

New Hampshire State Junior Grange 2019 State Session Report

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

Our State Junior Grange is still going strong. We have currently 30 on the books and we have 2 that will be graduating this year. This will leave us with 28 members. Do you have children or grandchildren that would benefit from Junior Grange? Our numbers must keep growing so we can assist our Subordinate Granges. These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange.

My theme for 2020 is "Juniors are our future leaders".

How many have ever attended Farm and Forest? In February, we were able to have Junior Grangers assisting in the State Grange booth. The booth theme this year of "By culturing our heritage we strive for a promising future". We are learning how the children are listening and teaching what they have learned. We had baby chicks for anyone to hold and questions were being asked of them. The hands on was a great learning tool as our grass roots come from Agriculture.

Junior rally held Feb 9 in Hooksett had 13 juniors. Gloria Davis' granddaughter, Page, taught us how to paint rocks. There was lots of painting and repainting. I was happy to have our State Master with us during the ritual time with all officers held by Juniors. We had two boys not belonging to Junior Grange but filled an office and asked questions with the rest. Having our Youth Director, Rachel Scanzani, share

the Escape the Grange Hall was a new and exciting activity. Everyone enjoyed working together on the three she brought.

Bowling with 16 Juniors joining adults bowling. Juniors and friends had a great day!

Thank you to our State Lecturer, Jane Trombi for including us.

Fun Day held June 8 was attended by 7 children and 6 adults. This was a craft fun day with card making, Relaxation bottles with glitter and sparkles, water, baby oil. Shake and watch how the sparkles go. Christmas ornaments were painted inside and sent to the Big E for their sales table. T-shirt tye die with markers drawing their favorite design and sprayed with rubbing alcohol to make the ink bleed like tye die. Finishing with a bean bag toss with prizes.

Our two graduating Juniors are from Watatic Grange and New Hampshire State Junior Grange: Lillian (Lily) Lynch and Ava Twiss and they have joined Watatic grange and are active members. They were part of our Charter members when we opened the NH State Junior Grange. I wish them the best and congratulate them in continuing in the grange.

One entry in the Big E Junior craft contest this year from New Hampshire was made by Rebecca Boisvert and received a first place in Springfield. Congratulations to Rebecca!

Contest winners will be on Display at the Junior Table. Stop and visit our table.

The Junior Department had a booth in Stratham Fair and Deerfield Fair this year.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all his support with the Junior activities this year. Of course, parents, grandparents and granges are an important part of our program as without them, we could not travel and attend Junior activities or even grow new Youth and our future.

The dragonfly is a symbol of strength and change. Its agility and adaptability make all the difference in its survival. I hope you go the extra mile and bring in Junior Grangers. You can make a difference today, tomorrow and always.

Fraternally submitted,

Joann Brandt
Junior Director

Junior Crafts 2019

Sand Craft

Rock Painting

Tie Dye T-shirt or item

Big E Heroes in Training

1st Place - Rebecca Boisvert = Chichester Grange

Baking Contest – Cookies of choice

Sewing – Plastic Needle Point or sewn item