

Volunteer of the Year

This program is designed to give recognition to the dedicated volunteers in our Subordinate/Community Granges. The Volunteer of the Year Award will be given to Grange members, who perform a unique and successful type of community service within their communities. Each Grange should have at least one member that they would be proud to nominate.

Forms for this award will be mailed to the Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange Secretary or they can be obtained from the website at www.orgrange.org.

For **Subordinate/Community Grange** nominations:

- The Community Service-Involvement Chairperson selects one or more members from your Grange who do volunteer work in the community. (Your Grange does **not** nominate or vote on the selections from the floor.)
- If there is more than one nominee, a judging committee of three Grangers needs to be formed to select a first place winner.
- The official Subordinate/Community Grange entry form is then filled out.
- Judging will be based on the type, quantity and quality of volunteer service performed.
- Write a **short** narrative (750 words maximum) about the nominee's service and accomplishments achieved during the past year (January 1 to December 31). The Community Service-Involvement Chairperson, (not the nominee!) must write this. **Do not mention the nominee's name or Grange in the narrative.**
- Write the Grange and nominee's name, address and telephone number on a separate sheet of paper. Place it in an

envelope, seal and attach it to the completed form.

- Make sure that the Subordinate/Community Grange Master/President signs the completed form along with the Secretary and Community Service-Involvement Chairperson. Affix the Grange seal to the form. Send the completed form with the sealed envelope attached to your Pomona Community Service-Involvement Chairperson by **March 1**.

For **Pomona Grange** nominations:

- The Pomona Community Service-Involvement Chairperson receives the entries from the Subordinate/Community Granges. Then, using a committee, judges the entries, using the same procedure as the Subordinate/Community Grange. The Pomona Chairperson must send the 1st place entry to the State Community Service-Involvement Directors by **May 1**.
- The State Directors will form a judging committee of at least three Grangers to help select the State winner.
- Winners will be announced at the state session.