

Department 1 Agricultural Hall Exhibits

Lyndall Smith Agricultural Hall

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Setup: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Mon. August 5th & Tues. August 6th

Class 1: Grange Exhibits

GENERAL RULES:

Setup of Grange Exhibits will take place on Monday, August 5th and Tuesday, August 6th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Exhibits shall not be removed from the hall until Sunday, August 18th, 2023 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

All Rules and Regulations as found on page 7 will also apply to all classes and categories.

All articles to be raised, grown or manufactured by the members of the Grange to whom they belong, within the past twelve (12) months.

Exhibits entered in this class are not eligible to compete as a whole or part of any other exhibit.

Passes:

Each Grange will be eligible to receive 2 season (10 day) passes for their display, No exceptions.

Judging:

Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 7th. We are using the Lt. Blue Judging Sheet. Please view back of judging sheet for a detailed explanation of state score sheets.

Exhibits are judged on overall appearance, use of theme, bible and flag display and labeling. Each exhibit must contain the items listed in the judging guidelines for the category entered in. Items placed on floor will count as part of your booth and will be judged. Exhibits will be judged by Fair judges, not State Grange Judges.

Premiums:

To any exhibiting Grange not placing in the first five places, a gratuity of \$50.00 will be paid. One Honorable mention in each category will receive a \$50.00 premium.

Granges may enter in both categories or one of the two. Each exhibit category will be displayed and judged separately, with

premiums awarded in each category.

Ganges entering in both categories will be in a 10'x7' booth, with a divider to separate domestic & agricultural exhibits.

Themes, Flags & Bible:

You will only need one flag set, one bible and one sign. Flags, Bible and sign must be centered in booth, above divider.

OR

You may also use two sets of flags, Bible and signs if desired, in each category, placed within each side of the booth.

ALL Bible display's will be judged for each exhibit - See Judging Sheet.

One theme may be utilized for the entire exhibit or you may use a separate theme for each category.

Exhibits should be simple but artistic, telling a single story correctly and completely at a glance. Pictures, paintings, drawing and signs help. If desired, a few plants, bales of hay or flowers may be used to add to the general attractiveness of the exhibit. Do not fill bottles with milk. Instead, use flour or corn starch to simulate milk.

24 - HELPFUL HINTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM THE MAINE STATE GRANGE:

1. Ave a planning meeting to se, to work schedule, source of materials, being sure everyone knows his/her responsibilities.

2. Use a simple theme.

3. Make sure that exact display size is known and use the available space wisely. Do not clutter the display area or have too much unused space.

4. When planning, consider how color will be used. Use not more than three complementary colors in backgrounds, signs, etc.

5. Make detailed plans so there is a good balance in the display. It is recommended to exhibit like items together.

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6. Plywood makes an excellent sturdy background. It can be reused if stored properly/

7. Plan your exhibit for the benefit of non-members. Plan so a spectator who knows little or nothing about the grange will stop and look, and leave with an understanding of your exhibit theme and how it relates to the grange.

8. Consider having everyone bring what you need for the display to a meeting, at which time best examples are selected for use.

9. For displays using agricultural and garden products, select best available samples for exhibit. Uniformity, good coloring and fresh appearance are important. Use things relative to theme.

10. When fresh items (fruits, flowers, vegetables) are displayed, use appropriate uniform container/plates. Replace fresh items as often as necessary to keep a fresh, crisp look in the display all time as will be viewing the display, keep it fresh. Do not use fresh dairy products - use substitute items.

11. Keep Exhibit areas tidy at all times. Have it checked regularly and often when display area is open to the public.

12. All lettering (signs, posters, etc) should have a professional look. It may mean paying someone to make signs, posters, do lettering, etc., but consider that an investment for the Grange since the items may be used again if stored carefully. Labeling should be uniform and readable from in the front of the booth.

13. Make sure that any mechanical parts and lights are always working. Check thoroughly prior to installation and often during display time.

14. When designing displays that use unusual and/or antique items, be sure that they will be safe.

15. When parts are used more than one year (such as risers or backgrounds), be

sure that they are cleaned and repainted if necessary prior to placement in the exhibit.

16. If exhibit rules permit, see that Grange name, number and location are visible.

17. Consider planning an exhibit that can be used in whole or in part at other times and places. Examples: at a mall, in a store window, at a library, during Grange Month.

18. If using Grange literature, have the very latest available. Display small quantities at a time, replenishing often, rather than having an untidy area. Write the National Grange Store for brochures at 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006 or call them at 1-888-4-Grange. You may also look for information on their website: www.nationalgrange.org. Allow a few weeks for delivery. You may also contact the Maine State Grange office at 207-623-3421 for availability of additional information.

19. If appropriate, have an exhibit area manned at all times, but especially when crowds will be in attendance.

20. If possible and permitted, have something to give out as a gift to persons stopping at your display. It should have Grange identification on it. There are companies that sell such items in quantity at a fairly reasonable cost. Consider this a promotional investment in Grange.

21. Allow plenty of time for assembling the display. Putting the exhibit up usually takes longer than anticipated.

22. Plans from the beginning should include the taking down of exhibit and cleaning up the area.

23. If there are reusable parts, see that the Grange knows where they are stored. (A list given to the Grange Secretary as part of the committee's report at a meeting is one way to keep track of things.)

24. Have a committee meeting after the display to Assess the results.

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PREMIUMS

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Premium amounts are listed below the category number, if there isn't a premium listed, the previously listed premium applies.

CATEGORY NUMBER

102 Agricultural Exhibit:

\$200.	\$150.	\$125.	\$100.	\$75.	----
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Exhibit to include all items listed in Agricultural Exhibit under judging guidelines found on Lt. Blue Judging Sheet. All items must be contained within the 5' x 7' display provided.

101 Domestic Exhibit:

\$200.	\$150.	\$125.	\$100.	\$75.	----
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