

Utah 2003



Emily Drake 4-H Volunteer

During her more than 65 years as a 4-H volunteer, Emily has taught the keys to success to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many others. Emily began in 1936 as a clothing leader. Her children recall that for vacations she attended Extension classes on farming, gardening, sewing, cooking, food preservation, and wood refinishing, to stretch the "depression era" income. She then taught these skills to her club members. As a Community Supervisor, Emily helped 4-H Leaders begin their own clubs. A crowning event was attending 1954 4-H Club Congress. Four out of five of her children and several grandchildren have since attended 4-H Congress.

Hometown: Salt Lake Co., UT

Year Inducted: 2003

"I love to help the youth, they need our help. If they have help, they excel. I sew my own clothes, can fruit; I do all the things I teach the children to do. I joined 4-H when I was 12, but my leader got married and moved away. I thought, "When I get older I will be a leader," and I have been a leader since 1936. Through the extension classes at Utah State University and the 4-H workshops, I feel I have received a college education. I have learned new skills to enable me to decorate my home and to take care of my family. 4-H has helped my family to achieve skills that have helped them in their lives."



Proudly displaying a clothing project at the county fair.



Emily places 4-H ribbons on preserves at 1965 Utah State Fair.



Emily (right) at a birthday celebration.