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## **Scenic Nevada Selects 2009 Photo Contest Winners**

Scenic Nevada has selected winning photographs in their 2009 Photo Contest “Beauty or Blight” for Nevada Students and Adults, according to Doug Smith, President.

The purpose of the Scenic Nevada 2009 “Photo Contest” “Beauty or Blight” for students and adults was to create an awareness of the importance of preserving, protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Nevada.

Judges of over 1049 individual photographs (an increase of 355 photographs from 2008) from throughout Nevada were: Penny Roskoski, Chairperson/photographer; Bob Goodman, photographer/writer; Marilyn Melton, artist; Marilyn Newton, professional photographer and Tim Torrell, wildlife photographer.

Scenic Nevada winners of the overall “Grand Prize” in the “Beauty” category and the “Blight” category respectively were: Megan Atkinson, Legacy High School, North Las Vegas, NV, Rachel Rango, Teacher; \$150.00 and Jennifer Rachiell, Las Vegas, NV, \$150.00.

Winners in the Student Division and their teachers in the “Beauty” category were: 1st Place, Stephen Hughey, Elko High School, Elko, NV, Teacher, Pat Long \$100.00; 2nd Place, Christine Mootz, Green Valley High School, Henderson, NV, Teacher, Erika Wright, \$50.00; 3rd Place, Janelle Wilhelm, Legacy High School, North Las Vegas, NV, Teacher, Rachel Rango, \$25.00 and Honorable Mention, Kyle Henderson, Beatty High School, Beatty NV, Teacher, Mr. Duszynski, Certificate.

Winners in the Student Division and their teachers in the “Blight” category were: 1st Place, Tabor Wight, Elko High School, Elko, NV, Teacher, Pat Long, \$100.00; 2nd Place, Chris Martinez, Liberty High School, Henderson, NV, Teacher, Mrs. Ferro, \$50.00; 3rd Place, Kalena Murray, Arbor View High School, Las Vegas, NV, Teacher, Mrs. Ziegler, \$25.00 and Honorable Mention, Brionne Mousseau, Eldorado High School, Las Vegas, NV. Teacher, Ms. Jensen, Certificate.

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Winners in the Adult Division in the “Beauty” category were: 1st Place, Quing Yang, Chapel Hill, NC, \$100.00; 2nd Place, Russell Colletta, Yerington, NV, \$50.00, Sherman Neal, Ely, NV, \$25.00 and Honorable Mention, Skip Reeves, Fallon, NV, Certificate.

Winners in the Adult Division in the “Blight Category” were 1st Place, Maia Dickerson, Reno, NV, \$100.00; 2nd Place, Jack Hursh, Reno, NV, \$50.00; 3rd Place, Deborah Selof, Las Vegas, NV and Honorable Mention, Mark Martin, Las Vegas, NV, Certificate.

The 2009 Scenic Nevada Photo Contest “Beauty or Blight” for Students and Adults was sponsored by: Jim Pilzner, Nevada Office Machines, Penny Roskoski, Marilyn Melton and Scenic Nevada.