

Kansas State Grange Lecturer  
Program Guide  
2023

*"...you are assigned the important duty of leading in the literary program and the educational work of the Grange."*

*- Installation of Officers, Subordinate Grange Manual*

Kansas Grangers,

I am excited to serve in my first term as the Kansas State Grange Lecturer. In this Program Guide you will find both State and National Lecturer Programs. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to support your local Grange with programming.

Fraternally,

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Kansas State Grange Lecturer  
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## **State Programs and Contests:**

### **Wreath/Lawn Ornament Contest/Silent Auction**

*Fundraiser in Conjunction with the Youth Department*

Create a wreath or lawn ornament that will be silent auctioned off as a fundraiser for the youth and lecturer departments.

- 1) Wreath and Lawn Ornaments may be for any season/holiday.
- 2) Wreaths and Lawn Ornaments will be judged and awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 3) Entries will be silent auctioned off at state session. Bids open Friday evening, closes Sunday Morning.

Criteria for Judging:

- 1) Craftsmanship and skill
- 2) Presentation of subject
- 3) Originality
- 4) Theme and its treatment

## **Holiday Treat Contest**

Show some Grange hospitality and win a People's Choice award with your favorite holiday treat.

Rules:

- A. All entries will be served to attendees of the convention, with votes taken and tallied for the winner.
- B. Holiday treats can be, but not limited to, cookies, snack mix, peanut brittle, anything that you make for any holiday gathering.
- C. Please bring them in a large labeled container (to be returned to you).
- D. The committee will individually bag the items for serving.

## **State Photo Contest**

- A. Photos entered at state shall be entered in physical form.
  - a. Minimum of 4x6 – Maximum of 8x10
  - b. Photos should be mounted on a plain, light colored matboard. 4-H mounting will be accepted.
- B. Divisions – there are four divisions:
  - a. Farm machinery
  - b. Potluck Activity
  - c. Gardens
  - d. Grange Family
- C. Age Categories
  - a. Junior (5-13)
  - b. Youth (14-21)
  - c. Adult (22+)
- D. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
- E. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- F. On the back of mount board should include member name, Grange Name and Number, Division, and Age Category

## **Personal Grange Motto Essay:**

**Deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Choose what Grange phrase from the manual resonates the most with you and explain how you connect with it and how you use it in your daily life.

- A. 250-650 words, typed, single spaced, on 8 ½" x 11" paper
- B. Title and author's identification are not included in the word count.
- C. Entries must be the original work of the person submitting
- D. All entries must be properly labeled in the header for judging with the following information – Name, Address, Grange Name/Number
- E. Send electronically to Kansas State Grange Lecturer Mandy Bostwick, by September 15<sup>th</sup> to be judged prior to state session. (mandybostwick@gmail.com)

## **Reading Bingo Challenge:**

Need some inspiration to for expanding your reading for this year? Keep track of your 2023 reading on this Bingo Sheet! Don't just shoot for five in a row, try to fill the whole board!

Rules:

- A. Books may only be used once per bingo sheet
- B. Bring completed bingo sheet to state session to be entered into a drawing.
  - a. A completed bingo sheet is at least five in a row (across, down, diagonal)
- C. Write the name of the book you read in each square.
- D. Books may be in audio, eBook or physical format
- E. Books must be read between January 1 and the start of State Session (September 29)
- F. Juniors only: May be read to by an adult

Bingo card may be downloaded from the Kansas State Grange website or contact Mandy Bostwick, Kansas State Grange Lecturer.

## **Talent Contest**

**Notification of entry: September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be held during the annual banquet at Kansas State Grange session. Notification of entry is needed by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- A. The state winner qualifies to be a part of the Evening of Excellence at the 157<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention, Niagara Falls, NY.
- B. Performances must be 5 minutes or less.
- C. National Grange offers \$100 to state winners for their costs in participating at the National Convention.

See <https://www.nationalgrange.org/evening-of-excellence/> for more information.

# National Contests:

All deadlines: September 1, 2023

## 2023 National Grange Quilt Block Contest Quilt Block

### 2023 STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

### RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023.

Send entries to:

Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer  
777 Excelsior Blvd., Apt #310  
Excelsior, MN 55331

- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 157th National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, NY.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged. Please consider sending four completed squares.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- G. A 2023 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

### GROUPS

Group I – Adult (Age 14+)  
Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. • Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

For more information:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-quilt-block-contest/#quilt2023>

## **2023 National Grange Photo Contest:**

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

To encourage members and friends of the Grange to submit photos that can be used in National Grange publications and virtual media. Submitted photos will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications, marketing, merchandise, and virtual media.

### RULES

- G. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
- H. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 10 MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grangephoto2023> by September 1, 2023.
- I. Divisions – there are four divisions:
  - i. Farm machinery
  - ii. Potluck Activity
  - iii. Gardens
  - iv. Grange Family
- J. Each individual is limited to entering a total of three (3) photos.
- K. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- L. Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.
- M. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.

### PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for each division: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20. The top three photos in each division will be featured in a 2023 greeting card collection.

For more information:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-photography-showcase-2/>

## 2023 National Grange Garden Design Contest

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

Share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

### RULES

- A. The National Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023. Submit entries at: <http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>
- C. All entries must be received electronically as a single PDF file. (If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at [pvonada@nationalgrange.org](mailto:pvonada@nationalgrange.org))
- D. Groups and Divisions: 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14) a. Container Garden b. Raised Bed Garden c. Ground Space Garden 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +) a. Container Garden b. Raised Bed Garden c. Ground Space Garden 3. Group (all ages) a. Container Garden b. Raised Bed Garden c. Ground Space Garden
- E. Definitions: a. Raised Bed Garden: Raised beds are freestanding garden beds constructed above ground level. "Raised bed" means that the soil level in the bed is higher than the surrounding soil and implies a size small enough to work in without stepping onto planting area. Raised beds are enclosed with box-like frames to provide structural support and prevent erosion and may be constructed using a variety of materials. Beds can also be elevated for gardeners who want to avoid bending to the ground while working. b. Container Garden: A container garden can be a single pot with one or more plants in it, or several containers with multiple plants in each or a single plant per container, or a mixture of containers with various configurations of plant mixtures. Containers may be pots made from a variety of materials, baskets, planters or other objects that work effectively as a home for garden plants. 2023 National Grange Garden Design Contest c. Ground Space: any area of a ground level space cordoned off for growing garden plants (fruits, vegetables, flowers and other plant materials). Plants must be directly planted into the soil. Configurations of this garden plot may be in rows, square foot or broadcast.
- F. Entries must include a written description that includes: a. Name of gardener, Group and Division (ex. Individual Adult: Container) Grange name, number and location, contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number. b. Purpose of the Garden: examples include purposes such as: herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc.) c. List of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach, d. Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in late August.
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged. H. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

## PRIZES

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Division. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

## ENTRY

Submit entries at this link: <http://bit.ly/grangegarden2023>

## **2023 National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge**

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

### GUIDELINES

- A. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
- B. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by September 1, 2023.
- C. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <https://bit.ly/grangeweather2023> or mailed as a packet to:  
Ann Bercher, National Lecturer  
777 Excelsior Blvd., Apt #310  
Excelsior, MN 55331
- D. Groups and Divisions:
  - 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
  - 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
  - 3. Group (all ages such as members at a Grange Hall)
- E. Entries must include:
  - a. Entry information
  - b. Completed Weather Watcher Form from September 1, 2022 – August 15, 2023)
- F. Any entries received after the September 1, 2023 deadline will not be judged.
- G. Winners will be announced at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, New York.

Attach: Data Collection Sheet and description for how to fill it out.

For more information and Data Sheets:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-contests/>