

# Michigan State Grange

## October 1, 2025—Sept. 30, 2026

### Program Booklet



**Agriculture — Family — Community**

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### **Michigan State Grange**

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# MASTER

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Congratulations on being elected Master of your Grange!

Responsibility and privilege are yours. Holding this important position requires dedication, patience, hard work, and diplomacy.

## FOR A PRODUCTIVE GRANGE

1. Elect and Install Officers
2. Appoint Committees: Involve everyone. Ask Committee Chairmen to report at each meeting.
3. Conduct a yearly planning meeting with your Officers and Committee Chairmen.
4. Open and Close the meeting in proper form, following the Order of Business. Practice good ritual. One meeting per month is required. Two meetings per month provide greater interest and more opportunities to develop the total Grange program.
5. Plan for delegate representation at the Annual Convention of the Michigan State Grange. The Master and spouse, or duly elected alternates are eligible.
6. Act on resolutions and send them to the State Grange Secretary for action at the Annual Convention.
7. Develop a plan for membership growth. Use the obligation ceremony, followed by the full degrees.
8. Encourage annual Degree Conferral's.
9. Be an active part of your community.
10. "Whatever you do, strive to do it well."

## GOLD STAR GRANGE PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to recognize Subordinate Granges for their work. It is intended to strengthen Subordinate Granges by encouraging participation in the total Grange program. Granges are encouraged to do those things of which they are capable, improving and increasing activity, thereby becoming a vital part of the community. Participation by all departments and members of the Grange is essential to Grange success. This program will reward those Granges who fulfill the seven (7) requirements listed and 10 of the 14 optional achievements.

## REQUIREMENTS:

1. Take in new members \_\_\_\_\_. How Many? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Quarterly Reports into State Grange on time. (30 days after end of quarter.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Holding all regular meetings. One meeting per month is required. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Delegates to State Grange Convention. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Must have 13 members, the legal limit. \_\_\_\_\_
6. A Lecturer's Program at all regular meetings. (at least one a month) \_\_\_\_\_
7. At least one resolution forwarded for action at the State Grange Convention. \_\_\_\_\_

## OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Entered and reported in the Community Service Contest \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Participation in Degree or Obligation Ceremony Conferral. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Officers installed in full form. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Appointments of all Committee Chairmen which are suggested by State Grange. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Committees reporting at regular meetings. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Support for Lecturer's Department \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. entry in at least one contest) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Participation in Youth/Young Adult Program \_\_\_\_\_
8. Support of Junior Grange Program. \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_
9. Grange Deaf Awareness Program \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Contribution to State Grange Deaf Fund
  - B. Do Program on the subject of deafness or hearing protection.
  - C. Participate in MSD- Adopt-a-child Program (Must complete two out of three)
10. Observance of Grange Month \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Program; or
  - B. Exhibit, display, or poster in prominent place
11. Observance of a Community or Booster Night \_\_\_\_\_
12. A Visit by a State Grange Officer that is not a member of your Grange by invitation. Who \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_
13. Representatives at one or more Grange Leadership conferences or workshops sponsored by the State Grange, County or Subordinate Grange. What \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_
14. Use of Publicity — TV, Radio, Newspapers, Social Media \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*CONTEST DATES ARE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO AUGUST 31. Reports are due to the State Grange office no later than September 10th. All Granges qualifying will be recognized with a Gold Star Grange Certificate at the State Grange Convention. A scrapbook is not required. The entry and report will consist of this form only. Send to: Peggy Johnston, Secretary, Michigan State Grange, 404 S. Oak Street, Durand, MI 48429

**Grange Theme:  
#GRANGE STRONG**

# LECTURER

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It is important that you promote the contests available to your members at your meetings throughout the year. It is your participation and interest that will help your Grange achieve a successful year. I encourage comments and questions from you, so that these contests "work" for your members. Feel free to call me or e-mail me.

## General Contest Rules:

1. All entries will be judged at the Michigan State Grange convention.
2. Entrants may be any age:

Division I	Junior, Juniors 8 years old or younger
Division II	Junior, Juniors 9 -14 years old
Division III	Youth, ages 14 and 25
Division IV	Seniors, Age 26 and above
3. All entries must be labeled with an official label and entry forms must be completed prior to entering competition. Contact your Lecturer or the State Lecturer for labels and entry forms.
4. Age of Juniors as of January 1, 2026 must be on the label.
5. Lecturer's Department contests are open to Grange members and Grange friends, Juniors and Junior friends, Youth and Youth friends. Grange friend labels and entry forms should specify the Grange who asked them to enter.
6. All entries shall be the work of the entrant.
7. All entries should be completed after October 1, 2025 and before September 30, 2026.
8. Only one entry per class per person. Class examples – photography animals; homemade fruit pie; puzzle; etc.
9. Entrant must select the class and section of their entry.
10. Youth and Senior entries will receive ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place and all entries will receive a participation ribbon.
11. Junior entries will receive ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class plus a \$5 cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$3 cash prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$1 cash prize for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All entries will receive a participation ribbon.
12. Two Best of Show ribbons will be awarded in the Lecturer's Contests: 1) A Best of Show from all entries in the Photography Contest, and 2) A Best of Show award from all other entries (arts items, home-made food items, family recipe). All entries in each of these two groups will be eligible to receive this honor.

Judging criteria: use of media selected, craftsmanship and skill, composition and presentation, originality.

## Class A: Tell me a story

1,000 words or less

Section 1      Travel

Section 2

Family  
Autobiography

## Class B: Scrapbook

Section 1

A year in the life  
Travel journal  
My favorite things

## Class C: Brick builds

Section 1

Instructional kit build  
Original build

## Class D: Puzzles

Section 1

2 – dimensional (must be framed)  
3 - dimensional

## Class E: Fabric

Section 1

Quilts-any size  
Tote or handbags  
Clothing  
Pillowcase  
Miscellaneous

## Class F: Yarn

Section 1

Afghans / blankets  
Clothing  
Accessories (gloves, hats, scarves)  
Miscellaneous

## Class G: Thread

Section 1

Embroidery  
Cross stitch / blackwork  
Needlepoint  
Miscellaneous

## Class H: Hand crafted animals

Section 1

Crochet / knit  
Fabric  
Miscellaneous

## Class I: America turns 250

Section 1

Center pieces (no larger than 24' in all dimensions and must be free standing)  
Section 2      Individual place settings

## Class J: Coloring

Section 1

Animals  
Flowers  
Stained Glass

## Class K: Collections

Section 1

Any Kind



### Class L: Art

Any art must be no larger than 24" in all dimensions. If a three-dimensional object, it must stand independently.

Section 1	Mixed media
Section 2	Diamond dots
Section 3	Recycled art
Section 4	Painted Rocks
Section 5	Miscellaneous

### Class M: Photography

Additional Rules:

1. All general contest rules apply.
2. Only prints are accepted for judging. No slides or digital files.
3. Participants may enter all classes using different photos. An entry consists of one photo.
4. All entries must be unframed with a firm backing (minimum card stock) so that they can be properly displayed.
5. No glass covering is permitted with any entry.
6. Photo size: up to 8" X 10" (not including backing)
7. Judging criteria: composition and arrangement, interest, presentation, technique

Section 1	Night sky
Section 2	America the beautiful
Section 3	Friends
Section 4	Let's Celebrate
Section 5	Animals
Section 6	Garden Scene

### Class N: Quilt Block

Quilt blocks should be 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished, and will become the property of the Michigan State Grange for use in future Quilts of Valor or Fundraiser quilts to benefit the Michigan State Grange

Section 1	Patriotic Star
Section 2	Any other kind

### Class O: Home-Made Food

The purpose of this contest is to allow entrants to showcase their talents and/or encourages entrants to try new recipes. All items entered will be auctioned at convention to assist in Lecturer's Program prizes.

Additional Rules:

1. All general contest rules apply.
2. Each entry shall include the recipe, typed or legibly printed.
3. Entries shall be made "from scratch", no mixes for baked goods.
4. Yeast breads display should be on a disposable plate; fruit pies should be in a disposable pan.
5. Canned items will not be returned.
6. Judging will be based on appearance, texture and flavor.

Section 1	Yeast Breads
Section 2	Fruit pie
Section 3	Canned items

### Class P: Traditional or Unusual Family Recipe

The purpose of this contest is to share family experiences, especially as it relates to food. Hopefully, not all of the family recipes are secret!

Additional rules:

1. All general contest rules apply.
2. An entry consists of
  - a) the recipe and directions for making
  - b) 1-2 paragraph(s) description about the recipe, e.g., how long your family has made this recipe, if it is only served at a special event, who the originator of this recipe is if known, why your family thinks this recipe is special and/or unique, etc.
  - c) Optional: photo
3. Recipe, description, and optional photo should be mounted on card stock
4. Judging criteria: uniqueness of recipe, presentation of entry.
5. This contest will be judged Thursday evening by the judges of the Home-Made Food Contest.

### NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER'S CONTESTS

In addition to these Michigan State Grange contests, the National Grange has several contests for member participation. These come with cash prizes. The deadline for entries to these contests is September 1, 2026. The link to these contests <https://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-programs/> (contests subject to change-visit website often for updates) Visit the National Grange website for more contests in other departments including Youth, Junior and Community Service.

If you do not have easy Internet access, and are interested in these contests, give me a call and I will send printed information.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

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## PURPOSE:

Community Service is the heartbeat of the Grange. Granges that have a strong Community Service Program have a strong Grange. The purpose of the Community Service Report is to recognize and reward outstanding efforts made by Granges in their communities. The report is also intended to share information between Granges and inspire new ideas and programs.

## PROGRAM PERIOD:

The Community Service program period is September 1, to August 31.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT DUE:

**September 10th** This means that your book needs to be delivered to the State Community Service Director on or before that date.

## DIVISIONS:

Granges are divided into two categories, small Granges with 40 members or less and large Granges with more than 40 members. Membership numbers are determined by the second quarter (June 30) membership report to the State Secretary. Granges will compete within their own category.

## SUMMARY REPORTS:

A summary report form will be supplied to each Community Service Chairman. A report may be submitted alone or with a notebook to receive full credit as an entry. Reports may be typed or neatly hand written.

## NOTEBOOK REPORTS:

Notebook reports MUST contain the Summary Report as the first pages of the report. Materials should be organized and indexed in a manner that effectively tells the story of your Grange's Community Service work. Some choose to arrange projects from large to small and others choose to arrange materials in chronological order. You might also want to include newspaper articles, flyers and or pictures of your events. Remember if a couple of pictures cover the event it isn't necessary to use a couple of pages of materials.

## NOTEBOOK SIZE:

Maximum size for a notebook is a 2 inch binder.

Only one book can be entered. Any notebooks larger than this will not be judged. (**Materials such as DVDs and computer generated programs should not be included with reports and may not be used in place of a notebook report.**)

## PROJECTS:

Descriptions of projects should answer the questions, **What? Who? Why? How? And When?**

Suggestions to help tell your story:

- Why did you choose this project? What is your goal?
- How did you accomplish the project? Include the details of the work. Were there special committees? Did it take co-operation of other groups? Include the advanced preparations, and how many workers it took.
- What did you accomplish? Was it success? Include sup-porting materials (publicity, pictures, news articles, letters, etc.) Did you overcome obstacles? What would you do differently? Would you recommend this type of project to other Granges?
- Keep the report concise. Include only material that directly impacts on the project you are explaining.

## AWARDS:

Cash awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

## JUDGING:

Selection of judges will be made at the discretion of the State Community Service Committee. All decisions made by the judges are final.

## DEDICATED WORKER AWARD

This award has its importance to the Granges presenting the award. This award will no longer be judged at the state level. We hope that Granges will continue to present this award to people in their community.

  
**Purpose:** Each Grange is asked to honor a dedicated worker who has made a difference in the community.

Giving public recognition to those who have given outstanding effort is important. This recognition is our way of saying "Thank You" for a job well done.

## VIP — VERY IMPORTANT PATRON AWARD

**Purpose:** The purpose of the VIP Award is for each Grange to honor a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Grange.

**BE SURE TO PULL THIS  
PROGRAM BOOK OUT AND  
KEEP FOR FUTURE USE**

## **DEAF AWARENESS**

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The purpose of the Grange health project, Grange Deaf Awareness, is to serve deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people.

>>to encourage education of Grange members and non-Grange persons regarding deafness, including understanding the need for communication access by deaf and hard of hearing people.

>>to promote hearing protection, and to provide information about the hazards of noise.

>>to develop new programs and projects that will meet the above criteria.

>>Further, to create interest in our health project at all Grange levels, to increase participation and strengthen the image of the Grange.

### **IDEAS FOR ACTION AND SPECIAL AWARD**

#### **For Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Granges**

**Award:** Grange Deaf Awareness Chairmen completing ten (10) of the suggested activities will receive Special Recognition at the Annual Session of the Michigan State Grange.

1. Plan year's work, bring ideas to your meeting, and then ask for a Grange vote.
2. Make an annual donation to the State Grange Deaf Awareness fund.
3. Report some phase of Grange Deaf Awareness at each meeting. Use the State Grange Deaf Awareness Newsletter as a source of information.
4. Present at least one program each year on the subject of Deafness, hearing protection, any part of hearing loss.
5. Submit a copy of a program that is on deafness for your members to the State Directors for possible sharing with others.
6. Participate in the Michigan School for the Deaf Adopt-A-Child Project.
7. Participate in any Michigan School for the Deaf projects or events such as: MSD teachers wish list, graduation, attend a ballgame, etc.
8. Had an entry in the 2025 Deaf Awareness Craft or Poster Contest.
9. Observe Better Hearing and Speech Week in May or month in September.
10. Have a speaker speak at your Grange meetings con-

cerning deaf awareness issues.

11. Attend a Deaf Awareness conference, State Grange Convention or any other State Grange sponsored leadership conference.

12. Promote newborn hearing screening, or hearing testing for all ages and give information in your meetings, talk to parents of young children as well as teenagers and adults about the importance of this subject.

13. Support legislation that benefits deaf and hard of hearing people.

14. Promote entries in the 2026 Deaf Awareness Poster and/or Craft Contests. (See rules in program book)

15. Distribute the Pledge of Allegiance in Sign Language posters in your community.

16. Distribute the Manual Alphabet posters in your community.

17. Plan and carry out a hearing testing project in your Grange or meeting place.

18. Place a Deaf Awareness display in a library, Grange hall or meeting place, County Fair, community event, store window or any other place where it will be seen by the general public and/or by Grange members.

19. Send a report of your activities to the MSG Deaf Awareness Directors by Sept. 10th. (Report form to be provided.)

### **Deaf Awareness Poster Contest**

**Purpose:** To increase Deaf Awareness:

**Poster Theme:** Show at least three (3) ways you can protect your hearing.

#### **Who may enter:**

Division I Junior Grange members ages 8 and under

Division II Junior Grange members ages 9-11

Division III Junior Grange members ages 12-14

(open to Junior Grange members, children and grandchildren of members)

1st place — \$5.00, 2nd place — \$3.00, 3rd place — \$1.00

Division IV Subordinate Grange members, friends and relatives 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. All entries will receive participant ribbons.

**Judging:** The judging will be on creativity, Sending of message and neatness.

#### **Rules:**

- Poster to be made on poster board. (max. size 18 x 24 inches) Crayons, markers, pencils, pens, cut out pictures, and/or photos can be used.
- The name of the entrant is to be placed on the back of the poster along with (age as of Jan. 1st for Juniors, ) Junior or Subordinate Grange name and number and county.

**Entry Deadline:** The poster is to be at the State Grange Convention by Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Bring it in or send it with delegates and take to where the Deaf Awareness Display is.

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## FOUNDATION

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The Foundation has now approved a scholarship for any individual seeking higher knowledge, either in a formal college setting, vocational education or trade school. Applications are available on the Michigan State Grange website in the Foundation section. The number of scholarships and award amount will be determined each year based on the amount of interest earned from the American National Annuity. We will also continue with Student Loans. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please do so BEFORE June 1 to allow time to prepare applications for the Scholarship Judging.

Your continuing support of the Foundation enables us to provide funding for not only educational opportunities, but assists the State Grange in covering costs of mailings and program expenses incurred by select Officers and Directors at state sessions.

Thank you.

And Happy  
New Year!



## MSG FOUNDATION

**Jackie Bishop, Sec.-Treas.  
479 Tuscan Drive  
Portage, MI 49024**

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your Support!

## AGRICULTURE

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1. The Master should **appoint an agricultural chairman and committee** to work with different segments of production.
2. Become informed and involved on local and state issues. The basic needs of agriculture start with a group of business people investing in a highly technical business that welcome the support of all the consumers.
3. Invite local farmers, legislators to **participate in forums** to better secure legislature and support from local and state governments.
4. Agriculture is greatly influenced by taxation, petroleum costs, agricultural inputs and capital to purchase equipment, labor and supplies. The Grange **must understand** all aspects of farming are done in a timely fashion as farmers have no control over the weather.
5. **Promote** crop insurance, technology and cooperative relations.
6. Despite the fact that agriculture is done in a rural setting, the Grange **must promote good roads** (farm to market roads) due to the large amount of inputs and harvest return (meat, milk, crops, and vegetables) for an economic delivery.
7. The Agricultural Chairman should give a **detailed report** at each meeting regarding progress in agriculture.
8. The Grange should encourage business people and politicians to attend meetings at all time and make an effort to get them to join the Grange.
9. **Insurance is a very important issue.** All rural families should have a chance to have health and dental care and access to local hospitals.
10. **Let's work together to make these things happen.**

### AGRICULTURE "GROWING" CONTEST

Division I Junior 6 & under

Division II Junior 7-8

Division III Junior 9-11

Division IV Junior 12-14

Division V Subordinate Grange members

#### Class I — Vegetables

- A. Potatoes—3 of any variety
- B. Winter Squash
- C. Carrots with tops
- D. New Crop Onions



#### Class II — Flowers

- A. "Potted Herbs" must be labeled
- B. Any type of plant (indoor/outdoor) grown in a unique container
- C. Bloom of Zinnia, Geranium, Ornamental Sunflower, etc.

#### Class III — Other Categories

- A. 6" pumpkin \* painted or decorated (NOT carved)
- B. 6" pumpkin decorated (carved and preserved)
- C. Decorated flower pot

\*pumpkins may be purchased but must be decorated by entrant.

Judging: Commercial Marketing Quality Standards are required for entering in each class, IE uniform shape, color, size and disease free.

Judging will take place on Friday morning of the State Convention.

Must be received and registered by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning.

### GROW WITH THE GRANGE!! Community Garden Challenge for each Grange.

Post on social media via Face book, MSG website, etc. Even if you do not have a Grange hall find a spot available in the community to organize an area for your community to participate and share the rewards of what grows in your garden. This could be a great Membership tool and also a Community Service project to be reported in your CS notebook.

## DEAF AWARENESS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6..

### Deaf Awareness Flash Card Contest

#### **Craft Topic: Educational helps**

- At least 6 and no more than 10 homemade flash cards using either numbers or letters. No larger than 4" x 6"
- Can be made with card stock or some type of material that will hold up under use.
- Can use crayons, colored pencils, paints, cut outs, etc. Anything goes.

Division I Junior Grange members

1st place — \$5.00, 2nd place — \$3.00,  
3rd place — \$1.00

Division II Subordinate Grange members

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons.

All entries will receive participant ribbons.

All entries are to be at the State Grange Convention by Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and taken to where the Deaf Awareness display is with Division, the entrants name, Grange name and number and county.

## MEMBERSHIP

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The membership program this year is once again going to be very simple—retain the members you have. Of course, I would love to have every Grange obtain new members. But it is also important to keep the ones you currently have on your membership list.

I do not have a plan yet for rewarding Granges that do not drop members. Please know that I will do more this year at convention than last year. More information will be a future Michigan Grange News article.

## JUNIOR/YOUTH DIRECTOR

New Director Needed

### JUNIOR PROGRAM

#### SEE JUNIOR CRAFT CONTESTS

#### UNDER LECTURER, PAGE 4

### JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

There will be a combined Junior and Youth/Young Adult camp this year. Combining these camps has been very successful. Older Juniors are able to participate in Y & YA activities. Camp will be announced in the Michigan Grange News when plans are finalized.

### THE JUNIOR DEGREE

Officers should be encouraged to commit the lectures to memory. This is a beautiful ceremony when done properly. A short form obligation has been written by the National Grange for use when necessary. The full form Junior Degree should be exemplified as often as possible.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JUNIOR GRANGE GRADUATION AND JUNIOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Complete ceremony included in the Junior Manual.

### RECEIVING HONORED GUESTS

Used when a visiting National or State Officer attends a Junior Grange meeting.

*Please check the Lecturer's/Family Activities, Deaf Awareness, Agriculture and other departments for contests that the Juniors can enter as well.*

*Please check the National Grange Junior Department for national program and contests.*

### YOUTH PROGRAM

## **GRANGE: AMERICAN VALUES, HOMETOWN ROOTS**

#### **Purpose:**

1. To serve the needs and interests of youth.
2. To recognize and develop talents and leadership abilities of young people.
3. To compliment the total Grange program.
4. To provide learning experience through special program.
5. To encourage Youth participation in Grange events.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR POMONA AND SUBORDINATE GRANGES**

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity to recognize the Youth Program of Pomona and Subordinate Granges.

#### **Requirements:**

Chairman to fill out annual report form.

Report due to State Grange Youth Director by September 10 of each year.

**Awards:** Certificates to be awarded at the Annual Convention.

## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CAMPS**

The State Grange Youth/Young Adults will be holding one camp in conjunction with the Juniors during the summer. Any Grange youth 14 years of age and over is invited to attend the camps

#### **Camp Rules:**

1. The conference is for Youth and Young Adults—may be Grange member or non-member.
2. Non-members must be invited by a Grange youth or young adult.
3. All attendees must present a consent form, signed by parent or guardian.
4. All campers will pay the designated fee (if applicable).
5. Attendees are required to follow rules, or must leave.

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### **YOUTH AMBASSADOR — MICHIGAN ONLY**

The State Grange Youth will be offering the Ambassador program to recognize two individual youth (one male and one female) that show achievement, participation and dedication to the Grange. Youth to be honored at the Annual State Session in October. May complete requirements to participate in the National Horizon Leadership Award program and attend the National Session in November.

#### **Requirements:**

1. Age limit — 16-21 years of age.
2. Previous Ambassadors are not eligible.
3. Must complete an application by the summer youth camp. Selection of Ambassadors will be made Saturday night of the summer camp.
4. Must complete three of the National Youth Achievement Awards or Seals.
5. Must be able to attend the youth activity days at State Session.
6. Preference will go to those that complete the requirements for the Horizon Leadership Awards and able to go to the National Session.

### **MICHIGAN GROW CLUB**

The Michigan GROW (Go Right on Working) Club includes past Ambassadors, Prince, Princesses, Youth Couple, Youth Officers, who attended National Grange, Key Award Winners, Outstanding Young Adult winners, Teenage Award Winners, Grange Recruiters, and Young Agriculturists. All these positions were or are in the Youth/Young Adult Program. GROW Club pins are available.

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### **PUBLICITY — INFORMATION**

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#### **SUGGESTIONS:**

1. Appoint an Information Chairman. (Publicity and Public Relations)
2. Publicize meeting dates.
3. Publicize programs, projects and activities. Work with officers and Committee Chairmen.
4. Identify Grange name and number and meeting date and time on outside of Grange hall or meeting place.
5. Present a Media Award to your newspaper and/or others who publicize Grange events.
6. When writing articles use the 5 "W" system. What, Where, When, Who and Why?
7. Contact daily and weekly newspaper editors, TV and radio stations. Becoming friends with media leadership is beneficial.
8. Write and thank news media following coverage.
9. Plan special coverage for Ag Day or Ag Week, Grange Month, Better Hearing and Speech Month, conferences and the State Grange Convention.
10. Keep trying and you will see your news in print or hear it on the radio or TV!
11. **Send copies of newsletters or newspaper articles or a written summary of radio or television coverage, to the State Grange Office so your Grange will receive a certificate at the State Grange Convention.**

#### **PUBLICIZE! PUBLICIZE! PUBLICIZE! PUBLICIZE!**

I've found that it's not as easy to get newspapers to print articles for you today as it use to be. My local paper has deadlines for event releases which are several days before you really want the release put in the paper, but if you don't have it in by their deadline it won't be in there. So check with you newspapers and see what their policy is.

**Grange news articles:** Send articles to the Michigan State Grange for the Michigan Grange News. We publish the paper every other month. The due date for those articles is the 15th of the month prior to publishing. Such as: for the January-February Issue—articles should be sent by December 15th. These can be mailed to the office, or emailed. Just remember we cannot reprint newspaper pictures or articles.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Special recognition will be given to the Granges that report publicity, fair booths, attend or host conferences, have special programs where non-members are invited and any other forms of PR during the year. These don't have to be sent to be put in the Michigan Grange News if you don't wish them to be, but they do help in knowing what is going on in your Grange.

## HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

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The mission of Michigan State Grange Historical Collections is to collect, preserve, display, and disseminate knowledge about artifacts and documents of historical significance which represent the development and growth of the Michigan State Grange.

We continue our relationship with leaders at Michigan State University Library Archives and the University of Michigan Bentley Library. Many Subordinate and State Grange records have been given to these organizations for preservation and are available for persons doing educational research, genealogy, and general knowledge acquisition. I encourage Granges to donate their records, so that they may be preserved at these locations, especially if older records are available. In recent years, many records have been lost as Granges have become dormant. Records should be forwarded to me, and then they will be prepared for donation to the appropriate institution.

A key activity for Historical Collections is responding to questions that come either to the Michigan State Grange Office or that are submitted through the Michigan State Grange website. The database that my dad, Roland Winter created is predominantly used to answer these questions. Included in the database are photos of Grange halls, histories of Granges that have been submitted, scans of original Organizational Papers, lists of all Granges formed in Michigan and much more.

I will be spending time in the basement in my dad's museum, determining additional gems that may be there. I know that many pictures were scanned and then sent to the Bentley Library. I would like to identify persons in some of the pictures of which we also hold copies. This may end up being a whole new project. There also is a Past Masters notebook that needs to be updated.

It is hoped that a location may be found to house the artifacts in dad's museum. There are also boxes of paper documents (mostly sorted and labeled) that need to find a home. In addition, the Jonathan Woodman Marker project needs to come to completion.



## LEGISLATION

New Director To Be Announced

Legislation is a very important part of the Grange program. Use it to interest present and prospective members. Coordinate legislative efforts with those of the Master and other officers and departments of your Grange.

1. **Appoint a Chairman.**
2. Use the State and National Grange Legislative Booklets as a resource.
3. Become involved, in, and knowledgeable on, local issues. Be informed.
4. Prepare resolutions and send them to county, state, and national representatives — both Grange and Government.
5. **Publicize legislative activities.**
6. Place National Grange legislative materials in a notebook to use as a handy reference.
7. Compile a list of public officials at local, state and national levels. Keep names and addresses available for future contact.
8. Update your Grange. Let your **Master** know you have, and wish to give, a **report at every meeting**. Encourage discussion.
9. **Call for action.** Encourage your Grange to react to an issue by drafting a resolution or letter and sending it to the appropriate public officials and your local newspaper and radio station.
10. Contact other groups with similar interests. **Organize efforts on specific issues.**
11. Follow through on Grange-adopted policy. Find out why things have not changed, and learn how they can be changed.
12. **Make voter registration a priority.** Set a goal of having all eligible members of your Grange registered to vote. Involve the Grange in non-partisan voter registration drives.
13. **Ask public figures to join your Grange.** This could be the start of a good working relationship.
14. Work with **Lecturer** to promote a Grange Issues Forum.
15. Work with the **Agriculture Committee** to promote farm issues; the **Information Chairman** to publicize the Grange position on issues affecting your community; the **Membership Committee** to inform potential new members of the legislative interests of your Grange; the **Youth/Young Adult Chairman and Junior Leader** (or chairman) to encourage young people to become informed and active in public affairs; the **Deaf Awareness Chairman** to promote effective legislation for deaf and hard of hearing people.
16. Hold a **Candidate's Night**. Invite non-members.
17. Have discussions on **Health Care Reform**, or have a community wide meeting to discuss the subject.
18. **GET INVOLVED!**



I invite all Granges and Grange members to donate photos, records that meet the mission above so that they may be preserved.