

IMPORTANT - NEW GUIDELINES FOR 2026 FOR COUNTY/POMONA/STATE CONTESTS

→Lecturer's Department will showcase all the yearly contests at the Washington State Grange Convention in June. This is an exciting new change! This allows the Lecturer's Department to showcase the talents and skills of the members across all the contests and reporting of the Lecturer's Department.

- County/Pomona Purple-Best of Class Ribbon Arts & Crafts & Photography Contest Entries
- Creative Writing Contest Entries
- Grange Fair Booth Contest Entries
- Outstanding Lecturer's from the Annual Reports of the County/Pomona and Subordinate Granges

→ONLY County/Pomona Contest PURPLE-BEST OF CLASS items to be entered at State Grange Contest level. The criteria of forwarding ONLY the Purple-Best of Class items of the County/Pomona Photography and Arts & Crafts Contests is not different but will continue to be strongly adhered to. This encourages and supports a wider variety of members talents in these contests. This year you will notice that the Lecturer's Department has adopted a new way of categorizing the contests. Each contest has the same new structure with a Division, Section, and Class. By adopting this new way of categorizing the contests it allows the Lecturer and Family Living Departments and their teams to work together in unity during the Convention, especially during the check-in and check-out process.

A NEW County/Pomona Grange Lecturer Contest Report of Entries for State Grange Convention Form that is required to be filled out completely with the Purple-Best of Class entries. This allows a team member from either Department to check the County/Pomona entries in and out in an efficient and more detailed way. Lecturer's can EMAIL the pages in PDF form for your County/Pomona to the State Lecturer. Thank you for helping our department run efficiently.

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.**

Judging criteria in the Produce Class:

- Booth Arrangement and Design, 20 points
 - Livestock Products, 20 points
 - Agricultural Products, 20 points
 - Horticultural Products, 20 points
 - Vegetables, 20 points

With a total of 100 possible points. The judges will be looking for quantity, quality, and variety of produce such as seeds, grains, herbs, forest products, fruits, vegetables, canned items, flowers, nursery stock, etc.

Judging criteria in the Educational Class:

- Choice of Agricultural Message, 20 points
 - Supporting Data, 30 points
- Agricultural Message Visualized, 20 points
 - Originality, 20 points

With a total of 100 possible points. The judges will be looking for a booth style that will grab interest in a person walking by and sustain it.

There will be two classes: Class I - Produce; and Class II – Educational. Each Grange putting a display in any fair is eligible to enter the contest. Granges participating in multiple fairs may have multiple entries. Prizes in each division will be: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$75 and Third Place - \$50.

Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be judged and awarded separately.

LECTURER DEPARTMENT 2026 CONTEST DIVISIONS, SECTIONS, AND CLASSES

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

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

Judging in the Art & Craft Contest will be based on: appearance, design, originality, creativity workmanship, and the item appropriately finished. 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. 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 300	Creative Writing
Section Y	Youth, ages 14-19
Section A	Adults, ages 20+

Class	1	Poetry (2026 Topic – “Grange Humor”)
Class	2	Short Story (2026 Topic – “Grange Members Laughed When...”)

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