

# Lecturers

COLORADO STATE GRANGE  
LECTURERS NEWSLETTER

CINDY GREER, LECTURER  
7629 C.R. 100  
HESPERUS, CO 81326  
970-588-3386  
HCRDGREER@FRONTIER.NET



**A Great pleasure in life is doing what people say  
you cannot do.**

## Defining the lecturers position

### *What Do people want?*

1. Have fun
2. Learn Something
3. Be involved in pertinent issues effecting today's world.

You may or may not agree with the above statements, but that is what we discussed at the Great Plains Regional Leadership conference in Broken Arrow, OK just this past weekend.

So the question I'd like to encourage you to think about is this. How are your Granges's programs providing these three things to your members and community?

As the Lecturer you are part of the leadership team. You along with the other leaders in your Grange need to discuss what direction you want your Grange to be going. By doing that you will need to sit down face to face sometime and have this discussion.

Lecturers are excellent at getting people into the Grange Hall with programs and activities, but if you're like me you're might not be very good at asking people to become members. You need people in your Grange to Ask them to become a part of our wonderful organization.

### *What is our role as Lecturers in the Grange?*

Is it to Educate? To me, we do educate, not in a formal setting but by having fun, presenting interesting information in programs and creating opportunities for people to learn about pertinent issues in our community, state and world. The installation ceremony tells us (Lecturers) to encourage the young and the diffident. So who are the diffident? Ever thought about that word. Our job is to encourage and empower people to grow and to overcome their fears by sharing their talents or getting involved. Lecturers build the future leaders of the Grange. How are you encouraging and empowering your Grange members?

### Possible Program Ideas

Invite FFA or 4-H to share the history of their organization.

Invite FFA or 4-H members to share their public speaking skills. By doing this you can help them prepare for competitions.

Have a program on How Computers can help you.

Loan each of your members or each family a blue Manual and encourage them to study it with the knowledge that in a couple of months the program will be a quiz on information in the Manual. You'll need to study yourself so that you can create the quiz. You might consider selecting one section out of the manual to study.

## Completing Star Awards Reports

September 12 is the date that reports for Lecturers are due to me for consideration for awards at the State convention. I was recently asked where programs fit. So far I have not answered that questions, because I feel that should be your decision to make. You know your programs and you know the results of those programs, therefore you are the best judge of where the programs fit. Some or many of your programs will fit in more than one of the categories and my request is that you give as many details as possible in the one that it fits the best and put a brief note in other categories that it also fits. I don't believe that anything we do is singular, most of the time it benefits people in different ways.

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Rules for all contests are in the Handbook or on the Grange Website.*

## Upcoming Dates

### July

16 Nation wide Grange Gathering - What is your Grange doing?

22-24

Grange Reunion - M Lazy C Ranch

### September

12 Star Award Reports Due to State lecturer

### October

6-8 State Session - Entries in Hobby Corner, Art, Photography, With Pen in hand, and Food Preservation accepted - Castlewood Grange Hall

7 Gala - Our Grange Harvest - 6:30 p.m. - Wear your harvest clothes and join us for an evening of fun and awards.

8 Talent Contest - following Final Banquet

**You have a lot to give, regardless of your age or stage of life.**

Realize that true success is the attainment of purpose without compromising you Core Values.

## Kids Activity Survival Kit

You may have to leave your house during a disaster and may sleep somewhere else for a while. It's smart to put together your own Kid's Activity Survival Kit so you will have things to do and share with other kids. These can all be stored in a backpack or duffel bag. Just make sure you can carry it easily. Some suggested items for your Activity Survival Kit:

- A few of your favorite books
  - Crayons, pencils or marking pens and plenty of paper
  - Scissors and glue
  - Two favorite toys such as a doll or action figure
  - One or two board games
  - A deck of cards
  - A puzzle (One with lots of pieces is good -- it takes a long time to do!)
- 
- Small people figures and play vehicles that you can use to play out what is happening during your disaster -- such as ambulance, fire truck, helicopter, dump truck, police car, small boats.
  - Favorite stuffed animal or puppet
  - Favorite blanket or pillow
  - Pictures of the family and pet
  - A "keep safe" box with a few treasures that make you feel special.

---

### *The Happiness Creed by BJ Gallagher*

*I Believe that happiness is my birthright, as well as my responsibility;  
and I commit to claiming it.*

*I Believe that happiness is here and now; and I commit to awakening to it.*

*I believe that happiness is a choice; and I commit to choosing it.*

*I believe that happiness is a habit; and I commit to cultivating it.*

*I believe that happiness is free, like rainbows, sunshine, and air; and I commit to reveling in it.*

*I believe that happiness is always available, no matter what others are doing;  
and I commit to creating it.*

*I believe that happiness is an inside job, not dependent on money, fame, or possessions; and I  
commit to living it.*

*I believe that happiness is an attitude of gratitude; and I commit to giving thanks.*

*I believe that happiness is in action; and I commit to generating it.*

*I believe that happiness is a prayer, uniting me with the universe, and I commit to offering it.*

*I believe that happiness is mu calling - I must be the happiness I wish to see in the world.*