

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 12, 2011** 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.



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 following the *Final Banquet*. Those wishing to participate in the *Talent contest* need to notify the State Lecturer on Thursday of State Convention. One participant in the State-wide *Showcase 14 and over division* 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).

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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 or sponsoring Grange, class, member or non-member, and value.
- All entries are due at State Session on Thursday between 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- Individuals **may have more than one entry in a 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. 9, 2010 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.

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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)

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Photography

Guidelines:

- Photos should be mounted.
- **Framed Photos will not be accepted.**
- An image may be entered in only one class.
- Participants may enter all classes using separate images.
- Participants may have multiple entries.
- Photos/images may be made by a commercial processor, but must have been taken by the entrant.
- Entry must not be less than 4x6 or larger than 11 x 14.
- A caption/title about the photo is optional.
- Only prints (color, black/white or digital) will be accepted, no slides.
- Professional photographers may not enter the contest (professionals make their living through photography.)
- One Grange members entry will be selected to participate in the National Grange Photo Contest.

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)

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. *Best Friends Forever*
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.
- label entry with the following additional information:

Name of item - Month and year processed -method of process

- Some entries **may** be opened for 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

Grange Family Reunion

We want to give Grangers and our friends an opportunity to gather at a facility for fun and fellowship, just like a family reunion. This event will be held during June or July, possibly at the Golden Bell Conference Center in Divide, CO. Trailer Campers, motorhomes, tent sites and lodge rooms will be available. You can come for just the day or afternoon. Anyone wishing to purchase meals will have to do so in advance. We will have some planned activities and free time to enjoy the facility and each other. More information will be available at a later date.