

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2008

Pennsylvania



Marilyn Norman 4-H Volunteer Leader, Tioga County

Home: Liberty, PA

Nominated by: Pennsylvania 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Joined 4-H in 1947; projects included sewing, cooking, care of the home, flowers, gardening, swine, poultry, and entomology. She helped craft many floats and displays to promote 4-H - and she still does. Active in county 4-H council. 4-H leader in Tioga County for over 50 years; serves as organizational leader for a 75 member 4-H community club.

Honors: Won a girl's state achievement award in 1957 and attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Received the Penn State Extension Cooperator Award and Friend of 4-H Award for Tioga County and the Pennsylvania 4-H Alumni Award.

Biography:

Marilyn Norman has been a 4-H leader in Tioga Co. for over 50 years and serves as organizational leader for the 75 member Liberty Community 4-H Club. As a 4-H member in 1947, she proudly displayed her first 4-H sewing project - a pink dress with cap sleeves. She continued sewing and still uses her skills to make blankets for new babies or dresses for younger family members. Her other projects included cooking, care of the home, flowers, gardening, swine, poultry, and entomology. She helped craft many floats and displays to promote 4-H - and still does. She was active in county council and always helped others get their projects ready for the fair. In 1957 she won a girl's state achievement award and attended National 4-H Congress.

In her tenure as a leader, she has accomplished a great deal by encouraging countless members to write presentations or speeches, coaching 9 award winning foods and nutrition teams, 4 flower judging teams, 2 vegetable teams, 3 consumer bowl teams, 10 Foods and Nutrition teams, many fashion review participants, and 5 orienteering teams. Twenty-three attended National 4-H Congress and several won scholarships. Marilyn also volunteers at the school, teaches Sunday school, plays the organ at church, bakes cookies for the Red Cross, serves as Horticultural Chairman for the Tioga County Fair and joins the Liberty quilting group to construct quilts for Project Linus, a national organization that makes blankets for seriously ill children.

Quote:

"My goal has been to help young people develop life skills and positive attitudes through the 4-H program. It has been very rewarding to me to offer a program in which former members in the area want to have their children involved. We now have the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations from our community active in 4-H. Today former members are occupied in many walks of life and are solid citizens using and sharing their skills. 4-H develops life skills and it has been rewarding to see the young people develop these skills and achieve their potential to the fullest. I am proud to see them take leadership roles, find fulfilling occupations and be willing to give back to their communities and others."



Marilyn with her 4-H swine project.



Marilyn works with her food project members.