

## Call for Creative Writers

How do “Barns” affect you or your thoughts? Here is an opportunity to express yourself in the statewide Grange sponsored Creative Writing Contest for 2015.

This contest is about writing on the subject of “**Barns**”, the writing format styles are: “POETRY; metered and free verse”; “SHORT STORIES”; and “ESSAYS”.

Ribbons will be awarded to each entry; Blue, Red, and Green. Additionally, Rosettes will be awarded to first, second, and third place in each class.

There are monetary rewards for the top two judged submittals each of five age groups. The top award in Adult (20 and older) and Youth (14 – 19) classifications is \$50.00; second Best of Show is \$25.00. For Juniors, each of the following age groups; 11 -13, 8 – 10, and 5 – 7; will have \$25.00 for Best of Show and \$15.00 for Second Best of Show. That works out to 10 total cash awards.

Got your interest? Here are the specific rules.

1. This contest is open to non-members as well as Grange members. Qualifying non-members will be sponsored by Deer Lagoon Grange. Submittals must be submitted by April 1, 2015.
2. All entries must be typed or neatly written on 8½” X 11” paper. Illegible entries will be disqualified.
3. Poetry entries are limited to a maximum word count of 300 words. Short story and Essay entries are limited to 500 words maximum. Short Stories are meant to entertain the reader. Essays are meant to inform the reader.
4. At the top right corner of the front of the entry, the following is needed: Entrant’s name; sponsoring Grange Name and number; the Group and Class entered.
5. Judging criteria used by the team of judges are; Originality and Organization; Adherence to Theme and Contest Rules; and Grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness.
6. Age is as of January 1, 2015.

There are the Divisions and Classes available for entries.

Group A – Adults (age 20 and over);

- A-1 Poetry – Metered,
- A-2 Poetry – Free Verse,
- A-3 Short Story,
- A-4 Essay.

Group B – Youth (ages 14 – 19);

- B-1 Poetry – Metered,
- B-2 Poetry – Free Verse,
- B-3 Short Story,
- B-4 Essay.

Group C – Juniors (ages 11 – 14);

- C-1 Poetry,
- C-2 Short Story
- C-3 Essays.

Group D – Juniors (ages 8 – 10);

- D-1 Poetry,

D-2 Short Story

D-3 Essays.

Group E – Juniors (ages 5 – 7);

E-1 Poetry,

E-2 Short Story

E-3 Essays.

Please mail your entries to Deer Lagoon Grange #846, PO Box 368, Freeland WA 98249, c/o Creative Writing Department prior to April 1, 2015.