

## 2020 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non-members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange. 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 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 2020 is "**Camping**". There is no word limit.
5. The Short Story/Anecdote topic for 2020 is "**Thoughts on Nature**". The maximum length is 1000 words. Your short story/anecdote should entertain the reader.
6. The Essay topic for 2020 is "**It's Native to Walla Walla.**" The maximum length is 1000 words. Your essay should provide information for the reader.
7. The Book Review should be your endorsement of a book you have read. 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 Leslie Jo Wells, 18232 201<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Mpnroe, WA 98272 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 a blue, red or green ribbon. 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 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/Anecdote
- A-4 – Essay
- A-5 – Book Review

### **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/Anecdote
- B-4 – Essay
- B-5 – Book Review