

Colorado State Grange Lecturers' Contests

LECTURERS STAR AWARDS

Lecturers completing the Star Report form and returning it to the State Lecturer by the first Monday after Labor Day, **September 13, 2009** will be eligible for the following Star Awards. Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars.

- **Gold Star - Educational programs:** Educational, informational, or pertinent issues to your community.
- **Blue Star - Entertainment:** Social programs/activities or traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
- **Green Star - Membership:** Activities/programs that generated fun, friendship and fraternity and promoted membership.
- **Red Star - Community:** Programs that were specifically planned for the community.
- **Silver Star - Cooperation:** Cooperating with other community groups to present an informational or timely topic or to accomplish a project or program.
- **Orange Star – Family:** Includes programs that were family oriented, or opportunities that focused on family. For example: recognizing Youth and/or youth leaders in your community, special activities for children at events, providing a box of toys or coloring books and crayons for children, providing booster seats or high chairs for use, working with your Junior or Youth chairman to determine activities, etc.
- **Purple Star – Media:** Includes an Open House event, Grange Month celebration and the media resources you took advantage of to promote your programs or the Grange. For example: websites, brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, power point presentations about your Grange, etc.

Outstanding Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer Award will be given. This award will be based on the Star Report form.

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Performing Arts

Regional *Showcases* will be held in the following areas: Denver metro area, Durango area, Montrose area, and the Colorado Springs area, provided a host can be obtained.

Each Grange in the area is encouraged to bring at least one participant to the area *Showcase*. The participant does not have to be a Grange member. The more participants, the better the *Showcase* will be.

The area *Showcases* might also include a Chili Cook-off and a Homemade Pie contest with the pies being auctioned off as a fund raiser to help Colorado host the National Grange convention in 2011 in Tulsa, OK.

There will be two age categories in Vocal, Instrumental, Variety and Joke Telling.

I. Juniors 5-13

II. 14 and over.

The state-wide *Showcase* will be held at the state convention during the *Gala*. Those wishing to participate in the *Gala* need to notify the State Lecturer on Thursday of State convention. One participant in the State-wide *Showcase* will be eligible to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence at the National Convention in November. Some financial assistance for travel will be available to that entry.

Classes:

- I. Vocal
- II. Instrumental
- III. Variety (skits, readings, monologues, dance, pantomimes, etc.)
- IV. Joke Telling
- V. Public speaking (See Youth and Junior dept. for specific guidelines)
- VI. Sign A Song (See Deaf and Junior dept. for specific guidelines).

General Guidelines for all Lecturers

Contests:

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, With Pen in Hand, or Food Preservation must be labeled as follows: Name, address, Grange, class and value.
- All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8:00 a.m. to noon.

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- Individuals are limited to one entry per class.
- All categories are open to Grange members in good standing as well as non-member sponsored by a local Grange.
- Entries must be completed since the beginning of the previous state convention. (Oct. 7, 2009 or after.)
- We reserve the right to combine or divide classes as number of entries warrants.
- Participants must select the class for his/her entry.
- Awards: First place will receive \$5.00, 2nd Place, \$3.00 and third place \$2.00
- A **Best of Show** will be awarded.
- The Grange with the most entries will receive an award.
- A written list of winners will be available after the judging.
- **Sweepstakes Award** will be given to the individual with the most entries in both the Lecturers' and the Women's Activity Department contests.

Fine Art

Guidelines:

- All entries must be framed or on a firm backing which enables the entry to be properly displayed.
- Entrant is responsible if charcoal and pencil entries are not treated to prevent smudging.
- Entries of nudes are not allowed.
- Entries cannot be covered with glass.(Plexiglas may be used.)

Criteria for judging entries:

- Use of medium selected- Craftsmanship and skill - Composition/presentation of subject - Originality

Classes:

1. Oils or acrylics
2. Pastels or watercolors
3. Charcoal or pencil
4. Sculptures
5. Computer Enhanced or generated art

Hobby Corner

Guidelines:

- All work must be original from start to finish, with the exception of a purchased frame, kit, or mold.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship

Classes:

6. Birdhouses
7. Holiday items
8. Jewelry
9. Miscellaneous
10. Scrapbooks - Personal
11. Scrapbooks - Grange
12. Special Gifts
13. Treasures (crafts made from items considered recyclable)

Photography

Guidelines:

- Photos should be mounted and/or framed.
- No glass allowed. (plexiglass acceptable)
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have been taken by the entrant.
- Photo must not be less than 4x6 or larger than 16 x 20.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.

Judging criteria:

Composition and arrangement – Interest
– Presentation - Technique

Classes:

14. Our Beautiful World (includes all types of landscapes or seascapes.)
15. People
16. Fin, Fur, Feathers, Fangs (Animals or other creatures)
17. Photo Collage or Story
18. Manipulated Photos or Special Effects (manipulated by computer or with the camera)

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With Pen in Hand

Guidelines:

- All entries must be typed and double spaced
- Entries may be fictional or non-fictional

Judging criteria:

- Content-organization
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Audience appeal

Classes:

19. Short story or essay
20. Grange memories
21. Recommend a book. (your choice)
22. Poetry

Food Preservation

Guidelines:

- Canned entries must be in clean, clear standard glass canning jars sealed with new clean lids.
- Headspace will be considered when items are judged.
- Recipes should be included.
- label entry with the following additional information:

Name of item - Month and year

processed -method of process

- Entries **will not** be opened during judging.
- Dried goods should be exhibited in snack or pint size sealable bags.

Classes:

23. Dried foods
24. Canned Foods
25. Jelly or Jam
26. Pickles

“Colorful Colorado” Quilt Block Contest

Guidelines:

- Block should depict some aspect of Colorado.
- The completed block must measure 13 inches square.
- Do not embellish or carry the design beyond 12 inches, leaving a seam area.
- Any category of technique (patchwork, appliqué, etc.) is acceptable.
- Fabrics must be woven, pre-washed 100% cotton.
- Do not quilt your block.
- Do not finish the edge of your block by hemming, zigzagging, or bordering.

- You may enter more than one block, but only one block per person can win a prize.
- Blocks become the property of the Colorado State Grange to be put together and raffled during the next year to raise funds for the 2011 National Grange Convention in Tulsa, OK.

Judging Criteria:

- Originality/Neatness/Creativity/Workmanship

Prizes:

- First place block will receive \$25.00
- Second place block will receive \$15.00
- Third place block will receive \$10.00

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