

"...you are assigned the important duty of leading in the literary program and the educational work of the Grange."

- Installation of Officers, Subordinate Grange Manual

Kansas Grangers,

I am excited to serve in my second term as the Kansas State Grange Lecturer. In this Program Guide you will find all of the contests for the 2025-2026 Kansas State Grange Conventions. I am always trying to think of new and exciting programs for our Grangers, if there any updates or changes they will be sent out and posted on the Kansas State Grange Facebook page and website. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to support your local Grange with programming.

Please note that I have adopted the same categories for the photography contest and creative writing contest as the National Grange Lecturer contest. State winner do not move on to National Grange. I encourage all Kansas State Grange members to submit their entries to the National Grange Lecturer contests by September 1, 2025 and bring those same entries to State Session for judging. Please let me know if you need help submitting your entries for National Grange.

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State Programs and Contests:

Wreath/Lawn Ornament Contest

Create a wreath or lawn ornament that you have created to display in your home and/or lawn.

- 1) Wreaths and Lawn Decorations may be for any season/holiday.
- 2) Wreaths and Lawn Decorations will be judged and awarded 1st – 3rd place

Wreaths

- A. Holiday
 - a. Junior (5-13)
 - b. Adult (14+)
- B. General
 - a. Junior (5-13)
 - b. Adult (14+)

Lawn Ornaments

- C. Junior (5-13)
- D. Adult (14+)

Criteria for Judging:

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| 1) Craftsmanship and skill | 3) Originality |
| 2) Presentation of subject | 4) Theme and its treatment |

Holiday Treat Contest

Show some Grange hospitality and win a People's Choice award with your favorite holiday treat.

Rules:

- A. All entries will be served to attendees of the convention, with votes taken and tallied for the winner of each category.
- B. Holiday treats can be, but not limited to,
 - a. Cookies
 - b. Candies
 - c. Snack Mix
- C. Please bring your treat in at least 25 snack sized bags, labeled with the name of your entry EX: "Harvest Crunch Mix"
- D. Please also bring a list of ingredients/recipe to be posted above your holiday treat.

How Judging Works:

- 1) Voters will be given a ballot with all three categories.
- 2) Voters may choose their top favorite from EACH category
- 3) There will a people's choice for each category.

State Photo Contest

- A. Photos entered at state shall be entered in physical form.
 - a. Minimum of 4x6 – Maximum of 8x10
 - b. Photos should be mounted on a plain, light colored matboard. 4-H mounting will be accepted. Please do not submit entries in a frame.
- B. Adult (14+) Divisions
 - a. America the Beautiful
 - b. Agriculture/Farming
 - c. Say It With Flowers
 - d. Bridges
- C. Junior(5-13) Categories
 - a. American the Beautiful
 - b. Agriculture/Farming
 - c. Animals/Pets
 - d. Water
- D. Each individual is limited to entering a on photo per category.
- E. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
- F. On the back of mount board should include member name, Grange Name and Number, Division, and Age Category
- G.

NOTE: Winners of State Photo Contests do not move on to National automatically. All members are encouraged to enter their own DIGITAL format to National Grange by SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

Creative Writing

Essay

Topic "The Grange is Important Today Because..." – maximum 1000 words

Short Story

Topic: "It Happened At/In Grange..." – maximum 1000 words

Poetry

Topic: "The Grange of the Future" – maximum 500 words

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ABC Reading Challenge:

Need some inspiration to for expanding your reading for this year? Keep track of your 2024 reading on the ABC Reading Challenge Sheet. Don't just shoot for five in a row, try to fill the whole board!

ABC Reading Challenge Rules

- Choose one book for each letter of the alphabet, based on the title (e.g., "A" for Anne of Green Gables) Titles starting with an article (The, A, An) do not count as the beginning (e.g. *A Wrinkle in Time* would be a 'W' book)
- No Repeats: Each letter must have a different book—no doubling up.
- All Genres Welcome: fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, and audiobooks count.
- Books must be read January 1, 2025- September 26, 2025 (the start of State Convention)
- Track Your Progress by coloring in the letter and writing the book title on the corresponding line

Tracking paper may be downloaded from the Kansas State Grange website or contact Mandy Bostwick, Kansas State Grange Lecturer.