

For 2021- 2022 CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE - CWA/FAMILY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

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Duties of Pomona Chairman:

1. Make a short report at each regular meeting.
2. Promote all contests within your Pomona.
3. Assist the State Committee when requested.
4. Encourage your Grange to contribute monetarily to the State CWA projects.
5. Send annual report to State director by September 15th.

Duties of Subordinate Chairman:

1. Report at each regular meeting.
2. Explain and promote all contests and projects.
3. Put on **one** program (or part of a program) for the lecturer.
4. Encourage your Grange to contribute monetarily to the State CWA projects.
5. Send a copy of the annual report to your Pomona Chairman **AND** the State Director by September 1st.

CONTESTS

NORTH EAST NEEDLEWORK CONTESTS

Open to the public, No product Requirements.

There are 12 classes for competition –Afghans, doilies, embroidery, 3-piece baby set, plastic canvas, counted cross stitch, adult garment, latch hook, quilted wall hanging, stuffed toy, baby blanket and child or adult garment sewn.

ALL items submitted for judging must be clean and odor free and made in the current year.

Judging at **State** level only. Subordinate and Pomona judging are not required.

All first place State winners will compete at the North East finals at the Big E

Brochures and entry forms for the North East Needlework contest may be obtained from the State CWA, Pomona or Subordinate Chairman or can be downloaded from the state website at:

<http://www.ctstategrange.org/downloads.asp?Category=Family%20Activities>

****NEW ** SPECIAL CONTEST FOR MEN – 2021 - 2022**

Create window box in any medium. The only restriction in the size. It can be no larger than 12” x 12” x 12”
Judging will be on workmanship and creativity. **Window boxes will be returned.**

TABLE DECORATION CONTEST - 2021 - 2022

Create a decoration to place on a table as a centerpiece using any material. Judging will be on workmanship and creativity. The only restriction is the size, it cannot be more than 12” x 12” x 12”. Judging is at State level only. This contest is for Connecticut only and will not go on to North East Judging. **Centerpiece will be returned.**

THEME CRAFT CONTEST – 2021 - 2022

The Craft Contest Theme for the next year is “Pumpkins”. You may make any item, in any medium that has anything to do with Pumpkins. Judging will be at State level only.
There are 2 categories: Needlework and Other medium. There will be Adult and Youth class in each category.

Craft entries will not be returned (there are no exceptions). They are retained by the State CWA/Family Activities Committee to be distributed at their discretion.

Baking Contest - 2021 - 2022

Open to Grange members, children, grand-children of members and Junior Grange members. The contest is for Pumpkin Spice Cookies. Submit five (5) on a plate. Put your name and Grange on the back of the plate. Judging for the baking contest is held at the State level only, no Subordinate or Pomona judging is necessary.

Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Yield 30 cookies

Ingredients:

2½ cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
2 teaspoons cornstarch
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
¾ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
¾ cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
¾ cup packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla
½ cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie fill)

For the Cinnamon Sugar Coating

¼ cup granulated sugar
1½ teaspoons cinnamon

Directions: preheat oven to 350 degrees F. and line 2 cookie trays with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

1. Whisk together the flour, cornstarch, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg & ground cloves.
2. In a separate large bowl beat together the butter and sugars until fluffy. Turn the mixer down to low then beat in the egg, vanilla and pumpkin.
3. Slowly add in the flour mixture. The dough will be very sticky.
4. Cover the bowl with clingfilm and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or up to 2 days.
5. When ready to bake, take the dough out of the fridge.
6. In a small bowl whisked together the sugar and cinnamon for the cinnamon sugar coating.
7. Form the dough into balls of about 1.5 tablespoons in size, then roll in the cinnamon sugar coating and flatten slightly
8. Place the cookies on the cookie sheets about 2 inches apart. Bake for about 8-10 minutes until the tops look just set

Prizes for the needlework contest at the State level will be:

1st Place-\$15.00, 2nd Place- \$10.00, 3rd Place - \$5.00.

Prizes for the Craft and Baking Contests at the State level will be:

1st Place - \$10.00, 2nd Place - \$5.00, 3rd - Place \$3.00

Every effort will be made to distribute the prize money within 30 days.

Judging will be determined and we will let you know once the dates are set.

STATE PROJECTS

Monetary Donations

Connecticut Granger Trust Fund
Connecticut State Grange Scholarship Fund
Meals on Wheels CT

All monetary donations may be combined in one check and made out to the Connecticut State Grange and sent to the State Grange Secretary at 100 Newfield Road, P.O. Box 3, Winchester Center, CT 06094

Animal Shelters

A special plea will continue for each Grange to assist a local animal shelter or rescue organization. Help with food, clean blankets and towels, volunteer your time and money. Animal husbandry is a big part of who we are and the Grange must show their support.

FOOD BANKS/SOUP KITCHENS

In addition to Meals on Wheels for our special project, as in previous years we encourage donations to local Food Bank and Soup Kitchens. Your help is needed now more than ever. Please keep track of the hours and amounts of food that your Grange has donated to include in your year-end report.

NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING COUNTRY STORE

Items are always needed and appreciated for sale during the Big E. ***All newly-made hand crafted items*** may be sold in the building. All items may be given to any member of the State CFA. I have included a pattern for catnip fish once again as an example of one of the popular items should you find yourself wondering what you could contribute! Scrubbies are **always** needed so I have also enclosed a pattern. *(The big ones with the coarser material)*

JUNIOR PROGRAM

NEEDLEWORK CONTEST: The Juniors will use the same contest as the adults but will be judged separately.

BAKING CONTEST: The Juniors will use the same recipe as the adults but will be judged separately.

Craft CONTEST: The Juniors will use the same contest as the adults but will be judged separately

ALL Junior entries for all contests are at State level only.

All entries must be clean and odor free.

Prizes will be -1st Place - \$5.00, 2nd Place - \$3.00, 3rd Place - \$2.00

REPORT FORMS

A report form is given to all Subordinate and Pomona Chairmen to detail their activities for the year. An award will be given to those Granges achieving the goals for the year. **Please do not use the older forms.**

The State CWA/Family Activities Committee thanks you in advance for participating in the projects we have outlined and look forward to reading your year-end reports and the good works you and your Granges have done. As Always, all that you do for CWA counts toward your Community Service report.