

Vistas and Vineyards Annual Juried Show
LeSalls Stewart Center, OSU Campus
September 29th to October 29th

Early morning somewhere in the valley, artists begin to appear. One by one they converge from every direction with easels, canvases, chairs, and umbrellas. Excitement and anticipation grow as they set up in hopes of returning home with "*A Keeper*". We are Vistas and Vineyards Artists on Location.

Vistas and Vineyards is a group of artists who meet weekly beginning mid-May through mid-October to express ourselves as artists, to enjoy painting "en plein aire" at local sites, to share our work with each other, and the mid-valley communities. This group has been painting together since 1989. It is an opportunity for artists to safely explore and paint on private lands and in remote areas. We are 120 artists strong from around Corvallis and neighboring communities.

Weeks of tromping through the flora and fauna culminate in late September with the annual juried show. Each artist may submit up to two paintings from the last two seasons. The process is not easy for artist, nor juror. The artist must choose which masterpieces are their best work, the judge must choose from the hundreds those that stand out for him or her. From those chosen for the show a few are selected and honored with awards.

This year's juror is a well known pastel and oil artist from Portland, Marla Baggetta. Marla Baggetta has been a self-employed, professional artist since 1983, when she received her Bachelors or Fine Arts degree with honors from Art Center College of Design. Baggetta has had a distinguished career as a commercial illustrator before turning to landscape painting, working for clients as Walt Disney, Nissan Motors, Houghton Mifflin Publishing, to name just a few.

Baggetta's choice of awards for this years show are:

Best of Show - Mike Rangner - "Start of Fall"

Honorable Mention - Bets Cole "Tyee Vineyard"

- Doyle Leek "Basket Slough"

- Mike Bergen "Tractorsaurus Hex"

- Linda Humphrey "Fiechter House"

- Dee Yarnell "Cardwell Hill"

Nancy Rogge " Amazing Colors"

The "ChaTeemawi Award" is given by Kathy and Frank Hall to the painting(s) which best captures the spirit of Mary's Peak and how it speaks to the people who live with it. This award is presented the night of the reception.