

C.O.A.L. Judging Guidelines for Monthly Shows

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1. The judge awards **1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, plus honorable mentions** in each category with five or more entries (see list of categories below). The artist may receive awards in different categories, but may not receive multiple awards among 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in any one category. However, the artist may also receive an honorable mention in addition to a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place award within a category.
2. There may be as many **Honorable Mentions** as the judge considers worthwhile in any category, but a reasonable limit would be not more than 20% of the number of entries in the category (i.e., two Honorable Mentions in a category of ten entries) or a maximum of 5 Honorable Mentions.
3. **If a category has fewer than five entries**, the judge may decide either to give only a first place award or no award.
4. A **Best of Show** award is then given from the 1st place winners after which 2nd and 3rd place in that category are elevated and a new 3rd place is chosen from the Honorable Mentions, if any.
5. **Categories** (judge according to the category indicated on the ID tag)[Note: A committee is currently meeting to address whether to add a new category of digital photography.]
 - Oil and Acrylic
 - Water media
 - Pastel
 - Photography
 - Computer Art
 - Sculpture
 - Mixed Media
 - Drawing and Printmaking
 - [Show in a Show, see below]
6. **Show in a Show [SIS]** is treated separately from the regular monthly show. [SIS represents special themes and is not offered every month.] The judge awards 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places (without considering media), plus honorable mentions. Cash awards are given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. **SIS entries are not eligible for the Best of Show award. NO ARTIST MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE CASH AWARD.**
7. At the judge's discretion, one or more awards may be left unassigned in a category in which the judge feels an award is not merited. The judge should award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons before awarding Honorable Mentions.
8. The judge is asked to make a one sentence comment on the Best of Show and each 1st place winner.
9. Do not consider for awards entries submitted by the featured artist or those on "special" walls.

Thank you for judging the COAL show. Enjoy your lunch!