

LECTURER DEPARTMENT

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Hometown Roots.*

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



IMPORTANT - NEW GUIDELINES IN 2026

→ **Lecturer's Department will Showcase all the yearly contests at the Washington State Grange Convention.**

→ **All contests will be represented, judged (before or during), and awarded ribbons at the WSG Convention.**

→ **ONLY-County/Pomona Contest PURPLE-BEST OF CLASS entries will be accepted at State Grange Contest level and a NEW reporting form has been implemented.**

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JANUARY-MAY 2026

Lecturer Leadership Workshops at various locations across the state and once a month on Zoom.

APRIL 2026

April is GRANGE MONTH

MAY 20th, 2026

- ****County/Pomona Grange Lecturer Contest Report of Entries for WSG Convention**
- ****Creative Writing Contest Entries**

JUNE 2026

23rd 1 PM – Closing / 24th – Opening to 12 PM – Check in County/Pomona Purple-Best of Class State Contest Entries (Photography, Arts & Crafts) at the WSG 2026 Convention.
24th – 27th State Grange Convention Skagit County Fairgrounds Mount Vernon, WA.

OCTOBER 31st, 2026

- **Grange Fair Booth Contest Entries**

JANUARY 10th, 2027

- ****Annual Subordinate Lecturer Report**
- ****Annual Pomona Lecturer Report**

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 – 2026

The following subjects have been selected by the State Lecturer Team as our educational topics for 2026. Each subordinate and Pomona lecturer is encouraged to select from these topics for their educational programs. The educational program may be a speaker, discussion, debate, or 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 educational methods to keep your members informed and engaged. Some of the following topics will be included in

your lecturer packet and on the State Grange website for your reference.

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


Mentoring New to Grange – 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 partnered with, whose mission is to serve as the informed voice for 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.

Programs of Opportunity – Work with other departments in your Grange and encourage them to prepare a program on an appropriate topic to share with your Grange members on:

- Family Living
- Juniors/Youth (Youth Fair, Camps, FFA, 4H)
- 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.

LECTURER REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

The annual lecturer report is the only mechanism we have to determine if our programs are effective. Please take a few minutes to complete the report and mail it to the State Lecturer, **Claudine Mincks, 373 Finn Ridge Road, Centerville, WA 98613 or PDF a version can be emailed to: claudinemincks@gmail.com** reporting should include from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **All entries**

must be post marked by January 10th, 2027. Reports will be judged for Outstanding Lecturer's and presented at WSG Convention in June.

Pomona & Subordinate Grange Recognition

Outstanding Lecturer Awards will be presented to up to five Outstanding Pomona Grange Lecturers and ten Outstanding Subordinate Grange Lecturers, based upon the annual report and participation in the following activities for your Grange during the year:

- 1 – Attendance in State Lecturer Instructional
- 1 – Presentation of Lecturer Instructional
- 2 – Educational Programs
- 2 – Grange Awareness/Promotional Activities
- 1 – Special Observances
- 1 – Entry in any State Lecturer Contest



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

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

commercial processor but must have been taken by the entrant.

7. Photo manipulation: Only minor manipulations, such as color corrections, elimination of red eye, or cropping are allowed for all classes.

A new class for **Manipulated photos** has been added and will include photos that have been altered/edited using photo manipulation software.

8. 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!!

9. The Pomona Lecturer has the authority to adjust the rules as necessary for the Pomona contest only.

10. Photos must be a minimum size of 5"x 7" and a maximum size of 11"x 14". Not including the mat.

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

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

13. 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, **only one (1) per class should be forwarded to state contest** which is held during the State Grange convention in June.

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

15. 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.

16. Top placing entries will be considered for Best of Show Photo and Second Best of Show Photo in each Section and State Level Monetary Awards are:

Junior Section J1 (ages 5-8)

Best of Show Photo - \$10

Second Best of Show Photo - \$5

Junior Section J2 (ages 9-13)

Best of Show Photo - \$15

Second Best of Show Photo - \$10

Youth Section Y (ages 14-19)

Best of Show Photo - \$25

Second Best of Show Photo - \$15

Adult Section A (ages 20+)

Best of Show Photo - \$50

Second Best of Show Photo - \$25

Division 100 Photography

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

Class 1	Agriculture
Class 2	Humorous Event
Class 3	Seasons
Class 4	Wildlife
Class 5	Sports
Class 6	Rolling Roadshot
Class 7	People
Class 8	Transportation
Class 9	Pets
Class 10	Water
Class 11	General Interest
Class 12	Manipulated

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST



1. 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 entering.

2. Entrant must select the class for their entry.

3. All work must be the work of the exhibitor. Entries must have been completed after May 21 (or the Pomona judging date) of the previous year.

4. Participants may have more than one entry per class at the Pomona level.

5. Exhibitor must assure that their entry is entered in the correct class.

6. All entries will be judged. Any entry soiled or deemed inappropriate by the person in charge of the contest may refuse the item in the contest.

7. Art – Paintings and Drawings **originals** 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. **NO GLASS FRAMES!** 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** should receive a **purple ribbon** and be forwarded to the state contest, **only one (1) per class should be forwarded to state contest** which is held during the State Grange Convention in June.

10. 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.**

11. Judging in the Art & Craft Contest will be based on: appearance, design, originality, creativity workmanship, and the item appropriately finished.

12. 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.

13. Top placing entries will be considered for Best of Show and Second Best of Show in each Section and State Level Monetary Awards are:

Junior Section J1 (ages 5-8)

Best of Show - \$10

Second Best of Show - \$5

Junior Section J2 (ages 9-13)

Best of Show - \$15

Second Best of Show - \$10

Youth Section Y (ages 14-19)

Best of Show - \$25

Second Best of Show - \$15

Adult Section A (ages 20+)

Best of Show - \$50

Second Best of Show - \$25

Division 200 Art - Paintings & Drawings

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Oils
- Class 2 Acrylics
- Class 3 Mixed Medium
- Class 4 Drawings – Any Medium
- Class 5 Miniature (3"x3" max.) – Any Medium

Division 210 Wood Crafts

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Woodworking (with a finish)
- Class 2 Woodcrafts (without a finish)
- Class 3 Wood Birdhouse
- Class 4 Wood Toy



Division 220 Constructive Crafts

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Glass Craft
- Class 2 Metal Craft
- Class 3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery
- Class 4 Ceramics, Any Item

Division 230 Decoration Crafts

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Grange
- Class 2 Seasonal (fall/ winter /spring /summer)
- Class 3 Celebration (birthday/wedding/other)
- Class 4 Patriotic (non-partisan)

Division 240 Paper Crafts

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Handmade Card (holiday) **NO ENVELOPE!**
- Class 2 Handmade Card (all occasion) **NO ENVELOPE!**
- Class 3 Scrapbook Page (plastic covering is okay)
- Class 4 Grange Journaling (your spin on Grange)

Division 250 General Crafts

Section J1 Junior, ages 5-8

Section J2 Junior, ages 9-13

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

- Class 1 Beading
- Class 2 Jewelry
- Class 3 Leather
- Class 4 Kit Built Item (lego or other)
- Class 5 Non-Kit Built Item (lego or other)
- Class 6 Flower Arrangement or Corsage (dried, silk, wood – no live plants!)

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST



1. This contest is open to Grange members only.
2. All entries must be on 8 ½" x 11" paper, typed or neatly written in ink. Illegible entries are disqualified.
3. All work must be the work of the entrant. Entries must have been completed after May 21 of the previous year.
4. Placed on the front page, right top corner of the entry: Name of entrant, Grange name, Grange

number, Division, Section, and Class entered.

5. The Poetry Topic for 2026 is "Grange Humor". There is a 500-word limit.

6. The Short Story Topic for 2026 is "Grange Members Laughed When..." The maximum length is 3 pages, double spaced. You should entertain the reader.

7. All entries must be post marked by May 20th and sent to: **Claudine Mincks State Lecturer, 373 Finn Ridge Road, Centerville, WA 98613 or a PDF version can be emailed to: claudinemincks@gmail.com**

8. Judging criteria: originality and organization; adherence to topic and contest rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.

9. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red or white ribbons. First and second in each class will receive rosettes. Top placing entries will be considered for Best of Show and Second Best of Show in each Section and State Level Monetary Awards are:

Youth Section Y (ages 14-19)

Best of Show Creative Writing - \$25

Second Best of Show Creative Writing - \$15

Adult Section A (ages 20+)

Best of Show Creative Writing - \$50

Second Best of Show Creative Writing - \$25

Division 300 Creative Writing

Section Y Youth, ages 14-19

Section A Adults, ages 20+

Class 1 Poetry

Class 2 Short Story



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.

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Lecturer's Department continues to promote and support the following Community Service activities:

- Outstanding Community Volunteer * Partnering with Schools * Supporting Youth & Junior Grange

NATIONAL LECTURER PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS

Please refer to the 2026 National Grange Program Handbook for guidelines, entry deadlines for the current year's National Grange Lecturer programs and contests.



THE LECTURER'S LANTERN:
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PREMIERING ON ZOOM OR IN PERSON (YOUR CHOICE)

JANUARY - MAY 2026

HARVESTING IDEAS TOGETHER

ON:

Activities, Education, Projects, Entertainment, & Talents

WITH:

Mini Workshops & Simple Programs
Looking forward to SEEING YOU!

-Claudine, WSG Lecturer

