

State Grange of Minnesota 2017 Grange Fair Contests!

The State Grange of Minnesota is once again proud to host our annual contests to recognize the agricultural, culinary, handcraft, and fine art skills of our Minnesota Grangers and Grange friends in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

In order to streamline the SGMN operations and offer the best programs possible to our members, all Grange Fair Exhibits and Contests (Arts, Handcrafts, and Culinary Program, formerly Woman's Activities) will now fall under the purview of the State Grange of Minnesota Lecturer in combination with State Lecturer's Contests.

Brother Matt Cranston of Oliver Hudson Kelley Grange, No. 834 is serving as Lecturer throughout the remainder of the 2015-2017 SGMN officer term.

General Rules:

- 1) The SGMN Grange Fair Exhibits and Contests are open to all Grange Members residing in Minnesota and Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota residents.
- 2) Every exhibit must be entered in the name of the bona fide owners.
- 3) All exhibits must have been raised or created by the exhibitor within the previous twelve (12) months.
- 4) The SGMN will not be responsible for typographical errors in the list, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the SGMN Lecturer, Master, and Secretary. (If the receipts should prove insufficient to meet all demands, the SGMN reserves the right to first pay all bona fide expenses of the High State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session and Convention and pay premiums and awards prorated with the balance on hand.)
- 5) No person will be permitted to interfere with the Lecturer's Committee members or judges while in the performance of their duties. In case of doubt as to their power, the issue will be referred to the SGMN Master.
- 6) Awards will be deemed final. No appeals may be made, though a request for judges to give the rationale on their decisions may be made by contestants.
- 7) The SGMN will not assume responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits during the High State Grange of Minnesota Annual State Session and Convention.
- 8) The SGMN Lecturer, Master, and Secretary reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to remove any exhibit or individual from the High State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session and Convention.

- 9) Any person knowingly violating any rules of the SGMN will thereby forfeit all rights to any awards and premiums.
- 10) Awards and premiums will not be given on exhibits of inferior merit, regardless of the number in the competition.

Entry Procedures and Exhibits:

- 1) All entries (with the exclusion of Division I-Poultry must be entered into SGMN Grange Fair (held in conjunction with the 145th Annual SGMN State Session at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville) by 3pm on Friday, October 13, 2017.
- 2) All exhibits must remain in place and must not be removed until the close of SGMN Session on Sunday.
- 3) Any exhibit removed before the close of SGMN Session on Sunday will forfeit all premiums and awards and the individual will not be allowed to exhibit at the SGMN Grange Fair the following year.
- 4) All culinary and canned and preserved entries will be sold at live auction on Saturday evening to raise money for the SGMN Leadership and Scholarship Fund.
- 5) Exhibit entries in all divisions/classes may be donated to the live auction sale with permission of the bona fide owner.
- 6) Individuals may enter only one exhibit per division/class.
- 7) Entrance fees are waived for all Minnesota Grange Members in good standing, nursing home residents, and Juniors ages 4 & 5 years olds.
- 8) Non-Grange members may enter exhibits in the SGMN Grange Fair for an entrance fee of \$2 and \$1 per additional entry, not to exceed \$10.

Groups

- JR - Junior Group (Ages 4-13 by time of Grange Fair)
- YT - Youth Group (Ages 14-18 by time of Grange Fair)
- AD - Adult Group (Ages 19-59 by time of Grange Fair)
- SR - Senior Group (Ages 60+ by time of Grange Fair)

Divisions/Classes

A - Grain

- A0100 - Grain Sheaves (wheat, oats, barley, flax) 4 inches in diameter at band
- A0101 - Corn (field) six (6) ears
- A0102 - Soybeans, one gallon jar with two quarts of seed

B - Vegetables

- B0100 - Cabbage (1 specimen)
- B0101 - Carrots (6 specimens)

- Bo102 - Gourds, best collection (6 specimens)
- Bo103 - Onions (3 specimens)
- Bo104 - Pumpkin (1 specimen)
- Bo105 - Winter Squash (1 specimen)
- Bo106 - Potatoes (washed but not scrubbed, 10 specimens)
- Bo107 - Root Crop, non-potato/non-carrot (3 specimens)
- Bo108 - Best collection, 6 different kinds of vegetables
- Bo109 - Ugliest Vegetable (all groups compete together, one specimen)
- Bo110 - Biggest Vegetable (all groups compete together, one specimen)

C - Fruit

- Co100 - Apples (5 specimens)

D - Culinary

- Do100 - Yeast Bread (1 loaf in plastic bag)
- Do101 - Quick Bread (1 loaf in plastic bag)
- Do102 - Decorated Pastry (decoration only judged)
- Do103 - Cookies & Bars (12 on plate covered with plastic or plastic bag)
- Do104 - Pie (whole pie covered in plastic or plastic bag)
- Do105 - Gluten Free (covered in plastic or plastic bag)
- Do106 - Special Diet-Diabetic (covered in plastic or plastic bag)

E - Canned and Preserved Food

- Eo100 - Canned Fruit (clear and sealed pint or quart jar)
- Eo101 - Canned Vegetables (clear and sealed pint or quart jar)
- Eo102 - Jellies, Jams, Preserves (clear and sealed pint or quart jar)
- Eo103 - Relish (clear and sealed pint or quart jar)
- Eo104 - Homemade Wine (clear wine bottle)
- Eo105 - Homebrew (bottled)

F - Handcrafts

- Fo100 - Stitchery (counted cross stich, embroidery, needlepoint)
- Fo101 - Hardanger/Norwegian Stitchery
- Fo102 - Pillow
- Fo103 - Crocheted
- Fo104 - Knitted
- Fo105 - Quilting
- Fo106 - Rug
- Fo107 - Christmas Ornament
- Fo108 - Woodwork
- Fo109 - Ceramics
- Fo110 - Clothing
- Fo111 - Hobbycraft (anytime of craft or folk art)

G - Fine Arts

- GO100 - Photography Landscape/Architecture (color/b&w matte 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11)
- GO101 - Photography Portrait (color/b&w matte 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11)
- GO102 - Photography Animal/Agriculture (color/b&w matte 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11)
- GO103 - Grange/Patriotic/Minnesota (color/b&w matte 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11)
- GO104 - Painting Abstract (any size, any medium)
- GO105 - Painting Landscape (any size, any medium)
- GO106 - Painting Still Life (any size, any medium)
- GO107 - Painting Portrait/Animal (any size, any medium)
- GO108 - Textile (any size)
- GO109 - Sculpture (table top size, any material)

H - Creative

- HO100 - Essay/Short Story (Grange themed, no word count limit)
- HO101 - Poetry (any theme, any form)
- HO102 - Recycled Art (any medium)
- HO103 - Fairy Garden (Use your imagination! Any kind of container may be used and must contain at least one live growing plant. Any number of objects may be used to create garden)
- HO104 - Grange Poster (poster celebrating Grange or advertising a Grange event, 11 x 17 or larger)
- HO105 - Grange Brochure (tri-fold Grange themed on 8.5 x 11 sheet)
- HO106 - Lecturer's Program

I - Poultry *NEW PROGRAM*

- IO100 - Large Fowl
- IO101 - Bantam Fowl

*Email tj.malaskee@mngrange.org to arrange a date in August or September for judges to visit you and your fowl. Create a report with the following: Cover Page with your name, Grange (or Grange affiliation) and contact info; 1 Page on chickens in general and the breed of your bird; 1 Page on your personal involvement with chickens; 1 Page containing 4 photos of your chicken (and you!).