



2025 National Grange Lecturer's Garden Design Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Share gardening experiences, large or small, that connect us to the larger picture of agriculture, growing and nurturing plants for a variety of purposes.

RULES

- A. The National Grange Garden Design Contest is open to everyone.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2025**. Submit entries at: <https://grange.biz/grangegarden2025>.
- C. All entries must be received electronically as a single PDF file. (If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada at pvonada@nationalgrange.org)
- D. Groups and Divisions:
 - 1. Junior Grange (age 5-14) – any kind of garden
 - 2. Adult (age 14 +)
 - a. Container Garden
 - b. Raised Bed Garden
 - c. Ground Space Garden
- E. Definitions:
 - a. **Raised Bed Garden:** Raised beds are freestanding garden beds constructed above ground level. "Raised bed" means that the soil level in the bed is higher than the surrounding soil and implies a size small enough to work in without stepping onto planting area. Raised beds are enclosed with box-like frames to provide structural support and prevent erosion and may be constructed using a variety of materials. Beds can also be elevated for gardeners who want to avoid bending to the ground while working.
 - b. **Container Garden:** A container garden can be a single pot with one or more plants in it, or several containers with multiple plants in each or a single plant per container, or a mixture of containers with various configurations of plant mixtures. Containers may be pots made from a variety of materials, baskets, planters or other objects that work effectively as a home for garden plants.
 - c. **Ground Space:** any area of a ground level space cordoned off for growing garden plants (fruits, vegetables, flowers and other plant materials). Plants must be directly planted into the soil. Configurations of this garden plot may be in rows, square foot or broadcast.



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- F. Entries must include a written description that includes:
- Name of gardener, Group and Division (ex. Individual Adult: Container)
Grange name, number and location, contact information including mailing address, email address, and phone number.
 - Purpose of the Garden: examples include purposes such as: herbs, produce for fresh use, produce for preserving, gifting, cut flowers, pollinators, etc.)
 - List of all plant varieties in the garden: (ex. Early Girl Tomato, Malabar Spinach,
 - Three photographs: one at the completion of planting, one mid-season and one in late August.
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2025 deadline will not be judged.
- H. Winners will be announced at the 159th National Grange convention.

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in each Division.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

ENTRY

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