

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE**  
**POETRY CONTEST**

2011 Theme - "FLOWERS"

1. This contest is open to both Grange members and non-members. Non- members must be sponsored by a subordinate Grange.
2. All entries must be either typed or neatly written on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
3. Do not include construction paper backing with your entry.
4. There is a maximum of 300 words.
5. All entries are due by April 1 to the State Lecturer.
6. Poetry books, with selected entries printed, will be available at the State Grange Convention. Cost of the book will depend on the number of entries.
7. The following should be placed on the back of the entry: name of entrant, complete mailing address, Grange name and number, and class entered.
8. Judging criteria: a team of judges will evaluate each entry using the following criteria: Originality and Organization; Adherence to Theme; 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 and \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively.
10. Age will be as of January 1 of the current year.

**CLASSES:**

A – Adults, age 20 and over, Metered  
B – Adults, age 20 and over, Free Verse  
C – Youth, age 14-19, Metered  
D – Youth, age 14-19, Free Verse

E – Juniors, ages 10-13, all entries  
F – Juniors, ages 8-9, all entries  
G – Juniors, ages 5-7, all entries