

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST – 2011**

Sponsored by the Grange Cooperative Group and the WA State Grange

There are five classes of the State Grange Community Service Contest, based upon the membership (regular and associate combined) of the subordinate Grange as of December 31. The number of members reported should match the 12/31 Grange Secretary Report. The State Grange has the authority to correct membership level, if reported incorrectly. Classes are:

- Class I - Subordinate Granges with 40 or less members
- Class II - Subordinate Granges with 41 to 60 members
- Class III - Subordinate Granges with 61 to 90 members
- Class IV - Subordinate Granges with 91 or more members
- Class V - Pomona Granges

Contest Rules:

1. The reporting period will be April 1 to March 31, annually.
2. Completed reports/notebooks are due to the State Lecturer by April 15.
3. Reporting: The community service report form will be accepted as your report, however, we encourage all community service chairpersons to submit a notebook for state judging.
4. Your community service report should consist of the following: the community service report form; a report of your work explaining the need for the project, what you did, and including recognition and pictures; and identification of your major project for the year. The more information you can provide and the more documentation you have will strengthen your report. There is a maximum of 25 pages (front and back) or 50 total sides, not including the report form.
5. Your Grange name and number must be listed on the cover.
6. The following score card will be used in judging the community service contest: Need for Project Selected - 20%; Program Plan - 15%; Cooperation Achieved - 20%; Project Evaluation - 20%; Community Involvement of Grange Members - 10%; Participation in State Grange Community Service Projects - 5%; and Presentation of Report - 10%.
7. The Grange Cooperative Group will present awards in each of the Subordinate Grange classes as follows: First Place - \$400; Second Place - \$300; Third Place - \$200; and Fourth Place - \$100. The Grange Cooperative Group will present awards for the Pomona Granges as follows: First Place - \$200; Second Place - \$150; Third Place - \$100; Fourth Place - \$50.
8. If the National Grange chooses to sponsor a Community Service Contest, state judging will include the selection of our national contest representative.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF PROGRAM

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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