Community Service Programs

2020-2021

Let’s fill the sails with different Community Service ideas!

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Community Service

Participating in various Community Service projects has many benefits to the participants. Research has shown that people who perform community service projects receive many physical, social and emotional benefits. These benefits commonly help a person to live a much happier and healthier life.

A person that actively participates in community service projects receives multiple benefits to help improve or maintain their physical health. One aspect of physical health is having fewer illnesses, diseases, and injuries. Volunteering is beneficial to persons of all age, but especially to older adults. The more an older adult volunteers and helps other people and organizations, the less likely they are to have chronic pain or heart disease.

Emotional health is feeling positive about oneself. Volunteering on a regular basis, be it weekly, bi-weekly or even monthly, improves one’s happiness by up to 16%. The happier a person is, the more positive they feel about themselves. Also, volunteering is a great way to explore a person’s interests. While participating in various volunteer opportunities, a person can have a relaxing escape from their day-to-day life, which can help to reduce stress. It can also give a person renewed creativity and motivation which could carry over into one’s personal and professional life.

Social health is feeling positive about interactions with other people and the world in general. Sometimes shy people have a hard time interacting with others. By participating in a community service project close to one’s heart, this allows a person to practice and/or continue to develop their social skills. This happens when people that come together for a common purpose spend time together. Once a person starts to spend more time with different people, the easier it will be for them to branch out even more and perhaps overcome their shyness.

Community Service projects make your Grange a prominent part of your community, while also being beneficial to the participants. The participants are able to improve the community around them as well as themselves physically, emotionally and socially.
New York State Grange Session
Community Service Projects 2020 & 2021

At our State Grange Session for 2020 and 2021, we will have two Community Service Programs which need your support and participation. Please participate in any way that you are able.

1) We will collect food or monetary donations for a Backpack program in a school district in the area that the Annual State Grange Session is held. This program allows students in need to take home bags of food, either each weekend or over long breaks, to ensure that they have enough to eat while not in school. Please watch the Empire State Granger each year prior to the Annual Session for a list of food to be collected that year. Each school district has different wants and needs and we want to be able to provide them with the foods that they normally give to the students.

2) Sister Nancy Henderson began collecting ‘C’ bills while she was battling cancer to show her appreciation to local Hematology and Oncology treatment and research centers. This was carried on by her husband and daughter, Allan and Heidi Henderson. Under the guidance of Allan and Heidi, New York State Grange continues to carry on this endeavor in memory of all members who have passed away from cancer. The money is donated to a Hematology and Oncology Treatment Center near the Annual State Grange Session each year.
Community Service Reports

For 2020 and 2021, Subordinate Grange Community Service Reports will be due by September 1st to be considered for judging. Reports received after September 1st but before September 10th will count as a “report received” for our State Report to National Grange, however, they will not be eligible for New York State judging.

Your Community Service report should be in the form of a scrapbook, a letter, a memo or an outline of all your events, whichever is easiest for your Grange. If you send your report via e-mail, please print and submit a hard copy as well.

New York State Grange will award the following prizes for the winning Community Service Reports:

1st place - $100.00
2nd place - $75.00
3rd place - $50.00
4th place - $25.00

The first place winner of New York State Grange will be sent on to National Grange for judging.

National Grange will award $250.00 to New York State Grange if we meet the 25% participation goal.
Subordinate Grange Community Service Report

Please complete form and use as the first page (label) for your report.

Grange Name ______________________________________________________

City/Town ________________ County_______________ State___________

President/Master Name________________________________________________________________

Community Service Chairperson

Name_________________________________(sign and print)

Address________________________________

E-mail Address __________________________

Phone # (__________ - __________

Please be sure to submit your report by September 1, 2020 / September 1, 2021

Send to: Sherri Taft
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Summary of Activities

Number of Grange members involved in projects __________________________

Number of Community members involved in projects _______________________

How many total hours were dedicated to the project(s)?_____________________

How was the public informed of the project(s)?

Describe how the projects were funded:
# Judging Criteria for NYS Grange Community Service Reports

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**Comments:**
FF/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award

Dick Patten, New Hampshire State Community Service Director, began a program when he was National Community Service Director in 1988. This program honors firefighters and law enforcement officers. These awards are known as the Dick Patten Community Service Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. These awards are open to volunteer and paid firefighters and law enforcement personnel. National Grange has added a National Grange Teacher of the Year award. Nominations are due by September 1 of each year. The nominations will be judged and one winner from each category will be chosen. The winners will then be submitted to National Grange for final consideration. Please submit these forms to me by September 1, 2020 and September 1, 2021 for consideration for these awards.
National Grange FF/LEO/Teacher of the Year Award

Please check which category you are submitting this person for:

[ ] Police Officer [ ] Firefighter [ ] Teacher

Nominee’s Name ____________________________________________

Nominee’s Department/School: ____________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________

Town/City __________________________________ State ________ Zip Code ______

Please tell us why this person should be selected: Topics (if applicable) that should be included but not limited to: years of service, current rank, previous ranks or offices held, training, special recognitions or awards, committees chaired, a member of, or involvement in the community not related to their profession. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary

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Name of Grange and # of submitting nominee _____________________________

City/Town/State _______________________________________________________

Community Service Chairpersons’ name ___________________________ email __________________

Address __________________________________________ Telephone ___________________