedures are set in place.

We need to thank House Speaker William Batchelder who was instrumental in getting this exemption passed. The purpose of this exemption is to demonstrate the necessity of community services of fraternal organizations such as the Grange in our communities. This tax exemption will assist our Granges in continuing service to their communities. Please consider ramping up your community service particularly to your local schools – such as the Words for Thirds program, volunteer in the classrooms, purchasing books or school supplies for low income students, volunteering to plant flower gardens, etc. Use this opportunity to work to improve your corner of Ohio.
Talent Contest

1st Place

Chorus

Ohio State Jr. Grange, Butler Co.
Geauga Co. Pomona Jr. Grange

Vocal Solo 10 - 14

Jenna McNeil Stark Co.
Chontay James Geauga Co.
Ashlynn Falk Butler Co.

Vocal Solo 5 - 9

Jarren Scott Butler Co.
Ashlynn Falk Butler Co.
Stephanie Williamson Geauga

Reading 10 -14

Rebecca Milburn, Jenna McNeil, Stark Co.
Stephanie Williamson, Chontay James, Geauga Co.

Reading 5 - 9

Jerrin Scott Butler Co.

Dance 5 - 9

Braelynn Wagers Chontay James Geauga Co.

Dance 10 - 14

Karah Nungesser Brooklyn Nusbaum Patrick Lanstrum Geauga Co.
Ledge Grange Geauga Co.

Instrumental Solo 10 - 14

1st Place

Miscellaneous 10 -14

Kenzie Huston, Ashlynn Falk, Butler Co.
Stephanie Williamson, Chontay James, Geauga Co.

Sign-A-Song

Ashlynn Falk Butler Co.

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Here it is, another year! It just doesn’t seem possible!
The goals will basically be the same as 2012-2013, because
the monies have not come in for the schools as we’d hoped.
We will keep the goals the same for 2013-2014. I’ve e-mailed
the schools and they are okay with the same goals.
I will be visiting the schools at the beginning of the
school year and give them the monies and items that have
been collected over the last year. I ask that you continue to
support the school projects and that you make the schools
goals your priority for the next year. They are very
appreciative of all our support!
I will provide a list of schools with their needs at
the Convention as I did last year. This information will also
be in the Deaf Activities Chairman packets.
ALL MONIES DONATED NEED TO BE SENT
TO THE STATE OFFICE.
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO “THE OHIO STATE
GRANGE” AND MARK WHERE THE DONATIONS ARE
TO GO.
2013-2014 PROJECTS FOR DEAF ACTIVITIES
OHIO STATE GRANGE DEAF FUND
Monetary Donations
SCHOOLS
1. A. G. BELL & HUY
Monetary Donations: Covers for iPads - Connector Cords
to Connect iPad with Projector - Laser Pointers - Screen
Saver Protectors for iPads - Jump Drivers (Flash Drivers) -
iTunes Cards to purchase Educational Applications for iPads
2. CANTON CITY SCHOOLS - BELLE STONE -
CRENSHAW - TIMKEN HIGH
Monetary Donations: Software Program to help with 2
languages (ASL and English) - Clip Software - Smart Board
- Dry Erase Board - Update material from old VHS to CD/
DVD formats
3. NATIONAL ROAD
Monetary Donations: Colored Copy Paper - Poster Board
- Small Science Boards - Sign Language Dictionaries - Picture
Dictionaries - Visual Dictionaries
Collectable Items: Markers - Glue Sticks - Colored Pencils
4. OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
Monetary Donations: 2- iPads - Hearing aid Set
Collectable Items: Pop Tabs for Yearbook - Campbell Soup
Labels and Box Tops for Independent Living Students
5. ST. RITA
Monetary Donations: (For All Classes - 6 weeks to High
School): Blank CDs - Blank DVDs - Laminating Sheets -
Storage Containers (all sizes)
Collectable Items: Paper Towels -Zip Lock Bags (all sizes) -
Construction Paper - Boxes of Kleenex
Monetary Donations for 6 weeks to 5 year olds: CD/Radio
Player - Puppets - Craft Paper - Photo Paper (Jet & Laser) -
Playground Balls - Desktop Laminator - Craft Supplies
Collectable Items: Jump Ropes - Play doh
Monetary Donations for Elementary and High School: Copier
Paper - Clear Contact Paper
Collectable Items: ABC Flash Cards - Index Cards (all sizes)
OTHER PROJECTS
1. HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES FOR ALL THE
SCHOOLS ABOVE.
2. Hearing aids and parts to be cleaned and refurbished for
students
3. Used hearing aid batteries
DOGS FOR THE DEAF
Hopefully we will know about our dog sponsorship
by the time this article comes out.
Robin e-mailed me and asked if for our next project,
we would provide monies to produce a client training video.
The video would be sent to applicants, prior to their arrival
with their new dog. It would give them training regarding
what to expect when the trainer and dog arrive, and it would
also serve as a reference after the placement week when the
trainer leaves. This video will help clients be better prepared;
it will make the placement week more effective and efficient,
and it will help them after the placement when they forget
something or have a question.
The Ohio State Grange would be listed as one of the
sponsors of the video on the video.
By helping in this project, it will directly affect the
success of the dogs, their training and placement, and the
overall success of every dog they rescue and every placement
they do.
This will be the State Deaf Activities Project for this
year.
SIGN-A-SONG AND SIGN THE SPOKEN WORD
Refer to the Lecturers, Youth and Junior Programs
for details and rules. The Deaf Department will be responsible
for securing the contest judges.
CONVENTION DEAF ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE
Check schedule for time and place at the Convention.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
DEAF ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE
The date, time and place will be announced later.
Please make plans to attend. Every Granger is welcome and
can be a part of the Conference. For the Deaf Chairman, it is
an opportunity to meet and work with other Chairmen across the State. We all learn a lot and we have fun in the process.

The Conference is a good time to support and grow the Deaf Activities program.

**DEAF ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN REPORT AND PROGRAM OUTLINE**

Each Chairman should send a Report Form of all the activities accomplished during the year and a Program Outline of the program you presented at your Grange. Each Chairman should have one program about Deafness or Hard of Hearing at your Grange. Your Lecturer also gets credit on their report for your Hearing Program.

I will let you know the due date in the next article. The Report and Program Outline is to be mailed to me. Prizes will be given to your Deputies at the Convention. I urge you to make this a priority goal for yourself, your Grange and your County.

All Subordinate, Pomona and Junior Granges are eligible for awards. Everyone wants to get an award, so, encourage all your Grange Departments to report.

I received a short article from the paper and I would like to share it with you at this time.

It is titled, “Bring in the Noise” and it says, “You may cringe at the floor-shaking noise levels in your health club, but, ironically, keeping fit may be protecting your ears. Studies find that cardiovascular exercise such as walking or cycling can help ears recover after being exposed to loud noises, which may help them get their hearing back quicker.”

A different theory and interesting thought! Some points about Guide Dogs and rules to follow:

**How to Approach a Guide Dog**

* It is a team (dog and owner)
* When in harness the dog is at “WORK” and is responsible for its owner and should NOT be distracted.
  
  Hints on what to do and NOT to do when you come across a Guide Dog Team
* Always greet the owner first.
* Whatever side the Guide Dog is on (most work on the left) approach from the other side.
* Do not approach a team while in the middle of a task. Wait till task is completed.
* DO NOT Pet a Guide Dog without permission. Owner may or may not allow petting. Don’t get your feeling hurt when told NO.
* DO NOT call out or whistle at a Guide Dog. Owners safety is dependent on the dog to maintain focus. Do Not Distract dog.
* DO NOT feed or offer the dog food or treats. Guide Dogs are fed on a schedule and that is strictly maintained.
  
  Because the Guide Dogs visit stores and restaurants, they are trained to ignore food. Offering food will distract them and negates their training and can make them sick.

**In Memory of**

Pauline Terrell
Past Junior Deputy of Clinton County

Rose Anne Bratton
Past Deputy of Fulton County

**Grange Membership Drive**

I encourage you to read well the Membership article on page 16 written by OSG Membership Director, Daryl Flowers. It encourages each Grange in Ohio to have a Membership Drive Nov 1-14. This is a great opportunity for ‘Down to Earth’ Grangers to rise ‘Up to the Challenge’ of working seriously at one of the more difficult areas of our Grange practices. This article was also sent to each Subordinate Secretary last month with the Officer/Chairpersons forms, so between that mailing and this September/October Ohio Granger issue, which goes to every Grange family in Ohio whose address is correct in our data base, everyone should be aware of it. Please address it; we all know its importance!
It is a new Grange year and YOU are looking for ideas for the winter blues busters. You just may find one or two in your reading of the F.A. article.

**Con-Kerr Cancer Pillowcases**

We are continuing the Con-Kerr cancer pillowcases project. This is a project in which you make very bright colored pillowcases for children who have a terminal disease. These pillowcases help brighten their day after a treatment. There have been changes in their drop off sites so please make a note of the site in your area. Complete list of sites will be in our booklet which you will get in your F.A. packet from your deputy. Remember, F.A. chairman, put the count in your report even if you give to a hospital in your area, and just make a note of that.

**Supplies:**

3/4 yd. of fabric for pillowcase

1/3 yd. of material for border of pillowcase

**Sewing instruction:**

1. Cut the body of the case 26½ inches by 40 ½ inches and the border 10½ inches by 40½ inches.
2. Fold the border in half lengthwise, with wrong sides together and press.
3. Place the right side of the border on the right side of the body of the case. Stitch together using a ½ inch seam allowance.
4. Place right side of the pillowcase together. Stitch down the side and across the bottom. Turn to the right side and press.

Note: Make sure to wash the pillowcase for the protection of the children with suppressed immunity. In addition, please place each pillowcase in its own zip lock bag.

Speaking of reports, there was a resolution in 2012 that ALL reports shall be due on the same day. The Delegates accepted this for the 2014 reports. Check with your deputy to see when they want the report but they have to be to us by SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

**Coupons**

Clipping coupons for our military personnel is an ongoing project. The coupons are bagged or put into a container and the service personnel can take what they want and use them. Many of the companies allow an extra 6 months after expiration date for the military. You can go on line and get addresses to use for shipping so we do not over flood one military site. Keep track of the weight of shipped coupons for your report. The address we have been using is: MCCS PERSONAL SERVICE CENTER (COURTNEY), UNIT 35023, FPO AP 96373-5023

**VOSH**

The collection of prescription eye glasses for VOSH is very appreciated and continues to be an ongoing project. VOSH/International stands for Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. The glasses are taken to third world countries and the doctors do free examinations and match the glasses to fit that person’s need. We have not gotten confirmation as to the quantity of glasses VOSH received from us. The county that collects the most prescription glasses wins an ice cream social on the F.A. Directors. Clermont County was the winner of the ice cream social.

**Linus Blanket Project**

Linus blankets are for children who are very ill or in need of warmth. To this date the Linus project have received 4,463,213 blankets. We took 50 of your blankets to Berlin, Ohio (Holmes County) to the Country Craft Cupboard after convention last year and another 50 recently. Tammy, the owner, takes the blankets to the Appalachian Mountain area. The Linus project also has changes and additions to the drop off sites for the blankets. These blankets should be new construction, and could be as small as 36” x 36” to as large as twin size. The majority is 40” x 60”. Make a note of how many you take to the drop off site.

**BLANKET SPECIFICATIONS**

*Make blankets from NEW (NOT RECYCLED), CLEAN, WASHABLE materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors.
*Blankets may be crocheted, knitted, quilted, or no-sew fleece with a finished edge.
*Make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece or acrylic (NO WOOL).
*Secure the batting into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches, cutting ties to 1 inch in length.
*Weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blanket.
*Check the blanket carefully (double check and triple check) for straight pins and needles. PLEASE use only safety pins (not straight pins) to attach notes to quilts.
*Avoid buttons or decorative items on a blanket. They can be a choking hazard.
*Pre-wash all fabric that you feel may cause a problem with bleeding.
*Avoid using fabric or yarn that has been stored in a damp area and has a musty smell. Mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child and are very difficult to remove from the fabric. Even if the musty smell disappears after
laundering, the spores are still present and can cause serious respiratory problems in children.

*Absolutely no odors of smoke and strong chemicals (including perfumed fabric softeners), or pet hair. Washing these blankets does not always remove the problem.

*Blankets should be free of religious messages since they are donated to children of all faiths.

*No holiday fabrics or panels (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc)

**SUGGESTED BLANKET SIZES**

(Measurements are approximate inches. Please remember that the sizes listed are just guidelines. They accept blankets of ALL sizes.)

Baby blankets..................no smaller than 36" x 36"
Child…………………………..40" x 60"
Teen…………………………….. 45” x 72

**HOW TO FINISH A FLEECE BLANKET**

*No matter what method is used to finish a fleece blanket; remove the selvage edges (the wavy sides with small holes punched all along the side) and even up all sides.

*They prefer single layer polar fleece blankets. They are lighter and easier for young children to handle. Double fleece blankets can be heavy and bulky.

*You may serge or hem the fleece or cut a fringed edge.

*You do not have to knot the fringe.

*Do not cut the fringe any longer than 2” – 4”. Longer fringe tangles in medical instruments and tubes. Remember, the longer you make the fringe, the less blanket area there is for snuggling.

**Comfort Toy**

Comfort toy collection is a challenge this year. You are working to fill a 4 foot wide, 4 foot high, 4 foot deep pen, 64 square feet of toys. This will only be accomplished if you help us make over 1,000 comfort toys. Please remember all toys that are judged at the Grange level are to go to the county level. The winner to be judged with the rest of the subordinate winners and that winner goes on to represent your county at state convention. All toys that are not placed should come to state convention to help us fill the pen. These comfort toys will be distributed to the Children’s Hospitals in the greater Columbus area. Keep a tally of your stuffed toys.

**Adult Bibs**

Adult bibs is a project your Grange can continue to do if there is a need in your area. In our area the adult care center rent their bibs and that company also cleans the bibs. If there is a need in your area please continue to make the bibs and put that in your reports.

**Battery Collection (discontinued)**

We are sorry to say that the battery collection is no longer a project. The company that was giving to Ida Sue School and the Nick Amster Workshop the money for the batteries did not realize that Grangers are doers. The batteries collected so far is over 400 pounds and we still have until October. In the past the most this company paid the school was $40.00, 10 cents a pound. Sorry to say you scared the company and they backed out at the end of this year. We contacted Energizer, Ever Ready, Duracell and Ray-O-Vac but they do not do anything like this but thought it was a good idea.

**Project Rudolph**

The “Project Rudolph” has been a project for four years now. It is a good project but we have only ever gotten one response back from a soldier who greatly appreciated the gift. Miami County received the letter and a picture. We have not heard from the Campbells or any associates of “Project Rudolph” so we do not know if they have ever received our packages. We have sent requests for proof of delivery but have never received anything. If your Grange wanted to continue to make Christmas ornaments or send candy, feel free to continue, but we will be sending the things we have and write a nice note to them. However this will no longer be an Ohio State Family Activity project. We will leave the information in the booklet for this year.

There are some changes in the contests so please make sure you read carefully. There are 2 new contests to check out. Here are your 2013-2014 Family Activity Contests:

**Family Activity Contests**

I. **Comfort Toy Contest - Subordinate**

Toys must be soft sculpture, filled with a commercial fiberfill. Entries must conform to U.S. Safety Regulations with no sharp edges that might injure a child. Trimings must be secure with no buttons or glue-on eyes. Only one toy per person is allowed for judging. All toys brought to the subordinate level and county level should be brought to convention. The winning toy at subordinate level will be judged with the other Grange winners. The winning toy at county level will advance to the state level to be judged. Toys are judged on cleanliness, safety, general appearance and workmanship. All toys received will be donated to a local hospital to comfort the children who must be there for treatment or who come into the emergency room. We will take as many toys as your Grange and/or county wants to donate.

II. **Busy Needles - Subordinate Division**

General Rules:
1. Open to Grange members
2. A contestant may enter as many classes as they wish, but may enter only one item per class.
3. Work must be entirely that of the contestant, except those quilted by a group.
4. Entries must have been completed between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014.

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5. Each entry must have a label securely attached with the following information: name and address, Grange name and number and county.

Judging:
1. County contests will be at the discretion of the County Family Activities Chairperson.
2. Only one entry per class may be sent to State Convention for judging.
3. All entries will be judged using the following criteria: Workmanship. General appearance. Selection of design. Harmony of color. Suitability of article of purpose.
4. Local awards: The local and county Granges will determine all local awards.

Class A: Afghan - The afghan may be made using any yarn suitable to entry. It must be knitted, or crocheted, using your choice of pattern. NO SIZE LIMITATION.

Class B: For the Table - This is to be created by crochet, knit, or tatting. You may use any pattern or design to make a doily, luncheon cloth table runner or 4 piece placemat set.

Class C: Baby Afghan - You may use any yarn suitable to entry. Must be knitted or crocheted, using your choice of pattern.

Class D: Rock-A-Bye Baby - You may use any pattern to knit or crochet your entry. When entering a 3 piece set you may use any yarn thread suitable for entry. The Three piece baby set may include a pair of booties or a blanket as part of the set. (A pair of booties is considered one item in the set.)

Class E: Something to Wear - You may use any pattern for a knitted, woven or crocheted article of clothing or three piece set: hat, scarf and gloves (or mittens). You may use any thread or yarn.

Class F: Embroidery - This may be any type of style of embroidered item: Crewel, huck/Swedish weaving, needlepoint, etc…. The item must be framed or mounted, (if appropriate). Back of item must be visible.

Class G: Counted Cross Stitch - The item must be framed or mounted, (if appropriate). Back of item must be visible.

Class H: Plastic Canvas - Any item made with any pattern using any yarn or thread product. No size restrictions. Each entry is limited to 3 pieces or less. Please leave back uncovered.

Class J: Scarf - The scarf must be knitted or crocheted using your choice of pattern and yarn suitable for the project. It must be one straight line with two ends.

Class B: Sewing - Tee Shirt Pillow
See Juniors page 22 for details.

C. Comfort Toys (stuffed toys) - Toys must be soft sculptured, filled with commercial fiberfill. Entries must conform to U.S. Safety Regulations with no sharp edges that might injure a child. Trimmings must be secure with no buttons or glue-on eyes. Only one toy per person is allowed for judging, and all judging will take place at the state level. Toys are judged on cleanliness, safety, general appearance and workmanship. All toys received will be donated to a local hospital to comfort the children who must be there for treatment or who come into the emergency room.

IV. Quilt Contest
Quilt contest entries may use choice of batting and quilting technique. By definition, a quilt is a top piece of fabric created by piecing, a middle layer of batting, then a bottom layer of fabric, all secured together by a stitch completed from top layer to bottom layer.

Class A: Quilt, quilted by an individual.

Class B: Quilt, quilted by a group. More than 1 person worked on the quilt.

Class C: Crib quilt, wall hanging or other small quilted item (such as vest or table runner).

Class D: Knotted (tied) Comforter, by one person or a group.

Rules:
1. Quilt must be completed during the Grange year October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014.
2. Minimum size for Class A, Class B and Class D is 72 inches by 90 inches or 324 inches total outer measurement. (No maximum size.)
3. The size for Class C must be appropriate for the article entered.
4. Open to Grangers. In the group classes, at least one person must be a Grange member and that person enters the project. Please list group name on the entry and label.
5. Cloth label must show name, address, Grange name and number, and county and should be safety pinned to the quilt.
6. County winners will be judged at the state session in October and must be entered by a Deputy or representative of that county.

V. Caroline Hall’s Kitchen Stadium

Class A: Pepperoni Roll – Up
1 (8 ounce) package refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
16 slices pepperoni, cut into quarters
2 pieces mozzarella string cheese, cut into quarters
¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning, divided
¼ teaspoon garlic salt

Directions: Unroll crescent dough; separate into eight triangles. Place eight pepperoni pieces on each. Place a piece of cheese on the short side of each triangle; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Roll up each, starting with the short side; pinch seams to seal. Sprinkle with garlic
National Quilt News

The block for 2013 is the Christmas Star in red, green and white. I hope a lot of you have had the time to make a block to enter the state contest. Christmas material is back in stock, at least at our JOANN store. The winning block will go to the National contest and the other blocks will be made into another quilt. We learned a lot from our “Wonky Ohio Log Cabin” Quilt and have new ideas for this one.

The 2012 “Wonky Ohio Log Cabin” Quilt will be on display at the state convention in October and there are still chances available to purchase for the opportunity to win that quilt. They are one (1) ticket for $5.00 or five (5) tickets for $20.00. If you would like to purchase a chance on the quilt please mail a check to us and make it out to Ohio State Grange and in the memo space put quilt raffle. We will hold onto your stub(s) or mail them back in a self addressed stamped envelope that you supply.

Pete Pompper, the National Lecturer is working on a new idea for a National Grange Quilt Contest for 2014. When the National Grange Convention is in Sandusky, Ohio the National Grange may sponsor a quilt contest. This is part of the e-mail we received from our state master/president who received it from Mr. Pompper. “As part of the NG quilt contest, we are going to start asking for individual quilts in different categories to be displayed and eventually judged. This year in conjunction with the quilt block contest invite any SG who wishes to have a quilt displayed to send one to New Hampshire for this National Convention.

These WILL NOT be judged this year, but are important to us to display for many reasons with determining spacing needs being at the top. If all goes well this will become a judged contest in 2014.”

We will be sending one of the quilts to New Hampshire with the Brumbaughs.

Linus Blankets

In the six years of being your Family Activity Directors we have taken over 500 blankets to Berlin and Kidron, Ohio for Linus blankets. You have given many children in the Appalachian Mountain area warmth and comfort in their time of need.

The picture shows Christie Miller who works at Country Craft Cupboard. She accepted the blankets on behalf of the owner of the craft store. We told her about the comfort toy challenge we have given to you and she said that she was going to challenge the other ladies working in the store and some of their regular customers to help with this project. 

**Class B: Whoopie (Moon) Pies - YOUR OWN RECIPE - Any Flavor**

Rules:
1. **Rolls** - No bigger than 3”. **Whoopie Pie** - Must be 2-1/2” to 3” Any flavor of cookie and icing.
2. You must include your recipe for Whoopie pie and icing.
3. Place 3 cookies or 3 rolls on a plate.
4. Tape entry form to the bottom of the bag. Please tape recipe for the Whoopie pie and icing on top of bag.
5. Entries will be judged on:
   - Flavor: Taste, sweetness and blend.
   - Ingredients; Texture: crumbliness; and Appearance: Uniformity and color
6. Please include your county number, not your Pomona Grange number on the entry form. Example: 76 (Stark County). DO NOT WRITE ON BOTTOM OF PLATE.

**VI. A Stitch In Time** - Members and Non members

A. **Skirt**

B. **Pillowcase - pair**

Rules:
1. Members and Non-Members
2. Skirt may have elastic waistband, or new style waistband, or may have a zipper.
3. Your choice of material, pattern and decorations.
4. Skirt - made for adult.
5. Pattern for skirt must accompany it.
6. The pillowcases will go to Con-Kerr Cancer. Please bring all entries from subordinate and county.
7. Judging: Workmanship, Appearance, Originality & Difficulty

**VII. Spring Fling Craft** – What you made at camp!

**VIII. Home** - Member and Non member

**Class A. Jewelry** – 2 piece set – necklace and earrings - necklace and bracelet - bracelet and earrings, suitable for an adult. NON PROFESSIONALS ONLY.

**Class B. Sculpture** – any medium: wood, clay, solid rock, fiber- 3D form- 12” wide x 12” deep x 12” high- Pre assembled finished project

**Class C. Welcome Mat** – any recycled material Max. 18” x 24”- oval, ½ round, rectangle

Rules:
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3. Judging: Workmanship, Appearance & Originality
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Use your face as a map of Israel with the Lebanon border being your hair. Jerusalem is your nose with the Sea of Galilee being your eyes and the bottom of your chin, the Dead Sea. What makes the Dead Sea a dead sea? What is the difference between the Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea? The Sea of Galilee has an inlet & outlet (Jordan River) and Dead Sea has no outlet. Thousands of years of water draining into the Dead Sea and it all evaporates. Sodom & Gomorrah are on the coast of the Dead Sea.

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it also emits a noxious odor and harbors unhealthy disease organisms that are detrimental to the well being of beneficial life forms. Will there continue to be an adequate supply of clean pure water necessary to meet the needs of all beneficial life forms? Only we hold the key to answer the question.

The Bible begins with references to literal water in the account of creation by saying, “The Spirit moved upon the face of the water,” Gen. 1:2. And God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the water from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so,” Gen. 1:6-7. Several millennia after the creation account the Bible with its continuous stream of innumerable references to water and events involved with water in various forms concludes with references to symbolic water by saying, “I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely,” Rev. 21:6. “He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the lamb,” Rev. 22:1. “The Spirit and the bride say Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely,” Rev. 22:17

May God continue to provide water for His people and give us the wisdom & foreknowledge to care for this essential & necessary ingredient of Life. Thought for the day “WATER IS LIFE ~ NO WATER, NO LIFE”

Family Camp Weekend

Grange Family camp was held June 21st thru June 23rd. at Whispering Hills RV Park in Holmes County. We had a very good time. The committee made breakfast on Saturday morning. Then anyone wanting to go went to town and visited different places, went shopping or just took it easy. Later in the day, we had a water balloon fight, played corn hole, enjoyed swimming and relaxing. Whispering Hills hosted a water slip and slide that was enjoyed by the kids and Mark Flowers. We had hotdogs cooked by the committee and enjoyed a nice potluck meal Saturday evening. We had 44 people throughout the weekend.

On Saturday evening, the GROW club held their summer meeting.

Sunday morning the committee served up eggs and bacon and we all enjoyed their cooking.

Daryl Flowers was the winner of a Walmart Gift Card and flashlight, as his name was drawn from participating in different activities over the weekend.

The committee for next year’s camp is Mark and Sheri Flowers, Richard and Ada Cummins, Mike and Debbie Russell. Mark and Sheri will be the committee chairs for next year. It was decided that we will go back there again next year June 20-22, 2014.

Grow Club

Our annual summer meeting was held June 22, 2013 at Whispering Hills RV Park in Shreve, Ohio with ten members present. We discussed the RADA Cutlery sale, member lists, 30th anniversary celebration, honor court, and the 2014 national convention.

We are continuing our RADA Cutlery fundraiser. The items we have available are listed below. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact Nicole Swigart.

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We will have all of these RADA items available to purchase at the state convention. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a couple RADA gift sets.

Heather Miller and Justin & Nicole Swigart spent a day at the Ohio State Grange office looking through old books to try to find the missing names for our member lists compiled of past SYC, Young Couples, Princes, Princesses, and Ambassadors.

2013 is the 30th Anniversary of the GROW Club in Ohio. We are planning an anniversary reunion during the 2013 State Session with cookies and punch. We are asking all GROW Club members to bring some cookies to share and visit with old friends. Even if you are not as active in the Grange anymore, we would still like to see you! If you have any pictures of past royalty (Prince, Princess, Ambassadors, and Young Couples) and/or the State Youth Committee with their sashes, please email them to Nicole Swigart for a slide show. Also include the name(s), county, and year.

During the state session we will again have the honor court during the youth pageant. Please plan to participate.

The fall G.R.O.W. Club meeting will take place during state session as well. The details of this meeting will be announced later.

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November – 14 Days of Recruiting!

After positive input from the Lecturers’ Conference and great feedback from the May Deputies Conference, the Ohio State Grange Executive Committee decided to designate the first two weeks of November as our statewide annual membership drive. In these two weeks, every Grange member in Ohio is encouraged, (with the support of their local Granges), to ask a non-Granger to visit their Grange.

The two main reasons for establishing these weeks for recruiting efforts are:
1) Gain higher visibility in our communities and attract new members
2) Coordinate our efforts around the state.

As Grange members, it is important to feel comfortable promoting ourselves. With the personal experience and insight we gain through this event each year, our confidence level will only go up.

Through this event, the public will become more aware of the Grange and its activities. Use your local newspaper and radio to showcase your activities. Social media can be another asset. It can be used for sharing photos of Grange events and sending out announcements. “Why the first two weeks in November?” you might ask. This time-frame follows a number of activities such as the Words for Thirds dictionary given to third graders, harvest suppers and Thanksgiving dinners. I am sure you see where this is going. Our greatest membership asset is FOOD! Grangers are known to be great cooks. Invite someone to share a meal with you. A great meal is short lived, so we need to have a few handouts at the meal and a short program. Here are suggestions for the meeting and the handouts:
Ø Go to www.NationalGrange.org and let your curser hover over “Values” then click on “Benefits to Members”. This will give you the list and explanation of member benefits to include in your handout.
Ø The Ohio State Grange offers family memberships at 2½ times the cost of a single membership. Families with two or more dependents get a great deal! Both the regular membership application and the family membership application can be found at www.OhioStateGrange.org under “Grange Membership Applications/Brochures”.
Ø The Ohio State Grange offers half off camp fees to Youth and Juniors attending State Grange camps when their applications are received on or before the deadline.
Ø Insert a Grange calendar with your meeting dates, times and place, dates of community service projects, and any other special events relevant to your Grange. A member should contact the invited guest and remind him/her of the upcoming Grange meeting.
Ø Include a list of community projects your Grange plans throughout the year.
Ø If there is a Lecturer’s program, make it short! The program should teach the group one thing and end with a smile.

As you can see, there is a lot of work to do from the time you read this and the first two weeks of November. I would suggest appointing a committee at your Grange for this event. Of course, we will always welcome a guest or new member to our Granges the other fifty weeks of the year as well.

Good luck with your endeavors!
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

65 year
Joyce Weiser, Timber Run #1898, Muskingum Co.
James Foster, Timber Run #1898, Muskingum Co.
John Powell, Blue Ridge #1448, Coshocton Co.
Charles Ray, Sheffield Star #1660, Ashtabula Co.
Iola Elliott, Union #1783, Wayne Co.

60 year
June Hawk, Williamsport #1815, Morrow Co.
Elsie Spillman, Timber Run #1898, Muskingum Co.
J. Kinsey Tanner, Timber Run #1898, Muskingum Co.
Nancy Buehler, Blue Ridge #1448, Coshocton Co.
Gloria Hackenbracht, Blue Ridge #1448, Coshocton Co.

55 year
Virginia Walker, Timber Run #1898, Muskingum Co.
Nick Caruso, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.
Richard D. Little, Sheffield Star #1610, Ashtabula Co.

50 year
Howard Jackson, Miami #2158, Logan Co.
Jenean Jackson, Miami #2158, Logan Co.
Martha Marie Carpenter, Clear Creek Valley #1843, Fairfield Co.
Joyce Ann Blosser, Clear Creek Valley #1843, Fairfield Co.
Freda Cooper, Blue Ridge #1448, Coshocton Co.

Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843
Fairfield County

Joyce Ann Blosser and Martha Carpenter are receiving their 50-year Award from Ben Blosser, Master of Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843. Unable to attend was Roberta Hyme who also received her 50-year Award and Jack Shaeffer who received his 40-year Award.
Summer Youth Camp was held on July 20-23, 2013. The theme this year at camp was “Having a Ball at Youth Camp”. We had 10 youth attend the camp. The camp was filled with many workshops, games and fellowship. We made tie dye t-shirts, Oreo balls, and stress balls. Thank you to Sarah Grafton for her help throughout the weekend and teaching us in a sign language workshop where we learned to sign “Take Me Out To the Ball Game”. Thank you to Jenn Lanstrum who led a drill workshop where the youth created their own drill which will hopefully be used for a drill competition at Eastern Regional in 2014 and parts will be seen at Session in October performed by the Youth Opening Team. Thank you to Stephen Murphy for teaching us about the history, rules, and some interesting statistics about baseball during his trivia workshop. A special thank you to Susan English for taking time out of her busy schedule to come to camp and teach ballroom dancing. The youth at camp really enjoyed learning to waltz, salsa and polka. The youth also taught Susan the cha cha slide. We would also like to thank young adults Sarah Howard and Sarah Casseday for coming to camp where they taught the youth the meaning behind the first degree and about personal development. Lastly we would like to thank Master Gary Brumbaugh for joining us on Friday morning where he led a discussion about the state’s membership and the importance of involvement at this level. At camp we also played glow in the dark bowling, croquet and created care packages for two soldiers complete with personal letters to the troops.

Please join us in congratulating our new State Youth Committee members Tricia Wiseman of Muskingum County and Corey Shiltz of Miami County. Thank you to the retiring committee members Jenn Lanstrum, Stephen Murphy and Ethan Widder for all the work that they have done to make our first year with the youth so enjoyable.

STATE CONVENTION

This year at convention “The Youth Are Going Hawaiian”. As a reminder the youth will be collecting crayons and coloring books to take to the Nationwide Children’s Hospital sometime during the weekend. Any type of unused coloring books or any boxes of crayons will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for a few more participants for the Youth Opening Team for convention. The youth will be opening the session on Saturday morning of our state convention. We would appreciate anyone who comes down to show their support for our program.

For any youth who are planning on attending convention, your reservations are due to the state office by September 20. If anyone is interested in participating in the Youth Ambassador/Young Couple contest, please fill out the following information and send it back to Youth Directors Justin and Nicole Swigart. PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION TO THE STATE OFFICE. If you are planning on running for Ambassador or Young Couple, please take the following into consideration. Pay close attention to the upcoming events this year. You’re expected to put on a workshop at both winter and summer camps. Along with the workshops you will be a part of planning for these events as well as with several things at convention next year. Also, in order to represent the Ohio State Grange at the National Convention in 2014, you must attend a regional conference along with other requirements which are passed down from the National Youth Development Director, Charlene Espenshade.

Youth Craft 2014:

You may enter either one craft or both. This year there is no gender specific craft.

Duct tape Item: Make anything of your choosing completely out of duct tape. Your item may be no larger than 8in. square. (8 x 8 x 8)

Decorated Picture Frame: Decorate a 5 x 7 picture frame using any materials you wish. You may include a picture that ties into the theme of your decoration, but is not a requirement.

STATE FAIR CRAFT 2014:

Make a bird house any size smaller than 10 x 10 x 10. You may use any materials you wish and decorate your craft however you wish. We challenge you to do the research and learn what different birds are in your area and what type of bird house would attract them to your home.

Any craft entered must have a label securely attached with the following information: Name, Address, Grange Name and Number, County and Age.

To enter a youth craft you must be between the ages of 13 ½ to 20 and be a subordinate Grange member.

YOUTH BAKING 2014:

Youth Culinary Showcase Baking State Fair:

Two crust pie with the recipe of your choice must be submitted on a recipe card with the entry. No uncooked fruit will be permitted; however you may use a lattice top.
Use a disposable container for all baked goods entered. Ages for the contest are anyone 13 ½ to 20 and must be a subordinate member. Entries will be through the Ohio State Grange in order to be a participant.

State Youth Baking:

**Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookies**

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup white sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter (softened)
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips


Presentation: Place 4 cookies on a disposable plate with a label on the bottom of the plate that has the following information: Name, Age, County, Grange Name and Number

Kelly Farm Experience

It was a pleasure to join 400 plus fellow Grange members at the Oliver Hudson Kelly Farm on July 13th where six of Ohio’s youth and young adults participated in the exemplification of the 1873 degrees. We say thank you to Melanie Fitch, Hope Murphy, Stephen Murphy, Amanda Evans, Andrew Evans and Aaron Evans for their representation of the Ohio State Grange. You all did a wonderful job and we are very proud of you. We highly recommend that every Granger who is able to take a trip to the farm in Minnesota to see the working farm of the 1800’s.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2014**

Please pay attention to deadlines and other issues for more information as some deadline dates may change.

**WINTER CAMP:**

Winter youth camp will be held in coexistence with the young adults again this year. The camp will be January 17, 18, & 19 at Friendly Hills in Zanesville, OH. The camp is for members and non members ages 13 ½ to 20. Reservations for winter camp can be found in the next issue of the Ohio Granger and are due back to directors Justin and Nicole by January 3rd. Remember that you do not have to be a member to attend this camp so bring a friend or ten. This camp has more of a relaxed schedule, so it is a good chance to get to know your fellow youth if you have not attended a youth event before.

**EASTERN REGIONAL:**

We do not have any information about this event at this time, except that it will be held in April. We would like to take a bus load of youth to the hosting state. Pay attention to the youth articles in following issues.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

**Category A: Prepared Speech with topic of the contestant’s choice**

The groups are 13-19, 20-29 and 30 plus. Time limit for this contest is 4 minutes to 7 minutes. Points will be deducted for not enough or too much time. Contestants will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech which will be related to the contestant’s chosen speech topic and will be asked by the judges. Scoring is as follows: 15 points for content, 15 points for composition, 10 points for delivery, 20 points for stage presence, 20 points for expression, and 20 points for time for a total of 100 points.

**Category B: Elevator Speech**

The age groups are 13-19, 20-29 and 30 plus. You just got on the elevator when someone sees a Grange logo on your person. “What is the Grange?” they ask. Your job as a Granger is to explain what the Grange is to this person in less than 90 seconds. Scoring is as follows: 15 points for content, 15 points for composition, 10 points for delivery, 20 points for stage presence, 20 points for expression, and 20 points for time for a total of 100 points.

**Category C: Impromptu Speech**

The age groups are 13-19, 20-29 and 30 plus. Impromptu speeches should be at least 1 minute and no longer than 5 minutes in length. A time keeper will hold up a hand when the minimum time and the maximum times are reached. Participants in this category will draw a topic from a “hat”. The participant will have a few seconds to gather their thoughts and proceed with an impromptu speech of the chosen topic. There will be no questions asked when the speaker is done with their impromptu speech. Scoring in this category is the same as category A & B.

**SIGN - A - SONG:**

**Categories**

**A: Novice**- The contestant in this category must be a beginner in sign language, has had no more than three sign language classes and has entered the sign-a-song contest no more than two years.

**B: Hobbyist**- The contestant in this category signs on an occasional basis and strictly for fun. Also the contestant has entered the contest more than two years.

**C: Group**- Two or more people signing. Participants must sign their own name. They must inform the audience and judges what type of sign language they will be using. Judging for all three categories will be the same.

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Utilization of total communication skills: 35 points. Body Expression: 30 points. Presentation: 20 points. Song selection is appropriate: 10 points. Finger spelling: 5 points. 100 total points.
The contest will be held at the Ohio State Grange office in Fredericktown. Dates will be posted in following issues.

**SUMMER YOUTH CAMP:**
Summer camp will be held Thursday, July 10 through Sunday, July 13. The registration deadline for summer youth camp will be due on June 26. Remember that you do not have to be a Grange member to attend summer camp. So those ten friends that you brought for winter camp can bring ten of their friends for summer camp. Also you do not have to attend the whole camp. If this is your first event and just want to see what all the buzz is about, come and join us for a day or two.

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**YOUTH RESERVATION FORM**

**141st ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OHIO STATE GRANGE**

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
4900 Sinclair Road, I-71 (exit 116) and Morse Road, Columbus 614-846-0300
October 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2013

Mail reservation form to Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, OH 43019-9585. **This reservation form should be received at the office of the Ohio State Grange or postmarked by September 20, 2013.** If reservation form is not completed correctly, it will be returned with an explanation or phone call made.

Name(s)________________________________________________ County_________________________________
Street Address_______________________________________________________City_________________________
State___________Zip Code________________Phone Number, Day _________________ Evening _______________
Email__________________________________________________________________________________________
Will arrive at the hotel on: Friday___________Saturday_____________Other______________
Plan on leaving_______________________________________________________________

**ROOM RATES FOUR TO A ROOM**
For Three Nights $72.00 per person..............................$_________________
For Two Nights $48.00 per person..............................$_________________
For One Night $24.00 per person..............................$_________________

**MEALS:**
Junior Breakfast (October 26) $14.00 per person............$_________________
Youth Luncheon (October 27) $21.00 per person............$_________________
Grange Banquet (October 25) $29.00 per person............$_________________
Pizza (October 26) **Available only by advance order - session time is too late to order**
$2.00 per person..................$_________________

**LIST ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**
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**REGISTRATION FEE**
$10.00 per person........................................$_________________
Total..................................................$_________________

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED – MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION...$________**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO – OHIO STATE GRANGE**
You will receive informational package about the convention from Justin and Nicole Swigart upon arrival at the hotel on Friday evening. Other days, come to the Ohio State Grange office at the hotel, Salon H on the lower level, for information.

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**Archives Workday Update**
Adding to the **archives workday** article for Saturday, September 21st as was printed in the previous issue - the main undertaking will be sorting, stockpiling, and preparing to recycle our very large assortment of older (some VERY old) manuals, songbooks, rosters, journals, digests and other publications currently stored in the center room downstairs. **NOTE:** If you would like any of the above mention items for your personal collection, you may have any of the surplus items at no cost.
That day the state office will be open at 8:00. You may ‘brown bag’ or ‘pot luck’ your lunch - individual’s choice (drink provided), and you may stay as long or as little as you wish.
Ohio State Fair Jr. Fairboard Members

The Grange was represented on The Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board by Hope Murphy of Zanesville, Muskingum County. She is a Junior at Ohio University Zanesville majoring in Middle Childhood Education. Her Junior Fair responsibility was “Ag is Cool”. This was her 1st year.

Hope is a member of Riverside Grange #1552. She began her Grange career as a Junior member at the age of 8 and has served as Female Youth Ambassador and State Youth Committee 2009 - 2010.

Also on the Junior Fair Board is Adam Hinshaw who is a Senior at Arcanum High School. His responsibility was “Costumes and Concerts”. This was his 2nd year.

Adam is a member of Stelvideo Grange #295 in Darke County. He joined Junior Grange at the age of 5. He was Male Youth Ambassador 2011 - 2012 and State Youth Committee 2010 - 2011.

Ambassadors & Young Couple
Entry Form

County_________________________________________________

MALE AMBASSADOR

Name ___________________________________________________ Age ______________________
Street_________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________ State ________________ Zip ________________
Phone (____________________ ) _________________________ Birth date ________________________

FEMALE AMBASSADOR

Name ___________________________________________________ Age ______________________
Street_________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________ State ________________ Zip ________________
Phone (____________________ ) _________________________ Birth date ________________________

YOUNG COUPLE

Husband’s name __________________________________________ Age ______________________
Wife’s name __________________________________________ Age ______________________
Street_________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________ State ________________ Zip ________________
Phone (____________________ ) _________________________ Date joined Grange __________________
Marriage Date ____________________________

2013 Ohio State Grange Winners
Ohio State Fair

Ages 5 – 8 – Cookies (11 entries)
1st – Brandt Blosser, Clear Creek Valley Jr. Grange #1051, Fairfield Co.
3rd – Kollin Miller, Clear Creek Valley Jr. Grange #1051, Fairfield Co.

Ages 9 – 11 – Muffins (4 entries)
1st – Kaden Miller, Clear Creek Valley Jr. Grange #1051, Fairfield Co.
2nd – Chontay James, Geauga Co. Pomona Jr. Grange #1041, Geauga Co.
3rd – Ashlynn Falk, Ohio State Jr. Grange #1076, Butler Co.

Ages 12 – 14 – Brownies (4 entries)
1st – Christian Valentine, Fairfield Co. Pomona Jr. Grange #1070, Fairfield Co.
2nd – Stephanie Williamson, Geauga Co. Pomona Jr. Grange #1041, Geauga Co.
3rd – Cory Carpenter, Clear Creek Valley Jr. Grange #1051, Fairfield Co.

Ages 14 – 21 – 2 Crust Pie (6 entries)
1st – Brittany Hicks, Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843, Fairfield Co.
2nd – Joshua Myers, Ledge Grange #2593, Geauga Co.
3rd – Laureen Underwood, Clear Creek Valley Grange #1843, Fairfield Co.

Ages 5 – 8 – Drums – (22 entries)
2nd – Bryce Dennis, Fairfield Co. Pomona Jr. Grange #1070, Fairfield Co.
3rd – Brandt Blosser, Clear Creek Valley Jr. Grange #1051, Fairfield Co.

Ages 9 – 11 – Rain Sticks (17 entries)
1st – Hope Stanley, Geauga Co. Pomona Jr. Grange #1041, Geauga Co.
2nd – Ashlynn Falk, Ohio State Jr. Grange #1076, Butler Co.
3rd – Caleb Houchin, Ohio State Jr. Grange #1076, Hocking Co.

Ages 12 – 14 – Treasure Box (14 entries)
1st – Markus Christ, Jefferson Jr. Grange #357, Ashtabula Co.
2nd – Asa Houchin, Ohio State Jr. Grange #1076, Hocking Co.
3rd – Shayla Molden, Ohio State Jr. Grange #1076, Meigs Co.
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Baking Ages 12 – 14
Apple Pie in Apple
5 – 6 Granny Smith apples (make sure they can stand on their own)
1 tablespoon cinnamon
¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
Pie crust (homemade or pre-made)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut off the top of 4 apples and discard the top. Remove the inside of each apple with a spoon or melon baller very carefully, as to not puncture the peel. Salvage as much of the removed apple as possible. Remove the skin from remaining apple(s) and slice very thinly. These apple pieces will give you the additional filling needed to fill the four apples you are baking. Mix sliced apples with sugars and cinnamon in a bowl. Scoop sliced apples into hollow apples. Roll out pie crust and slice into ¼ inch strips. You can also add a strip of pastry inside the top of the apple almost like a liner to add a little more texture/sweetness to the pie. Cover the top of the apple in a lattice pattern with pie crust strips.

Place apples in an 8” x 8” pan. Add just enough water to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover with foil and bake for 20 – 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and sliced apples are soft. Makes 4 baked apple pies (in the apple). Bring 2 apple pies in a disposable container for judging.

Sewing – Tee Shirt pillow - take a favorite tee shirt that you have out grown and make a pillow. Sew tail and sleeves shut. Stuff from the collar, then stitch the collar shut. Any wording on tee shirt should be Junior Grange appropriate. Stuff with polyfill type material. May be hand or machine stitched, but must be done by the Junior Member.

Craft Contests
Recycled Button Craft – Use one or more recycled buttons of any size, color, or material to make a useful or decorative item. Remember to use recycled buttons as much as possible. Buttons should be the main focus of the article made. Item may include other medium such as paint, yarn, fabric, etc. Size is not to exceed 12”x12”x12”.
Popsicle Stick Craft – Make a design of your choice using one or more popsicle (craft) sticks. Size not to exceed 12” x 12” x 12”.
Snowman Candy Dish (Open to members and non-members) – Use a plastic Kool-Aid or Country time Lemonade type container to make a snowman candy dish. Decorate with your choice of materials. PLEASE DO NOT put candy in the container. Must be able to take the lid on and off to open and close the candy dish.
CD Seasonal Wreath – Maximum size 18” circle. May use sturdy backing, but not required if the CDs are structurally stable. Use one CD in the middle and layer CDs around to make a wreath. Decorate CDs by painting on CDs or using decorations. The maximum thickness is 3 inches.

Mice to Know You Gift Card – Use 2 Hershey Kisses to make a “Mice to Know You!” tray favor. Make ears, tail and feet. Put on wiggle eyes. Glue on a cheese wedge shaped index card. Junior member is to hand print “Mice to Know You” on the card either before or after attaching the mouse.

1. Three age groups: 8 and under; 9 - 11; and 12 - 14. Age shall be as of January 1, 2014. Must be a Junior Grange member in good standing (except non-member craft). Must be at least 5 years old by the county contest.
2. Local Junior Grange contest is to be held at the Leader’s discretion. The Junior Deputy is in charge of the county contest and bringing the county winners to the state session for judging.
3. All Juniors are to compete in the county in which they reside, unless their parent(s) belong to a Grange in another county, in which case they will compete in the latter county’s judging.
4. The following information must be neatly printed and securely fastened to all entries: Name, address, age (as of 1/1/2014), date of birth, Junior Grange name, number and county represented.

Scoring for Craft and Family Activities Committee Contest Judging: Workmanship 30 points; Originality 40 points; Creativity 30 points.

State Awards: 1st place - $5.00; 2nd place - $4.00; 3rd place - $3.00; 4th place - $2.00; 5th place - $1.00, plus ribbons for first eight places and county winner ribbon for each county winning entry brought to state judging.

JUNIOR PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST
1. Open to all Junior Grange members, age 8 to 12 as of September 30, 2014.
2. Pageant will be Saturday evening of the Ohio State Grange Convention.
3. Competition will consist of two parts: (1) an informal interview the afternoon of the pageant, and (2) a resume of Junior Grange Activities, supplemented with church, community, school, club, etc. activities for the past two years.
4. Entry blank will be in the July-August Ohio Granger and in the 2013-2014 Junior Leader Handbook. Entry blanks with the resume are due to the Junior Director Opal by September 1.
5. There are no county contests. More than one contestant may enter from each Junior Grange and/or County.
6. The Junior Prince and Princess must remain a Junior Member throughout their reign, and should participate in all aspects of the Junior Grange program during that year.

JUNIOR TALENT CONTEST
Vocal Solo Vocal Duet
Piano Solo Reading
Instrumental Solo Dance Solo
Junior Chorus (4 or more) Dance Duet
Miscellaneous (anything not covered above)
1. Two age groups 5 - 9 and 10 – 14 (except Chorus, which is 5 to 14). In other categories with multiple participants, the age group will be based on the oldest participant. Must be 5 by the first Saturday in August and cannot be 15 by September 30, 2014. Must be a Junior Grange member in good standing. Age break is based on age at the State Talent Contest on the first Saturday in August.
2. Accompanist may be a Junior or Adult, or may use a tape or CD with minimum voices on the recording, or a karaoke type CD for the vocal entries. Dance and miscellaneous entries may have voices with their music.
3. There will be no district contest; everyone will compete in the state contest.
4. Memorization is required in all categories except Piano and Instrumental Solo (Juniors only).
5. A five-minute maximum time limit applies to all categories.
6. Each Junior may compete in a given category only once per year.
7. Entry blanks are available in the Junior Leader Handbook or Ohio Granger Magazine, or the State Grange website and must be to the Junior Director Opal by June 20 deadline. Number being performed MUST accompany the entry, in order to receive a pass to the fair.
8. The date of the State Contest will be the first Saturday in August (August 2, 2014).

Awards: A medallion will be given to the state winner in each category and a participation ribbon will be given to the other participants in the state contest.

JUNIOR SIGNING CONTEST
Song, Prose, Poetry and Spoken Word – Individual
5 – 9 and 10 – 14. Group 5 – 14 (2 or more group members).
1. All signing contestants will perform at the state talent contest.
2. The audible word, which must be used while the contestant is signing, may be a recording, an adult, another Junior or the contestant themselves.
3. ASL (American Sign Language) shall be used.
4. Entry blanks must be submitted by June 20 to State Junior Director Opal.
5. Other than the above, the rules of the talent contest apply.

Awards: A medallion will be given to the state winners in each category.

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP
Date – June 29 – July 2, 2014
Age: Must be at least 5 years old by June 29 and cannot be 15 by September 30, 2014. Jr. Camper cannot be a Subordinate Grange member. Non-members of the previously listed ages may attend provided they join the Ohio State Junior Grange #1076 while at camp. Registration forms will be available in a future Ohio Granger Magazine or by contacting the Junior Directors. Registration is due to Opal by June 10, 2014.

Registration price will be included in a future Ohio Granger and will include all meals, snacks, and crafts. Camp picture will be $5.00. Ohio State Jr. Grange Dues or new member fee is $2.00. PLEASE observe this deadline. Payment from Granges may follow the registration by noting such on the registration form. IF payments are received by the June 10 deadline, there will be a ½ price discount (by resolution of the Ohio State Grange delegate body).

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JUNIOR GRANGE REPORT

Please refer to the current Junior Leader Handbook for the details on completing the Junior Grange Report. We greatly appreciate each Junior Grange completing and submitting this report no matter how much or how little your Junior Grange is currently doing. This helps us gauge what parts of the program need changing and which Junior Granges are active. If you need a copy of the report form, please call or email Opal at 740-742-2805 or o_dyer@yahoo.com. She will be happy to send you another.

ART CONTEST

There are five categories for Junior Art Contest this year.
A. Animal
B. City Scape (Photo with a city sky line view as the background or main focus)
C. Cartoon Character
D. Plant/flowers/trees
E. Computer Generated Art

Criteria for judging art entries:
1. How well the artist uses the medium selected.
2. Craftsmanship and skill.
3. Composition, presentation of subject.
4. Originality.
5. Theme and its treatment.

Rules for Junior Art:
1. All entries must be the original work of the member except category E (Computer Generated Art) which is created or manipulated on the computer, then printed.
2. All entries must be completed after September 1 of the previous year.
3. Entries are judged based on subject categories.
4. Nude or inappropriate entries will not be accepted or displayed.
5. Size for all classes: Artwork must not exceed 24" x 36" including frame. There is no minimum size. Miniatures will be accepted in all categories.
6. All entries must be framed or have a firm backing so they can be properly displayed.
7. Non-breakable covering (such as Plexiglas) is accepted. Glass covered entries will not be judged. DO NOT SEND GLASS WITH ENTRY.
8. Age and birthdate of junior member as of January 1 of the current year MUST be on the registration card attached to the back of the photo.
9. Panoramic photos, close-ups and black and white photographs may be entered in the appropriate category, based on subject of the photograph.
10. Age of the Junior Granger as of January 1 of the current year, must be on the registration card, firmly attached to the back of the entry.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

There are five categories:
A. Sport Activity or Event
B. Portrait/picture of a Senior Citizen
C. Pets – may contain one or more pets
D. Grange/Community Service Activity (Must show a Grange name, logo, or something identifying at least 1 person or place is involved with Grange)
E. Patriotic

Criteria for judging photographs:
1. Only prints are accepted for judging – no slides.
2. Photographer must be specific as to the category entered, for each photograph as shown on the entry tag.
3. Each photograph may be entered in only one category.
4. Participants may enter all categories, using different photographs.
5. Participants may submit only one entry per category.
6. Entries must have been taken after September 1 of the previous year.
7. Prints may be by a commercial process, but photograph must be taken by the entrant.
8. Frame or stiff backing is required for all photographs.
9. Size of entry including frame and backing, must be no smaller than 4" x 6" or no larger than 16" x 20".
10. Non-breakable covering (such as Plexiglas) is acceptable. Glass covered entries will not be judged. DO NOT SEND GLASS WITH ENTRY.
11. Only traditional printed photos will be accepted. No computer altered or photocopies are allowed. However, the source of the image may be traditional film or digital image.
12. Age and birthdate of junior member as of January 1 of the current year MUST be on the registration card attached to the back of the photo.
13. Panoramic photos, close-ups and black and white photographs may be entered in the appropriate category, based on subject of the photograph.
14. There are three age divisions – 8 and under; 9 to 11; and 12 to 14.

Participants identification information for Art and Photography entries: Name, age (as of 1/1/14), complete address, date of birth, Jr. Grange name and number, and county represented.
Art and Photography Awards: First, second and third place ribbons as well as $5 – 1st price; $4 – 2nd prize; $3 – 3rd prize will be awarded in each age group and each category in the Junior Division of the Art and Photography Contest.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST
The Junior Grange membership contest runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Entries must be submitted to Opal by September 1, 2014. There will be an entry form in the Junior Leader Handbook and a future edition of the Ohio Granger Magazine.

STATE FAIR
Either a Junior Grange or Grange Youth Group will teach a fun craft each day. A mix of Junior and Youth members may work together to teach the craft of the day (participants may take the craft home with them). If your Junior Grange is interested in participating in this, please let the Junior Directors know by June 1, 2014. Schedule must include at least one morning and one afternoon class. Dates for each group will be scheduled through the Junior Directors. Each group will be notified when they are scheduled. Juniors and Youth teaching the craft will receive a single day pass into the fair. Typical craft times will be 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Participants will also be required to march in the Daily Parade at the Ohio State Fair which begins at the Natural Resources area at 4 p.m. and concludes near the Youth Center.

SECTION J-1201 CULINARY SHOWCASE
1. Baked goods must be delivered to the Youth Center between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Tuesday, July 24, 2014 for 1 p.m. judging.
2. Use recipe of your choice; submit recipe on a recipe card with your entry. No uncooked fruit or cream cheese will be permitted.
3. Use ONLY disposable container for all baked goods entered.
4. Age shall be as of July 22, 2014. Enter ONLY under your age level. If you are 14 years of age, membership as a Junior or Subordinate will determine the level you enter.
5. Decision of the judges is final.
6. The winning entry in all Culinary classes will be required to attend the Ohio State Fair Talent Contest for Awards presentation. You MUST enter the baking competition by June 20 by sending the form which will be included in the Ohio Granger at a later date, or in the Junior Leader Handbook for the opportunity to participate.

CLASS J-3 Brownies – Ages 12 – 14 (3 on a plate) Junior member $100 cash prize
First, second and third places will receive medallions.

Entries for the Culinary Showcase and State Fair crafts must be to Opal by June 20. Craft entries for those attending Junior Grange Camp will be made as a group entry by the State Directors. Campers’ crafts for the appropriate age category will be kept from camp and returned at State Grange Convention.

1. Crafts must be delivered to the Youth Center, Grange display area between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on July 22 for 1 p.m. judging.

2014 State Fair Craft
CLASS J-1 Ages 5 – 8 Pringle Can Creation - Decorate the outside of any Pringles container to make a craft of your choice. Size not to exceed 3 inches past side and/or top of container.
CLASS J-2 Ages 9 - Christmas Card Craft – Use old Christmas cards to make a craft of your choice. Maximum size 12" x 12" x 12".
CLASS J-3 Ages 12 – 14 Wire Hanger Craft – Use one or more wire clothes hangers to make a craft of your choice. Size not to exceed 15" x 15" x 15".

Best Of Show
Ohio State Grange Talent Contest

Gary Brumbaugh, Master Ohio State Grange and Dorothy Eckert, Lecturer Ohio State Grange congratulate Kelsey Huston of Butler County as Best Of Show Winner. She will represent Ohio at the “Evening of Excellance” during the National Grange Convention in Manchester, NH.

THANK YOU
Thank you for all the cards, letters, prayers and well wishes after my major surgery. Everything went well and I am recovering rapidly!

Thank you all,
Larry McKinniss
“It’s not your Grandmother’s Grange any more.”
Yes, it is - ‘sorta, kinda’. We still have the same values,
teach the same lessons and uphold the highest moral
standards in our conduct as Grange members. But the Grange
has not stood still in time. It has evolved into a community
service organization serving its own community. If a Grange
is in an agricultural area, agricultural issues will be addressed
by its members. If another Grange is in a suburban, or even
an urban area, those members will be concerned with
projects unique to that community. In the past we have had
over 200 types of projects reported. Grangers do want to
make their communities better than ever.

But we do not limit ourselves to just one area. We
have several state-wide projects such as greeting card fronts
for St. Jude’s Ranch For Children, departmental projects
such as Dogs For The Deaf, V.O.S.H., and food coupons
for the military.

For our “Make-A-Difference Day” project at the
State Grange Convention we have chosen the Flying Horse
Farms. We introduced this project in our last magazine, but
are repeating it here as some Grangers did not receive the
July-Aug. issue. Flying Horse Farms is a camp for children
with serious medical conditions. It is located near Mt.
Gilead, near the center of Ohio. It serves children throughout
Ohio and beyond. It is the first Midwest camp to become a
member of The Serious Fun Children’s Network that was
founded by the well-known Ohioan, Paul Newman. Their
campers are 8 to 15 years old and have medical conditions
which keep them from enjoying the usual camping
experience. These include arthritis, asthma, cancer, bleeding
disorders, gastrointestinal disease, heart disease and kidney
disease. The Farm hosted over 800 children in 2012. They
are staffed around the clock with medical professionals at
their onsite health center. They have partnerships with eight
Ohio Children’s Hospitals and also children’s hospitals in
Pittsburgh and Indianapolis. They can use donations of non-
perishable food items, paper products, new batteries, white
tube socks, T-shirts for crafts and financial support. This is
the same type of project as we have been doing in the past.
If your Grange would rather continue to support the Mobile
Food Pantry for southeast Ohio: we will accept and deliver
those items also.

Thank you to all of the Granges who will have
submitted their reports by the time that you receive this
magazine and to ALL of our Granges for their support for
their communities. Now we look forward to a new Grange
year with new ideas and new opportunities. Ohio Grangers
will meet the “…..challenge of service.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
April 12, 2014 Community Service/Lecturers Conference
Sept. 1, 2014 All reports & Nominations due

Young Adults 21-40 years old
Nicole Swigart, President
4094 Post Road, Urbana, Ohio 43078
614-323-7007

State Convention & Fall Meeting
We are hoping to have at least one person
representing the Young Adults as a delegate to the state
session. We will also have our fall meeting during
convention. The date, time, and exact location are TBA.
We will plan winter camp at this meeting. Please bring
ideas!

Winter Camp
Winter Camp will be held at Friendly Hills the same
weekend as Youth Camp, January 17-19, 2014. There will
be a Saturday option for the young adults to spend the day
with us on January 18.

Summer Camp
We are planning to have a Saturday option for the
young adults to attend summer Youth Camp at Friendly
Hills. The young adults are invited to join the youth on
July 12, 2014. We will have our summer meeting at Friendly
Hills during Youth Camp, instead of during the Family
Camp-out at Whispering Hills.

State Contests
Baking- Banana Bread
Please provide your own recipe. You may not use
a pre-packaged mix. Please bake your bread in a disposable
8-inch loaf pan.

Craft- Handmade Door Decoration
This item may be, but not limited to, a wreath or a
monogram. It may be for any holiday or event. Get creative!
You may use sites such as Pinterest for inspiration. Please
keep it smaller than 18" x 18" x 18".

As always, if you are 21-40, join us on Facebook,
Ohio State Grange Young Adults.
A new Grange year! How exciting and challenging! Whether you are a new Lecturer or are returning to the office, you have a ‘clean slate’ to fill with great programs. First, get to know your members. Even if you’ve known these people for years you may not be aware of someone’s hobby or favorite foods, etc. Sometimes an excellent program theme will come to you through your members. Ask them what their favorite program from the past was and build a new one on that theme.

Traditional themes abound. Holiday and seasonal themes are always popular. If you do present such a program be sure to have one or two numbers that are new and/or different.

Now is the time to plan for the coming year. Meet with the other department chairmen to plan cooperative programs. Every other department has some project(s) that can be developed into a good program. Be sure to plan at least one program about the Grange - its history, ritual, lessons, etc. We must strive to be effective in the present but we must NOT forget our heritage.

Again, there are a few changes in the Lecturer’s Department Program for 2013-2014. Please acquaint yourself with the program now. We have had several instances where a Granger was unaware of a change in a rule or a category causing some confusion. Please read the categories and rules carefully. If something is not clear, do not hesitate to contact me ahead of time for clarification.

For example, the Juniors have talent, art and photo contests but their requirements are different than those in the Subordinate contests.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
April 12 State-wide Conference at State Grange Office
June 20 Talent entries due
Sept. 1 All reports, nominations and creative writing due

LECTURER’S DEPARTMENT PROGRAM 2013 - 2014

GRANGER OF THE YEAR
This recognition is to honor the dedicated, loyal Granger in your midst. All nominees will be recognized. One will be chosen to be honored at the State Grange Convention in 2014. A cover page will be included in your Lecturer’s packet. Following the cover page, your nominating LETTER should be no more than two type-written pages, double spaced. Supporting materials may be added but are not required. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2014.

LECTURER’S REPORTS
Report forms for the 2013-14 Grange year will be included in the Lecturer’s packets. The packets will be distributed at the 2013 State Convention. Report forms will also be available on line later in the year and from any time and at the Conference and Workshop. Go over these forms as soon as you receive them. Remember, this is not a contest. Information from these reports is valuable in forming new programs and projects. A year-end report should be submitted by ALL Lecturers. Every Lecturer reporting will be recognized. The deadline for these reports is September 1, 2014.

PROGRAMS TO SHARE
This is for both Subordinate/Community and Pomona Program Directors. We appreciate you sharing programs that have been special in your Grange. There are TWO categories:
Lecturer’s Complete Program
Lecturer’s Program for Special Occasions

The Program for Special Occasions includes Exchange programs. Each Lecturer may enter both categories as long as different programs are reported. You may include copies of special songs, skits, etc. All program material will be returned. If you wish to share any of the material, mark it SHARE so it can be copied and made available to other Lecturers. All Lecturers reporting will be recognized . One outstanding Lecturer will be chosen from this section and will be honored at the State Grange Convention.

CONFERENCES
There will be a State-wide Conference for Lecturers/Program Directors and Community Service Chairmen on April 12, 2014. This will be held at the O.S.G. office in Fredericktown. There will also be a Convention Workshop. Area workshops can also be arranged. The Mid-Atlantic/ Eastern Region Lecturers’ Conference will be held May 16-18 in the Parkersburg-Mineral Wells area of West Virginia. This is open to all Lecturers.

Lecturer continued on page 28.
CREATIVE WRITING
Class A Poetry - Junior Grangers
Class B Poetry - Ages 14 through 40
Class C Poetry - Ages 41 & Over
Class D Poetry - Non-member
Class E Prose - Junior Grangers
Class F Prose - Ages 14 through 40
Class G Prose - Ages 41 & Over
Class H Read-the-Book - Fiction
Class I Read-the-Book - Non-fiction

RULES FOR CREATIVE WRITING ENTRIES:
1. Poetry only is open to non-members who are sponsored by a Grange and is so noted on the entry.
2. Poetry entries must not exceed 300 words.
3. Prose entries may be two pages handwritten or one page typed.
4. Read-the-Book is for members only and also should not exceed 300 words. Tell why you enjoyed the book and why you think someone else would enjoy it. Include the suggested age level of the book.
5. All entries should be sent to the State Lecturer by September 1, 2014. Entries will be displayed and/or published in the Ohio Granger only if a statement granting permission signed by the writer is included.
6. Winners will be announced at the State Convention.

AWARDS
Awards for the Art, Photography and Creative Writing will be a placement ribbon and $10.00 for first place; $8.00 for second place and $5.00 for third place. Awards for Talent, Skits and Storytelling will be plaques for state winners and ribbons for other participants.

RULES FOR ALL PERFORMING ARTS
The goal of the Ohio State Grange Talent Contest is to enable Grangers of all ages to develop their talents in the performing arts. All contestants will perform at the 2014 Ohio State Fair. The contest also promotes the highest degree of professionalism appropriate for each age and level of talent. We ask all Lecturers to encourage their Grangers to share their talents in Grange programs and also to enter the Talent Contest. Entries must be submitted to the State Fair representative by the June 20 deadline. A notice of the entry must also be sent to the State Lecturer. This will enable the Lecturer to send a sample of the score sheet and other information to the contestant.

GROUP CLASSES (Any age for Subordinate)
E Vocal Duet
F Piano Duet
G Vocal Group (3 to 8 members)
H Grange Chorus (9 members or more)
I Grange Family Talent
J Variety Act (must include music)
The piano used will be the electronic piano which is also used at the State Convention.

RULES FOR TALENT CONTESTS:
1. NO INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS are to be made by the contestants before a performance. The State Lecturer will introduce each contestant.
2. All contestants MUST be Grange members in GOOD STANDING. The accompanist may be any age, member or non-member. Family Talent entrants must be related members of one family and must be Grangers, except for children where there is no Junior Grange. In group entries or families the participants need not be members of the same Subordinate Grange.
3. An individual Granger may make only one entry in each class.
4. Individual Junior Grangers may be part of entries in Subordinate group classes; however entries in Subordinate group classes must be composed of a majority of Subordinate members. Exception: Family Talent.
5 Vocal contestants may use taped accompaniment only if the tape, CD or karoke-style CD contains only MINIMAL back-up.
6 Memorization is not required in piano and instrumental categories. However, music and music stand must not interfere with performance.
7 A time limit of SIX MINUTES will be observed for each contestant. Score points will be deducted for exceeding the maximum time: one point per minute or part thereof will be deducted from the final score.
8 No elimination contests will be held. Contestants are encouraged to perform at Grange meetings and/or other functions prior to the State contest.

During the State contest a “Best of Show” will be chosen. The “Best of Show” recipient will represent Ohio in the “Evening of Excellence” at the National Grange Convention in November. “Best of Show” winners cannot enter the same class the following year, but may enter a different class.

SKITS
This category is separate from the Talent contest but will be judged at the same time. The winner is not eligible for “Best of Show”. Skits performed may be original or published. No scripts will be allowed on stage. There will be a six minute time limit, points will be deducted for exceeding the time limit as in the Talent contest. There is no limit as to the number of participants.
STORYTELLING

This contest is also separate from the Talent contest, but will also be judged at the same time. The winner is not eligible for “Best of Show”. There is a six minute time limit. This is to be an ORIGINAL work, a story, a ‘yarn’, a folktale-type presentation. Tall tales such as Paul Bunyan or Pecos Bill stories or folktales such as the Uncle Remus stories are examples of the type of storytelling that we are trying to encourage. Presentation will be judged on originality, presentation and audience appeal. Professional storytellers are not eligible to enter. Try to be creative, choosing material not previously performed.

SHOWCASING GRANGERS’ ARTISTIC TALENTS

All entries will be judged at the State Grange Convention.

ART

Class A Scenes
Class B Still Life
Class C People
Class D Nature
Class E Caricatures/Cartoons (one cell or panel)

RULES:

1 Entries may be made in any medium except ceramics.
2 Painted slate entries must follow Rule #6.
3 Charcoal and pencil entries must have been treated for permanence to avoid smudging.
4 Nude entries will not be accepted.
5 All entries must be the original work of the Grange member.
6 Size of entries must not exceed 24" x 36".
7 There is no minimum size - miniatures will be accepted in all categories.
8 All entries must have firm backing so they can be properly displayed.
9 Non-breakable covering is acceptable. Glass covered entries will not be accepted.
10 Best of Show winners in 2013 may not enter the same class in 2014.
11 A “Lecturer’s Choice” award will be given.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Class A Scenery - Member
Class B Scenery - Non-member
Class C Sports
Class D Family Celebration
Class E “America the Beautiful”
Class F Animal Friends

Rules for Photography contest:

1 Enter only prints, no slides.
2 Class and caption for each entry must be chosen by the photographer and indicated on the entry label attached to the back of the entry.
3 Photographer may enter all classes using different photos.
4 A photo may be entered in only one class.
5 Photos must have been taken after September 1, 2013 by the entrant.
6 Print may be made by commercial process.
7 Digital photos may be entered but no enhancement process may be used.
8 Size of entry, including matting or backing, must not be smaller than 5" x 7" or larger than 16" x 20".
9 Non-breakable covering is acceptable. Glass covered entries will not be accepted.
10 Best of Show winners in 2013 may not enter the same class in 2014.
11 No professional photographers may enter.

NATIONAL GRANGE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1 One photo per state.
2 Size minimum 4” x 6" to a maximum of 11" x 14" including matting if used.
3 No frame but photo shall have some type of rigid backing.
4 Color or black/white.
5 Film or digital.
6 Grange members only.
7 No professional photographers may enter.
8 Prize money: 1st - $100, 2nd - $75, 3rd - $50.
9 The National Grange Lecturer retains the right to disqualify any photo that depics a scene or image that is contrary to the Organization’s core values with the approval of the National Master. Ohio contest rules have not changed, but if your photo is to be considered for the National contest, it must meet the above requirements. If your entry is to be considered ONLY for the National Contest it must be so labeled.

Donations

Where should they be sent?

All donations to Ohio State Grange funds, with the following exception, should be sent to The Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019. Please note on your check the fund(s) you wish your donation applied to.

Friendly Hills Camp donations should be sent to Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation, % Patty Dyer, 2815 Clay Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. The Ohio Grange Charitable Foundation is a 501C3 organization. This donation is tax deductible.
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- Brenda Gordon
- Harvey Hinshaw
- Charles Yost
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- Cassie Cisler
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- Erin Cummins
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- Jean Yost

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- Sally Eatherton
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- Larry Kinder
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- Bob Wood
- Betty Zimmerman

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### John Valentine
#### National Grange Representative

John Valentine was elected High Priest of Demeter in 1995 at the 129th Annual National Grange Convention. He was the 15th person to hold this prestigious position. John stepped down from this position in 2009 and was then elected High Priest Emeritus.

Prior to holding these offices, he was Treasurer of the National Grange from 1987 to 1995. John was elected Master of the Indiana State Grange in 1985 and held this position until 1995. Prior to that, he was Indiana State Grange Overseer from 1977 to 1985. He also served as Indiana State Grange Assistant Steward at the 1977 State Grange Session. He served as Chaplain of the Indiana State Grange from 1996 to 1997. He was chairman of the Indiana State Grange Executive Committee for 6 years, from 1998-2004. He currently holds the position of Master of his local Grange; Portland Grange #2190 in Indiana.

John has compiled a History of the Indiana State Grange, Book of the National Officers Pamphlet, and Assembly of Demeter from 1867 through 2000.

John grew up in the Grange and joined in 1955, thus making him a 58-year member. He has held several Subordinate and Pomona Offices. He has worked on many degree teams and has given the Installation of Officers by memory for many years.

He is a retired city mail carrier. His wife Nancy is a retired rural mail carrier. They both currently work part time in the Jay School Corporation. They are the parents of three children and have five grandchildren. They own 105 acres of farmland in east-central Indiana. John is a former 10-year 4-H member and was 4-H leader for 20 years. He is a past trustee of Center United Methodist Church and past precinct committeeman. He has served on many agriculture advisory committees on the state government level.

Nancy has also held offices in the Subordinate and Pomona Grange. She served a 3-year term on the National Junior Grange Advisory Committee. Nancy joined the Grange in 1962.
The 141st Annual Session of the Ohio State Grange will be held Thursday, October 24 through Sunday, October 27, 2013, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Road, I-71 (exit 116) and Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio, 614.846.0300

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

**Thursday, October 24**

The hospitality room, hosted by Coshocton County Granges, will be held in Salon G from 11:00 A.M.-1:15 P.M. The convention registration will be held in Salon F from 11:30 A.M.-1:15 P.M. Convention packets will be available there. Guestroom registration will begin at 3:00 P.M. in the hotel lobby.

All Delegates will meet with the State Master at 1:30 P.M. Salon E. Committees will begin meeting around 2:00 P.M. in their assigned rooms.

All contest items must be entered in the display rooms - Salon A for Junior, Lecturer and Youth items and Salon B for Family Activity items - by 2:00 for judging.

The Deputies’ Association will meet at 3:00 P.M. in the Columbus Room, on the 6th floor.

The State Officers’ practice will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Salons C and D.

**Friday, October 25**

The opening of the General Session in the Sixth Degree will be at 8:30 A.M. in Salons C and D under the direction of Convention Director, Jo Ann Ingram and Assistant Directors, Mike & Shirley Johnson. It will then be lowered to the Fourth Degree to admit those who have not yet received the Sixth Degree.

The election of one Executive member will be held at 9:30 A.M., and Delegate action will take place throughout the day.

The Deputy’s Association will meet at 10:15 A.M. in the Columbus Room.

The Youth activities will begin at 3:00 P.M.in the Reception Room, on the 6th floor.

The Annual Grange Banquet will be held at 6:00 P.M in Salons D and E.

**Saturday, October 26**

The Junior Breakfast will begin at 8:30 A.M. in Salons D and E. Directors’ Conferences will begin at 10:00 A.M. in Salon C.

The Youth Opening team under the direction of Justin and Nicole Swigart, Youth Directors, will open the general session at 1:00 P.M. using the Alternative Manual. Delegate Action will again take place throughout the day.

The Junior Pageant, under the direction of Opal and Patty Dyer, Junior Directors, will be held in Salons C and D at 6:00 P.M.

The Sixth Degree, under the direction of Wendell Lauth and Shirley Downs, will be held next in Salons C and D. Stark County Grange Ladies will present the Rose Drill.

The pizza party and dance will begin at 9:00 P.M. in Salons E and F. Tickets for pizza must be purchased prior to convention. No charge for the dance.

The 8th Degree (Fun Degree) will take place in Salon D at 10:00 P.M. - $1.00 fee.

**Sunday, October 27**

The Worship Service, conducted by State Chaplain Les Widder, will begin 8:00 A.M. in Salons C and D. Miami County Grangers will conduct the Memorial Service.

Directors’ Conferences will begin at 9:30 A.M. in Salon C. The Youth Luncheon will begin at 11:30 in Salons D and E.

The Junior Degree, under the direction of Opal and Patty Dyer will begin at 1:30 in Salons C and D.

The Youth Pageant, under the direction of Justin and Nicole Swigart will be held next in Salons C and D.

### 2013 Calendar

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November - December 2013
Please have all articles and news items
to Jim Grafton by
October 20, 2013

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