

Heather Arenas, Master Signature Artist, Juror for Season's Splendor

Best of Show – Christine Drewyer, Aged to Perfection

I am not usually a fan of realistic paintings but this one caught my eye in thumbnail form and I was not disappointed when I opened it up. What spectacular light that screams Autumn. The rows suggest a harvest is eminent. Many attempt to paint a similar scene but seem to miss the mark but this artist pulled all of the right elements together to paint a really well executed painting.

First Place – Nori Thorne, Splendor on the Rocks

The light that this artist captured is near and dear to my heart! I'm feeling a late afternoon in the fall and I have stood in that spot exactly. Really masterful handling of the medium.

Second Place – Laurel Lake McGuire, The Newspaper Hat on a Glass Table

The subject matter fits the theme perfectly and has a very original composition. The form handling on the paper is really well executed. I tried to read the paper. Even the husband commented on it.

Third Place – Linda Star Landon, Autumn Vineyard

This is a painting that will make someone stop on the street and walk into a gallery. The simple composition reads really well. I love the artist's 'no fear' approach to color and knowledge of perspective but the most impressive thing is the application of paint. Those are not timid brushstrokes. This artist means business!

Honorable Mentions in no particular order.

Nancy Haley, Color Explosion

This painting gives a sense of urgency to fully represent how colorful it is when the leaves change. Tomorrow it will snow and all of this will be gone!

Addren Doss, Heading Up Hill

The atmosphere and composition captured in this piece are really wonderful. She clearly has a handle on her medium. The only reason that it wasn't one of the top three is because it didn't connect to the theme as well as the others.

Cecy Turner, Hidden Valley Radiance

This looks like a true Fall in the Rockies. The light and shadows are really nicely handled and that little Aspen in the foreground looks like it's waving to be noticed with its tiny details.