

Rhode Island State Grange



Lecturer's Department Program Book 2025-2026

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Calendar of Events

1.) Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 4pm.

Family Game Night and Soup-a-bowl

Location: Richmond Grange

2.) Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 2pm

Sip and Paint in memory of committee member Patty Cottrell

Location: Oaklawn Grange

Reservations and payment must be made to Nettie Hartley by March 7, 2026

Cost: \$45 per person and money raised will be used to purchase items to donate to Women and Infants Oncology Clinic where Patty Cottrell received treatment

3.) Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 8am

Placing of flags on Veterans Graves

Location: Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery all the way in the back left corner

4.) Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2pm

Family picnic, 2x2x2 contest, star art contest and quilt block due date

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds

5.) Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7pm

Movie Night and Ice Cream Social

Location: Chepachet Grange

6.) Saturday, September 13, 2026 at 7pm

ALL contest entries are due

Location: Chepachet Grange

7.) Saturday, October 2, 2026 at 6:30pm

Lecturers and Youth Banquet

Location: Double Tree by Hilton in Warwick

General Information

As the Lecturer of your Grange, the important duty of leading literary programs and conducting education work is up to you. You should always be prepared to present a program at every meeting.

At each meeting remember to remind members about upcoming events in the Lecturer's department on both the State and National Levels. It would be wise to keep a copy of this program book at every Grange for any member to look at it.

If there are any questions, please contact the State Lecturer, or any committee member.

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Lecturer's End of Year Report

Junior Lecturers are asked to describe their favorite program that took place during the year. Also include any programs the Junior Grange may have brought as a program to the Subordinate Grange (not a requirement). The report should also include any photos that were taken during either program.

Subordinate Lecturers should include the 3 most liked or successful programs for the year. The report should include descriptions, photos (if possible), and a count from at least 2 of the programs. Any additional information that you would like to include about the Grange programs can be included.

Pomona Lecturers should include the 2 most liked or successful programs for the year. The report should include descriptions, photos (if possible), and a count from 2 of the programs. Any additional information that you would like to include about the Grange programs can be included.

Lecturer's Department Events

1.) Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 4pm- Family Game Night and Soup-a-bowl will take place at Richmond Grange. Bring your favorite game, gather up some friends and have a fun evening. It is a great opportunity to learn new games and hang out with people you might not get the chance to. This year we will continue the Soup-a-bowl which is a cooking contest and will be dinner for the night. Bring some soup and your recipe and it will be entered into our contest. (Please try not to stick to chicken noodle soup!) If you do not cook soup feel free to bring bread to go along with our dinner. Each person who brings a soup is required to bring a full recipe and a serving utensil that is labeled with your name.

2.) Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 2pm there will be a Sip and Paint at Oaklawn Grange in memory of committee member Patty Cottrell. Reservations and payment must be made to Nettie Hartley by March 7, 2026. The cost of attendance is \$45 to cover the cost and raise money to purchase items to be donated to the Women and Infants Oncology clinic where Patty received treatment.

Hang out with your Grange Family and invite some friends and family to enjoy a fun afternoon. You DO NOT have to be an artist or crafty to be able to do this. This is a step by step lesson with much help and guidance.

3.) On Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 8am we will be placing flags on Veterans Graves at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery. What better way to spend a few hours on Memorial Day Weekend? We will meet at the back left corner of the cemetery.

4.) On Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2pm will be the family picnic, 2x2x2 contest and due date for the quilt block and star art contest. The location is Washington County Fairgrounds. Depending on the amount of entries for the 2x2x2 contest, this could be the LAST YEAR this event runs.

5.) On Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7pm we will have our Movie Night and Ice Cream Social at Chepachet Grange. Come make your favorite sundae, then relax and enjoy a movie with your Grange friends and family.

6.) Finally on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7pm. ALL contest entries are due at Chepachet Grange (same day as the Movie night.) Entries including the junior art, Photography, Lecturers Report, and Coloring contests are all due. The only contest not due at this time is the Quilt Block and star art contest which would have already been due in order to send on to National.

My Favorite Anything **(2x2x2)**

Everyone has a talent. It may not be performing in front of and entertaining an audience- but you can do something! This is the opportunity to show off your talent!

Suggestions include: Woodworking, something you made from nothing, sewing, doll making, cake decorating, ceramics, writing, stories, or painting.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED.

Rules:

- 1.) Entries must be created by a Rhode Island Grange member, junior or subordinate.
- 2.) One entry per person
- 3.) Entries must be made within one year preceding this contest
- 4.) Entries must be the work of the person entering.
- 5.) May not exceed 2'x2'x2' in size.
- 6.) Each entry must have an entry form attached prior to presenting it for judging. Use the entry form in the form section of this book.
- 7.) Identify Junior Grangers age as of January 1st of the current Grange year.
- 8.) The decision of the judges is final.

Judging

Entries will be judged according to the Danish system meaning they will not be compared to any other entry. They will be judged based on: Craftsmanship, Neatness/Presentation, Ingenuity, and Creativity.

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded at the contest.

Entries are due on **June 13th at 2pm**. Location will be announced as the event comes closer.

Soup-a-bowl Contest

The contest will take place on **February 22, 2026 at 4pm** at Richmond Grange. Who doesn't like a warm bowl of soup on a cold winter's night? Bring your favorite soup with the recipe to provide dinner for your fellow Grangers and to enter into the contest.

Rules

- 1.) Bring the soup recipe, if no recipe is provided then soup will not be judged.
- 2.) Please highlight if there are any common allergens. (Ex: seafood, dairy, gluten etc..)
- 3.) On the bottom of your recipe paper, please include your name, grange and soup category.

Judging:

Three random people will be chosen to judge the soup-with no knowledge of who's soup is who's. Soups will be judged according to taste, appearance, aroma, and the texture/consistency.

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be given to both subordinates and juniors. Winners will be announced night off but prizes will be received at the State Session.

Coloring Contest

Rules- Open to BOTH Subordinate and Junior Grangers

Junior age groups: Pre Junior, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14

- 1.) The State Lecturer will supply the pictures to be colored. The adults, and each junior group will have different pictures.
- 2.) A copy of each age division coloring sheet will be attached to the end of the lecturer's book.
- 3.) All entries must be the work of the member entering it.
- 4.) Any mediums (gel markers, sharpies, colored pencils, crayons etc..) may be used.
- 5.) Entry form information must be on the back of the entry.
- 6.) All entries are due to the State Lecturer by **Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7pm at the Movie Night.**

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:

- How well the artist used the medium selected
- Craftsmanship and skill
- Originality

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category. All winning entries will be displayed during State Session.

Photography Contest

Categories: Humorous, Happy Nappy Time, Animal, Upside Down, On our Travels (scenic), America the Beautiful (Patriotic)

Rules- Open to subordinate and junior Grange members.

Junior age groups: Pre Junior, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14

- 1.) Print may be made by a commercial process but must have been taken by the entrant.
- 2.) Only prints are accepted for judging.
- 3.) Entries must have been taken during the contest year
- 4.) The photographer must select the category for his or her entry.
- 5.) A photograph may be entered in only one category.
- 6.) All photos must have a caption
- 7.) Participants may enter in all categories, you are not limited to one.
- 8.) Participants may submit only one photograph per entry
- 9.) All photographs must be matted or framed
- 10.) Entry form must be on the back of photo
- 11.) Entry including the mat or frame must be no smaller than 4"x 6" and no bigger than 16" x 20"
- 12.) All entries are due by **Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 7pm** at Chepachet Grange

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:

- Compositions and arrangement
- Interest
- Presentation
- Technique

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places prizes will be awarded in each category. Entries will be displayed at State Session.

Red, White, and Blue Star Art Contest to celebrate America's 250th

To try something new, this year's art contest will be limited to creations in the shape of a star. There are no restrictions on materials that can be used but it must be no bigger than 12 in x 12in x 12in. **Do not expect your entries back**, as all entries will be donated to the Veterans nursing home. Entries can be wall hangings, centerpieces, door hangers etc.

Rules - Open to **BOTH** Subordinate and Junior Grangers

Junior age groups: Pre Junior, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14

- 1.) The entry can be made with any materials
- 2.) Must be in the shape of a star
- 3.) Can be no bigger than 12 in x 12in x 12in
- 4.) Entries are due by **Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2pm** at Washington County Fair
- 5.) Entries must be created by a Rhode Island Grange member
- 6.) One entry per person
- 7.) Entries must be made within one year prior to this contest
- 8.) Entries must be the work of the person entering.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:

- How well the artist used the materials
- Craftsmanship and skill
- Composition, and Presentation
- Originality

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded. All entries will be displayed at the family picnic after judging.

Junior Art Contest

Categories: Animals, Abstract, Seascape/Landscape, Still life

Age Group: Pre- Junior, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Rules:

- 1.) All entries must be the original work of the Junior
- 2.) All entries must be made during the contest year
- 3.) Participants may submit in all categories but only one entry per category
- 4.) Any mediums (Ex. Markers, crayons, paint, watercolor etc..) can be used
- 5.) Artwork must not exceed 24" x 36"
- 6.) Entry form must be attached to the back of entry
- 7.) All entries are due by **Saturday, September 12th, 2026 at 7pm** at Chepachet Grange.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:

- How well the artist used the medium selected
- Craftsmanship and skill
- Composition/ Presentation
- Originality

Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded. Awards will be given out at State Junior Awards Day.

Quilt Block Contest

These quilt blocks will be judged in state and then sent onto National Grange for the National Lecturers quilt block contest. (It doesn't matter if they place in state, they will all be sent.) Once the National Grange Lecturer announces this year's pattern, a copy will be sent to each Grange Lecturer.

Groups

Group 1- Adult (ages 14+)

Group 2- Junior (ages 5-14)

One block may be entered by each person for judging. Additional blocks may be submitted for non-judging and will be considered as a donation, please label the one to be judged and ones to be donated.

Prizes

1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given out to each group.

Due by:

Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2pm

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds

2025-2026 Junior Lecturer's Report

Due to the State Lecturer by Saturday September 12, 2026 at Chepachet Grange.

Grange Name/Number: _____

Submitted by: _____

1.) What was your Favorite Program that you or your Junior Leader put on for you this year?

In the space below, please explain what you did, how much fun you had, which adults helped you, and how many people participated. If there are any pictures of the program, you can include them in a different sheet of paper.

___ 2.) Did you ask your members to enter the State Lecturer's contests?

If yes how many entries each

2x2x2 _____

Art _____

Coloring _____

Photography _____

Quilt Block _____

3.) Did your Junior Grange present a program at a Subordinate or Pomona Grange meeting? Circle one: YES or NO

2025-2026 Subordinate Lecturer's Report

Due to the State Lecturer by Saturday September 12, 2026 at Chepachet

Grange Name/Number: _____

Submitted by: _____

This page should be included as the first page of your Lecturer's report

1.) On a separate sheet and including photos, briefly describe what you feel were your 3 best programs this year. Any additional information that you would like to include about your Grange's programs can also be included.

2.) Did you promote the State Lecturer's Contests? Circle YES or NO

3.) Which other Departments provided a program for your Grange?

☐ Agriculture ☐ Chaplain ☐ Community Service ☐ Deaf/Health

☐ Juniors ☐ Youth ☐ Womens Activities

4.) Did your Grange participate in or help with another Grange's program? If so, please describe: _____

5.) Did your members attend any of the RISG Lecturer's Sponsored events? Circle YES or NO

If yes, how many at each:

Game night/ Soup-a-bowl _____

2x2x2 and family picnic _____

Sip and Paint _____

Memorial Day Flag laying _____

Movie Night Ice Cream _____

6.) Did you attend State Wide Information Day on November 30, 2025?

Circle YES or NO

2025-2026 Pomona Lecturer's Report

Due to the State Lecturer by Saturday September 12, 2026 at Chepachet

Grange Name/Number: _____

Submitted by: _____

This page should be included as the first page of your Lecturer's report

1.) On a separate sheet and including photos, briefly describe what you feel were your 3 best programs this year. Any additional information that you would like to include about your Grange's programs can also be included.

2.) Did you promote the State Lecturer's Contests? Circle YES or NO

3.) Which other Departments provided a program for your Grange?

☐ Agriculture ☐ Chaplain ☐ Community Service ☐ Deaf/Health

☐ Juniors ☐ Youth ☐ Womens Activities

4.) Did your Grange participate in or help with another Grange's program? If so, please describe: _____

On another sheet, please describe what you did, how many members from your Grange were involved.

5.) Did your members attend any of the RISG Lecturer's Sponsored events? Circle YES or NO

If yes, how many at each: Game night? Soup-a-bowl _____

2x2x2 and family picnic _____

Sip and Paint _____

Memorial Day Flag laying _____

Movie Night Ice Cream _____

6.) Did you attend State Wide Information Day on November 30, 2025?
Circle YES or NO

2x2x2 Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Division (circle)- Adult (Junior Ages as of
1/1/2026?) Pre Junior, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Item entered _____

- 1.) Was this item originally purchased as a
kit? Circle YES or NO
- 2.) Was the item purchased and
embellished upon? Circle
YES OR NO
- 3.) If Yes to either question, what did you
do? Please be specific to assist judging.

2x2x2 Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Division (circle)- Adult (Junior Ages as of
1/1/2026?) Pre Junior, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Item entered _____

- 4.) Was this item originally purchased as a
kit? Circle YES or NO
- 5.) Was the item purchased and
embellished upon? Circle
YES OR NO
- 6.) If Yes to either question, what did you
do? Please be specific to assist judging.

2x2x2 Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Division (circle)- Adult (Junior Ages as of
1/1/2026?) Pre Junior, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Item entered _____

- 7.) Was this item originally purchased as a
kit? Circle YES or NO
- 8.) Was the item purchased and
embellished upon? Circle
YES OR NO
- 9.) If Yes to either question, what did you
do? Please be specific to assist judging.

2x2x2 Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Division (circle)- Adult (Junior Ages as of
1/1/2026?) Pre Junior, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Item entered _____

- 10.) Was this item originally purchased as
a kit? Circle YES or NO
- 11.) Was the item purchased and
embellished upon? Circle
YES OR NO
- 12.) If Yes to either question, what did you
do? Please be specific to assist judging.

RISG Lecturer's Jr Art Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Circle age: Pre Junior 5-7 8-11
12-14

Category:

- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Seascape/Landscape
- ☐ Still Life

RISG Lecturer's Jr Art Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Circle age: Pre Junior 5-7 8-11
12-14

Category:

- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Seascape/Landscape
- ☐ Still Life

RISG Lecturer's Jr Art Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Circle age: Pre Junior 5-7 8-11
12-14

Category:

- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Seascape/Landscape
- ☐ Still Life

RISG Lecturer's Jr Art Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Circle age: Pre Junior 5-7 8-11
12-14

Category:

- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Seascape/Landscape
- ☐ Still Life

RISG Lecturer's Art Contest Name: _____ Grange: _____ Mosaic made out of : _____	RISG Lecturer's Art Contest Name: _____ Grange: _____ Mosaic made out of : _____
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RISG Lecturer's Photo Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Age:

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Pre-Junior
- ☐ 5-7
- ☐ 8-11
- ☐ 12-14

Categories

- ☐ Humorous
- ☐ Happy Nappy Time
- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Upside down
- ☐ On Our Travels(scenic)
- ☐ America the Beautiful

Caption:

RISG Lecturer's Photo Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Age:

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Pre-Junior
- ☐ 5-7
- ☐ 8-11
- ☐ 12-14

Categories

- ☐ Humorous
- ☐ Happy Nappy Time
- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Upside down
- ☐ On Our Travels(scenic)
- ☐ America the Beautiful

Caption:

RISG Lecturer's Photo Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Age:

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Pre-Junior
- ☐ 5-7
- ☐ 8-11
- ☐ 12-14

Categories

- ☐ Humorous
- ☐ Happy Nappy Time
- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Upside down
- ☐ On Our Travels(scenic)
- ☐ America the Beautiful

Caption:

RISG Lecturer's Photo Contest

Name: _____

Grange: _____

Age:

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Pre-Junior
- ☐ 5-7
- ☐ 8-11
- ☐ 12-14

Categories

- ☐ Humorous
- ☐ Happy Nappy Time
- ☐ Animal
- ☐ Upside down
- ☐ On Our Travels(scenic)
- ☐ America the Beautiful

Caption:

RISG Quilt Block Name: _____ Grange: _____ Division: ☐ Division 1- Adult (ages 14+) ☐ Division 2- Junior (ages 5-14)	RISG Quilt Block Name: _____ Grange: _____ Division: ☐ Division 1- Adult (ages 14+) ☐ Division 2- Junior (ages 5-14)
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Soup-a-bowl Name: _____ Grange: _____ Please attach recipe	Soup-a-bowl Name: _____ Grange: _____ Please attach recipe
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