

# MA State Grange ~ Lecturers' Contests 2021-2023

AGE DIVISIONS of all Lecturer Contests are: Adults [22+], Youth [14-21 yrs], Juniors have 2 divisions: Ages 5-9 & Ages 10-14

**Photography Contest: Six Categories: A) Agricultural, B) Animals, C) Flowers; D) Landscape, E) Patriotic, F) People [no nudes].** (Only appropriate, original, non-copyrighted prints or digital photos taken between September 1st & August 31st of Contest year are accepted for judging.)

**Art Contest – Five categories: 1) Animals, 2) Flowers, 3) Landscape, 4) People, & 5) 3-D Sculpture.** Artists may enter all 5 categories using any medium: a) Oils/ Acrylics; b) Watercolors; c) Charcoal / Pencil Drawing, d) Pastels [Sculpture mediums: clay, metal, glass, ect.]

**CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST: Poetry** - Adult poem must have a minimum of 4 stanzas & a maximum of 8 stanzas [4 lines in each stanza]. Criteria for judging: theme, creativity, composition. Junior poems may have 4 to 12 lines. **Adults & Youth: 2022 Topic: "Life in a Pandemic" & 2023 Topic: "The Joys in my Life" / Juniors: 2022 Topic: "Things that make me glad, sad, &/or mad" & 2023 Topic: "My best friend"**

**Essay** - Adult prescribed page limits are no more than three 8 ½" X 11" pages, double spaced. Criteria for judging: depiction of theme, supporting details, organization, word choice. Junior Essay page limit is a minimum of one 8 ½ by 11 page, double spaced. **Adults & Youth: 2022 Topic: "Ups & Downs" / 2023 Topic: "I'm a Granger because.."** / **Junior: 2022 Topic: "My Favorite Book is \_\_, because" & 2023: "When I grow up, I want to \_\_"**

**Create-a-Recipe** – Adults include a minimum of 8 ingredients & a minimum of 6 steps for preparation. **Adults & Youth: 2022 Topic: "Building Friendships" / 2023 Topic: "Growing my Grange"** Criteria for judging: depiction of theme, creativity, organization. / Juniors include 5 ingredients & a minimum of 3 steps for preparation. **Juniors: 2022 Topic: "Learning a New Game or Sport" / 2023 Topic: "Being a Good Student"**

**Create-a-Card** – Size of cards: no larger than 5 ½ x 8 ½. (1 card per Card Subject [a & b] in each category [1 & 2] per person.) Must be made by person submitting the card. Criteria for judging: Creativity, Composition, & Eye Appeal. **The two Categories are: 1) Hand-drawn** (drawn by hand, using any Art medium), **2) Hand-stamped &/or decorated.** **Adult & Youth 2022 Cards: a) Happy Holiday b) Get Well Soon / 2023: a) Congratulations / b) Veteran's Day Juniors 2022 Cards: a) Happy Birthday b) Thanksgiving / 2023 Cards: a) Happy Valentine's Day / b) Thank You**

**Create a Complete Program** - **ANYONE may create a complete program on any topic.** Criteria for judging: creativity, interesting theme-related material, & components to engage the audience. **1] Must be your original work (gather information & put it in your own words), 2] Be mindful of copyrighted material (give credit when using a poem, quote, etc.), 3] Must be 15 – 30 minutes in length & 4] Include all the following elements of PRIME:** a) Participation (involve Grange members, Youth, &/or Juniors in program), b) Recreation (games, jokes, skits, etc.), c) Inspiration (poems, quotations), d) Music (sung, instrumental, or recorded), e) Education (informative material, speakers, visual presentations, power-point presentations,)

**To be eligible for prizes or awards, all entries must be postmarked no later than September 15th of current year & sent to MA Grange Lecturer: Kristin Paulson / 67 Ridge Rd. / Upton, MA 01568-1029. You can email Writing Contest entries or Digital Photography entries to: Lecturer@massgrange.org. Detailed contest rules in the Program Handbook are at: <https://www.massgrange.org/grange-info-documents>. Label the back of your contest entries with creator's information, Grange, Division, Category, & the information Below.**

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