

New York State Grange
Lecturer's (Program Director's) Handbook
2011 – 2013
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2011 – 2013 Lecturer's Theme:

“Building Better Communities through Education, Enrichment and Enthusiasm”

Theme Songs:

“School Days” (#12 in The Grange Songbook)

“Lift High The Torch” (#31 in The Grange Songbook)

The Lecturer (Program Director) holds one of the most challenging and rewarding positions in the Grange. During the next two years, we will be striving to build better communities through education, enrichment and enthusiasm. The job is two-fold. In the Grange, it is the Lecturer's responsibility to present programs that educate members concerning timely topics, to enrich members' lives by expanding their experiences and to demonstrate enthusiasm with fun activities.

The Lecturer (Program Director) is a liaison to the community. Invite members of the community to share their talents with the Grange as part of the program. Respond in kind by being willing to present a program for other community organizations and/or sponsor educational programs for the entire community. If as Lecturers (Program Directors) we provide education and enrichment in our programs and demonstrate enthusiasm in all we do, we will be building better communities and Granges.

Pomona Lecturer Guidelines

- Present or arrange for a well balanced program at each meeting.
- Work with other Grange officers and committees in building a successful Grange.
- Communicate with and offer assistance to the Community Grange Lecturers.

- Promote various contests and hold county contests if warranted.
- Be the liaison between Community and Junior Granges and the State Grange by disseminating information and sending necessary reports to the State Lecturer.

Community Grange Lecturer Guidelines

- Present or arrange for a well balanced program at each meeting.
- Cooperate with other Grange officers and committees to plan a yearly program for the Grange.
- Survey members to learn individual interests.
- Encourage individuals to expand and share their talents.
- Promote the various opportunities provided through the Lecturer's Department.
- Fill out the annual report and send to the State Lecturer by September 15.

Opportunities for Members

Symbol Craft Contest

The purpose of this project is to encourage members to use their creative abilities to exemplify the theme. The theme for the years 2011 – 2013 is “Building Better Communities through Education, Enrichment and Enthusiasm”. There is no specific symbol to be depicted. The symbol may represent one or more of the elements in the theme. The symbol may be made from any craft or art medium and interpreted in any manner. Maximum size is 24 inches by 24 inches. **The theme covers two years but the same item may not be entered two years in a row.** Any Community Grange member may enter. The entry must be the work of the member submitting it. All entries must be judged at the Pomona level. The Pomona winner is due to the State Grange Lecturer by the Saturday of State Session each year. All entries will be on display at the State Grange Session. State awards will include ribbons and certificates.

Pen-in-Hand Writing Project

The focus of this creative writing project for 2011 – 2012 and 2012-2013 will be Grange. Interested members are encouraged to submit original essays, skits, poems, etc that have a Grange focus. The goal is to compile a booklet of materials that can be used at Grange meetings or in telling the Grange story to others. Essays should not exceed 300 words. Other formats should be a reasonable length. Submissions should be sent to the State Lecturer by September 15th of each year. These may be sent by e-mail or regular mail. Submissions should be typed and include the author's name, address, Grange and number on the back. There is no judging. Booklets will be distributed at the State Grange Session.

Talent Show

Any Grange member or group of Grange members is invited to perform in the State Grange Talent Show. Pomona Lecturers may hold a Pomona level Talent Show or contact

Subordinate Lecturers to determine those interested in performing at the State Talent Show. Pomona Lecturers will complete a form provided by the State Lecturer listing those interested in performing in the State Grange Talent Day. Pomona Lecturers will send the form to the State Lecturer by April 15th each year. The maximum time limit for each act is 6 minutes. There is no minimum time limit.

Judging will be done by qualified individuals. All performers will receive a ribbon. The Best of Show winner will receive \$50.00 and will be invited to perform at the State Fair on Grange Day, State Grange Session, North East Lecturers' Conference, and at the National Grange Talent Showcase during the National Grange Convention.

Talent Contest categories are as follows: Instrumental, Vocal, Skit/Variety

New York State Photography Contest

Community and Junior Grange members may enter this contest. Division I - Community Grange members; Division II – Junior Grange members – ages 5-9; Division III – Junior Grange members ages 10-14. A Junior Grange member's age will be determined as of January 1st prior to the State judging. Photographs may be entered in the following categories in all divisions: (1) People, (2) Animals, (3) Scenery/Nature.

The photograph must have been taken by the person submitting the entry and have been taken sometime between May 1st and April 15th of the current contest year. A photograph may only be entered once. Size: minimum 4"x6" to maximum of 11"x14" including matting if used. Frames are not allowed but the photo must have a rigid backing. Participants may have one entry per category. Film or digital photographs are allowed. On the back of the photograph list the division, category, name, address, and Grange of the person submitting the entry. Pomona Lecturers will conduct a Pomona level contest (including Junior entries) and send first place winning entries in all divisions to the State Grange Headquarters by April 15th of each year. Mark on the outside of the package "Photo Contest Entries". State awards will include certificates, ribbons and cash prizes. The Community Grange "Best of Show" will be eligible for National Grange competition. Judging criteria will include composition, creativity, color/clarity of the photo and interest.

New York State Art Contest

Community and Junior Grange members may enter this contest. Division I - Community Grange members; Division II – Junior Grange members – ages 5-9; Division III – Junior Grange members ages 10-14. A Junior Grange member's age will be determined as of January 1st prior to the State judging. Art may be entered in the following categories in all divisions. (1) Oils and Acrylics or Crayons/Markers, (2) Watercolors, (3) Charcoal or Pencil Drawing. Each entry must be the original work of the member submitting it. All entries must be completed between May 1st and April 15th of the current contest year. A work of art may only be entered once. An art entry must not be larger than 24"x36". There is no minimum size. Do not mount a picture on a backing any larger than necessary. Participants may have only one entry per category. **DO NOT SEND ANY GLASS WITH ENTRIES.** Pomona Lecturers will conduct a Pomona level contest (including Junior entries) and send

first place winning entries in all divisions to the State Grange Headquarters by April 15th of each year. Mark on the outside of the package “Art Contest Entries”. State awards will include certificates, ribbons and cash prizes. Judging criteria will include composition, use of medium, creativity, and overall effect of picture.

Have Talent – Will Travel

There are Grangers throughout New York State who have talents they are willing to share. It might be a skill to be demonstrated or taught or an entertainment act. The goal of “Have Talent – Will Travel” is to compile a list of those individuals who would be willing to share their talents with other Granges. The list will be compiled by the State Lecturer and distributed to all Lecturers. It will be the sole responsibility of the person seeking the talent to contact the individual on the list to make all arrangements including any compensation. State Grange provides the list ONLY.

Individuals wishing to be included on the list should give the following information to their Lecturer to be forwarded to the State Grange Lecturer: Name; contact information (address, telephone and e-mail); talent to share; any restrictions such as distance willing to travel. Lecturers are encouraged to solicit participation but should not submit any information without the individual’s consent. If sufficient information has been collected, the list will be distributed in early 2012 and updated as deemed appropriate by the State Lecturer.

Opportunities and Projects for Lecturers

Sally Benson Memorial Lecturer's Award

This award of a plaque and \$50 is given for an open meeting program arranged by a Subordinate Lecturer. The application for the award is available from the State Lecturer and can be found here. The application is due to the State Lecturer by September 15, each year.

Health Care Topics

The suggested health care topics for 2011 – 2013 are Cancer and Healthy Living. Lecturers are encouraged to present educational programs on these topics during the next two years. The program may be for the Grange and/or the community at large.

Cancer: Everyone has been affected by cancer in some manner. There are many types of cancer and much new advancement in the treatment and cure of the disease.

Healthy Living: Today we are learning more and more about how our lifestyle affects our physical and mental health and well being. Nutrition, exercise, sleep and attitude can all make a difference to our quality of life. We are never too old to make positive changes.

Reader's Theater

A challenging project for Lecturers is Reader's Theater. In this format a script is presented by individuals reading parts. There is no memorization and no complicated set. The power lies in how the words are expressed by the reader. This format can be dynamic as a way to present current topics of concern for reflection and discussion.

Lecturers are challenged to use the Reader's Theater format to promote discussion on an important topic for the Grange and/or community. Choose your own topic, interview individuals about the topic and write a script. As an alternative you may use "What Will be in the Fields Tomorrow?", a script developed by The Voices Project of Michigan State University Museum. The website is <http://foodfarmingandcommunity.org/>. (If you are unable to access the materials through the website contact the State Lecturer for assistance.) Present the program to the audience and follow up with discussion. Those Lecturers who accept the challenge and report their efforts to the State Lecturer will receive recognition. Reports are due to the State Lecturer by September 15th.

Dates to Remember

April 15, 2012 & 2013 – Art, Photo and Talent entries are due

April 28, 2012 – Lecturer/FAC Conference – NYS Grange Headquarters

April 27, 2013 – Lecturer/FAC Conference – NYS Grange Headquarters

July 30 – August 2, 2012 – Northeast Lecturers' Conference – New Hampshire

August 5 – 8, 2013 – Northeast Lecturers' Conference – Connecticut

September 15, 2012 & 2013 – Lecturer's reports, Pen-in-Hand, Sally Benson Award
Application due to State Lecturer

The Sally Benson Memorial Award Application

For Community (Subordinate) Lecturers

This award is a memorial to Sally Benson, late wife of Past State Master William S. Benson. The award will consist of a plaque and a monetary gift of \$50.00. One of Sally's favorite things was to plan and host a program at a Grange meeting where non-members were in attendance. This award will be given to a Community (Subordinate) Grange Lecturer for an open meeting program. Community (Subordinate) Lecturers wishing to submit an entry for this award must complete this form and submit their complete program in detail for judging by September 15, each year to:

Sharon Croucher, Lecturer:

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Name of Lecturer _____

Address of Lecturer _____

Grange Name and Number _____

Grange Membership _____

Briefly describe your community and your Grange:

Date of Open Meeting _____ Total Attendance at Open Meeting _____

Number of Grangers Attending _____ Number of non-members attending _____

State Purpose of Open Meeting:

Lecturer's Name _____

Did a committee work with you? Circle Yes or No

If so how many members comprised the committee? _____

What were their assignments or duties?

How was the meeting publicized? Include copies of news articles, newsletters, letters, or press releases to radio and television.

What special efforts were used to encourage attendance?

Include a copy of the complete program. This should include opening thought, games, songs, readings, tableaux, etc.

Special guests were: _____

Why do you feel this open meeting was a success?

What do you feel was the most successful part of the open meeting?

What improvements, if any, could be made on this program?

Master's Signature _____ Lecturer's Signature _____

Deadline for Entry September 15, each year

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