



TO: State Masters
Community Service Directors

CC: National Master

FROM: Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director

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RE: 2017 Community Service Recognition

The National Grange is pleased to announce its continuation of recognition and support of State Grange Community Service Programs. Community Service is an integral part of the Grange that allows local members to interact and serve the communities where they reside. The National Grange will continue to recognize winners on the state level.

The National Grange will provide the following:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place certificates for winners in all states.
- Participation Recognition Certificates for all Subordinate Granges submitting final reports in your Community Service Program will be on the NG website.
- \$250.00 in prize money for states that receive reports from 25% of their Subordinate Granges in the state.

Please find enclosed the Community Service Report Form. Upon selection of your winners, please complete this form and return it to me at the mbeachgranger@gmail.com or mailed to 1608 Culbertson Ave Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. To ensure that you receive the certificates and prize money (if applicable), please make sure that the form is received at **least two weeks** prior to your award presentation. In addition to the form, please include a copy of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners report summary. These projects and summaries will be used to promote community service on a national level. Also, all Community Service Report Forms **must be in by November 3, 2018** for 1st place winners to be eligible for the National Community Service Contest.

The 1st place winners are to be brought/delivered to the National Grange Convention, they will be required to be in my possession by 5pm on the November 12, 2018, so they can be judged. The books can then be picked up by State Masters at the end of the Showcase at the 2018 National Grange Convention.

I have had many members ask me about the guidelines and what the states should be doing. Listed below are the areas that are considered during National Grange judging:

- Organization of the material presented
- Community Service Project(s), whether one big or multiple projects
- Participation of Grange members
- Participation of non-Grange members
- Publicity for the Community Service Project(s) and/or the Grange
- Fundraising
- Benefits to the local community

These books are beautiful and are a joy to have at National Convention, but it also may discourage many local Granges from participating in the Community Service Contest itself. We need to make sure that local Granges know that it is okay to submit their community service information in other ways. That would work in your individual states so local Grange activities can be recognized.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at mbeachgranger@gmail.com or 609-820-6239 (c).