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Scenic Nevada Photo Contest Winners

Students from Henderson and Elko were the big winners in the fourth annual Scenic Nevada photo contest held statewide for students in fifth grade through high school.

Chelsea Mantle and Nimmie Bhandal both from Coronado High School, Henderson won the grand prize awards of \$150 each. Mantle's picture won the top prize in the scenic beauty category and Bhandal's photo garnered top honors in the scenic blight category.

Each spring Scenic Nevada and Nevada Office Machines sponsor the photo contest for students to create an awareness of the importance of "preserving, protecting and enhancing the scenic character of Nevada and its roadways," according to Scenic's chairman, Doug Smith.

Judges were asked to review the photos for originality, creativity and imagination, along with photographic quality. The photos submitted by students were depictions of the positive or negative affects a community or its roadsides has on Nevada's scenic beauty.

In the scenic beauty category, a first place award of \$100 and second place award of \$50 were presented to two juniors from Coronado High School in Henderson.



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Rachel Andersen received first place and Teresa Padilla received second place. Third place honors and \$25 went to Mandy Kolhoss, a senior at Moapa Valley High School, Moapa. Honorable mentions and certificates in the category for beauty went to the following Coronado High School students; Tanya Zamudio, Donata Aus der Wieschen, Stephanie Bousseau and Jennifer Monzon.

In the blight category, seventh grader Amanda Boyce from Spring Creek Middle School, Elko took first and second place, with a cash award totaling \$150. Melanie Stafford, an eighth grader from Leavitt Junior High School, Las Vegas, won the third place honor, receiving a check for \$25.

The contest, “The View from Nevada’s Roads – Signs or Scenery” was held in April. This year’s judges were photographer and local historian, Neal Cobb of Reno, along with Reno Gazette Journal Photographer Marilyn Newton and Jack Hursh, also a photographer from Reno.

Scenic Nevada is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the scenic character of Nevada. Its principal activities include advocating for scenic preservation, to provide economic, social, and cultural benefits for a community. Scenic Nevada is continuing its work in the areas of billboard and sign control. It also supports scenic byways, highway sound wall alternatives, open space and greenways plans, minimizing the impact of cell towers, preserving hillsides and drainageways and smart growth alternatives to sprawl.

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