

LECTURER DEPARTMENT



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the State Grange Lecturer Department is:

- To provide educational material and encourage programs that will educate and entertain both Grange members and non-members
- To provide opportunities for Grange members to showcase their talents and skills
- To encourage Granges and Grange Lecturers statewide in developing relevant projects and programs to benefit their Granges and communities
- To provide a set of programs/projects that can be adapted for use in all Granges across the state
- To assist Granges in developing programs and activities that will increase Grange awareness across the state

The Washington State Grange may not be held liable for any items lost or damaged in any Grange contest.

SUMMARY OF 2025 DATES LECTURER PROGRAM

2025

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January/February

Grange Resource and Information Training Conferences at various locations across the state

April

April is GRANGE MONTH
15 - All Creative Writing Contest Entries due to State Lecturer (postmark date)

May

15 - Pomona Lecturer Report Forms for Photography and Arts & Crafts Contests due to State Lecturer

June

24th 1 pm – 25th 12 Noon State Contest Entries (Photography, Arts & Crafts) check-in at the State Grange Convention
25 - 29 - State Grange Convention @ Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis/Centralia.

October

31 - State Grange Fair Booth Contest Entries due to State Lecturer (postmark date)

December

31 - Annual Lecturer Report from all Subordinate and Pomona Granges due to State Lecturer

LECTURER FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Lecturer Department, along with other Grange Departments, receives funding from the budget of the Washington State Grange. It is our desire to raise additional funds so that we may increase our programs and activities. The primary fund-raising activity for the Lecturer Department is the live and silent auctions held at the State Grange Convention. Donations for the auction are accepted and encouraged so that we may continue working for the benefit of the program and of the Grange. Please contact your State Lecturer Team Member for additional details on the auction and other fund-raising activities.

LECTURER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – 2025

The following subjects have been selected by the State Lecturer Team as our educational topics for 2025. Each lecturer is encouraged to select from these subjects for their education programs. The educational program may be a speaker, discussion, debate, or it may follow another format. You may also ask a member to research the subject and report back to your Grange members. Be creative in the format of your programs and use a variety of education methods to keep your members informed. Information on some of the following subjects

will be included in your Lecturer packet and on the State Grange website.

Candle Lighting Ceremony – Start the new year by conducting the State Grange Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Mentoring New Members/Granges – Mentoring is a tried and true method for using past experience of your members to assist new members or Granges in the Grange experience.

Rural Minds – This is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization National Grange is partnering with whose mission is to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America, and to provide mental health information and resources.

Heirloom Program – A National Program spanning five years designed to remind and educate our members on the cornerstone of what it is to be a Grange and Grangers.

Safety – Select a Safety topic that would be of interest to your members.

Grange Membership – A Give and Take Relationship – Do you have a talent or expertise that can benefit the members of your Grange? Social Media skills? Food preservation expertise? Nutrition knowledge? These are just a few examples of “a give” from you. As others share their contributions, that becomes your “Take.”

Where I Live – Do some research about the city or area in which you live and present that information to the members. Maybe your city has a special anniversary coming up that your Grange can help with planning a celebration for the event.

Programs of Opportunity - Work

with other Grange departments and encourage them to prepare a program on an appropriate subject for your Grange members:

- Family Living
- Youth/Young Adults (Grange or other)
- Junior Grange or Grange Camp
- Community Service

Other Available Programs – The National Grange has material available for educational programs. Visit the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org. Topics include the Patriots Program (DVDs and Certificates) available on WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam



GRANGE MONTH

Grange Month is celebrated in April. The purpose of Grange Month is to let your community know what the Grange is doing across the state and nation. The National Grange will prepare a packet of information that will be available on the National Grange website: www.nationalgrange.org

In recognition of Grange month, we ask each Grange to hold some type of Grange awareness program. This may be an Open House or Special Program at your Grange Hall or you may want to set up a Grange promotional

display in your community. The display should include the Grange emblem, name and number of the Grange, and the name and number of a contact person. The National Grange asks each Grange to have an open house to celebrate the Grange during the month of April. Please report your Grange month activities on your annual report and on the special Grange Month report form available within the material on the national website.

GRANGE FAIR BOOTH CONTEST

The objective of the fair booth program is to improve public opinion of the Grange and the community it serves by **telling the story of agriculture**. For Produce Booths, agriculture is evident through the contents of the display. That is not so easy for an Educational display. However, your display could showcase activities like sponsoring or participating in a Farmer’s Market, provide a display through pictures and words of the impacts of zoning changes on agricultural lands or a display that clearly shows any issues or activities your Grange is involved in that are agricultural related. Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Entries are due to the State Lecturer, postmarked by October 31.
2. The entry shall consist of a report (400 words maximum) describing the display and shall be accompanied by photographs and/or newspaper clippings. All photos and clippings shall be attached to a piece of paper/cardstock – in other

words...no lose clippings or photos. Your photos should be printed on photo paper. Clear, photos are important since the judges cannot see the actual booth. The entry should include a photo of the entire finished booth with other close-up photos showing maybe a quarter of the booth. The report shall be no more than 10 total pieces of paper. The entry must be in a folder of some type (No hard cover binders.) Judging will be done by three qualified judges.

3. The front page of the report shall include the following information: Grange name and number, name of the fair entered, contact person's name and mailing address, and division entered.



4. Subordinate Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Educational. Each subordinate Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest. Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division are sponsored by the Washington State Grange and will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

5. Pomona Granges: There will be two divisions: Division I - Produce; and Division II - Educational. Each Pomona Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest.

Pomona Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

6. Grange Youth Groups: Grange Youth (ages 14-35) Groups creating a display and entering it in the name of the youth group at any fair are eligible for this class in the state contest. All displays will be judged in one division using the Educational Score sheet. Prizes, sponsored by the Washington State Grange, are: First Place - \$50; Second Place - \$30; and Third Place - \$20.

7. Judging criteria in the Produce Division: Booth Arrangement and Design - 200 points; Livestock Products (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Agricultural Products/Seeds/Grains (quality, quantity, and variety) - 200 points; Horticultural Products (quality, quantity, and variety of herbs, forest products, fruits, nursery stock, flowers, etc.) - 200 points; and Vegetables (quantity, quality, and variety) - 200 points; total of 1000 possible points.

8. Judging criteria in the Educational Division: Choice of Agricultural Message - 20 points; Supporting Data - 30 points; Visualization of Message/Design of Display - 30 points; and Originality - 20 points; total of 100 possible points.

OPEN HOUSES AND BOOSTER PROGRAMS

The purpose of a booster night program is to promote the Grange and to encourage people to join our organization. It is also a time to revitalize interest in the Grange among our members who may not

attend on a regular basis. The State Grange Master will prepare a booster night message and send it to each Grange. You are encouraged to plan an informational program for the public. Be creative in the program you develop. Be sure to list what you did on your annual lecturer report.

LECTURER REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

The annual lecturer report is the only mechanism we have to determine if our programs are effective. With that in mind, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the report and send it to the State Lecturer by the December 31 deadline.

Pomona Grange Recognition

Outstanding Lecturer Awards will be presented to up to five Outstanding Pomona Grange Lecturers, based upon the annual report.

Subordinate Grange Recognition

Outstanding Lecturer Awards will be presented to up to ten Outstanding Subordinate Grange Lecturers, based upon the annual report and participation in the following activities.

-Presentation of at least three (3) educational programs at your Grange during the year.

-One (1) entry in any contest sponsored by the Lecturer Department

-Holding two (2) special observances in your Grange...one must be a Grange promotional activity (Grange Month Program/Activity, Fair Display, or Booster Program)

-Attendance at any one (1)

Lecturer or Leadership conference at any level.

STATE GRANGE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non-members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange. Receiving compensation



of any kind does not prohibit a member from taking part in the contest.

2. The photographer must select the class for his/her entry.

3. A print may be entered in only one class.

4. Participants may enter all classes using separate prints.

5. Participants may have more than one entry per class. This will allow for a bigger and better photography contest at the Pomona level.

6. Entries must have been completed after May 15 (or the Pomona judging date) of the previous year.

7. Prints may be made by a commercial processor but must have been taken by the entrant.

8. Photo manipulation: Only minor manipulations, such as color corrections, elimination of red eye, or cropping are allowed for adult Classes A – U and Youth Classes BA – BI.

A new class for **Manipulated** photos has been added for Adults and Youth. These new classes, **Adult Class V** and **Youth Class BJ**

include photos that have been altered/edited using photo manipulation software.

9. At the state level, matting and backing with matte board is required for all photos. There must be a minimum 1" mat margin on all sides and a maximum mat margin of 2 ½" on all sides. Please be sure the photo is securely attached. **NO FRAMES OR COVERINGS OF ANY TYPE.**

10. The Pomona Lecturer has the authority to adjust the rules as necessary for the Pomona contest, including whether matting is required at the Pomona level.

11. Photos must be a minimum size of 5"x 7" and a maximum size of 11"x 14". This does not include the mat.

12. Title is optional.

13. Age of contestants in the youth and junior groups will be as of January 1 of the current year.

14. **The State Grange assumes no liability for loss or damage to entries.**

15. All entries will be judged at the Pomona level. The highest scoring entry in each class should receive a purple ribbon and be forwarded to the state contest, held during the State Grange Convention in June.

16. Judging in the photography contest will be based on: Category Fit, Quality, Interest, Composition, and Presentation.

17. All entries will be awarded ribbons. Best of Class Rosettes will be awarded at the state level to the highest placing entry in each class.

18. State Level Monetary Awards:
Adult Groups

Best of Show Photo - \$50
Second Best of Show Photo - \$25

Youth and Junior Groups

Best of Show Photo - \$25

Second Best of Show Photo - \$15

GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over
Section I - Single Printed Photos (color, black/white, or digital)

Classes:

- A. Scenic Photos
- B. Washington My Home (scenes, sights, and people from WA)
- C. Animals/Pets
- D. Birds
- E. People
- F. Portraiture
- G. Historical
- H. Agriculture and Farming
- I. Celebration(s)
- J. Water
- K. Flora
- L. Winter
- M. Spring
- N. Summer
- O. Autumn/Fall
- P. Insects & Bugs
- Q. Grange Activities
- R. Recreational Activities
- S. Lines, Shapes or Forms
- T. Transportation
- U. General Interest
- V. Manipulated

Group II - Youth, ages 14-19

Section 1 - Single Printed Photos (color, black/white, or digital)

Classes:

- BA. Scenic Photos
- BB. Animals/Pets
- BC. People
- BD. Food
- BE. General Interest
- BF. Grange Activities
- BG. Water
- BH. Flora
- BI. Recreational Activities
- BJ. Manipulated





- GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13**
 Section 1 - Single Printed Photos (color, black/white, or digital)
 Classes:
- CA. Scenic Photos
 - CB. Animals
 - CC. People
 - CD. Food
 - CE. General Interest
 - CF. Grange Activities
 - CG. Water
 - CH. Flora
 - CI. Pets

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. This contest is open to Grange members only. Remember we no longer have categories for younger than 14 years old.



- 2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written in ink on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
- 3. The following should be placed on the top right corner on the front of the entry: Name of entrant, Grange name and number, and Group/Class entered.
- 4. The Poetry Topic for 2025 is “The Grange of the Future”. There is a 500-word limit.
- 5. The Short Story Topic for 2025 is “My Garden Grows...” The

- maximum length is 3 pages, double spaced. Your short story/anecdote should entertain the reader.
- 6. All entries must be post marked by April 15th and sent to: Leslie Jo Wells, State Lecturer, 18232 201st Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.
- 7. Judging criteria: originality and organization; adherence to topic and contest rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
- 8. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red and green ribbons. First, second, and third place in each class will receive rosettes. Cash prizes will be awarded as listed below.

Group A – Adults, age 20 and over

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- A-1 – Poetry – Metered
- A-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- A-3 – Short Story

Group B – Youth, ages 14-19

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

- B-1 – Poetry – Metered
- B-2 – Poetry – Free Verse
- B.3 – Short Story

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

- 1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non-members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange.
- 2. All work must be the work of the exhibitor. Entries must have been completed after May 15 (or

Pomona judging date) of the previous year.

- 3. Participants may have more than one entry per class at the Pomona level.
- 4. Exhibitor must assure that their entry is entered in the correct class.
- 5. Soiled items will not be accepted.
- 6. All entries will be judged. Any entry deemed inappropriate by the person in charge of the contest may not be displayed.
- 7. Any entry that is intended to be hung must be ready for hanging with the appropriate hanging device attached.
- 8. Age of youth and junior contestants will be as of January 1 of the current year.

9. All entries will be judged at the Pomona level. The highest scoring entry in each class at the Pomona contest should receive a purple ribbon and forwarded on to the state contest, to be held at the State Grange Convention in June. The Pomona Lecturer has the option of bypassing this rule if only one entry is received at the Pomona level and that entry is deemed to be of inferior quality.

10. **Contestants at the state level must be responsible for bringing their items to the state convention and picking them up at the designated time.**

11. Valuable items should be adequately insured by their owners before being sent to the state convention. **The State Grange assumes no liability for loss or damage to entries.**

12. Judging in the craft contest will be based on: appearance, design, originality and creativity, workmanship and item appropriately finished

13. Awards: Pomona contest awards are the responsibility of the Pomona Grange. All entries should be awarded ribbons - purple, blue, red, white, or green. State contest awards will be awarded by the State Grange Lecturer Department. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries. Rosettes will be awarded to the top entry in each class.

14. The Best of Show entry in each Group A-I will receive \$50 and the 2nd Best of Show in the same groups will receive \$25.

15. The Best of Show entry in each Group J-K will receive \$25 and the 2nd Best of Show in the same groups will receive \$15.

Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over

Original artwork must be entered. Prints and/or copies will not be accepted. All entries in this group must be framed or have a firm backing so they can be properly displayed.

A-1 Oils

A-2 Acrylics

A-3 Watercolors

A-4 Mixed Medium

A-5 Drawings – Any Medium

A-6 Miniature (3"x3"max.) – Any Medium

A-7 Other

Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over

B-1 Weaving

B-2 Embroidery, Hand

B-3 Knit, any item

B-4 Crochet, any item

B-5 Counted Cross Stitch (framed)

B-6 Counted Cross Stitch (Unframed)

B-7 Plastic Canvas

B-8 Other Fiber Craft

B-9 Other Needle Art

Group C - Holiday/Seasonal/Celebration Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

C-1 Christmas Ornaments

C-2 Christmas Decorations

C-3 Thanksgiving Decorations

C-4 Halloween Decorations

C-5 Other Holiday Decorations

C-6 Non-Holiday Decorations

C-7 Seasonal Decorations

C-8 Other Celebration Décor



Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

D-1 Woodworking (with a finish)

D-2 Woodcrafts (without a finish)

D-3 Wood Birdhouse

D-4 Wooden Toy

D-5 Any Woodworking Item (ages 14-19)

D-6 Other Wooden Item

Group E – Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

All items in this group must clearly be recycled.

E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber

E-2 Recycled Wood

E-3 Recycled Metal

E-4 Recycled Plastic

E-5 Recycled from Any Other Item

Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

F-1 Glass Craft

F-2 Metal Craft

F-3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery

F-4 Yard Art

F-5 Ceramics, Any item

F-6 Leathercraft

F-7 Other Constructive Crafts

Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

G-1 Handmade Card (holiday) – do not send envelope

G-2 Handmade Card (all occasion) – do not send envelope

G-3 Origami

G-4 Quilling

G-5 Adult Coloring, mounted on a stiff backing

G6 Other Paper Craft

Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over

H-1 Beading

H-2 Jewelry

H-3 Decorative Painting

H-4 Wearable Art

H-5 Toys (other than wood)

H-6 Nature Craft – no live plants

H-7 Flower Arrangement/Corsage - dried or silk, no live plants

H-8 String, Cord, or Macrame

H-9 Other General Craft Item

Group I – Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over

All items in this group must be used to promote the Grange and/or Grange activities. State/National Grange generated items are not eligible. No DVDs, CDs or electronic media.

I-1 Grange Promotional Brochure

I-2 Grange Event Flyers

I-3 Posters

I-4 Promotional T-shirt/Vest

I-5 Other Promotional Art/Craft Items

Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13

Paintings and drawings must be either framed or mounted with a firm backing.

J-1 Paintings, any medium

J-2 Drawings, any medium

- J-3 Lego Item – From a kit
- J-4 Lego Item – Not a kit
- J-5 Wood Craft
- J-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft
- J-7 Paper Craft
- J-8 Decorations



- J-9 Wearable Art
- J-10 Any Item made from a Kit – Other than Legos
- J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items

Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9

Paintings and drawings must be either framed or mounted with a firm backing.

- K-1 Paintings, any medium
- K-2 Drawings, any medium
- K-3 Lego Item – From a kit
- K-4 Lego Item – Not a kit
- K-5 Wood Craft
- K-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft
- K-7 Paper Crafts
- K-8 Decorations
- K-9 Wearable Art
- K-10 Any Item made from a Kit – Other than Legos
- K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Items

LECTURER’S SERVICE PROJECTS

STATE GRANGE DEAF FUND

Granges are encouraged to support the deaf community with their donations to the State Grange Deaf Fund. Donations are collected annually and then forwarded to organizations who support deaf awareness programs. Past recipients have included the Dogs for the Deaf

Program, the WA State School for the Deaf, and the SW WA Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Checks should be made payable to the Washington State Grange and sent to the State Grange Lecturer.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CHARITY SUPPORT

Washington Agriculture In the Classroom (WAIC) was organized by volunteers in 1983 as a nonprofit organization. The volunteer WAIC Board oversees all WAIC activities and finances, including the *Ag@School* magazine distribution, teacher outreach and funding promotion. The WAIC office is located in Lacey in the Farm Bureau building. Donations may be made to WAIC and sent to: PO Box 3638, Lacey WA 98509-3638.

CONTEST TRAVEL FUND DONATIONS

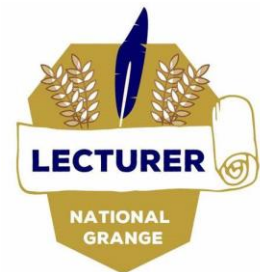
Each year, our state can send a delegation to the National Grange Convention for participation in the various programs. This includes, but is not limited to public speaking and sign-a-song participants, youth ambassadors, and national youth officers. The State Grange tries to pay flight and occasionally lodging costs for these participants. Donations to cover these expenses are graciously accepted. Please send your check, made payable to WA State Grange, to the State Grange Office and designate it for the Travel Fund.

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Lecturer’s Department will continue to promote and support the following Community Service activities:

- Outstanding Community Volunteer
- Partnering with Schools
- Keep Washington Warm (Youth)
- Words for Thirds
- Book Collections
- Personal Care Items
- Feed the Hungry
- Support for Junior Grange Programs

We will also promote and support other departments with their choices of Community Service Projects.



NATIONAL LECTURER PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS

Please refer to the 2025 National Grange Program Handbook for guidelines. All contests have a September 1 entry deadline. National Grange Lecturer contests are:

- Quilt Block Challenge
- Virtual Photo Contest
- Garden Design Contest
- Design-a-Program Contest
- Creative Writing Contest
