

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE  
FAMILY HEALTH, HEARING & SAFETY PROGRAMS  
2011**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Educational programs are listed in the Lecturer Educational Programs. In the area of home safety, this year's educational program is on Cooking and Candle Fires. In the area of health care, this year's educational program is on using prescription medications.

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Family Health, Hearing, and Safety Program will offer \$100 scholarships to any Grange member taking a sign language class at their local school, community college or educational center.

Applications shall consist of a letter stating why the Granger wants to take the class, when and where it will be taken, and how the class will benefit their Grange and community. The applications are due by May 15 to the State Lecturer.

All financial awards must be used with one year. The number of awards will depend upon the amount of donations to the State Grange Deaf Fund.

**JUNIOR AND YOUTH GRANGE SIGN THE ALPHABET CONTEST**

This contest for Junior and Youth Grange members will be held at the State Grange Convention. Contestants will be expected to manually sign the letters of the alphabet and their own name. All contestants must notify the State Lecturer by June 1. Awards in each age division are: First Place - \$25; Second Place - \$15; and Third Place - \$10. Age divisions for this contest are:

Class 1 – Junior Grangers, ages 5-8

Class 2 – Junior Grangers, ages 9-11

Class 3 – Junior Grangers, ages 12-14

Class 4 – Subordinate Grangers, ages 14-19

**STATE GRANGE DEAF FUND**

Each Grange is asked to contribute to the State Grange Deaf Fund. Funds will be used to support the State Deaf School and Deaf Centers, the Dogs for the Deaf Program, and Scholarships for Sign Language Classes. All donations should be sent to the State Lecturer to be acknowledged and a receipt will be returned to the donating Grange. Funds may be donated at any time. All Granges donating \$25 or more will be recognized with a certificate at the State Grange Convention.

**DOGS FOR THE DEAF PROGRAM**

The National Grange has a partnership with the Dogs for the Deaf Program, based in Central Point, Oregon. This organization is a good resource for an educational program. Information on this group will be sent to each Grange.

***Mission Statement:*** *Rescuing and professionally training dogs to assist people and enhance their lives, maintaining a lifelong commitment to all dogs we rescue and all teams we serve.*

**Dogs for the Deaf has a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the IRS. All gifts are tax deductible according to current laws.** Donations of all sizes are welcome and help provide specially trained dogs for those who need them. **NO TAX DOLLARS support our program.** Individuals or groups may sponsor the placement of a specially trained dog for \$5,000. The program's investment per Hearing Dog is approximately \$25,000. This includes the selection of the dog, veterinary care, training, placement, and follow up for the life of the team. **ALL DOGS ARE PLACED FREE OF CHARGE.**

**FOUNDED:** Dogs for the Deaf (DFD) was founded in 1977 by the late Roy G. Kabat, a long-time Hollywood and circus animal trainer who raised animals for motion pictures and television shows including "Dr. Doolittle" and "Born Free." His daughter, Robin Dickson, is his successor and the CEO/President of Dogs for the Deaf.

**HEARING DOGS:** Hearing Dogs are chosen from animal shelters. Many shelters must euthanize dogs if no homes are found for them. By using shelter dogs, we are able to help alleviate some of the unwanted dog population by rescuing these dogs. Once trained, they are placed in loving homes where they provide valuable and even life saving benefits. The dogs are usually mixed breeds up to 36 months of age. The trainers look for dogs that are friendly, energetic, healthy, and confident. Each dog is individually evaluated by a Dogs for the Deaf trainer. Those passing the evaluation are brought back to our facility for a thorough medical exam, needed vaccinations, and treatment to bring them to optimum health. All dogs are micro chipped, spayed or neutered, and then begin the intensive 4 to 6 months of training.

**MIRACLE MUTTS (Special Dogs for Special People):** Special furry friends who provide companionship, motivation, and emotional support to people who need a helping paw. These dogs help with depression and loneliness; they provide a reason to get up in the morning and motivation to exercise; and the generally make life more worth living.

**HARMONY'S HOUNDS (Dogs with Special Needs):** Dogs who have a special physical or emotional need and are looking for someone willing to provide a stable, loving home and any special care they might need with things like on-going medical concerns, old age, anxiety issues, allergies, and seizures. In the right, special environment, these dogs can thrive and provide lots of love.

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