

## 2019 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non-members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange. Remember, we no longer have categories for younger than 14 years old.
2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written on 8 ½" 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 2019 is **"Cowboys and/or Cowgirls"**. Your poem can be about a cowboy, a cowgirl or both. There is no word limit.
5. The Short Story Topic for 2019 is **"It Happened at the Fair"**. The maximum length is 500 words. Your short story should entertain the reader.
6. The Essay Topic for 2019 is **"Good Things That Happen in the Grange"**. The maximum length is 500 words. Your essay should provide information for the reader.
7. The Book Review should answer the question **"I recommend this book because?..."** Remember, you don't re-tell the story of the book – you evaluate/critique the overall book. The word limit has been eliminated.
8. All entries are to be sent to the State Lecturer and must be postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. Judging criteria: a team of judges will evaluate each entry using the following criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Topic and Contest Rules; and grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
9. Prizes: All entries will receive blue, red and green ribbons. First, second, and third place in each class will receive rosettes. Cash prizes will be awarded as listed below.
10. Creative writing books, with selected entries printed, will be available at the State Grange Convention. Cost of the book will depend on the number of entries.

### **Group A – Adults, age 20 and over**

The Best of Show entry in this group will received \$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
- A-4 – Essay
- A-5 – Book Review

### **Group B – Youth, ages 14-19**

The Best of Show entry in this group will received \$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
- B-4 – Essay
- B-5 – Book Review