

# Massachusetts State Grange Virtual Extravaganza

May 1, 2021 ~ Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

at Guiding Star Grange ~ 401 Chapman St. Greenfield, MA

Due to Covid restrictions, you must sign up to perform in any of the Extravaganza Contests by April 15, 2021\*

## TALENT CONTEST sponsored by MA State Lecturer and Lecturers Committee

There's 4 different categories: 1] Vocal, 2] Instrumental, 3] Vocal / Instrumental Combo, and 4] Variety Acts.

Talent contest is open to all, however, the Best of Show Winner must be a Grange member & will represent Massachusetts at the 2021 National Grange Evening of Excellence. There are 3 age groups: Adults, & Juniors ages 5 to 9 and 10 to 14. There's a limit of 4 people taking part in an act (possibly more in a family unit). Taped accompaniment for vocal acts must be instrumental (minor background voice is allowed). No taped accompaniment for instrumental acts. Judges Scorecard: Stage Presence - 20 points, Appropriateness of Dress - 5 points, Preparation & Skill of Presentation - 60 points, Suitability of Number - 15 points. Total = 100 points. Adult may accompany a Junior act. Ribbons & Cash prizes for first through 3rd place winners will be awarded. More info: Kristin Paulson (508-282-0769) [Lecturer@massgrange.org](mailto:Lecturer@massgrange.org)

## Public Speaking & Sign-a-Song contests sponsored by MA State Youth Committee

Contests: 1] Prepared Speech-[3-7 min.], 2] impromptu speech-[1-7 min.], 3] Grange Commercial-Ad, 4] Sign-a-Song ~ Rules: 1] Prepared Speech: Provide 3 outline copies to: [Youth@massgrange.org](mailto:Youth@massgrange.org) by 4/15/2021. Judges will ask questions on your topic. No props allowed. State winners must agree to represent the state at the Northeast Regional Youth Conference. 2] Impromptu Speech: Choice of 2 drawn topics to speak about. 3] Grange Commercial-Ad: 30-60 seconds promoting the Grange. Up to 4 participants, must be film & edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange. 4] Sign-a-Song: (4 Divisions) A. *Novice*: Beginner. B. *Hobbyist*: entered contest more than two years C. *Group*: Two to 4 people D. *Expert*: Professional, paid signer. All participants must sign their own name & song title, tell the of sign language used (ASL, ESL, etc.) & must provide 3 copies of the song's words by 4/15/2021 to: [Youth@massgrange.org](mailto:Youth@massgrange.org). Participants must furnish their own music and are judged on total communication techniques. Sign language, facial expression, mouthing words for lip reading, finger spelling if appropriate & body movement. Age Divisions: Youth: 14-21, Young Adult: 22-35: Youth Alumni: 36+. Public speaking, Grange Ad, & Sign-A-Song winners receive cash prizes. Top winners might compete on the Regional & National Levels. Youth Directors, Mary Jordan (508-886-2595) & Theresa Kane (978-618-0676)

## MA State Junior Public Speaking Contest open to Junior Grange Members 5 – 14 years of age

Contests: 1] Short Story or Poem, 2] Impromptu Speech, 3] Junior "Sign-A-Song", 4] Prepared Speech

Rules: 1] Short Story or Poem: [1 to 3 minutes] The Junior may present on stage a short story or poem. 2] Impromptu Speech: [1 to 3 minutes] Draw 2 topics from a bag & give a speech on one. 3] Sign-a-Song: Categories: Novice, Hobbyist (competed twice before), & Group (2 to 4 people signing) 4] Prepared Speech: [3 to 7 minutes] Deliver a speech using the National Junior Grange theme topic: *When I am 80 years old what story will I tell my grandchildren about the Global Pandemic we faced with COVID-19? What did I learn? What changes did I make? or a topic of your choice.* Send your name, age, & a copy of your Prepared Speech by 4.15.21 to Junior Director at: [lehmann9@yahoo.com](mailto:lehmann9@yahoo.com). Junior winners receive ribbons & cash prizes. 1st place winner of the Prepared Speech and Sign-a-Song contests will represent MA at National Convention. (One parent or guardian may be in the Hall with the Junior during their performance.) For more details, ask your Junior Leader or Carrie Lehmann, MA Junior Director at: (413) 522-5660.

## MA State Grange Home & Community Service "Table Setting Contest" The 2021 theme will be a "Holiday Table".

You may choose any holiday you wish. Eligibility: Open to any individual, not a group. Age divisions are: Juniors (age 5-14), Youth (age 14-35), Adult (over 35). Participants will demonstrate their ability to properly set a table for two guests at a meal / event. For the Table Setting Contest, two place setting are to be displayed. Tablecloth or place mats as desired, dinnerware, stemware, flatware, centerpiece and menu are to be included as needed for the menu. DO NOT PREPARE THE FOOD. Choose table appointments to fit the occasion and carry out the theme. Paper plates, plastic ware, and paper napkins may be appropriate for a picnic but they would not be appropriate for a formal dinner. Flatware & dishware must be safe to eat from, no glitter, glue, etc. is to be used on eating surfaces. Contest Rules: • You must use a card table or similar table no larger than 48" square or diameter. • Meal menus must be included & displayed appropriately. If entrant is under age 21, no alcohol can be included in the menu. • Table must be properly set and decorated in keeping with the theme. Use only dishes that are needed for the foods on the recipe (example: if soup is served, you must have a soup spoon & bowl). Send 3 photos of your place setting – one overall image & 2 close ups with your entry form by April 15th to: Home & Community Service Co-Chair: Barbara Giguere at: [barbara@dragonbrookyarns.com](mailto:barbara@dragonbrookyarns.com) (No appointment at the Extravaganza is needed)

### \*Virtual Extravaganza Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info: Ph \_\_\_\_\_ / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Grange: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Member:  Yes /  No (Junior Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_)

Talent Entry: Vocal \_\_\_ / instrumental \_\_\_ / Combo \_\_\_ / Variety \_\_\_ Public Speaking Entry: Speech-Prepared \_\_\_ / Impromptu \_\_\_ / Grange Commercial-Ad \_\_\_ / Sign-a-Song \_\_\_ Juniors: Recite your story/poem \_\_\_ / Speech- Prepared \_\_\_ / Impromptu \_\_\_ / Sign-a-Song \_\_\_

Requested Appointment Time: 10 to 11 am \_\_\_ / 11 to Noon \_\_\_ / 12 to 1 pm \_\_\_ / 1 to 2 pm \_\_\_ [Your Appointment is at: \_\_\_\_\_]

Due to Covid Restrictions & limited people allowed in the Grange Hall, you will be given a specific time to perform at our Zoom Virtual Extravaganza. By entering, you're automatically waiving rights of publication & are allowing the use of our Zoom recording to be used by the State & National Grange.

Return this Entry Form by April 15, 2021 to Kristin Paulson 67 Ridge Rd. Upton, MA01568 or Email to: [Lecturer@massgrange.org](mailto:Lecturer@massgrange.org)