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From the President's Desk

By Corey Spence



This summer's rains have caused my garden to explode, especially my hydrangeas. I wish I could send you all what a friend at church calls a "bluequet" of these stunning flowers.

Spike and I joined a group of Grangers to explore Old Sturbridge Village for Family Fun Day on July 26. We spent the morning exploring the village and joined together for lunch. The Event Planning Committee is already at work planning future events.

Make your plans now to attend State Session at Devens October 30-November 2. Join us as the delegates debate resolutions, elect officers for the next two years, and we create new 5th and 6th Degree members. Meet friends near and far and share a table at a meal. See our Youth and Juniors join us and open the session. The State Grange works for you - come and check us out!

As your Grange plans your activities for the coming year, let me remind you to hold events that

will connect you to your community. Your community needs to know why you are needed as part of the fabric of your town. People can view civic groups as insular. When Granges host fairs, public meetings, or other events and invite the town, they show they are open and how they are relevant.

Invite community members to fun events such as fairs, ask them to volunteer to help in community gardens and food pantries you sponsor, or hold educational events that bring people to your hall. Be a gathering spot for conversation and meals. Hold events where people can share ideas and make new friends.

Cultivate partnerships by working with other groups in your community, agricultural partners (4H, FFA, Umass, and Mass Ag in the Classroom, to name a few), and local farms to put on events you don't have the resources to create on your own. Co-sponsor school and community gardens,

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hold joint fundraisers for organizations in town that help the less fortunate, or promote goals of helping seniors, empowering youth, and supporting agriculture.

Tell Your Story—Digitally & Locally – Reach out to local newspapers, websites, Facebook groups, and other town communication channels. Create a connections committee in your Grange to harness the power of the web and social media to spread the word about your Grange. Reach out to the State Grange Communications Committee to help you create ads that can go out through your social media and ours. Let the world know through all the avenues you can the exciting things going on in your Grange. And don't forget to send stories and pictures of your events to the State Grange News so we can share your successful events with the wider community.

Listen to your Community - Invite residents into the hall to discuss town issues such as food access, housing, broadband access, and more. Then respond with actions by holding food drives, candidate forums, town by-law discussions, and more.

It is only by showing why you are relevant to your community; including everyone who is interested in working with you; using teamwork to create connections in your Grange and community; and holding yourselves accountable to your shared responsibilities to the Grange and your communi-

ties can you hope to grow your membership.

Reach out to State Deputies, Officers, and Committee Members. We stand ready to work with you, share your news, and walk with you into this changing world. Join us for our next mentoring workshop on September 7 and learn about successful programs at Granges that are thriving. Let us show the world why our Massachusetts State Grange Values of relevance, inclusion, teamwork, and accountability matter in these difficult times.

Spike and I hope you are staying cool and having a great summer full of cookouts, family, and fun!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – MA State Grange Junior/Youth Summer Rally, Upton Grange Hall, 26 School St. See page 8 for info.

Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. – Lecturer's Book Club. Contact the State Lecturer either by email at dkgood_99@hotmail.com or by phone at 508-869-3146 to receive the Zoom link.

Sunday, August 24 – Needlework & Craft Contest Judging at the Thomas-Vaill Library Museum, Rutland. Drop off items from 12:30-1 or contact a committee member to bring your entry. See brochure on pages 15 & 16 for rules.

September 12-28 – Big E, West Springfield.

Wednesday, October 15 – Holden Grange 150th Anniversary Celebration.

October 30-November 2 – State Grange Session, Devens.

Please submit event information to:
staterangeneeds@massgrange.org



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From the Agriculture and Environment Committee

Holy Guacamole, Batman! State session is just around the corner. The committee has a short lull in the summer, but now we pick up a little bit of speed as session gets closer. We send out our proposal requests, look for speakers for session, gather up information for the delegates and members, and prepare for the next Grange year. We are still actively looking for Honorary Delegates from the 4H and FFA. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please have them contact me for an application. The general rules and expectations are outlined on the website. A copy is also included in this month's State Grange News.

Matt, Kathy, Scott, Warren, Ann, Jess

Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo

Hey there Folks! Pencil in April 26, 2026 for the 3rd annual Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo! The committee is already coming up with some great ideas to keep the event fresh and moving forward. We are still looking for a few more folks for the committee, so if you are interested drop me a line. Mattjohnson9@verizon.net We are especially looking for someone who would be willing to head up the workshop portion of the Expo.

4-H/FFA Honorary State Session Delegate

The Honorary State session delegate will provide opportunities for a State FFA representative and a 4-H Ambassador with an interest in the legislative aspect of the Massachusetts State Grange to see the inner workings of committees and the grassroots legislative policy development effort at the Massachusetts State Grange session.

Each youth will serve on one of the session committees reviewing resolutions. Participants

will watch the delegate body act on resolutions and other aspects of the session. Full participation as befits a delegate is strongly encouraged.

An individual may participate in the program a maximum of one time.

As guests of the Massachusetts State Grange, room cost will be paid for the participant, plus one parent/legal guardian if required due to age requirements. Tickets to scheduled banquets/meals will also be provided.

Transportation will be the participant's own responsibility.

Applications must be submitted to the Agriculture and the Environment Director(s). Applications will be reviewed by the Agriculture and the Environment Committee and the State Executive Committee in making the selection of participants.

Please include letters of recommendation from your Chapter/Club Director.

Applications can be obtained from the Agriculture and Environment Committee Director(s) or from the State Grange website.

Honorary Delegates will be assigned a mentor from the State Grange to assist and guide the participants during the session.

Participants will be expected to attend all aspects of the session except for those activities which require full membership.

Any participant who fails to comply with the guidelines will be expected to pay their own expenses.

The deadline for application submission will be August 1st.

FOLLOW US ONLINE

Keep current with events and information between issues of The State Grange News:

Website: www.massgrange.org

Facebook: Massachusetts State Grange

Instagram: massgrange

News from the Home & Community Service Department – August Edition

Hello Grangers, family, and friends,

Summer is in full swing, and I hope you're enjoying all that the season has to offer! We've got a busy month ahead with important deadlines and events. The judging for the Needlework & Craft Contest will be held on Sunday, August 24, at the Thomas-Vaill Library Museum in Rutland, MA, with drop-off from 12:30–1:00 PM. If you can't attend, contact a State Committee member to help transport your entry. The brochure and the 2025 contest rules are posted online at www.massgrange.org/home-community-service.

We are still accepting nominations for the 2025 Massachusetts Grange Recognition Award—this is your chance to honor someone who goes above and beyond! Forms are due by August 15.

A reminder from Sister Ruth: all Community Service Reports and full books are due by August 15. If your Grange isn't submitting a full book, please complete the one-page form so your work

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At Whately Grange's planning picnic and business meeting the seven members present voted to send \$100.00+ donation to the Texas State Grange to be forwarded to the relief fund for the families who are struggling with so much loss. Our Chaplain led us in prayer also. Our Grange planned our year and decided on some exciting programs.



September 12 through September 28, 2025
Shift schedule 9:30 – 3:30 and 3:30 – 9:30

Openings available at time of this submission are:

9/12 four AM & three PM volunteers; **9/14** two AM & one PM volunteers; **9/16** one PM volunteers; **9/17** five PM volunteers; **9/18** one AM & five PM volunteers; **9/19** two PM volunteers; **9/21** five AM & three PM volunteers; **9/22** three AM & five PM volunteers; **9/23** one PM volunteers; **9/24** five PM volunteers; **9/25** three PM volunteers; **9/26** three PM volunteers; **9/27** three AM & two PM volunteers; **9/28** four AM & one PM volunteer.

Contact any member of the committee by phone, text or email as soon as possible to get your first choice of dates and shifts and be sure to tell them what Grange you are representing.

The Big E Booth Coordinating Team

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Mission Statement:

The Massachusetts State Grange brings people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agriculture and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders.

Lecturer's Corner

By Deborah Goodrich

As we enter the "Dog Days of Summer" and with State Session is just around the corner I would like to feature some of the Lecturer's Contests that are due by September 1st, 2025

Art Contest: There are three categories: 1) Landscape; 2) Flowers; 3) Animals and/or People in the following mediums: a) Oils and Acrylics; b) Watercolors; c) Charcoal or Pencil Drawing; d) Pastels; e) Mixed Media. Artists may enter any or all of the three categories using the same medium.

Criteria for judging: a) How well the artist used the medium selected; b) Craftsmanship and skill; c) Composition, presentation of subject; d) Originality; and e) Theme and its treatment.

Creative Writing Contest:

Poetry - The poem must have at least 4 lines in each stanza, with a minimum of 4 stanzas and a maximum of 8 stanzas. Criteria for judging: theme, creativity, composition. The topic is a "G" rated limerick – Topic of your choice

For Juniors: The poem must be a minimum of 8 lines and a maximum of 12 lines in length. The topic is an Acrostic Poem example: your name or other topic

Essay – The prescribed page limits are no more than three 8 1/2" X 11" pages, double spaced. Criteria for judging: depiction of theme, supporting details, organization, word choice. The topic is "If I knew then what I know now, what I would do differently.

For Juniors: The prescribed page limit is a minimum of one 8 1/2 by 11 page, double spaced. The topic is "My favorite teacher".

Create-a-Note Card – Size of cards will be no larger than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2. One card per category per person. Must be made by person submitting the card. Criteria for judging: Creativity, Composition, and Eye Appeal.

Categories:

Handmade (drawn by hand or painted and not commercially prepared)

Hand-stamped and/or decorated (cut and pasted with materials found in the home rather than commercially or craft store)

Adult 2025: a) Thinking of You; b) Holiday

Juniors 2025: a) Birthday Party Invitation; b) Valentine's Day

Prizes for first, second, and third place winners in each category will be cash and ribbons. As with all contest, there will be two divisions of Junior exhibitors. Ages 10 to 14 years as of January 1st of the contest year and ages 5 to 9 years as of January 1st of the contest year.

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer!

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counts. These reports help us qualify for National Grange support and prizes—\$250 each to states where at least 25% of Granges submit.

Summer Safety Reminder

As we enjoy the beautiful New England summer, please take care of yourselves and one another: Stay Hydrated, Use Sunscreen, Keep an Eye on Kids and Pets, Watch for Ticks, Never Leave Anyone in a Hot Car, Practice Water Safety

Let's make this a season filled with sunshine, smiles, and safe memories—for all Grangers, families, and friends.

Questions? Contact me at 978-618-0676 or tkenney2023@gmail.com.

Faternally,

Theresa Kenney, Director,
Home & Community Service Department

Tips for submitting news & photos

1. The best way to submit your news items is to send us a document that is typed in a word processing program and attached to an email.
2. The best way to submit photos is to attach high resolution images individually and type the captions in the body of an email or attach a document that contains the captions.
3. Send your submissions to:
stategrangenews@massgrange.org

Membership Milestones

Holden Grange members, family, and friends gathered in the Library of the Holden Nursing Center to recognize membership milestones. Betty Dorward's daughter Patti accepted her mother's 70-year award posthumously. Patti reflected on the importance of the Grange and the friends her mother and father made as they traveled to conventions with merchandise from their business, Fuller Regalia and Flag Co.



Betty Dorward's daughter Patti accepts her mother's 70-year award.

Faye and David Ellis and Donald Segur all joined in 1980. In addition to being a Past Lecturer, a long-time Executive Committee member, and a Past Master respectively, their presentation also focused on participation in many community service activities and memories of their roles in fun



Shown with Don Segur, Orrie Mason, left, and Janet Segur, middle, presented the awards.

Grange programs during their 45 years of membership. Six more recognitions will occur this fall.



David & Faye Ellis

Tricentennial Parade

Easton 196 participated in Easton's Tricentennial parade on the morning of July 12, 2025. Many beautiful floats, Clydesdale horses, antique cars, tractors and other interesting organizations strolled down the over 1 mile long stretch of Center Street to Main Street, right in the center of beautiful downtown Easton. There was even a fly over by a State Police helicopter.

The Easton Grange held their decorated banner while greeting the many parade attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote the Grange to the Easton community.

Participants from Easton 196 included President Lisa Sheppard Hadley, Treasurer Lynne Martin, Secretary Bill Ames, Chaplin Linda Piece and Musician Michael Pierce.





Grange

Mentor Program



Leadership Workshop Series

Join us as we launch a virtual workshop series on topics to help your Grange grow and thrive in 2025! All workshops are 2-3pm, open to all members, and will be recorded!

March 9- “Taking Your Grange to the Next Level”

May 18- “Connecting and Retaining Your Members”

July 13- “Programming for the New Grange Year”

September 7- “What’s working?: Grange Success Stories”

November 23- “Funding Your Future: Grants for your Grange”

Full descriptions will be available soon at www.massgrange.org/mentor.
Email membership@massgrange.org to sign up to receive the link to attend!

MA STATE GRANGE JUNIOR / YOUTH SUMMER RALLY

**Upton Grange Hall
26 School Street
UPTON, MA 01568**

August 9th 10am-3pm

**Youth & Junior activities,
Crafts , Codereading, and
lots of games &
fraternity! Everyone is
welcome (even young at
heart)! Please contact
Karlena Henry, Jr./Youth
Co-director for
questions! 413-325-5192
or Karlenahl9@gmail.com**





Home & Community Service

www.massgrange.org/home-community-service

2025 Massachusetts Grange Recognition Award

(please print)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____

Name of Department or School _____

Category of Recognition:

- ☐ Law Enforcement (*including Police, Sheriff, State Police*) Number of years employed in the profession _____
- ☐ Firefighter (*including EMT*) Current Rank/Position _____
- ☐ Educator (*including Primary, Secondary, College/University*) Previous Ranks/Positions _____

What community and professional activities, including volunteering in church, civic, school, or professional settings, has the nominee participated in? (Please include any training, special recognitions or awards, and any committees served.)

Why does the nominee deserve to be recognized? _____

Is there a situation where the nominee stood out in handling his/her position? _____

Nominating Grange _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel. No. _____

E-mail _____

Nominations are due by: **August 15, 2025**, or hand deliver to.

Send with a photo of recipient to:

Theresa Kenney, Director
Home & Community Service
1274 John Fitch Highway
Fitchburg, MA 01420
Tkenney2023@gmail.com

Has the nominee been recognized at your Grange? _____

Please write on the back or attach additional sheets with other information of which the judges should be aware.



Massachusetts State Grange

Home & Community Service Report for
September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025

We would like to gather information from every Grange for our State report. Your ideas could inspire other Granges with new ways to get involved in their communities. Thank you all for your dedication and efforts!

This form is for information only and is needed before September 15, 2025.

Please send to Ruth Leahey, 18 Long Plain Rd., So. Deerfield MA 01373.

Email: reftinker@comcast.net

1. Grange Name: _____ Grange #: _____

2. City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

3. Name of Person submitting form: _____

4. Address of Person submitting form: _____

5. E-Mail Address/Telephone: _____

6. President's Name: _____ # of Members: _____

Total volunteer hours done by Grange members: _____

Did your Grange have a project this year?

Project your Grange was involved with:

Number of Members: _____ **Number of hours by Grange members:** _____

Number of nonmembers involved: _____ **Number of hours by nonmembers:** _____

How was the project funded:

How did this project benefit the community:

MEAL RESERVATIONS FOR STATE SESSION 2025

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 2, 2025

*We cannot guarantee tickets will be available at State Session.
Please purchase meal tickets prior to Session.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Welcome Dinner

\$35 Adult

\$15 Children

Choice of:

Boneless Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Virginia Ham & Swiss Cheese. *Served with a Mustard Cream Sauce.
House garden salad, roasted red bliss potatoes, asparagus, warm rolls & butter, Boston cream pie, and freshly
brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Bone-In Pork Chop. *Brown sugar seared double cut bone-in pork chop with apple demi-glace.
House garden salad, roasted red bliss potatoes, asparagus, warm rolls & butter, Boston cream pie, and freshly
brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Child Option:

Chicken tenders and French fries. *Served with garden salad and Boston cream pie.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Delicatessen Buffet

\$23 Adult/Child

Assorted pre-made roast beef, turkey, or tuna salad wraps. *Pasta salad, potato chips, and assorted cookies.*

Cultivating Connections Committee Dinner

\$35 Adult

\$15 Children

Choice of:

Tuscan Chicken. *Marinated chicken breast grilled and topped with marinated roasted tomatoes, fresh basil,
melted mozzarella cheese and finished with a balsamic glaze.
House garden salad, rice pilaf, green bean almondine, warm rolls & butter, warm apple crisp with whipped
cream, and freshly brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Traditional New England Baked Haddock. *Topped with a sherry butter & lemon ritz crumb.
House garden salad, rice pilaf, green bean almondine, warm rolls & butter, warm apple crisp with whipped
cream, and freshly brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Child Option:

Macaroni and cheese. *Served with salad and warm apple crisp with whipped cream.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Youth & Junior Grange (*Open to All*)

\$20 Adult

Juniors & Youth Under 21 Free

Pizzeria Heaven.
*House garden salad, fresh baked garlic bread sticks with dipping sauce, assorted pizza selections, penne pasta with
marina sauce, assorted dessert bars. Includes coffee & tea, iced tea & lemonade.*

Celebration Banquet

\$35 Adult

\$15 Children

Choice of:

Grilled Teriyaki Steak Tips. *Tender grilled marinated beef tips basted with teriyaki glaze.
House garden salad, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, baby dill carrots, warm rolls & butter, turtle cheesecake, and
freshly brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Roasted Filet of Salmon. *Finished with a sweet ginger & Vermont maple glaze.
House garden salad, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, baby dill carrots, warm rolls & butter, turtle cheesecake, and
freshly brewed coffee, decaf & herbal tea.*

Child Option:

Pasta and meatballs.
Served with salad and turtle cheesecake.

(Over)

MEAL RESERVATIONS FOR STATE SESSION 2025
RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 2, 2025

*We cannot guarantee tickets will be available at State Session.
Please purchase meal tickets prior to Session.*

Name (please print): _____ Grange: _____

Contact Information (phone/email) _____

Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions (please indicated which meal if reserving different meals)

Welcome Dinner

Boneless Stuffed Chicken..... ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Bone-In Pork Chops..... ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Child Meal (chicken tenders)..... ____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Lunch Buffet ____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

Cultivating Connections Dinner

Tuscan Chicken ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Baked Stuffed Haddock..... ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Child Meal (macaroni and cheese)..... ____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Youth & Junior Luncheon

Adult Meal..... ____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Junior & Youth Under 21 Meal..... ____ x Free = \$ _____

Celebration Banquet

Grilled Teriyaki Steak Tips..... ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Roasted Filet of Salmon..... ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Child Meal (pasta and meatballs)..... ____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL COST OF MEALS \$ _____

Meals are subsidized by the Massachusetts State Grange
Please make checks payable to the Massachusetts State Grange
For information or questions, please call John Carter, State Steward at 508-453-1313

Send form and payment to
John Carter
319 Old Hardwick Road
Barre, MA 01005

Honorary Massachusetts State Grange Session Delegate Application

Chapter/Club _____
School _____ City _____ FFA () 4-H ()
Name _____ Gender: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone _____ E-Mail address _____
Age as of Jan. 1 _____ Facebook ID: _____

Biographical Information: Description (5-8 lines) about yourself and/or family.

Date of joining 4-H/FFA _____ Total average meeting attendance in past year _____

Leadership Experience (Please provide information on a separate sheet)

A. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and leadership given (civic and service clubs, professional organizations, church, school, etc.)

B. List significant offices held or awards achieved while participating in your organizations.

C. What additional award(s) and recognition have you received in the past?

D. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

E. Legislative Experience you have participated in to date: (For Example, resolutions written, state convention delegate or attendance at business sessions, local government experience, etc....)

Applicant's
Signature _____

Applicant's Parent/ **Legal Guardian** Signature (if under 18) _____

4-H/FFA Certification

This will certify that the above-named person is an active member in good standing of our Club/Chapter and is eligible to participate in this program, and that the information contained in this report is correct to my knowledge.

Club/Chapter Director (Signature)_____Date_____

Please include the letters of recommendation from your Club/Chapter Director

3. HOW TO ENTER

Each contestant must completely fill out the official entry form(s) which is to be placed in a plastic bag and pinned to the entry.

4. JUDGING

- A. Needlework entries will be judged in each state by their own procedure.
- B. Only one entry placing First in each class is to be sent to the next higher level of judging.
- C. All entries will be judged using the following criteria:
 - Workmanship
 - General Appearance
 - Selection of design and degree of difficulty
 - Harmony of Color
 - Material and article are suitable to purpose
- D. Time and place of State judging is to be determined in each state. Subordinate and Pomona Chairpersons will have details on judging in each state.

5. AWARDS

Local & State Awards
are determined in each state.

NORTHEASTERN AWARDS

Each First Place:
Blue Ribbon & \$20.00

Each Second Place:
Red Ribbon & \$15.00

Each Third Place:
White Ribbon & \$10.00

Best of Show:
\$30.00

AT EACH LEVEL OF JUDGING ...

THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Judges should be selected with great care. They should be knowledgeable, open-minded, fair, and not be influenced by personal feelings. It is recommended that three judges work together to avoid a tie. It is preferred that judges include non-Grange members if possible, but if they are members they should not be relatives or friends of the contestants. Judges should never be told who made an article. Name identification must be covered until all judging is completed.

It is acceptable to invite a member or members of a state committee to judge in another state, but they should never be allowed to judge in their own state.

The State Director may sit with (or near) the judges to help with the recording of winners, etc. but must refrain from commenting in any way.

For any information pertaining to this contest,
please contact your State Director:

For local contest information, please contact the

CWA/Family Activities/HEC Chairman of

Grange No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____



**Northeast
Needlework
Contest**

2024-2025



sponsored by the
Trustees of the
New England Grange Building

Official Entry Form and Identification Label
Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

Official Entry Form and Identification Label
Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

Official Entry Form and Identification Label
Needlework Contest

Class _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grange Member _____ Non-Member _____

Entered through: _____

Grange # _____

I hereby certify that this article fulfills all requirements outlined in the Official Rules of the Contest.
(PLACE IN PLASTIC BAG AND PIN TO ITEM)

2024-2025 Northeast Needlework Contest Rules

Rules must be followed exactly for each class or entries will be eliminated at the State or Regional level.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Grange members and non-members may enter. This excludes the Family Activity State Directors from entering.
- B. Professional needlework designers or teachers or anyone earning their living in a needlework related field may not enter.
- C. A contestant may submit as many entries as have fulfilled the following requirements, but may enter only ONE item per class.
- D. Work must be entirely that of the contestant.
- E. Entries must have been completed within the contest year (August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024).

2. WHAT TO ENTER

CLASS A: AFGHAN

An afghan may be made using any yarn product. It can be any pattern and it may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc. (Min. width 45 inches and max of 60 inches; Min. length 60 inches and max. of 75 inches).

CLASS B: DOLLIES

May be knitted, crocheted or tatted. May use any thread suitable to article. May be any pattern or design. Max. size 20x20inches.

CLASS C: EMBROIDERY

Any embroidered item except counted Cross Stitch. Any embroidery thread may be used. (Back of work must be visible.)

CLASS D: 3 PIECE BABY SET

Must consist of a sweater plus your choice of booties, bonnets, skirt, mittens or pants to make a three piece set. May be knitted or crocheted using any suitable pattern and product.

CLASS E: PLASTIC CANVAS

Any item made with any pattern using yarn or thread.

CLASS F: COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Any item using any thread product.

NOTE: The back of work **MUST** be seen on all embroidered pieces. Pictures may be on stretcher strips or may be framed and/or matted, **BUT NO GLASS.**

CLASS G: ADULT GARMENT

Entry may be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any suitable product.

A garment is something worn on the body-sweater, dress, cape, poncho, vest, etc. Items not covered in this class, such as hats/caps, mittens/gloves, scarves, socks, collar, belt, etc. are considered accessories.

CLASS H: LATCH HOOK

Any item made with any pattern, using any yarn. The width must be a min. of 18" and max. of 24", and with a max. length of 45". Project must be finished with rug binding.

CLASS I: QUILTED WALL HANGING

Piece may be hand or machine quilted, no bigger than 36x36 inches and any product may be used for filler. A sleeve for hanging must be on the back.

CLASS J: STUFFED TOY

Toy may be knitted, crocheted, stitched, etc. May be stuffed with any product i.e. fiber-fills. Toys must be child safe.

CLASS K: BABY AFGHAN

Baby afghans may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc. and must appear suitable for a baby- choice of color, selection of yarn product, etc. suitable for a baby. Max. size 35x40 inches.

CLASS L: CHILD or ADULT GARMENT SEWN

Entry must be a sewn garment for a child or adult using your own design or a pattern and use a suitable product for age. Must be completely finished and must state size. A garment is something worn on the body i.e. jacket, dress, skirt, slacks, shift, cape, poncho, or vest.

CLASS M: MISCELLANEOUS

Any other needlework that is not included in Classes A-L.