

Escalante Canyons Art Festival  
Everett Ruess Days September 20 – 27, 2009  
**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

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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: TBA

\_\_\_\_\_ Tropic: Clarke's Country Market

\_\_\_\_\_ Boulder: Burr Trail Gallery

\_\_\_\_\_ Torrey: Gallery 24

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee is \$35 per category. Registration due by, or postmarked no later than September 12, 2009. 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: \$1500  
Two Awards of Merit in each medium category: \$500  
Five Honorable Mentions in each medium category: \$200  
One People's Choice Award (voted by the public): \$250  
One Artist Choice Award (voted by the participating artists): \$250

**Please note that the Escalante Canyons Art Festival organization will collect a 25% 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 20 – 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 7 p.m. on Thursday. The authentication stamp must be visible.**

#### **Wednesday, September 23**

**Artists Reception: 7 – 9 pm, Escalante Interagency Visitor Center**

For artists and committee members.

#### **Thursday, September 24**

**Check-in: 3 – 7 pm, Escalante Community Center**

Submit one framed surface per category. If not under glass, entry must be unsigned.

#### **Friday, September 25**

**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 26**

**Plein Air Exhibition: 10 am – 6:30 pm, Escalante Community Center**

People's and artists' choice voting and silent auction.

**Meet the Artist Gala: 5:30 – 8 pm, Escalante Community Center**

Gala, appetizers, auction and award announcements.

#### **Sunday, September 28**

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