

# New Hampshire State Grange Patrons of Husbandry

October 2010

Dear Family and Community Service Chairpersons:

This packet is intended to be shared with your Grange to help in the reporting of the many things each Grange accomplishes. It is time to get on with all your many projects and have them ready to be judged by **August 1, 2011**. Don't procrastinate and rush at the last minute. Enjoy your craft. Record the hours spent in community service by each member. Pass a notebook or clipboard around at each meeting for members to record the hours they do volunteer work. It will then be easier to fill in the end of the year report.

Copy enclosed pages to share as necessary.

Please send the date of your Home Economics Night and Community Service Awards Night to the Director of Family and Community Service. The State Department members will be doing their best to cover the state, answer your questions and find the help you need for any of the projects or rules.

Report forms are enclosed for: Community Service \*  
Home Economics  
Needlework Contest Rules  
Pomona (where applicable)

## Agriculture Awards

200 year Farm of the Year

Century Farm of the Year

Young Farmer of the Year

## Service Awards

Police Officer of the Year

Firefighter of the Year

Educator of the Year

Military Veteran of the Year

\*Summary Notebooks are not required, but they do help in choosing winners. A written report would be very helpful.

## New Hampshire State Grange Family & Community Services

### Contest Rules

#### Baking Contest

This year the baking contest will be Whoopie Pies. Any flavor cake and filling. Submit the recipe used along with your name and Grange. Subordinate winners compete at Pomona level and Pomona winners compete at State level. Entries for State judging need to be in at 10AM, Saturday.

#### Needlework Contest

All entries are due by **August 1, 2011**.

The same contests for New England judging will be held for 2010. In the past specific thread or yarn was required. This is no longer the case. See the contest rules for 2011. **Encourage non-members to enter.**

The four added categories will be judged at the state level. Woodworking, no larger than a 24 inch cube, Quilting either tied or machine quilted or hand sewn, Sewn garment, adult or child size, and Miscellaneous for items that do not fit other categories like pillows, scarves, slippers, etc..

#### Stuffed NEW Toys

Toys can be handmade or purchased, but must be child safe and contain a tag stating the contents and the care. Please send all **NEW** toys to Shriners or local organizations that would use them such as Police department, Fire department, nursing home, orphanage, Pease Greeters, etc. Please list these donations on your year end Community Service Report.

#### Mitten Project

School Nurses are very pleased when we arrive with mittens, hats and scarves. They can be knitted or polar fleece, handmade or purchased. Send your mittens in for the Mitten Project to State Grange Session in **October 2011**. If you also donate to your local schools during the year, and to the Big E, please report the number of mittens, hats, and scarves that were sent out so we can add it to our total at State. We hope to have patterns on the State Grange Web Site.

#### Fudge & Trail Mix

We are asking Granges to provide fudge and trail mix for sale at the State Grange Convention in October 2011. Please cut the fudge into pieces before you bring it.

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### Eastern States Items

To help support the Grange Building at Eastern States, we are asking for handmade items that can be sold there: Baby articles, nylon scrubbers, stuffed animals, dolls, pot holders, knitted or crocheted dish cloths, afghans, mittens, scarves, hats, knee warmers, booties, vests, aprons, wall hangings, pillow cases, bureau scarves, crafts, etc. Please mark your items that are for Big E.

Please do not send items with the Grange emblem on them as they do not sell well. Please turn in your items by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### Kelley Farm

Donations should continue to be made to support the Kelley Farm for 2011. Please make your **check out to: The National Grange**. **Please note on your check that the money is for the Kelley Farm and send it to: National Grange Kelley Farm Fund, 1616 H St. NW, Washington DC 20006-4999.**

### Home Economics Night

Plan to invite others to your Home Economics Night or when you have your baking contest. And try to attend another Grange on their Home Economics Night.

**Please send the date of your Home Economics Night to the State Director after your planning meeting.**

### Awards Night

Plan an Open House for your Awards Night and expand it to suit your community. You are not limited to Police Officer, Fireman, Educator or Military Veteran. You may change the emphasis to honor a Citizen of the year, Group who helped on a project, as well as those current members who are receiving membership awards and their families. It just might bring you new members when they see and understand what we do in Grange. Remember to send nominations and write ups for the State Awards to the Director by **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, whether or not you have awarded it to the individual.

**If you are nominating someone for a Community Citizen Award, or Community Service Award, please contact the State Lecturer.**

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### Donations

Keep up the good work of donating to your local food pantry and clothing drive. Remember to send your extra calendars and used magazines to nursing homes in your area. Keep the Grange name out there.

Linens for the NH Coalition Against Rape & Domestic Violence can be any size, but must be new. Most centers use twin size sheets. There are new recipients continually. *In 2010 we sent carloads to the Keene area.*

Please contribute \$10.00 to Family and Community Services to help pay for our contest ribbons, certificates and awards. Checks should be made payable to: **NH State Grange F & C**, and mailed to the State Director.

Save your Box Tops for your local schools; soup labels for the Austine School for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children, 120 Maple St. Brattleboro, VT 05301; pull tabs, and cancelled stamps. State Grange F & C Services will also accept these items and send them on.

As Grangers, we donate many hours of service to others. Please take time to record your hours during the year from **August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010** to **August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** for each and every time you help someone or something. Let's be proud of our work and give the credit to our Grange. Submit pictures and a write up. Let us know what you are doing.

### Dictionary Project.

Is there a town near you without a Grange that has a club or business that would co-sponsor dictionaries? Your Grange would not need to pay the whole bill. You can get the co-sponsor to pay for them.

Just remember that they can't be distributed unless someone organizes the community effort.

Let us try to cover more of New Hampshire's 3rd graders.

### **End of the year reports**

**End of the year reports are included in your packets.** They will also be available thru the State Grange Website. [www.NHGrange.Org/Committees](http://www.NHGrange.Org/Committees). Copy them for a backup or a work list.

End of the Year reports are due **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

New Hampshire State Grange Family & Community Services  
2010-2011 North East and NH Needlework Contest Rules

Eligibility

- A. Grange members and non-members may enter.
- 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. Any product may be used in any class. It is not necessary to show any product label or any proof of purchase.
- F. Entries must have been completed within the contest year (**August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.**)

Entries

Class A: Afghan

Afghan may be made using any yarn product (or product suitable to entry). It can be any size, any pattern and it may be knitted, crocheted, woven, etc.

Class B: Doilies

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

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

Set may consist of bonnet, jacket, booties, mittens, etc. **THREE** pieces. May be knitted or crocheted using any suitable pattern. Baby afghan will not be included in this class.

Class E: Plastic Canvas

Any item made with any pattern using yarn, thread or fabric strips.

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.**

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### Class G: Adult Garment

Item must be for an adult. May be sweater, dress, etc. Must be knitted or crocheted using any pattern and any product thread suitable to entry. Accessories as socks, scarves, slippers, etc. should be in NH Class 3.

### Class H: Latch Hook

Any item made with any pattern, using any yarn.

### Class I: Quilted Wall Hanging

Wall hanging must be complete with dowel or method for hanging. Piece may be hand or machine quilted and any product may be used for filler.

### Class J: Stuffed Toy

Toy may be knitted, crocheted, stitched, etc. Stuffing may be with any product, i.e. fiber-fil, etc. Toys must meet U.S. safety regulations. All trimmings secure no buttons or hooks. Glue, paste or paint must be non-toxic. Loose knitted or crocheted toys should be lined.

## **New Hampshire State Grange Awards**

### Class 1: Woodworking

Any wood item is eligible. Maximum size 24"x24"x24". Other material may be added, but only the wood portion must meet the size requirement. Only the wood portion will be judged.

### Class 2: Quilting (Work must be entirely that of the contestant)

May be any size. Can be tied, hand sewn or machine quilted.

### Class 3: Sewing

May be an adult or child size garment. (Not an accessory.)

### Class 4: Miscellaneous

May be any item that does not fit into the above categories.

**All contest entries are due August 1, 2011**