



WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

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To all Family Living Chairpersons for 2012,

November 29, 2011

It is with congratulations and appreciation that I say **“Welcome”** to you as chairperson for the Family Living Department of the Washington State Grange. In our installation charge we are reminded that our position is of great importance to every active Grange. “Your duties will ever be to strive for cooperation in your Grange, community and state. Your effort should be directed toward making your meeting place truly a Grange home, radiating friendliness and hospitality to all who come within its doors. Every time the door of the Grange hall is opened and guests received, the Family Living Department is involved and the way your Grange is perceived is established. You perform a very important function of your Grange.” In this packet you will find a suggested program to improve Grange property, to enrich home life and to promote worthy projects established by the State Grange.

I do have changes to report along with new classes to introduce to you for this year and next in our contests, programs and projects. I have compiled and attached a list for you to refer to and to share with your Granges and communities. All of our Contests are open to Grange members and non-members and we invite you to partner with your schools and local community groups to encourage participation. We offer a variety of classes for all ages including new baking classes this year for the youth and junior ages. Please be sure to review the specifications for entries and follow all rules. Contest descriptions may be found within the 2012-2013 program handbook and also on certain contest entry forms.

Our Family Living Department designated Charities remain the same for this year and all donations are appreciated. Please make checks payable to Washington State Grange and send to the State Director of Family Living, 20 Old West Curlew Lake Rd. Republic, and WA. 99166.

Our Program and many of its projects for this year remain the same with an additional project titled **“Hugs in a Quilt”**. This comfort project is introduced by the **Sequim Prairie Grange and the Sunbonnet Quilt Club**. It is a wonderful opportunity to provide homemade comfort to children facing serious situations in their lives. The instructions and rules for this project are enclosed along with our many other projects and program suggestions.

I do wish you all the best in your promotion of Family Living and I hope you have as much fun presenting the contests, program and its projects as I and the Family Living Team have had in preparing it for you. We are excited about our contests and also our community awareness activities. It is such a precious gift to give of oneself in the service to others and as the Family Living Department embraces such needs we will find a humbled sense of accomplishment within our goals. Enclosed you will find many informative programs to share with your Granges and communities.

I have prepared a survey and included it within each packet that is meant to show the team and myself areas in need of attention and to give each of you an opportunity to share with me any concerns you may have or to make suggestions for the good of the Family Living program.

We welcome assistance in preparing our 2012 Convention display area and ask for all interested to contact me soon so we can prepare and thank you in advance for volunteering your time and energy!

Thank you again for serving as CFL and do feel free to contact myself or any member of the Family Living Team with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please contact me as soon as your schedule allows for reserving a date for the upcoming conferences. You may send me your date request via email at cechamilton@ymail.com or call me at (509)-775-0191. Conferences will be held in January, February & March. I will try my best to accommodate your requests.
January 14/ 15, 21 / 22, 28/29. **February** 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26 **March** 3 /4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25.

Fraternally,

Cecelia Hamilton
Director of Family Living

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CHANGES & ADDITIONS TO THE 2012 – 2013 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY LIVING PROGRAM CONTESTS & HANDBOOK

- I would like to begin with our ***“Dress a Story Book Character Contest”*** a chance to recall our childhoods and bring to life our favorite characters. ***Thank you Dorothy Bryant for sponsoring this fun contest.*** Dorothy has made it fun for us all by adding that our entries can consist of multiple characters such as the Goldilocks and the Three Bears or the Three Blind Mice. The multiples are judges as one entry. Be sure to comply with regulations.
- Next we have added in ***Needlework a Class C: Something to wear.*** In Needlework ***we also omitted in Class D*** that the Baby Afghan ***must follow a baby theme.*** (The name is sufficient)
- In our ***Quilts Contest*** we have ***omitted the maximum size requirements in all classes.*** We also ***added in Class G: Table runners.***
- In ***Sewing Contests in Group II Class F*** we added ***Apron.***
- I am excited to announce that in our Baking contests ***Red Star Yeast*** has offered to sponsor prizes for our ***Yeast Baking*** categories this year!
- ***In Baking Group II*** we added ***Bars*** to the Group and gave ***Brownies*** their own class as ***Class J: Brownies! (Adults only)*** Also ***Baking Group III- Juniors:*** We have added ***Class L Baked Cookies (children ages 10 – 14)*** and ***Class M Brownies (Children ages 5-9)*** and ***Class N Brownies (Children ages 10 – 14)*** ***Thank you San Poil Grange for sponsoring. Class O is now Quick Breads (children ages 10 – 14).*** ***Group IV Diabetic*** now ***has Class P – Diabetic Quick Breads, Thank you to the daughters of Etheta Ayers for sponsoring*** and ***Class Q: Diabetic Cookies. Sponsored by the Daughters of Etheta Ayers.***
- ***Canning*** we now ***have Class E: Pickles!*** This includes vegetables, relishes and chutneys. ***Thank you Edgewood Grange for sponsoring. Also in Canning we now have Class F: Vinegars.***
- ***Our 2012 Quilt Block Contest is “The “Patchwork” pattern of your choice!” It is to include the three colors of Pink, Yellow and Purple. It is to be 12 ½ inch square. Please limit the number of blocks to five, making each block different. Please note that no blocks will be returned.***
- ***NATIONAL GRANGE QUILT BLOCK CONTEST: 2012 – 2013 Grange Gold and National Blue 12 ½ inch square with the theme as Patchwork. Please limit the number of blocks to five, making each block different. One block will be sent to National to be made into quilts for the 150th Year Celebration in Vancouver WA. No blocks will be returned. Additional details to come.***
- ***At the National Grange convention in Boise in 2012 Washington State will have its very own Christmas tree to decorate! How about entering a tree skirt this year and a special handmade ornament to represent our wonderful state at the convention! It would be wonderful to have every Pomona or Grange represented on our tree!***
- ***Have you or your Grange ever considered sponsoring one of our contest classes? The cost is \$45.00 for adult classes and \$33.00 for youth & junior. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Contact me for more information. It’s never too late to sponsor!***

I am sure we will have updates to share and hopefully new sponsors to thank as the year progresses. Not to mention that I no doubts have forgotten to bring something up. So for now have fun and best wishes for a wonderful year! I am looking forward to meeting you all this winter as our conferences begin. A final list of dates and locations will be made available soon. Please contact me with your dates of choice for January, February & March for me to have a conference in your area.

Tentative Conference Dates include but not limited to dates below: I will try my best to accommodate you.

Please submit requests as soon as possible or a date will be chosen for your district by the team.
January 14/ 15, 21 / 22, 28/29. February 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26 March 3 /4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25.

Please email me at: cechamilton@ymail.com or call me at (509)-775-0191.

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FAMILY LIVING CERTIFICATE

A Family Living Certificate will be awarded to all Subordinate and Pomona Family Living chairpersons who complete and submit an end of the year report in January.

A purple ribbon and seal will be attached to certificates if 13 of the projects listed are completed.

A blue ribbon will be attached if 10 of the projects are completed.

A white ribbon will be attached if 5 projects are completed.

- Attend a Family Living Conference
- Present a Lecturer's program on a Family Living Program or Project.
- Contribute to suggested Family Living Charities.
- Have entries in Baking Contest
- Have entries in Candy Contest
- Have entries in Canning Contest
- Have entries in Sewing Contest
- Have entries in Quilting Contest
- Have entries in Needlework Contest
- Have entries in yearly Quilt Square Contest
- Provide Care Wear projects
- Project Linus: No Sew Fleece Blanket, Wheat Ears Baby Afghan, Just for Fun – Make-A-Blanket-Day.
- Provide Care Cloths and personal care items to Shelters or the needy.
- Provide Quilts for the Brave
- ABC Quilts (At- risk Baby Crib)
- Provide Hugs in a Quilt
- Recycle: Soup labels, Box Tops for Education and Greeting card fronts for schools & churches.
- Provide Stuffed Comfort Toys
- Collect cancelled stamps, eyeglasses and pull tabs and bring to State Convention.

Thank you all for promoting and assisting your Granges with these projects and programs. Be sure to keep a record of your activities so that you will have an accurate count for your reports in January.

Tips to Promote Projects

- Have a report of special committees and or projects available at your **Subordinate & Pomona** meetings for all to keep in touch with your projects throughout the year include contest dates and project goals.
- Keep a pattern and program handbook for reference with extra copies to share with members and non - members.
- Involve the youth of your area and Grange. Have contests for recycling and collecting!

HAVE FUN!



FORMING A GRANGE AUXILIARY, FAMILY LIVING CLUB OR GROUP



The Grange Auxiliary

Whether you call your group the Grange Auxiliary, the Grange Home Economics Club, or Family Living Club, it has a definite place in the Grange, provided it is conducted with the proper attitude. In no instance should the auxiliary act without the sanction of the Grange, for your group is in reality a committee of the Grange and to be of the most value to our Grange, it should act as such.

The Grange Auxiliary should take the same place in the Grange as the member does in the home, assuming the responsibility of social contact and directing details such as serving food and making the Grange meeting place clean, cheerful and home-like.

The work has little chance to lag where the group meets regularly and has the interest of the Grange at heart. These regular meetings tend to stimulate interest in Grange work and so increase membership.

Often in these meetings, problems are discussed and investigated which will expedite Grange work later on in regular meetings. The problem of raising money is more easily handled by an organized group of members.

For the Auxiliary to be of greater value to your Grange, some attention should be given to organization. The Grange Auxiliary should always act with the interest of the Grange in mind.

An Auxiliary or Grange Club can be of the most value to your Grange if it is kept in mind that the interest of the Grange comes first and you let that govern your every act.

Before an Auxiliary is organized, it should be authorized by vote of the Grange.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father, Maker and ruler of the Universe, and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we beseech Thee to be with us on this occasion. Bless those who assemble here for this Grange Auxiliary meeting, and endow them with prudence and wisdom. Be with all of the officers of the National and State Granges, and aid all connected with the Order in extending its benefits to all parts of our land. Prosper all orders and associations having as their object and advancement of education, and the moral welfare and happiness of mankind. Extend Thy hands over the Auxiliary. We ask this in Thy Holy Name.

SUGGESTED BYLAWS FOR GRANGE CLUBS OR AUXILIARIES

We suggest these bylaws for use in formation of clubs or auxiliaries:

GENERAL OBJECT

To mutually resolve to labor for the special good of the Grange, home and community, and to assist activities of the Family Living Department.

ARTICLE ONE

Name of the organization shall be _____ Grange No. _____

ARTICLE TWO

This organization shall be subject to and controlled by the constitution and bylaws of the Subordinate Grange and under the direction of the State Grange Family Living Department.

ARTICLE THREE

The membership of this organization shall consist of all the members of the Grange in good standing.

ARTICLE FOUR

Dues, or fees shall be _____ a year, or month(optional).

ARTICLE FIVE

The duly elected chairman of the Grange family Living Department shall automatically become President. Other officers such as Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer shall be elected by this body by paper ballot. New officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the year, serving until their successor is duly elected.

ARTICLE SIX

Meetings shall be held on _____ of each month.

ARTICLE SEVEN

All money earned by this organization shall be reported at regular meetings of the Grange. Major expenditures shall be made only with the approval of the Grange at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE EIGHT

BUSINESS

Call meeting to order.
Roll call of officers and members.
Reading of minutes of last meeting.
Unfinished business.
Treasurer's report.
Report of committees.
New Business.
Entertainment, program or work.
Closing.

PURPOSES & OBJECTIVES OF THE FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENT

PURPOSES

The Family Living Program is designed to encourage activities in the interest of better living and better community life, as made possible through a well-balanced Grange program.

It is also designed to *GIVE RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE.*

No committee is expected to carry out *ALL* projects.

Many are listed in order to give a wide choice of worthwhile activities.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. An active Family Living Committee in every Grange striving through service, to build the Grange, the family, the community and the nation by promoting international understanding.**
- 2. To interest ALL members of the Grange in Family Living activities through a well-planned program, especially adapted to the local Grange.**
- 3. To plan our programs and projects to interest more people in our communities; thereby building memberships.**
- 4. To expand in every Grange the Baking, Sewing, Quilting, Needlework, and Canning Contests by encouraging various groups to participate such as; adult sewing classes, children's sewing classes, 4-H clubs, extension clubs, senior citizens and vocational sewing classes.**

DUTIES OF SUBORDINATE GRANGE CHAIRMAN OF FAMILY LIVING

1. Cooperate with State Director and Pomona Chairman.
2. Attend a Family Living Conference in Pomona or district.
3. Hold a committee meeting early to plan year's activities. Set a time schedule. Appoint assistants.
4. Keep the Grange informed concerning Family Living activities by reporting at each meeting as a standing committee chairman.
5. Lead the members of the Grange in any activity helpful to the Grange or the community, especially those programs recommended by the Pomona and State Grange.
6. Keep Grange hall attractive, comfortable, and as efficiently equipped as possible.
7. Cooperate with Lecturer in furnishing at least one program.
8. Make a contribution to Grange sponsored Health and Charity projects.
9. Promote State contests and arrange for judging.
10. Assist Youth and Junior Grange members.
11. Be the hostess of your Grange at all times, especially in welcoming guests and new members.
12. Make a permanent Grange Family Living notebook in which you file all reports, records, and activities. Properly identify the notebook as property of the Grange.
13. Send reports promptly to Pomona Chairman or State Director at time specified by State Director.
14. Deliver all materials to the new Chairman of Family Living at the end of your term of office, including the permanent Grange Family Living notebook.

DUTIES OF POMONA GRANGE CHAIRMAN OF FAMILY LIVING

1. Plan a program of work for your Pomona Grange, incorporating the State Family Living Department's program.
2. Hold regular conferences for all Subordinate Chairman of Family Living in your Pomona explaining program & exchanging ideas.
3. Visit each Grange in your Pomona at least once during the year.
4. Report at every Pomona meeting as a standing committee chairperson on work planned and accomplished.
5. Obtain subordinate reports at the proper time.
6. Send your report and subordinate reports promptly to *your* District Family Living Team Directors.
7. Sponsor displays and exhibits at Pomona meetings.
8. Arrange for state contest judging (time, place, and judges etc.) Notify subordinate chairman well in advance.
9. Make a permanent Grange Family Living Notebook for all reports, records and activities, properly identify as property of Pomona Grange.
10. Deliver all materials to the new Chairman of Family Living at the end of your term of office, including the permanent family Living Activities notebook.

CHARITIES

The Family Living department supports four charities with generous donations of our Grange family and their communities. These charities include the Family Living Scholarship, King Memorial, March of Dimes, and Kelley Historical Projects Fund.

The Family Living Scholarship is \$750.00; the number given each year depends upon the donations received in a given year. Applications can be requested from the Washington State Grange and all scholarship applications are due to the State Master by April 1.

King Memorial Fund monies are used to purchase educational equipment for the Junior Grange Camps.

Donations to the March of Dimes will go to the Prematurity Campaign. A multi-million dollar research campaign to promote awareness and education to help families have healthier babies. In the United States, 1 in 8 babies are born prematurely. Worldwide, 13 million babies are born too soon each year. We're working to address the crisis at home and abroad. In 2010, we made measurable headway in our national campaign to prevent premature birth. The preterm birth rate dropped for a third year in row to 12.2 percent of all births. We have expanded our support to families with a baby in newborn intensive care to more than 100 hospitals in different communities in every state.

The Kelley Historical Projects Fund or in the earlier years known as the Kelley Farm Fund, is a National Grange project handled through the National Grange Enrichment Department. Donations to this fund help to maintain the farm of our Grange founder.

When making a donation to any or all of the above projects, only one check is necessary. Please make checks payable to: **Washington State Grange Foundation**. In the memo or purpose left hand corner, write the name of the charity (charities) and the amount when making more than one donation. OR use a separate sheet of paper to designate the charity and the amount. **Please send the check to:**

Director of Family Living, Cecelia Hamilton, 20 Old West Curlew Lake Rd. Republic, WA. 99166.

For Your Convenience in Record Keeping

CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE TO:	DATE	AMOUNT
1. Family Living Scholarship	_____	_____
2. King Memorial	_____	_____
3. March of Dimes	_____	_____
4. Kelley Farm	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

Other Charitable Contributions or Programs: _____

FUND RAISING



One of the ways we provide for our department is by having fundraisers and as always we appreciate your participation in these efforts. ***Thank you!***

BASKETS: Each Pomona chairman is asked to be in charge of preparing a gift basket for the Family Living Department for the auction held at the State Convention in June. The Chairman is asked to work with the Subordinate Granges and their CFL to help with ideas and preparation.

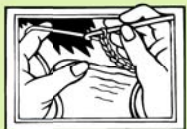
The basket is to have a theme and all items in the basket related to the theme. Enclose the basket with clear cellophane drawn up and gathered over the handle and tie with a ribbon.

Affix a sheet of paper listing the theme and the value of contents. Listing the items in the basket and the Pomona is optional, but they sometimes help to determine the bid and gives option for acknowledgement.

A Pomona can submit more than one basket and an individual or Subordinate Grange is welcome to do the same. Other items may also be donated for the auction, such as quilts, crocheted items, or other handcrafted items. All baskets or other items are to be brought to the Family Living Department at State Grange Convention in June. The proceeds from the auction help to support the Family Living Department.



COOK BOOKS: The Cream of the Crop Cook Book produced in 2010 is still in abundance. The beautiful collection of recipes and tips can be purchased for the price of \$7.00 each with the postage of \$3.00 per book. This is a wonderful Christmas gift or shower gift, birthday gift or a wonderful way to welcome a new Granger or neighbor! They make wonderful door prizes and can be shipped easily. We will be embarking on a new adventure in the Spring as we prepare for our new cookbook marking the future 125th year of our State Grange! This special edition filled with facts and fun and heirloom recipes of Grangers and their families! Name suggestions are being accepted and there will be an opportunity to vote for your favorite title.



SALE TABLE: We host a sale table in the Family Living Department at State Convention in June. Proceeds from the sale table help to support our department. Our inventory is extremely low and this would be a wonderful opportunity to have your Grangers assist by providing items that may be either purchased or handcrafted. Hot pads, doilies, dishcloths, aprons, slippers, casserole cozies, tea towels or any item you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated for our Sale Table. ***Thank you!***

COLLECTIONS



CANCELLED STAMPS ~

CARE OF STAMPS: Since these stamps are collector items, it is important how we handle them. Torn or damaged stamps including the perforation along the edge are of no use to the collector and are no longer a collectable item.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO: With a scissors (not pinking shears), cut the stamp from the envelope leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of envelope all around the stamp(s). All the collector wants is the stamp itself. The buyer does not want to pay for a lot of excess paper. Nor do they want to buy damaged stamps. Please bring stamps to State Convention to the Family Living Department in a zip lock baggie for weigh in and collection.

USE: Since these stamps are sold by the pound to collectors even the most common looking stamps may be of value. Stamps with the same design may differ due to color, size, printing or several other factors. The cancelled postage stamps we collect are donated to CANCER RESEARCH. Thank you for your support to this very worthy cause.



EYEGASSES ~

USE: Used eyeglasses, lenses and frames, and eyeglass cases are given to Dr. Ogden of Goldendale for distribution to those in need locally and in foreign countries.

CARE OF EYEGASSES: If you have a case for your old glasses, bring them in the case. If not, bring as is. He will accept single lenses and frames without lenses in order to make glasses out of spare parts.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Collect the above in a sturdy box or large zip lock bag with your Grange name and the count of number of glasses, lenses, frames, and cases labeled on the box or bag and turn them in to the Family Living Department at State Convention in June.

ALUMINUM CAN PULL TABS ~ USE: Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program



The Ronald McDonald House in Spokane accepts pop can tabs to submit to the recycling center in an effort to defray operating costs for their program and facility which provides a place for children and families of children facing challenging illnesses a respite in difficult times while seeking treatment.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Collect aluminum pop can tabs in a plastic zip lock baggie and bring them to the Family Living Department at State Convention in June for collection. Please have a count of tabs for recording.



CARE WEAR VOLUNTEERS



Care Wear Volunteers began as a personal effort to provide much-needed apparel for premature and low-birth infants undergoing treatment in neonatal intensive care units of several children's hospitals in Washington D.C. area. Because of the need throughout the country, Care Wear Volunteers are now providing much needed clothing and other articles to hospitals in almost every nation in the Union.

Listed below are two of the items needed and presented today.

Enclosed in your packets you will also find a pattern for the Premie Ribbon Gown.

PREMIE BOOTIES IN 3 SIZES:

Using size E or F hook and baby yarn, ch 16 (or 18 or 20st.)

ROW 1: Sc in the back of the second ch from hook. All remaining sc are worked in back loop only for ribbed effect. Sc in back of remaining 14 (16-18) st. Ch 1;turn.

ROW 2: Sc in each st across. There should be 14 (16-18) st;ch 1 and turn.

ROW 3-20; Repeat row 2, omitting ch 1 at end of row 20. There should be 20 ridges and 10 valleys.

TO FORM TOE: Fold so that rows 1 and 20 face each other. Slip st rows 1 and 20 together for 7 (8-9) st. Draw up a loop and remove hook. With a short piece of yarn and needle, whip together the open heel to form the base of the bootie leg. Tie off end.

TO MAKE LEG: Reinsert crochet hook in loop at instep. Ch 3, dc in each st around leg, join with sl st. *Ch 3, dc in each dc of leg. Repeat from * once more. Join with sl st and fasten off.

TO CLOSE TOE: With a short piece of yarn and needle, pick up the top st of each ridge of the open toe. Draw together and tie securely.

Add a ribbon or ch a string to weave through ankle and tie in a bow. Make another!

PREEMIE MITTENS:

Use an F hook with baby yarn or D hook with sport weight. Work all stitches in back loop only.

Ch 21; Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1 and turn. Row 2-3: Sc in first sc and in each sc across; ch 1 and turn.

ROW 4: Ch 3; skip first sc, dc in next sc, ch 1 across. Turn. Ribbon row done.

ROW 5: Sc in each dc and each ch 1 space. Turn (19sc)

ROW 6-8: Sc in each sc, turn at end of row.

ROW 9: skip first sc, sc in each sc across except skip last sc. Turn.

ROW 10-14: repeat directions for 6-8.

ROW 15: *Skip first two sc; draw up a loop in each of next 3 sc, YO and draw through all loops on hook, Repeat from * to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a 1 foot length of yarn. Using a darning needle, weave together the end and side of mitten. Turn right side out. Weave a ribbon or length of chain through the dc row.

These and many other preemie items may be made and provided to your local hospital or they may be brought to the State Convention in June. From there they will be provided to hospitals throughout the state of Washington.

Thank you for participating in this project.