



2024-2025
New York State Grange
Family Activities Program



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The Grange has always been a family-oriented organization. We feel the family unit needs to be strengthened. The Grange needs to continue to provide opportunities to uphold family values of love, acceptance, honesty and meaningful communication. The Grange will continue to provide programs of interest for members and to draw new members.

1. **Health Project:** The health project is meant to educate and raise awareness of different health topics. The topic suggested is Domestic Violence – its effect on individuals and the family, and how to best deal with the violence.
2. **Crafts and Handiwork:** Entries are open to Grange members and community members. A community member may enter one (1) year, but then must become a Grange member prior to entering subsequent years. No professional people may enter any contest. An entrant may not make the item to be sold later. We hope to draw new interest and new individuals with the hope of gaining new members. Juniors will have their own class in each category at the Pomona level. First place winners from each category at the Pomona level are sent to Cortland for state competition. Entries may only be submitted once at local, Pomona and State levels. Judging at local and Pomona levels may be done at any time during the year prior to judging at State level.

**The top entries for Afghan, Doilies, Embroidery, 3-piece Baby Sets, Plastic Canvas, Counted Cross-Stitch, Adult Garment, Latch Hook, Quilted Wall Hanging, Stuffed Toy, Baby Afghan, Sewn Garment, and Decorated Tea Cup will be sent to the New England Exposition (Big E) for judging. Please note there are some categories not included in the New York State contests, the top entries for those categories will be sent to be judged at the Northeast Exposition. These entries need to be sent to Springfield, MA prior to September 5 for 2024 and 2025. All items are to be labeled with Name, Address, Home Grange and County.

**Please send items to Grange Headquarters in Cortland by April 20, 2024 and April 20, 2025. Judging will take place the Friday prior to the Lecturers and Family Activities Conference. In 2024, judging will take place on Friday, April 26, 2024 and in 2025 judging will be on Friday, April 25, 2025. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 and Saturday, April 26, 2025, respectively.

Categories for Crafts and Handiwork:

****All categories can have entries for both Subordinate and Junior**

1) Woodworking

Complete any type of woodworking project not to exceed 20x24 inches.

Judging: Creativity – 30%, Workmanship – 40%, Appearance – 30%

2) Quilting

Create a finished quilt project. You may use any type of thread or material except pre-quilted fabric. Any quilting method may be used.

Judging: Originality – 30%, Coordinating Colors – 20%, Stitching – 40%, Overall Appearance – 10%

a. Quilted Table Runner or Topper, maximum size 36"x30" (for 2024 only)/

Quilted Wall Hanging, maximum size 18"x18" (for 2025 only)

1. Machine quilted

2. Hand quilted

3. Junior

b. Bed Size Quilt (for 2024 only)/Baby Size Quilt (for 2025 only)

1. Machine quilted

2. Hand quilted

3. Junior

3) Needlework

Judging: Originality – 30%, Coordinating Colors – 20%, Stitching – 40%, Overall Appearance – 10%

a. Afghans – any pattern; knitted, crocheted, woven, maximum size: 52"x84"

1. Regular Size (between 48"x78" to 52"x84")

2. Baby Size, yarn should be suitable for a baby

b. Doilies – Knitted, crocheted, or tatted, maximum size 14 inches

c. Latch Hook (for 2024 only)/ Plastic Canvas (for 2025 only)

d. 3-Piece Baby Set, yarn should be suitable for a baby

e. Embroidery/Cross Stitch

f. Stuffed Toy, toy should be child safe

4) Holiday Ornament

Any holiday ornament, maximum size 6"x6".

Judging: Creativity – 30%, Workmanship – 40%, Appearance – 30%

5) Decorated Tea Cup and Saucer

Cup must be glued to saucer. Tea cups may be painted or use existing design, and decorated as an arrangement.

Judging: Creativity – 30%, Workmanship – 40%, Appearance – 30%

****The projects will be on display at the Lecturers' and FAC Conference on Saturday, April 27, 2024 and April 26, 2025. First place winners of select categories will be sent to the Eastern States Exposition (Springfield, MA) before September 5 for 2024 and 2025. Anyone may still submit entries to be selected for judging at the Big E for contests that we do not have categories for in New York.**

3. ***Baking Contest*** (See attached score sheets for details)

1.) Pumpkin Bread (for 2024 only) - Regular and Diabetic; Plain using regular loaf pan

2.) Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Frosting (for 2025 only) - Regular and Diabetic; 8"x8" disposable aluminum square pan.

2024 Pumpkin Bread Baking Contest

- A.) Each contestant must be a member of Grange. **No Professional Bakers may enter.**
- B.) Each contestant is to enter 1 loaf of quick bread (made with no yeast) on a disposable plate. No purchased mix may be used. Bake in a regular loaf pan. DO NOT add nuts, chips, and/or other fruit.
- C.) Recipe must be submitted with name, address, Grange, and County of entrant. Please specify REGULAR or DIABETIC.
- D.) The first-place winners from each County are to be sent to State Grange to be judged the Saturday of State Session in 2024.

Judge's Score

GENERAL APPEARANCE (perfect score: 10)

Size (5): Appropriate to the pan

Shape (5): Uniform. Appropriate shape for pan.

CRUST (perfect score: 15)

Color (3): Delicately and evenly browned on all sides
and free from excess flour.

Smoothness (3): Crust is smooth, not bubbly or lumpy

Thickness (3): Crust is thin and uniform in thickness

Texture (6): Tender, not mushy or tough

CRUMB inside of bread (perfect score: 35)

Color (10): Uniform, not streaked

Texture (25): Moist (not soggy, dry or doughy),

Tender (not tough), fine even cells or holes.

Pumpkin and/or spice mixture evenly distributed.

FLAVOR (perfect score: 40)

Taste (40): Pleasing, characteristic of ingredients,

Well blended. Flavor and odor of fresh, wholesome

Ingredients. Free from excessive taste of ingredients

Such as spices, extracts, and other sweetening.

TOTAL (100)

2025 Chocolate Cake Baking Contest

- A.) Each contestant must be a member of Grange. **No Professional Bakers may enter.**
- B.) Each contestant is to enter 1 Chocolate Cake with Peanut Butter Frosting in a disposable aluminum 8" x 8" pan. NO purchased mix or pre-made frosting may be used. DO NOT add additional ingredients such as nuts, chocolate chips, etc.
- C.) Recipe must be submitted with name, address, Grange, and County. Please specify: REGULAR or DIABETIC
- D.) The winners from each County are to be sent to State Grange to be judged the Saturday of State Session in 2025.

JUDGE'S SCORE

GENERAL APPEARANCE (Total: 10)

Size (5)	Appropriate to the pan	
Shape (5)	Uniform. Appropriate shape for pan	_____

CRUST (Total: 15)

Color (3)	Delicately and evenly browned and Free from excess flour	
Smoothness (3)	Crust is smooth, not bubbly or lumpy	
Thin (3)	Crust is thin and uniform in thickness	
Texture (6)	Tender not mushy or tough	_____

CRUMB Inside of cake (Total: 30)

Color (5)	Uniform, not streaked	
Lightness (10)	Not soggy or doughy	
Texture (15)	Moist, tender, fine even cells or holes Ingredients evenly distributed	_____

FLAVOR (Total: 30)

Odor and Taste (30)	Pleasing. Characteristic of ingredients	_____
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FROSTING (Total: 15)

Smooth (15)	Smooth, without lumps.	_____
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TOTAL (100)	_____
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