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Ohio State Grange 150 Years Looking Forward To The Future

Greetings from the State Grange Office. We hope you had a wonderful blessed holiday season.

I would first like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Master/President. I look forward to the challenge and serving the Grange to the best of my ability.

We made the trip to Sparks, Nevada to the National Grange Convention in November. It was great to represent Ohio, to see old friends and make new ones. More information on national later in this magazine.

Information on the office. The office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 to 5:00. It will also be open on special weekends. Any changes will be posted or call ahead to be sure. Please feel free to stop by and visit the office or call anytime. We can be reached by the office phone or cell phone. Also text or email.

As we start out this new journey we thank you for your support and encouraging words. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Let's have a great Grange year.

National Grange Convention News

News from National Grange Convention held in Sparks, Nevada November 15-19.

We started out the week with new delegate training before the first session started on Tuesday. Committee meeting till late at night to work on our resolutions. Some of these work meetings didn't end till 11:00. Starting the sessions at 8:00 in the morning so this made for a very long day.

During sessions many different resolutions were acted on. Some of them had to go back to committee to be worked on. One of the changes was a resolution that was sent to the Assembly of Diameter. It dealt with a change in the salutation of the sixth degree. More information on this at a later date.

Membership was another issue. Despite Covid-19 National Grange posted a net gain of more than 3% in new members from June 2021 to June 2022. This included significant growth in the category of family and junior membership. While several states have had a net gain over the year Ohio has not. This is one big issue that we need to address

and work together to achieve a net gain in membership.

It was an honor to watch Sharon Orce receive her quilt of valor for her service in the army from 1976-1980. Sharon is a member of Pike Grange in Stark County.



We also had the privilege of watching Cindy Campbell perform at the night of excellence. What a wonderful job.



Very proud of Amber Corll National Youth Ambassador as she finished her year out working for the youth.



Members attending from Ohio were Joyce and Noah Blosser, Judy Carrick, Mary Biss, Sharon Orec, Cindy Campbell, JoAnn Corll and Amber Corll, Mike and Debbie Russell. Thank you for attending.

“Celebrating and continuing the Deaf Activities into the future”



The winners for 2022 Deaf Activities Reports and Programs.

SUBORDINATE

First Place - Connie Powell - Monroe-Dan Emmett #847 - Knox County

Second Place - Shirley Johnson - Mile Branch #933 - Columbiana County

Third Place - Jan Doner - Unity #2116 - Mercer County

POMONA

First Place - Kathie Burkman - Crawford County Pomona #36 - Crawford County

Second Place - Judith Carrick - Stark County Pomona #28 - Stark County

JUNIORS

First Place - Becky Ginnery - Fairfield County Pomona Junior #1040 - Fairfield County

Congratulations to all the winners.

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE THANK YOU AWARDS AS FOLLOWS:

SUBORDINATE

Terri Ward - Unity #1761 - Columbiana County

Judith Carrick - Pike #1669 - Stark County

Mike Dickerson - Collinsville #2264 - Butler County

Kathie Burkman - Leesville #2078 - Crawford County

Janis Macomber - Star #778 - Meigs County

June Truax - Bath #1331 - Summit County

Evelyn Thompson - Mason #1680 - Warren County

Phyllis Lewis - Monroe #2570 - Miami County

Melisa Nusbaum - Olivesburg #2641 - Richland County

Joe McCrady - Clearcreek Valley #1843 - Fairfield Co.

Becky Ginnery - Richland #1899 - Fairfield County

Cari Kramer - Little Muskingum #2621 - Washington

Andrea McCollough - Painter Creek #1923 - Hardin Co.

Sam Taulbee - Hocking #2029 - Hocking County

Cindy Campbell - Morgan #829 - Knox County

Harry Traxler - McCutchen #2630 - Wyandot County

Stephanie Blackford - Ewing #2082 - Hocking County

POMONA

Joan White - Hardin County Pomona #43 - Hardin Co.

Betty Conner - Wayne County Pomona #52 - Wayne Co.

Carolyn Kienzle - Hocking Co. Pomona #98 - Hocking

Thank you to the 20 Subordinate, 5 Pomona and 1 Junior for reporting. Congratulations for the great work and support to the program.

God 's Blessings to you all.

Judy, Mary, Mary and John



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Hey all!

Spring is right around the corner and so we've got convention behind us and we are looking forward to a bright new year! Thank you to all who participated in the contests this year! A special thank you to Amber Corll and Ryan Patton for their leadership and active participation!

The State Grange Convention proved to be a fantastic year for our Youth. We were so proud to have our Youth room EMPTY because every youth that attended took an active role in the session by either being a delegate or State Grange Officer! The youth of today are tomorrow's leaders and we're so proud that our youth are taking tomorrow by the horns TODAY!

We are also proud to announce the following Youth members of the Ohio State Grange Officer Roster: Amber Corll: Ohio State Grange Pomona, Alexis White: Ohio State Grange Gatekeeper, Jacob Corll: Ohio State Grange Steward. Congratulations and we hope to see participation next year also!

The winners of the craft contests are:

Hexagon Dream Catcher:

1st Place: Olivia Yost- Meigs Co.

2nd Place: Mikenzie Brown- Ashtabula Co.

3rd Place: Amber Corll- Mahoning Co.

Pulled String Painting:

1st Place: Connie Powell- Knox Co.

2nd Place: Brody Nusbaum- Richland Co.

3rd Place: Mikenzie Brown- Ashtabula Co.

Please let one of us know if you are interested in any of the following opportunities: Ohio State Fair Board Member, Ohio State Youth Ambassador, Ohio State Grange Youth Committee, or any Regional or National Grange events.

Also, please keep Summer Camp in mind. We are still planning, and more information will be coming soon!

Happy New Year!

Cassie and Sarah

2022 Ohio State Grange Resolutions October 28, 2022

Agriculture

#AG002 – Use of Legislation

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange join The Ohio Agricultural Council, which includes organizations, companies and individuals who have an interest in the well-being and promotion of the agricultural industry in Ohio.

Budget

#B 101 – Ohio Granger Magazine to new Members

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all New Members shall automatically be signed up to receive free paper copies of the Ohio Granger Magazine as soon as possible after being identified on their Grange's quarterly report. The New Member shall continue to receive the Ohio Granger Magazine until the end of the full calendar year following the year being identified. At that time, the New Member can then decide to pay to continue receiving the Ohio Granger Magazine under normal sign-up procedures.

#B 102 – Historical Grange Items Preservation

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Ohio State Grange shall create a committee to explore a plan for the preservation of Ohio Grange records and artifacts with the (Ohio Historical Society), Ohio History Connection, or other similar outside preservation agency. This committee shall report its finding to the delegate body at the State Grange Convention, 2023.

By-Laws and Good of the Order

#BL-GO 208 – Sale of National Grange Building and Location of new Building (Reaffirmation of Present Policy)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohio State Grange reaffirm its efforts to lobby the National Grange to sell the building and move to a more financially responsible and accessible location to make the best use of our resources. An example is the move of the Ohio State Grange from Columbus to a smaller city which is more energy efficient, with easier access, safer and more centrally located. Members can also enjoy a meeting room and the Grange archives.

#BL-GO 209 – Committee Resolution: OSG Bookkeeper

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the By-Laws of the Ohio State Grange be revised to state that the Office bookkeeper shall not have a family relationship with any of the Executive Board of The Ohio State Grange.

Citizenship and Public Affairs

#C-PA 301 – Objection to Convention of States

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange stand in objection to a Convention of States.

#C-PA 302 – Refund electric customers for Outages

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange request PUCO to approve an automatic percentage off their electric bill, based on the number of days they are without electricity, for the standard monthly fees. This would be without the customer having to apply for a refund or reimbursement.

#C-PA 304 – Testifying before Congress

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange supports the requirement of those sworn in to testify before Congress to include “so help me God” in their swearing in.

#C-PA 305 – College Debt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange oppose the Federal government forgiving college debt.

Education and Health

#EH 501 – FDA Status of Citric Acid

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange recommend asking the FDA to evaluate the safety of all food additives and remove the GRAS status for all food additives until it has been fully evaluated.

#EH 502 – Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Aerosol

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio State Grange stand against ethanol being added as a propellant agent in inhalers.

Transportation and Taxation

#T 801 – Left turn signal at busy State Routes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ohio State Grange recommend to the ODOT that the ODOT look into these intersections throughout the State of Ohio with left turn lane and no special green left turn traffic light and investigate whether these intersections need such light during peak time of the year.

#T 803– School Van Inspection

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Ohio State Grange lobby the Ohio State Legislature to revise code Section 4511.761 ...to include school buses and other student transporting vehicles owned or contracted by the school for yearly inspection.

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This is a shorted version of the Sunday devotional from the 2022 OH State Grange Convention Sunday morning service.

When I graduated from Malone College in 1975, my degree was Elementary Education 1- 8 with a Concentration Area in Vocal Music grades 1-8. I directed a fifth and sixth grade Honor choir at Warsaw Elementary School for 17 years. When the students would audition, all of them were accepted in the choir. I will never tell a child they can't sing. Too many adults were told that when they were younger and that sometimes "scar" them for life. Middle School and High School choirs are a little different with expectations. Several of those students studied music later and one was part of the prestigious American Boy Choir. The goal beside teaching music was to create an atmosphere where the students could come sing and be part of a group. Several teachers in the fifth/sixth grade team mentioned some of those students' behavior had made a positive changes. Since I also drive school bus, we were able to go places that the other elementary choirs did not since they had to hire their drivers. The rehearsals were held on Fridays from 8:00 - 9:00 AM which was before the official start of the school day. The students could go right to class and it seemed to be a win win situation. Younger siblings were also encouraged to come and sit along the wall in the music room. In time, they would come and many times sing along with their older siblings. One particular child would come with his "older" brother. I could tell he was much smaller and assumed therefore, he was much younger. One day his special needs teacher mentioned that Christopher was going to quit coming because he just couldn't learn German. (We were learning O Tannenbaum in German for Christmas.) I found out that he was actually older than his younger brother. He has some sort of syndrome about a mile long which created his physical condition. When I found out his age, I asked him if he would like to be part of the choir. You would have thought I had given a \$1,000 he was so excited. Could he sing on pitch, no, because to help him hear, a medical cochlear implant was done several years before that. He was placed in the middle of choir. The choir was very accepting of Christopher and would often times "protect" and help him succeed. Christopher decided to join the band and their percussion section. He was part of the River View High School band for four years and helped them go to State Competition four years. He often struggled getting the rhythms correct, but when he had, he had it well!

My Mom's first grade teacher, Kathryn Weber Gardner, passed away at 105 two years ago. She was the oldest Malone College alum at the time and lived at Dover Park Village in an assisted living complex in her later years. She made sure I knew it was Assisted and not Nursing. I arranged for the Warsaw Honor choir to sing for the residents with the understanding that she would play the piano after their concert. I shared a short video of her playing the piano at 103 years of age. The children were in awe. She also told the students her grandpa was in the Civil War and her grandmother remembered Lincoln's Funeral.

When there are calamities in the world or when things happen, to make life easier, new inventions are produced and fabricated! For example, thru the Space Exploration, disposable diapers were invented, tang was introduced, thermal mylar blankets were developed, etc., etc.

During World War II, the US War Production Board ordered the cessation of all US piano manufacturing so that the factories could be used for the US war effort.

Baldwin factories were used to manufacture plywood airplane components for various aircraft. While the employment of wood components in military aircraft could by no means be considered a resounding success, lessons learned in constructing plywood aircraft wings ultimately assisted in Baldwin's development of its 21-ply maple pinblock design used in its postwar piano models. After the war ended, Baldwin resumed selling pianos, and by 1953 the company had doubled production figures from prewar levels.

At first, STEINWAY was prohibited from building pianos due to government restrictions on iron, copper, brass, and other raw materials. The factory bided its time producing coffins and parts for troop transport gliders, until it was granted a contract to send specially designed pianos to commissioned war soldiers. STEINWAY proceeded to make over 3,000 "Victory Vertical" pianos designed specifically for troops in battle between 1942 and 1953. The pianos came in olive, blue, and gray drab. Normally, pianos have 7 full octaves and a partial 8th. However, these smaller pianos were 5 octaves with very little metal, except for the strings, insect repellent wood and four soldiers could easily carry the 400 pound instrument. In 1942, the first "Victory Vertical" was dropped by para-

chute, complete with tuning equipment and instructions.

When we get frightened, we cry, when we are desolate, we pray and when it seems there is nothing left to do, we sing. Some of the greatest hymns have been written when the composer was in such despair that there was nothing else to do except sing or write poetry.

Opera singer, Jessye Norman sang Amazing Grace at Nelson Mandela's 70th Birthday party on June 11, 1988, in Wembley Stadium, London. That was after a long head banging concert by Guns & Roses. When the concert goers heard the words to the hymn, many joined in and helped sing it. They reached into their minds of years gone by from their childhood

As of a result of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, Horatio Spafford, decided to take his family to Europe in 1873 as a respite. However, at the last minute, he couldn't travel but decided to send his family anyway. On the way over, the ship was struck by a sailing iron ship and the passenger boat sank killing their 4 children. When his surviving wife, Anna, reached England, she telegraphed Horatio 2 words, Saved Alone. He decided to join his wife and on the way over the Atlantic, close to the spot, Horatio wrote the lyrics to "It is well with my soul." Both he and Philip Bliss, the composer of the hymn, were friends of Evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Bliss needed to travel to Chicago and did so by riding a train over the Ashtabula River (Ashtabula, OH) on a cold wintery night. However, the train trestle broke, Bliss survived, but he could not find his wife, Lucy. So, he went back into the fiery wreckage where he perished. When a clean up crew found his trunk, a hymn was discovered that no one had ever seen before, "I will sing of my Redeemer".

About 100 years ago, Ada Habershon wrote the lyrics to "He Will Hold Me Fast". I am not sure who wrote the original music, but in 2013, Matt Merker developed a new tune to this beautiful hymns after going thru a desperate time in his life..

The lyrics of Great is Thy Faithfulness was written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923. It talks about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. Chisholm sent the song to William Runyan in Kansas, who was affiliated with both the Moody Bible Institute and Hope Publishing Company. Runyan set the poem to music, and it was published that same year by Hope Publishing Company and became popular among church groups.[1] The Biblical lyrics reference Lamentations 3:22-23.[222

Total Praise was written by Richard Smallwood in 1996. He wrote it when his mother had begun struggling with dementia and a family friend was dying of cancer, leaving Smallwood to serve as a caregiver at times for both. Psalm 121:1 - 5 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

The Grove City Church of the Nazarene Christian School is pictured below. This was the bulletins cover for the service. If one looks closely, there are 5 lines and 4 spaces from the musical staff. The song (windows) is "Jesus Loves Me."



I am looking for a county to sponsor Rural Life Sunday which will be May 7, 2023. Also, in looking ahead, if your county or group would like to lead the Memorial Service for next year's convention, please let me know. Interested folks should contact me at 740-502-0972.

Ohio State Grange Police Officer of the Year



Margaret Ruhl presenting the Police Officer of the Year to Officer Rene Joris. She presented it to Joris at the Fredericktown Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 15.

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Ohio Lecturers: Educating and Entertaining For 150 Years

State convention was full of recognitions, seeing old friends and making new memories! Two highlights for me as a Granger and State Lecturer were presenting two Quilts of Valor and installing the Officers of the Ohio State Grange. Look for a special article about the recipients in this magazine. Other contest winners are listed in this article and this magazine.

Outstanding Pomona Lecturer's Notebook

1st Marjorie Sponcil, Columbiana County Pomona #62

Outstanding Subordinate Lecturer's Notebook

1st Place Beverly Foutz, Collinsville #2267, Butler County
2nd Place Marjorie Sponcil, Unity #1761, Columbiana Co.
3rd Place Helen Hayes, Jefferson #1311, Ashtabula County

Best of Show Art- Emily Fitch – Richland County

Best of Show Photography – Priscilla Gresser – Wayne County

I would like to recognize Sharon Orce, Pike Grange, Stark County who was presented her Quilt of Valor at National Convention in Sparks, Nevada. Cindy Campbell, Morgan Grange, Knox County did a great job at the Evening of Excellence presenting her reading "The Dash". Many Ohio Grangers had their quilt blocks on display at National Grange.

In the celebration of the Ohio State Grange's 150th Anniversary, I am asking each Grange to present a program to celebrate our long history. Ohio State Grange's birthday is April 9, 1874. The Centennial History and Centennial History of the Junior Grange in Ohio both provide a wealth of information of our history. Old Prince and Princess or Ambassador tests would be a source for trivia questions.

NEW DATE - The Lecturers/Program Directors and Community Service Chairmen Conference is scheduled for March 4, 2023, beginning at 9:30. Light breakfast starting at 9:00. The conference will be at the State Grange headquarters in Fredericktown. Information will be shared on the history of the Ohio State Grange.

The National Lecturer continues to put together "A Quarter's Worth", the National Lecturer's Newsletter. They are filled with information that could be used in programs. Any Granger can submit articles for this newsletter. If you are a Lecturer and would like to receive an emailed copy, send me your email. If you do not have email, I will mail

you a copy. All issues are available on the National Grange website, look for Lecturer's Programming under the Programs tab. All other National Lecturer programs are listed there also.

The Talent Contest will be held at The Ohio Eastern Star Home Community Room, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon OH 43050 on Saturday, June 17, 2023 beginning with the Juniors at 1:00 pm followed by the adult contestants. Start thinking about entries from your Grange now. Don't Wait until the last minute. If you like to sing but don't want to do a solo, ask someone to join you for one of the other categories.

One of the categories for the 2023 Programs to Share is Safety. Preventing falls, driving in snow, and safe heat sources would be helpful programs. Other program ideas for January and February include brain teasers, healthy eating, heart health, Jell-o, Scouting, and FFA.



Ohio State Grange presented Quilts of Valor for the first time at State Convention. The recipients were chosen from all names selected. A Quilt of Valor® is a Civilian Award for the individual's service and sacrifice to defend our Country's freedoms. These quilts are an expression of gratitude meant to thank and comfort you. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear to serve, whether in time of crisis or time of peace.

Fred Seward served in US Army from 1966-68. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War/conflict. He served in Vietnam for one year until he was wounded and sent home

to recover. Fred received the Purple Heart and Service Commendation medals.

Jerry Laffin served in the US Army November 21, 1961 to November 21, 1963. He was stationed at Fort Eustis, Va. for Basic Training He was Assistant Company Clerk with the 347th Transportation Company at Fort Story, Virginia for the rest of his time serving. PFC E-3 Laffin was awarded soldier of the month for September 1962. His job was doing typing & other office work like driving Company Commander.

2022 Programs to Share Winners

Honoring Members

1st Mary Jo Dye Columbiana County
2nd Viola Wayne Columbiana County
3rd Kathie Burkman Crawford County

Unusual Holiday

1st Lonnie Totten, Knox County
2nd Marjorie Sponcil Columbiana County
3rd Kathie Burkman Crawford County

Any Topic

1st Darla Sutton Stark County
2nd Marjorie Sponcil Columbiana County
3rd Judy Carrick Stark County

Lecturer Contest Winners

Place	Name	County
Creative Writing Poetry		
1st Place	Beverly Foutz	Butler
2nd Place	Lonnie Totten	Knox
3rd Place	Beth Hicks	Fairfield
Creative Writing Prose		
1st Place	Arden Fitch	Richland
Read-the-Book Fiction		
1st Place	Beverly Foutz	Butler
2nd Place	Connie Powell	Knox
3rd Place	Denise Barton	Knox
Read-the-Book Non-fiction		
1st Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana
2nd Place	Arden Fitch	Richland
Creative Writing Write-a-Song		
1st Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana
2nd Place	James Kalkosch	Hocking
Art Scenes		
1st Place	Emily Fitch	Richland
2nd Place	Gene Newman	Mercer
3rd Place	Heidi Brooks	Fairfield

Place	Name	County
Art Americana		
1st Place	Jennifer Cox	Hocking
2nd Place	Gene Newman	Mercer
3rd Place	Louanne Beadnell	Stark
Art Animal		
1st Place	Jennifer Cox	Hocking
2nd Place	Gene Newman	Mercer
3rd Place	Jerrin Scott	Butler
Art People		
1st Place	Jerrin Scott	Butler
2nd Place	Gene Newman	Mercer
3rd Place	Beth Hicks	Fairfield
Art Computer generated		
1st Place	Beth Hicks	Fairfield
Photography Scenery		
1st Place	Stephanie Blackford	Hocking
2nd Place	Cindy Echelberry	Muskingum
3rd Place	Tim Burns	Athens
Photography People		
1st Place	Melissa Nusbaum	Richland
2nd Place	Beth Deckerd	Columbiana
3rd Place	Jan Doner	Mercer
Photography Farm/Agri		
1st Place	Rita Feister	Mercer
2nd Place	Tim Burns	Athens
3rd Place	Brooklyn Nusbaum	Richland
Photography Animal(s)		
1st Place	Jill McNeil	Stark
2nd Place	Catherine Mustard	Hocking
3rd Place	Colleen Lockhart	Geauga
Photography Grange Activity		
1st Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer
2nd Place	Julie Collins	Fairfield
3rd Place	Brooklyn Nusbaum	Richland
Photography Any Other		
1st Place	Priscilla Gresser	Wayne
2nd Place	Jill McNeil	Stark
3rd Place	Rita Feister	Mercer
Photography Scenery		
1st Place	Sharon Coon	Geauga
2nd Place	Doris Beckwith	Ashtabula
3rd Place	Randy Klinger	Hocking
Handmade Game		
1st Place	Don Graf/Kathie Burkman	Crawford
2nd Place	Beverly Foutz	Butler
3rd Place	Stephanie Blackford	Hocking

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Greetings Community Service directors and Grangers. I do hope this finds you well and staying warm during these winter months. We have put away all the holiday decorations and cleared the clutter from our minds – winter reminds us of the anticipation of spring when everything will come back to life. During this time of the new year we are looking FORWARD during our 150th anniversary To The Future – what community service activities do you have planned? How will you make a difference in your local community? Yes there will be projects to be continued another year, some have run their course and hopefully you are planning something new. Remember even if your grange is small, partner with another organizations or groups who also want to bring your ideas to fruition.

Congratulations Collinsville Grange #2264 as they were the 3rd Place National Grange Community Service Report at the National Grange Convention. We are all so very excited for you.

For those of you who do not know, at the very last minute before our Grange convention, I had a funeral to attend out of state for a very dear friend. I want to thank Diana Nordquest for being my hero. She handled all of my awards, packets and Grange banquet presentations since I could not be there personally. Diana is such an asset to our state Grange and a dear friend I enjoy working with so closely.

Unbeknownst to me, Master Sue Roy had planned to surprise me at the Friday evening convention banquet with a presentation of a National Grange Community Service Director's Award from the National Grange Community Service Director Pete Pompper. The pin came with a very nice personal note from Pete telling me to wear the pin proudly. I will certainly do that and I will cherish it always. I thank all of you for allowing me to serve as the State Director.

Change of date: please note that the Lecturer/Community Service workshop will now be held Saturday, March 4th at the Ohio State Grange office. Mark your calendars now. This is always a fun day starting with refreshments and fellowship around 9 AM and everyone is on their way home no later than 3 PM. All Grangers are welcome at this event and it is well worth the registration fee.

One additional change I have made this year is discontinuing the community service reports for Pomona Grange so no Pomona packets were mailed. The participation in this category had been low and many of the reports were completed and contained similar information from the subordinate granges. These reports were not eligible for the National program.

I hope to get to see many of you at our workshop. But remember you can reach out to me anytime when you have a question or need assistance.

Fraternally Kevin

Waterford Grange #231, Washington County



Waterford Grange #231 shared a potluck dinner on November 14th to celebrate their Membership Awardees. Worthy Master Frances Tornes is shown with Ralph Tornes and David Tornes who each received their 65 year award (first photo), and with Archie Curry and JoAnn Ingram who each received their 70 year award (2nd photo).

Lovell Sampson, 80 yrs., Shirley Ormiston, 75 yrs., and Michael Tornes, 50 yrs. were unable to attend.

Congratulations to the Awardees and thank you for your continued support and service to our Grange and community.

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JUNIOR GRANGE

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It is hard to believe that 2022 is behind us and we are planning another year! We hope that this article finds every reader well and ready for a wonderful 2023.

The 2022 Ohio State Convention saw the judging of crafts from across the state and we have so many talented juniors we are certain the judges had a hard time choosing winners in each category! The list of winners for each craft and age group are listed below. This years Art and Photography participation also saw an increase in participation which was wonderful to see!

We are ecstatic that this year also had an increase in royalty participants! In total there were 4 contestants for Miss Ohio Junior Grange, 2 contestants for Mr. Ohio Junior Grange, 4 Prince contestants, and 2 Princess contestants. Thank you to all those Junior Leaders and parents that encouraged their Juniors to run for these positions in the state! We hope to have even more candidates next year!

We are Happy to announce our 2022-2023 Miss Ohio Junior Grange and Mr. Ohio Junior Grange Keria Emrick and Alex Clopp and Our 2022- 2023 Junior Prince and Princess Bryson Nusbaum and Abigail Cox! We look forward to watching our juniors shine at different state dinners and banquets throughout the year. During their year the juniors learn public speaking, interview skills, and get to represent the great state of Ohio at State Convention and National the following year! Please consider having all eligible juniors from your counties run! We hope to again have all junior activities on Saturday next year at convention to help make participation in this event possible.

At our Junior/ Youth luncheon on Saturday awards were presented along with review of our program from the current year and upcoming year.

The following awards were based on Junior Grange Notebooks submitted to convention.
Community Service 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Community Service 2nd Clermont Junior Grange
Communications 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Communications 2nd Clermont Junior Grange
Programming 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Programming 2nd Clermont Junior Grange
Membership 1st Mile Branch Junior Grange
Membership 2nd Clermont Junior Grange

The overall Outstanding Junior Grange was awarded to Mile Branch Junior Grange!

We want to thank all our Junior Granges for participating! This is another area that we would love to see

grow in future years. If your Juniors are helping with events that Your Grange participates in take pictures. We know we have more active Junior Granges across the state and we want to recognize this!

The juniors made us proud on Saturday afternoon as they performed their degree. We had many Juniors in parts for the first time and with first time speaking parts as well. We could not have asked for a better performance! We would like to extend an invitation now for our 2023 degree performed at convention. Please plan to attend next year and support the future of our great organization.

Next up on the calendar is our Junior and Youth Workshop held at the State Office on 3/11/22, All Juniors, Youth, Leaders, Delegates, any juniors who are interested are welcome to come. There will be a make-it take it craft and we often do these out of next years contests so bringing your Juniors allows one to already be completed!

Next up for Juniors is the winter lock-in. We do this in the hope of keeping the momentum going through the year with the Juniors and provide something to look forward to between convention and camp at the state level. It will be held at the State Office. We have a lot of fun things planned! Parents are welcome to stay overnight if they would like and we will welcome the additional help and fellowship with our Juniors across the state. We have a tentative schedule planned below.

We are already working on planning summer camp! This year’s camp will be again held at Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio. Date will be announced once camp confirms. The camp video from last year can be accessed on YouTube by searching “Ohio State Junior Grange” within the YouTube search bar along with 2022. Please consider showing the video to any prospective junior grange member or junior granger who is considering attending camp. We would love to see our numbers grow! Non-members can attend and we will make them Junior Grange state members for an additional \$2.

We asked each junior leader or delegate to email or mail us a list of all your current juniors. In this list, please include the following:

Names, Address, Email, DOB, Date Joined, Parent names and Phone Number

With this we hope to have an up to date and accurate roster which will allow us to improve communication across the state with each of our local Junior Granges and their leaders. With this we also ask for the junior leaders to include the following for ease of connection:

Name, Email, Phone, Address

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Juniors continued from page 11.

Junior Leaders, If there is anything you need, please feel free to reach out. Above are our numbers and email address. We are available via text, call, email, messenger, and traditional mail. One of us will connect with you within 48 hours.

As this year draws to a close and the next year begins, we are feeling truly thankful to be able to work with our fantastic Juniors and their families. We are blessed to be able to serve our juniors for another year and are looking forward to all the good things the year has in store.

Lock-in Perspective Schedule

Saturday 4/1

- 1:00 pm Ice breaker game -
- 1:20-2:00 pm Crafts
- 2:00-2:55 pm Tour around office /archives
- 3:00 pm special guest
- 4:00-4:30 pm Grange Facts
- 4:45- 5:15 pm Craft step 2
- 5:20-6:00 pm dinner
- 6:00-7:00 pm Jeopardy game
- 7:15 pm Crafts
- 9:30-11:00 pm Movie/Popcorn
- Lights out
- Sunday 2/9
- 8:00 am Wake Up/ Board games / Craft
- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Church
- 11:00 am Pickup

Fraternally Submitted,
Elizabeth Tolley and Sarah Casseday

Junior Degree Team

Jr. Prince



Bryson Nusbaum

Jr. Princess



Abigale Cox



Kaitlyn Cross



Calen Clopp



Hunter McCammon



Owen Davis

Miss Ohio Jr. Grange Mr Ohio Jr. Grange



Keria Emrick



Alex Clopp



Brandon Davis



Abigail Casseday



Aliyah Pletcher



Zoey Howard



Junior Contests Winners

Photography 8 & Under

Portrait of Senior Citizen

1st -	Autumn Shold	Wayne Co.
2nd-	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking Co.
3rd-	Kaitlynn Cross	Columbiana Co.

Patriotic

1st-	Natalie Shold	Wayne Co
2nd-	Madelyn Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
3rd-	Kaitlynn Cross	Columbiana Co.

Grange/ Community Service

1st-	Keely Pishner	Meigs Co.
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Pets

1st-	Natalie Shold	Wayne Co
2nd-	Alex Clopp	Darke Co.
3rd-	Claire Hogue	Muskingum Co.

Photography 9-11 years old

Portrait of Senior Citizen

1st-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
2nd-	Ian Munoz	Butler Co.
3rd-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.

Patriotic

1st-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
2nd-	Ian Munoz	Butler Co.
3rd-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.

Sport Activity or Event

1st-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
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Grange/ Community Service

1st-	Kylee Emrick	Darke Co.
2nd-	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co.
3rd-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.

Pets

1st-	Abby Cox	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Haddie Gilpin	Darke Co.
3rd-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.

Photography 12-14 years old

Portrait of Senior Citizen

1st-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.
3rd-	Phoebe Sparks	Butler Co.

Patriotic

1st-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland Co.
3rd-	Hailey Cross	Columbiana Co.

Sport Activity or Event

1st-	Isaac Kienzle	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland Co.
3rd-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.

Grange/ Community Service

1st-	Pheobe Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.

Pets

1st-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.
2nd-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
3rd-	Selah Sparks	Butler Co.

Art 8 & Under

Farm Scape

1st-	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Carter Hogue	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	Claire Hogue	Muskingum Co.

Plant/Flower

1st-	Kaitlynn Cross	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Carter Hogue	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana Co.

Cartoon Character

1st-	Kaileigh King	Muskingum Co.
2nd-	Carter Hogue	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	Keira Emrick	Darke Co.

Animal

1st-	Landon Weeks	Clermont Co.
2nd-	Julia Dick	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Sophia Derell	Clermont Co.

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1st-	Claire Hogue	Muskingum Co.
2nd-	Keira Emrick	Darke Co.
3rd-	Alex Clopp	Darke Co.

Art 9-11 years old

Farm Scape

1st-	Naomi Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co.
3rd-	Bennett Hogue	Muskingum Co.

Plant/Flower

1st-	Haddie Gilpin	Darke Co.
2nd-	Abby Cox	Hocking Co.
3rd-	Aubrey Armacost	Clermont Co.

Cartoon Character

1st-	Naomi Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Daniel Davis	Darke Co.
3rd-	Genevieve Coon	Geauga Co.

Animal

1st-	Abby Cox	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Naomi Sparks	Butler Co.
3rd-	Logan Shold	Wayne Co.

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1st-	Ian Munoz	Butler Co.
2nd-	Bennett Hogue	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	Moxon Gilpin	Darke Co.

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Junior winners continued from page 13.

Art 12-14 year old

Farm Scape

1st-	Selah Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
3rd-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.

Plant/Flower

1st-	Selah Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.
3rd-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.

Cartoon Character

1st-	Selah Sparks	Butler Co.
2nd-	Destiny Kienzle	Butler Co.
3rd-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.

Animal

1st-	Selah Spark	Butler Co.
2nd-	Carson Haney	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking Co.

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1st-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.
2nd-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.

Craft Winners 8 & Under

Tablet/ Phone Holder

1st-	Aliyah Pletcher	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Keria Emrick	Darke Co.
3rd-	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
4th-	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
5th-	Alex Clopp	Darke Co.
6th-	Natalie Shold	Wayne Co.
7th-	Emmett Fitch	Richland Co.

Coffee Filter

1st-	Michael Shaeffer	Fairfield Co.
2nd-	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield Co.
3rd-	Emett Fitch	Richland Co.
4th-	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
5th-	Alex Clopp	Darke Co.
6th-	John Shaeffer	Fairfield Co.
7th-	Abigail Casseday	Washington Co.
8th-	Christopher Casseday	Washington Co.

Salt Dough Ornament

1st-	Sophia Derell	Clermont Co.
2nd-	Christopher Casseday	Washington Co.
3rd-	Julia Dick	Clermont Co.
4th-	Landon Weeks	Clermont Co.
5th-	Levi Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Keria Emrick	Darke Co.
7th-	Alex Clopp	Darke Co.
8th-	Owen Nordquest	Columbiana Co.

Paper Mache Bowl

1st-	Sophia Derell	Clermont Co.
2nd-	Liam Weeks	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Micah Adkins	Darke Co.

4th-	Emmett Fitch	Richland Co.
5th-	Landon Weeks	Clermont Co.
6th-	Branson Wolfenbarger	Hocking Co.
7th-	Keria Emrick	Darke Co.
8th-	Kaileigh King	Muskingum Co.

Sun Catcher Bottle

1st-	Emmett Fitch	Richland Co.
2nd-	Carter Hogue	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	John Shaeffer	Fairfield Co.
4th-	Aliyah Pletcher	Columbiana Co.
5th-	Natalie Shold	Wayne Co.
6th-	Gretchen Blosser	Fairfield Co.
7th-	Kaileigh King	Muskingum Co.
8th-	Jozua Hugus	Fairfield Co.

Craft Winners 9-11 years old

Tablet/ Phone Holder

1st-	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co.
2nd-	Calen Clopp	Darke Co.
3rd-	Haddie Gilpin	Darke Co.
4th-	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana Co.
5th-	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Jakob Harrison	Darke Co.
7th-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
8th-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.

Coffee Filter

1st-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.
2nd-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
3rd-	Ian Munoz	Butler Co.
4th-	Jakob Harrison	Darke Co.
5th-	Adalynn Witsburger	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana Co.
7th-	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana Co.
8th-	Lyric Grimm	Columbiana Co.

Salt Dough Ornament

1st-	Abby Cox	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Conner Wetzel	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.
4th-	Adalynn Witsburger	Columbiana Co.
5th-	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co.
7th-	Haddie Gilpin	Darke Co.
8th-	Aubrey Armacost	Clermont Co.

Paper Mache Bowl

1st-	Kylee Emrick	Darke Co.
2nd-	Brayden Nusbaum	Richland Co.
3rd-	Braxton Harper-Fitch	Richland Co.
4th-	Haddie Gilpin	Darke Co.
5th-	Dessie Wolf	Darke Co.
6th-	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield Co.
7th-	Aubrey Armacost	Clermont Co.
8th-	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana Co.

Sun Catcher Bottle

1st-	Braxton Harper- Fitch	Richland Co.
2nd-	Conner Wetzel	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Aubrey Armocast	Clermont Co.
4th-	Abby Cox	Hocking Co.
5th-	Haylie Blosser	Fairfield Co.
6th-	Haley Swaggard	Columbiana Co.
7th-	Amari Hartsoe	Columbiana Co.
8th-	Hunter McCammon	Columbiana Co.

Craft Winners 12-14 years old**Tablet/ Phone Holder**

1st-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.

Coffee Filter

1st-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Rylen Grimm	Columbiana Co.
3rd-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.
4th-	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland Co.
5th-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.

Salt Dough Ornament

1st-	Kaylee Cox	Hocking Co.
2nd-	Maya Dunham	Clermont Co.
3rd-	Carson Haney	Clermont Co.
4th-	Leah Nipper	Clermont Co.
5th-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland Co.
7th-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.
8th-	Cameron Hogue	Muskingum Co.

Paper Mache Bowl

1st-	Alexa Munoz	Butler Co.
2nd-	Kaylee Cox	Hocking Co.
3rd-	Bryson Nusbaum	Richland Co.
4th-	Joey Clopp	Darke Co.
5th-	Hailey Cross	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
7th-	Carson Haney	Clermont Co.
8th-	Destiny Kienzle	Hocking Co.

Sun Catcher Bottle

1st-	Amilyah Lloyd	Columbiana Co.
2nd-	Breauna Harbrecht	Muskingum Co.
3rd-	Kaylee Cox	Hocking Co.
4th-	Maya Dunham	Clermont Co.
5th-	Rylen Grimm	Columbiana Co.
6th-	Gwen Paul	Muskingum Co.
7th-	Sophia Paul	Muskingum Co.
8th-	Belle Harbrecht	Muskingum Co.

Debra Hogue, Secretary

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Dear Grangers,

Thank you for welcoming me into my new position the first few days at work. First, I would like to thank our past Secretary, Debra Hamilton for her dedicated service to the State Grange. Her work ethics, enthusiasm, and friendship will always be remembered.

Each year at Convention when I watch the Juniors put on the Junior Degree, it reminds me when I was in Junior Grange. My leaders were Jack and Vada Reel. They were my best role models and Grange supporters besides my parents. I held several different offices in Junior Grange. When I was Secretary of Dublin Jr. Grange, I never imagined being Secretary of the Ohio State Grange.

This past week my niece, Amber Corll attended the National Grange Convention in Nevada finishing her reign as National Youth Ambassador. What a wonderful opportunity she experienced this past year. Watching her grow in skills developed and making new Grange friends all over the U.S. to cherish a life time.

I will be sending out the new 2023 Quarterly Reports and Delegate voting material soon. May we be sure to pause and remember to thank our Secretaries and all our hard working and dedicated Grange Officers.

Blessings,
 Debra Hogue

Neelyville Grange #299
Morgan County



Carlos Hancher, age 98, driving his prize John Deere tractor in the 2022 Morgan County Fair parade. Carlos is a member of Neelyville Grange #299 in Morgan County. Keep on driving Carlos!

Ann Shank - Lyn Shank

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**STAY SAFE
STAY CONNECTED
STAY POSITIVE**

Happy New Year!! The Family Activity committee wants to wish you a happy and healthy new 2023. There are a lot of things we cannot control but keeping family and friends close is something we need to control. Stay Connected! Call or stop by a neighbor who has no one living close or no one at all. Help your local food cupboard, homeless shelter, outreach missions, etc. all year they need us more after the holidays and in the summer. Stay Positive. Stay home if sick or away from others who are sick. Covid is not done. Stay Safe.

This block is in memory of Judy Lauby who was one half of the State Grange musical couple. We have a 10-1/2"X10-1/2" piece of material that you can make into a 12-1/2"x12-1/2" finished block using any pattern you choose or your own creation. The blocks will be put together and sold at the 2023 convention. We need the blocks back by May 1 so we can get them put together and quilted. Thanks again to those who did the "Reading Room" blocks. It was auctioned off at the 2022 convention and sold for \$350.00 to Richard Sunberg of Oxford, Ohio. The money was donated "Case for Smiles" and "99 4 the ONE".

Let's talk about some of this year's contests starting with IV. Home - Subordinates - Member and Potential Members - Class A Bat House. Bats are very important animals. There are a lot of myths out there about bats that are not true. Bats eat bugs like mosquitoes 1,000 a night. The bat house pattern in the September October magazine is a suggestion but make sure your house meets Bat Conservation International recommendations, some pattern books houses are for looks not for actual use.

Some patterns suggest using *fiberglass screen* for the bats to grab onto to travel in the box. The federation says *not to use because it will deteriorate and could get tangled in the bat's wings*.

IV Class B Knife Block with Cutting Board. This project made from hard woods not pine or poplar soft woods to keep the bacteria from colonizing in the grooves. Please use this pattern. Please name the wood you used on the entry form just for FYI. We put a chart of species of hard woods in the F.A. booklet which the deputies got at convention. Some suggested finishes I found on line: #1 finish for 2022 is Thirteen Chiefs Food grade mineral oil, #2 was Clark Cutting Board Oil and #3 was Walrus Oil again FYI.

IV Class C Bird House: This not a decorative house! It is a house a bird would use. The list that follows is dimensions: first the inside floor cavity inside inches, then the depth of the cavity inside, entrance above the floor, diameter

of the entrance and height off the ground for specific birds:

- Wrens: 4x4, 6-8, 1-6, 1-1/4 and 6'-15'
- Owls: 8x8, 12-15, 9-12, 3 and 10'-30'
- Blue Birds: 5x5, 8, 6, 1-1/2 and 5'-10'
- Chick-a-dees: 4x4, 8-10, 6-8, 1-1/8 and 6'-15'

Please list the bird you have built the house for on the entry form.

The National Grange is doing another quilt block. The block has to be to the National Lecturer by September 1, 2023. We would like you to send your block to us so we can take a picture and post it on our facebook page. The entry form is in this magazine, it is also in your F.A. envelope. Your deputy should have gotten it to you or you can get it from us by calling or emailing.

Mark your calendars and invite friends: April 15 "Spring Fling 1" is in Wayne County at Valley College Grange in Wooster. The Grange address is 2411 Shreve Road, Wooster, 44691 off State Route 30 an easy find and a fantastic day is planned. **"Spring Fling 2" is April 22** in Fairfield County at Frontline Church of God, 5195 Amanda Northern Road, Amanda, 43102 and is hosted by Clearcreek Grange. The location is off State Route 22. We have a naturalist from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to talk about bats, birds and bugs. And the craft is painting so wear old clothes or a paint shirt or large garbage bag.

This year you must send your registration form from the Ohio Granger and the fee to the state office. Please be sure to mark which Saturday you and your car load of friends are coming to. If you call the office again tell them which fling you will be attending so we have enough supplies and food for all attending that day. The registration is due the Sunday before the fling. Remember these days are open to ALL, Grange members and potential members alike. See you there.

Recipe of the month:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 ½ stick butter | 1 c. diced white onion |
| ¼ c. flour | 6 c. chicken broth |
| 10 potatoes, diced Small pieces | |
| 2 ½ c shredded sharp cheddar cheese | |
| ½ of the lg bar Velveeta cheese | |
| Salt & pepper to taste | |
| 12 oz. sour cream | 4 green onions, chop |
| ½ c. bacon bits | |

Prepare potatoes and store in water until ready to use. Saute' diced white onions in butter on medium heat until tender. Add flour, making sure butter mix is thick.

Slowly stir in chicken broth. Bring to a boil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Boil 10 minutes on medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add potatoes and cook until potatoes are almost tender. Add Velveeta and sharp cheese. Stir until melted, making sure the potatoes are tender before removing from the heat. After removing from heat, stir in sour cream until melted. Serve in bowl and sprinkle top with bacon bits, green onions and sharp cheddar cheese. Serves 10. Given to us by Sheri Flowers, Goshen Grange #578 in Hardin County from the Ohio State Grange cookbook.

Stay Safe! Stay Positive! Stay Connected!

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

- Nine Patch with a Half Square Corners
- Begin with 2.5-inch squares of multiple fabrics:
- 6 dark colors (prefer all monochrome – all blue, all green, all red, etc, but each can be a different pattern or solid)
- 5 very light colors (white, cream, light gray; different patterns or solids)
- Create a nine-patch block.
- Keep all light colors on one side, and dark colors on the other.
- Create one half-square triangle on the top right, and one on the bottom left.
- Use a scant ¼ inch seam allowance.
- This 9-patch block should measure 6 ½ inches, unfinished on edges.
- Looking for scrappy blocks, but with similar colors in the “dark” fabrics.
- These are small blocks, so the more you send in, the better!
- See attached photos for example.
- Questions? Email lecturer@nationalgrange.org for guidance.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Send entries to:
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer
777 Excelsior Blvd. Apt #310
Excelsior, MN 55331

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.

D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. Please consider sending four completed squares.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.

G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

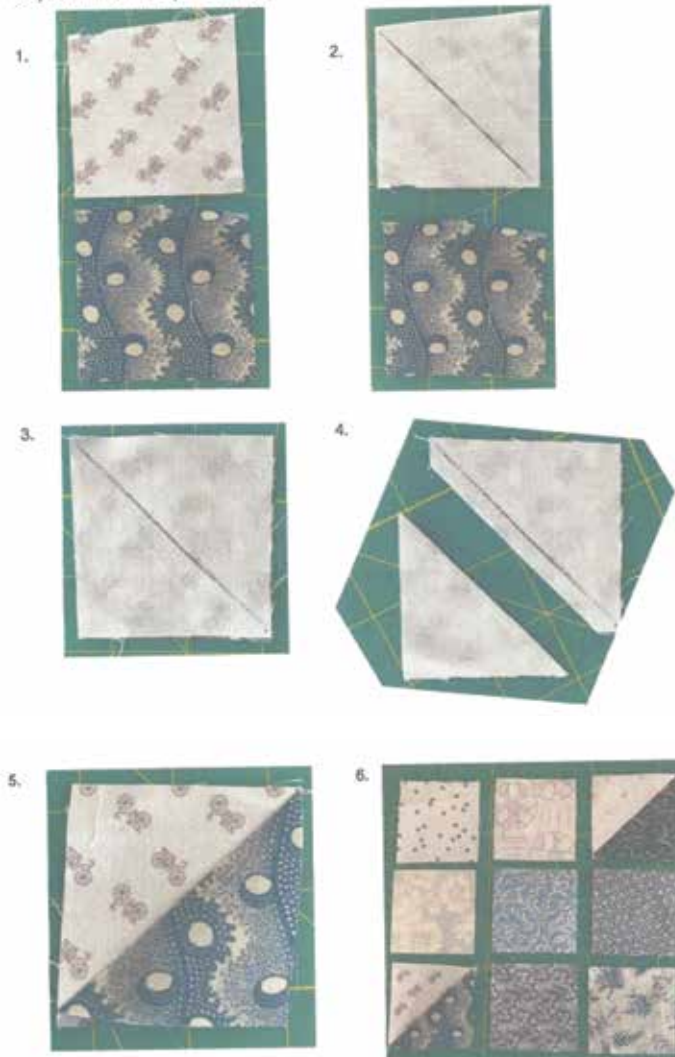
GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants

Steps to make Half-Square Triangle



Family Activity continued on page 18.

Family Activity continued from page 17.



Completed 2023 National Quilt Block



Thank you Bev and Phil Foutz for representing Richard Sumberg.

Family Activities Spring Fling Conferences

Spring Fling 1 Saturday, April 15, 2023
Valley College Grange, Wayne Co.
2411 Shreve Rd, Wooster, Ohio

Spring Fling 2 Saturday April 22, 2023
Frontline Church Of God (host: Clearcreek Valley Grange)
5195 Amanda Northern Rd, Amanda, Ohio

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

We will attend: Spring Fling 1 _____ Spring Fling 2 _____
Name _____ Phone Number _____

County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$20.00 per person by April 8 for Spring Fling 1 or April 15 for Spring Fling 2 to: Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Committee Person of your Grange to attend.

2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Grange Member: Prospective/Not Yet a Member:
Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+) - Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. -- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you. -- Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person. -- Please consider sending in four completed blocks to help us build the quilts! -- Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to: Ann Bercher, 777 Excelsior Blvd., Apt. #310, Excelsior, MN 55331

Family Activity Contests Winners

II. Comfort Toys 10 Entries

1st Place	Linda Brown	Columbiana Co.
2nd Place	Oneta Debolt	Knox Co.
3rd Place	Carol Ann Linn	Richland Co.
4th Place	Sharon Orce	Stark Co.
5th Place	Kathie Burkman	Crawford Co.

III. Spring Fling Contest 9 Entries

1st Place	Debra Hogue	Muskingum Co.
2nd Place	Joyce Kessler	Columbiana Co.
3rd Place	Priscilla Arnholt	Knox Co.
4th Place	Skip Frizzell	Stark Co.
5th Place	Phil Foutz	Butler Co.

Home

A. Sweatshirt or T-Shirt with vinyl Decoration 1 entry

1st Place	Jenn Lanstrum	Geauga Co.
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B. Hot Glue Gun Holders 7 entries

1st Place	Debbie Russell	Miami Co.
2nd Place	Stephanie Blackford	Hocking Co.
3rd Place	Rick Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
4th Place	Lonnie Totten	Knox Co.
5th Place	Wayne Doner	Mercer Co.

C. Barn Quilt 6 Entries

1st Place	Jan Doner	Mercer Co.
2nd Place	Miriam Zach	Wayne Co.
3rd Place	Larry Kinder	Miami Co.
4th Place	Stephanie Blackford	Hocking Co.
5th Place	Linda Wiggins	Geauga Co.

V. A Stitch in Time - Members

Class A - Dignity Bibs 6 Entries

1st Place	Oneta Debolt	Knox Co.
2nd Place	Mary J Dengler	Butler Co.
3rd Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana Co.
4th Place	Mary McCrady	Fairfield Co.
5th Place	Kathie Burkman	Crawford Co.

Class B - "Oh my gosh that bowl is hot" Cozy 9 Entries

1st Place	Elaine Hoover	Hardin Co.
2nd Place	Karen Cottrill	Hocking Co.
3rd Place	Sharon Orce	Stark Co.
4th Place	Phyllis Lewis	Miami Co.
5th Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana Co.

VI. Busy Needles (Nifty Needles & More) Subordinate

Class A - Afghan 7 Entries

1st Place	Becky Ginnery	Fairfield Co.
2nd Place	Faye Steele	Richland Co.
3rd Place	Jenn Lanstrum	Geauga Co.
4th Place	Patty Paul	Muskingum Co.
5th Place	Theresa Bowen	Stark Co.

Class B - For the Table 4 Entries

1st Place	Loretta Crego	Knox Co.
2nd Place	Opal Dyer	Meigs Co.
3rd Place	Barb Wood	Hardin Co.
4th Place	Maxine Border	Coshocton Co.

Class C - Baby Car Seat/Stroller/Swing Cover 3 Entries

1st Place	Lori Goody	Muskingum Co.
2nd Place	Diana Nordquest	Columbiana Co.
3rd Place	Carolyn Boze	Miami Co.

Class D - Rock-A-Bye Baby 4 Entries

1st Place	Loretta Crego	Knox Co.
2nd Place	Beck Ginnery	Fairfield Co.
3rd Place	Gladys Wilhelm	Columbiana Co.
4th Place	Barb Wood	Hardin Co.

Class E - Something to Wear 8 Entries

1st Place	Faye Steele	Richland Co.
2nd Place	Barb Wood	Hardin Co.
3rd Place	Karen Cottrill	Hocking Co.
4th Place	Lori Goody	Muskingum Co.
5th Place	Carolyn Boze	Miami Co.

Class F - Embroidery 6 Entries

1st Place	Staci Miller	Stark Co.
2nd Place	Mary Beutel	Knox Co.
3rd Place	Gladys Wilhelm	Columbiana Co.
4th Place	Stella Walker	Muskingum Co.
5th Place	Juanita Ringhiser	Hocking Co.

Class G - Counted Cross Stitch 5 Entries

1st Place	Elaine Hoover	Hardin Co.
2nd Place	Betty Conner	Wayne Co.
3rd Place	Norma Jean Bolton	Butler Co.
4th Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana Co.
5th Place	Becky Ginnery	Fairfield Co.

Class H - Plastic Canvas 9 Entries

1st Place	Maty Beutel	Knox Co.
2nd Place	Viola Wayne	Columbiana Co.
3rd Place	Opal Dyer	Meigs Co.
4th Place	Maxine Border	Coshocton Co.
5th Place	Norma Hite	Fairfield Co.

Class J - Kate's Yarning for Warmth 5 Entries

1st Place	Marjorie Sponcil	Columbiana Co.
2nd Place	Jane Barr	Stark Co.
3rd Place	Ruth Bowman	Miami Co.
4th Place	Stella Walker	Muskingum Co.
5th Place	Mabel Collen	Geauga Co.

Class K - Shawl -Wrap-Prayer Shawl 7 Entries

1st Place	Barb Wood***	Hardin Co.
2nd Place	Cindy Buck	Muskingum Co.
3rd Place	Carolyn Boze	Miami Co.
4th Place	Pat Furey	Athens Co.
5th Place	Jenn Lanstrum	Geauga Co.

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VII - Busy Needles (Nifty Needles & More) - Junior Class A - Needlework - Plastic Canvas Coaster

8 & Under 1 Entry

1st Place Owen Nordquest Columbiana Co.

9-11 years of Age 2 Entries

1st Place Brayden Nussbaum Richland Co.

2nd Place Andt Cox Hocking Co.

12-14 years of Age 1 Entry

1st Place Bryson Nussbaum Richland Co.

Class B - Diamond Dotz or Diamond Painting

8 & Under 4 Entries

1st Place Levi Nordquest Columbiana Co.

2nd Place Natalie Shold Wayne Co.

3rd Place Madelyn Nordquest Columbiana Co.

4th Place Carter Hogue Muskingum Co.

9-11 years of Age 0 Entries

12-14 years of Age 2 Entries

1st Place Cameron Hogue Muskingum Co.

2nd Place Destiny Kienzle Hocking Co.

Class C - Comfort Toys (stuffed Toys)

8 & Under 1 Entry

1st Place Levi Nordquest Columbiana Co.

9-11 years of Age 0 Entries

12-14 years of Age 0 Entries

VIII. Quilt Contest - Subordinate

Class A - Baby Quilt 3 Entries

1st Place Marjoirie Sponcil Columbiana Co.

2nd Place Kathie Burkman Crawford Co.

3rd Place Sharon Orce Stark Co.

Class B - Quilt by an individual

B-1 - Quilted by Machine 3 Entries

1st Place Sue Hazen Athens Co.

2nd Place Maxine Border Coshocton Co.

3rd Place Rosemary Beeler Butler Co.

B-2 - Quilted by Hand 2 Entries

1st Place Carolyn Mann Stark Co.

2nd Place Stella Walker Muskingum Co.

Class C - Quilted by a Group

C-1 - Quilted by Machine 0 Entries

C-2 - Quilted by Hand 0 Entries

Class D - Knotted (tied) T-shirt Comforter 0 Entries

***** Best of Show**

**Sixth Degree Rose Drill Team
Knox County**



State Officer Installation Team



Junior Directors and their royalty



I FOUND THE GAVEL

Winner from the November - December issue of The Ohio Granger is:

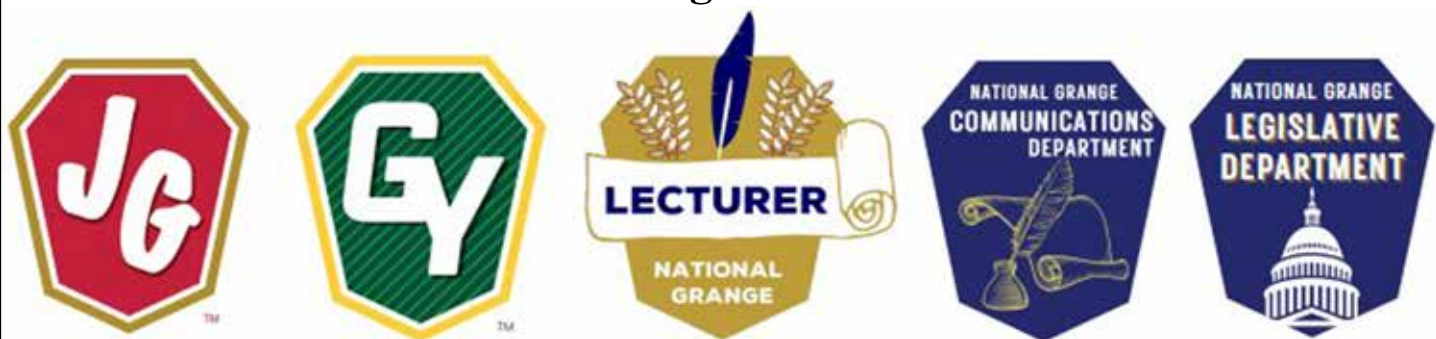
Karen Millward, Senecaville, Ohio

The gavel was at the bottom of page 8.



We have decided to discontinue "The I Found The Gavel Search."

National Grange Contest Guide



The National Grange has created a downloadable PDF of all the 2022 - 2023 National Grange programs for Junior, Youth, Lecturer, Communication and Legislative Departments. It is 113 pages with all the rules, information and entries for each contest. You do not have to print the whole guide, only the pages you are interested in. Just go to this web address: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-National-Grange-Guide-to-Contests.pdf>

Dogs for BETTER LIVES

The National Grange is pleased to present the Dogs for Better Lives, formerly known for many years as Dogs for the Deaf. The new name better reflects the fact that they now offer three different Assistance Dog programs, which include:



- Hearing Dogs
- Facility Dogs and
- Autism Assistance Dogs

This video highlights the Grange's partnership with Dogs for Better Lives. We encourage you to use this as a new tool to get your Grangers involved with Dogs for Better Lives. This video highlights the Grange's partnership with Dogs for Better Lives. This video is available online to all Granges and Grange members and is approximately 2 minutes in length.

There are many different ways to get involved from being an Ambassador, foster a dog just to name a few.

For more information on Dogs for Better Lives please visit www.dogsforbetterlives.org or call (541) 826-9220. EXT 347.

The Dictionary Project

The Grange is proud to support The Dictionary Project through its Word for Thirds program. Through the tireless efforts of the Grange's network of more than 200,000 volunteers, America's oldest rural and agriculture organization has presented third-grade students across the nation with more than 500,000 dictionaries.

But, we cannot stop there! The National Grange is encouraging all Granges to present third graders in their communities with dictionaries. The Dictionary Project program packets are available to help Granges institute this program in their communities. The packets include: an instruction and presentation guide, a sample letter to send to schools, a dictionary project overview and order form, a label template, a participation form, sample press release, and sample media advisory.

In Memory Of

Norma Hite
Past Junior Deputy, Fairfield County

Mary Biss
Junior Deputy, Lorain County

Lecturer/Community Service Conference

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - Ohio State Grange Office - 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Name _____	Phone Number _____
_____	() _____
_____	() _____
_____	() _____

County _____ Grange _____

Mail this form (or a copy) with your check \$20.00 per person by February 24 to:

Ohio State Grange, 16303 Village Parkway, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019-9585

Anyone may attend the conferences. You do not need to be the Committee Person of your Grange to attend.

Ohio Grange Dartball Tournament

April 1, 2023

What is Dartball? Short answer- It's a family affair. That's right, unlike many sports, the entire family can participate in the sport of Dartball: grandma, grandpa, dad, mom, brothers and sisters and all of your cousins.

Dartball is a sport that can accommodate those with disabilities. It is easy to make adjustments. For example, moving the batter closer to the dartboard if a player is in a wheelchair, using a walker or dealing with limited arm movement. It is all about helping every person who wants to participate and have fun competing.

Saturday, April 1st tournament. With that being said, it is time to talk about the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament sponsored by Knox County Granges which is open to all Granges in all 88 counties in Ohio. **On April 1, 2023 the Ohio State Grange Dartball Tournament will be played at The Fredericktown Schools Administration building, 117 Columbus Road Fredericktown, Ohio.** The Captain's meeting will begin at 9:00am and the tournament will begin at 10:00am. Every Ohio Grange is encouraged to put a team together and participate.

How is Dartball played? Today's American style Dartball is modeled after our American favorite pastime sport-baseball. The dartboard is a 4-foot square board which resembles a baseball diamond with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, home base, foul ball, outs, and strike areas on the board. The Dartball board height it must be 54 inches from the floor to the center of the board. The 6 ½ inch Apex No.2, 3 or 4 feather wooden dart is used in all competitive matches with a pitching distance (the line from which you throw the dart at the board) of 20 feet. All darts must be thrown underhanded. As in baseball, each team takes a turn at "bat", the other team takes the "field" during the 9-inning game. Each team gets 3 outs. As in baseball, a batter can advance a runner around the bases to score a run. The team that scores the most runs at the end of 9 innings wins, or at the end of overtime innings should both teams be tied at the end of 9 innings.

Team Makeup: These rules apply specifically to the April 1, 2023 Ohio Grange State Dartball Tournament. Each team will consist of 6 to 9 players.

For each team with less than 6 players, an automatic out must be taken, but may be placed anywhere in the lineup. 5 is the minimum players allowed for a team. Junior Grangers 10 and older, are allowed to play if a team is in need of players. A team can also use 2 non-Grange members to play on their team if they cannot field 6 players. If an individual Grange does not have enough Dartball players to field a team, they can combine with other Granges from their county and/or another county to fill their roster.

Format for Tournament play will be a Round Robin Tournament. In past years, the tournament has been completed before 3 pm. The top 4 Teams receive plaques.

Lunch & refreshments will be available during the tournament.

*How do I sign up? Send your name, mailing address, email address and telephone/cellphone number to:

R. Dave Daniels, Sec./Trea.-OSG Dartball Tourn. Comm.
Cell Phone # 419-612-8178

Email: rddaniel9@gmail.com

10181 Gregg Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019*

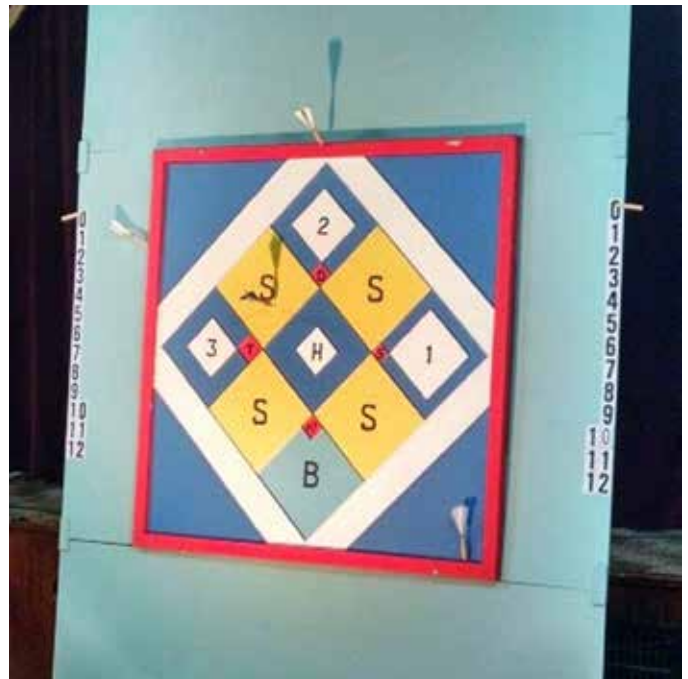
Jordan Miller, Chair-OSG Dartball Tournament Comm.

Cell Phone# 419-307-5601

Email: jordanmiller04@gmail.com

We do have a number of previous Grange participants on our mailing list, but to be sure your county and/or Grange gets on the list, please contact Dave Daniels.

If you want to get into the April 1st Ohio State Grange Tournament and would like guidance on putting a team together, please contact Dave Daniels or Jordan Miller. We want to give everyone the opportunity to participate, and are willing to help you get there. Entry forms will be emailed/USPS mailed in February 2023 and will be available on the Ohio State Grange Web Site. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2023 (2 weeks prior to the tournament).



2023 OHIO STATE GRANGE OPEN CLASS DARTBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Grange No. _____ County _____

The Ohio Grange Open Class Dartball Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Fredericktown Schools Administration Building, 117 Columbus Rd., Fredericktown, OH., 43019.

The tournament is being hosted by Knox County.

9:00 a.m. - The Team Captains' meeting will be held to review 2023 Tournament Rules and discuss planning for the 2024 tournament. A representative from each team should attend this meeting.

10:00 a.m. - Announcements concerning the tournament will be made and tournament play will begin in the following format:

- A 1 or 2 Division - Round Robin Tournament (same as previous years)
- The top teams from each division will play-off for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th plaques

** A "Novelty Board Competition" will be held from 9-10 am and during lunch break.

** Refreshments/Lunch will be served by Knox County Granges.

Mail entry to:

Dave Daniels
OSGDTC Sec./Treas.
10181 Gregg Rd.
Fredericktown, OH 43019

Mail entry form no later than **March 17, 2023** along with the \$30.00 entry fee per team.
Make checks payable to Ohio State Grange Dartball.

Fairfield County Fair Displays



Ohio State Grange
16303 Village Parkway
Fredericktown, Ohio 43019

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The next issue is planned for
March - April 2023
Please have all articles and news items
to Jim Grafton by January 20, 2023

January

- 5- Quarterly Reports Due
- 10- Board Meeting
- 13-15- Youth Winter Camp-Place and Time TBD
(Registration Required)

February

- 14- Board Meeting

March

- 4- Community Service/Lecturer-State Office
(Registration Required)
- 8 - Board Meeting
- 11- Youth/ Junior Conference- State Office
(Registration Required)

April

- 1- Junior Sleep Over-State Office
(Registration Required)
- 1- Dartball -Fredericktown, Ohio
- 5- Quarterly Reports Due
- 9- 150 Birthday of the Ohio State Grange
(April 9th,1873)
- 12- Board Meeting
- 15- Work Day- State Office
- 15- Family Activity Conference, Wayne Co
(Registration Required).
- 22- Family Activity Conference, Fairfield County
(Registration Required)

Lecturer, Community Service Conference
Saturday, March 4, 2023
Ohio State Grange Office
16303 Village Parkway
Fredericktown, Ohio

Ohio State Grange Convention October
26th - 29th, 2023
Marriott NW - Dublin, Ohio

National Grange Convention
November 14-18, 2023
Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls
Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303