

Escalante Canyons Art Festival
Everett Ruess Days September 21 – 28, 2008
PLEIN AIR COMPETITION REGISTRATION

"He had noticed that this peculiar quality in the air of new countries vanished after they were tamed by man and made to bear harvests... that lightness, that dry aromatic odor ... one could breathe that only on the bright edges of the world, on the great grass plains or the sagebrush desert ... Something soft and wild and free; something that whispered to the ear on the pillow, lightened the heart, softly, softly picked the lock, slid the bolts, and released the prisoned spirit of man into the wind, into the blue and gold, into the morning, into the morning!"

from Death Comes for the Archbishop, by Willa Cather

To register, please provide the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Medium: Oil/Acrylic _____ Water color/pastel/mixed media _____

Sign-in location (select one)

_____ **Escalante:** Desert Wolf Gallery

_____ **Tropic:** Clarke's Country Market

_____ **Boulder:** Burr Trail Gallery

_____ **Torrey:** Gallery 24

_____ **Panguitch:** TBA

Signature _____ Date _____

Entry Fee is \$35 per category. Registration due by, or postmarked no later than September 13, 2008. Refunds not provided. Late registration is not encouraged and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for an additional cost of \$20 per category. Student entry fee is \$20 per category and must be accompanied by a copy of a current student ID.

Please make check or money order payable to **Envision Escalante**, a non-profit 501-c3 corporation that manages the Escalante Canyons Art Festival.

Mail to: Escalante Canyons Art Festival
Plein Air Registration
P.O. Box 40
Escalante, Utah 84726

For more information, please contact:

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Plein Air Competition

Prizes

One "Purchase Award" in each medium category: \$2000
Two Awards of Merit in each medium category: \$750
Five Honorable Mentions in each medium category: \$200
One People's Choice Award (voted by the public): \$500
One Artist Choice Award (voted by the participating artists): \$500

Please note that the Escalante Canyons Art Festival organization will collect a 20% sales commission on all paintings entered into and auctioned during the Plein Air competition, or sold in conjunction with the competition.

Schedule

Sunday – Thursday, September 21 – 25

Authentication: Oil/acrylic – up to five surfaces for authentication
Watercolor/pastel/mixed media – up to five surfaces for authentication
Bring painting surfaces to the indicated sign-in location for authentication.

Each participant must complete a landscape painting within Garfield, Kane or Wayne counties. Although participants may paint on all of their authenticated surfaces, only one painting per category may be entered. **The surface must be framed, unsigned if an oil/acrylic, and ready to hang by 8 p.m. on Thursday. The authentication stamp must be visible.**

Wednesday, September 24

Artists Reception: 7 – 9 pm, Escalante Interagency Visitor Center
For artists and committee members.

Thursday, September 25

Check-in: 4 – 8 pm, Escalante Community Center
Submit one framed, unsigned surface per category.

Friday, September 26

Judging: 8 – 10 am, Escalante Community Center
Closed to the public and artists
Plein Air Exhibition: 10 am – 6 pm, Escalante Community Center
People's and artists' choice voting and auction registration.

Saturday, September 27

Plein Air Exhibition: 10 am – 6 pm, Escalante Community Center
People's and artists' choice voting and silent auction.
Meet the Artist Gala: 6 – 8 pm, Escalante Community Center
Gala, appetizers and wine until 7:30 pm
Award announcements at 7:30 pm
Auction winner announcements at 8:00 pm

Sunday, September 28

Post show and no-host brunch with the artists: 9 – 11 am, Kiva Koffeehouse