

## 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 1, 2014** will be eligible for the following Star Awards. **Star certificates will be awarded to each Grange earning any of the following possible stars. Granges completing all of the categories will earn recognition as a Star Achievement Grange.**

- **Gold Star – Information:** Programs/activities providing educational, informational on pertinent issues to your community.
- **Blue Star - Entertainment:** Programs/activities involving traveling outside your hall or meeting place for an event, special meal, art exhibit, play, or show, etc.
- **Green Star - Membership:** Activities/programs promoting membership and recruiting new members.
- **Red Star - Community:** Programs/activities specifically planned for the community.
- **Silver Star - Cooperation:** Sponsor programs/activities cooperating with other community groups.
- **Orange Star – Family:** Programs/activities oriented around the family or provide opportunities that are focused on the family.
- **Purple Star – Media:** Creating publicity using social media or traditional media to promote Grange programs/activities and the Grange. Suggested media include website, e-blasts, Face book, Twitter, and LinkedIn plus traditional brochures, posters, news releases, newsletters, and power point presentations about your Grange, etc. Working with three or more media types qualify for this award.

**Outstanding Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer Award will be awarded based on the Star Report form.**

### GRANGE YEARBOOK CONTEST

(Please place the Lecturer's Star Report Form at the end of the yearbook. Note: Granges do not

need to create a yearbook to be eligible for the Lecturer's Star Awards)

A first, second, third and honorable mention will be awarded for the best Grange 2014 Yearbooks (scrapbooks). **Yearbooks must be received by September 1, 2014** at the State Grange Office. August events can be covered with pre-event publicity and preparation coverage.

#### Criteria:

Subordinate and Pomona Granges will be in the same category

#### Judging:

1. Completeness
2. Creativity
3. Craftsmanship

### PERFORMING ARTS

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

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

I. Junior 5-13

II. Adult 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 held during 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).

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND PIE  
CONTEST**

Granges that sponsor a **Community Chili Cook-off and a Homemade Pie Contest** will be recognized.

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**LECTURER CONTESTS**

**General Guidelines for all Lecturers**

**Contests:**

- All entries in Fine Art, Hobby Corner, Photography, or With Pen in Hand 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.
- 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

1. A **Best of Show** will be awarded.
2. The **Grange** with the most entries will receive **The Colorado State Grange Lecturer's Participation Award**.
3. **Sweepstakes Award** will be given to the individual with the most entries in the Lecturer's programs.

**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. Painting
2. Drawing
3. Computer art/ collage

**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:**

1. Holiday items
2. Jewelry
3. Miscellaneous
4. Individual Scrapbooks
5. Special Gifts

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### Photography

#### Guidelines:

- Photos should be mounted or in a photo mat.
- **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.)

#### Judging criteria:

Composition and arrangement – Interest  
– Presentation - Technique

#### Classes:

1. Landscapes and Seascapes
2. People
3. Animals and Other Creatures
4. Photo Collage or Story

### 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:

1. Short story or essay
2. Recommend a book. (your choice)
3. Poetry

### COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

Subordinate and Pomona Granges completing any category and reporting on the Community Garden Program Form (to be mailed to subordinate granges and due to the State Lecturer on Monday, September 1, 2014) will receive a Community Garden Award.

Categories:

1. Establish a Community Garden
  - a. Grange members create a community garden area for their Grange or a garden area with plots that can be planted by community groups or individuals.
2. Plant a Garden in an established Community Garden
  - a. Grange members plant a garden in an already established community garden and reap the bounty
3. Share the Harvest
  - a. Grange members and friends donate excess crops to the local food bank or pantry or a deserving family. Keep track of amount donated.
4. Community Produce Classes or Contest
  - a. Sponsor a "Best Vegetable or Produce" contest for your community. Establish your own judging criteria.
  - b. Sponsor a class on growing "Best Vegetables or Produce"

5. Community Food Preservation Contest  
or Classes

- a. Sponsor a food preservation contest for your community.
- b. Sponsor a class on food preservation.

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