## **CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**

- 1. <u>This contest is open to Grange members only.</u> Remember we no longer have categories for younger than 14 years old.
- 2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written in ink on 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
- 3. The following should be placed on the top right corner on the front of the entry: Name of entrant, Grange name and number, and Group/Class entered.
- 4. The Poetry Topic for 2024 is "Zoom". There is a 500-word limit.
- 5. The Short Story Topic for 2024 is "My First Ride". The maximum length is 3 pages, double spaced. Your short story/anecdote should entertain the reader.
- 6. All entries must be post marked by April 15<sup>th</sup> and sent to: Leslie Jo Wells, State Lecturer, 18232 201<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272.
- 7. Judging criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Topic and Contest Rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
- 8. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red or green ribbons. First, second, and third place in each class will receive rosettes. Cash prizes will be awarded as listed below.

## Group A - Adults, age 20 and over

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

A-1 - Poetry - Metered

A-2 – Poetry – Free Verse

A-3 – Short Story

## Group B - Youth, ages 14-19

The Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$50 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show entry in this group will receive \$25

B-1 - Poetry - Metered

B-2 – Poetry – Free Verse

B.3 – Short Story