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It's All Colorado at Depot show

Exhibit puts 'Western' into Welcome Week

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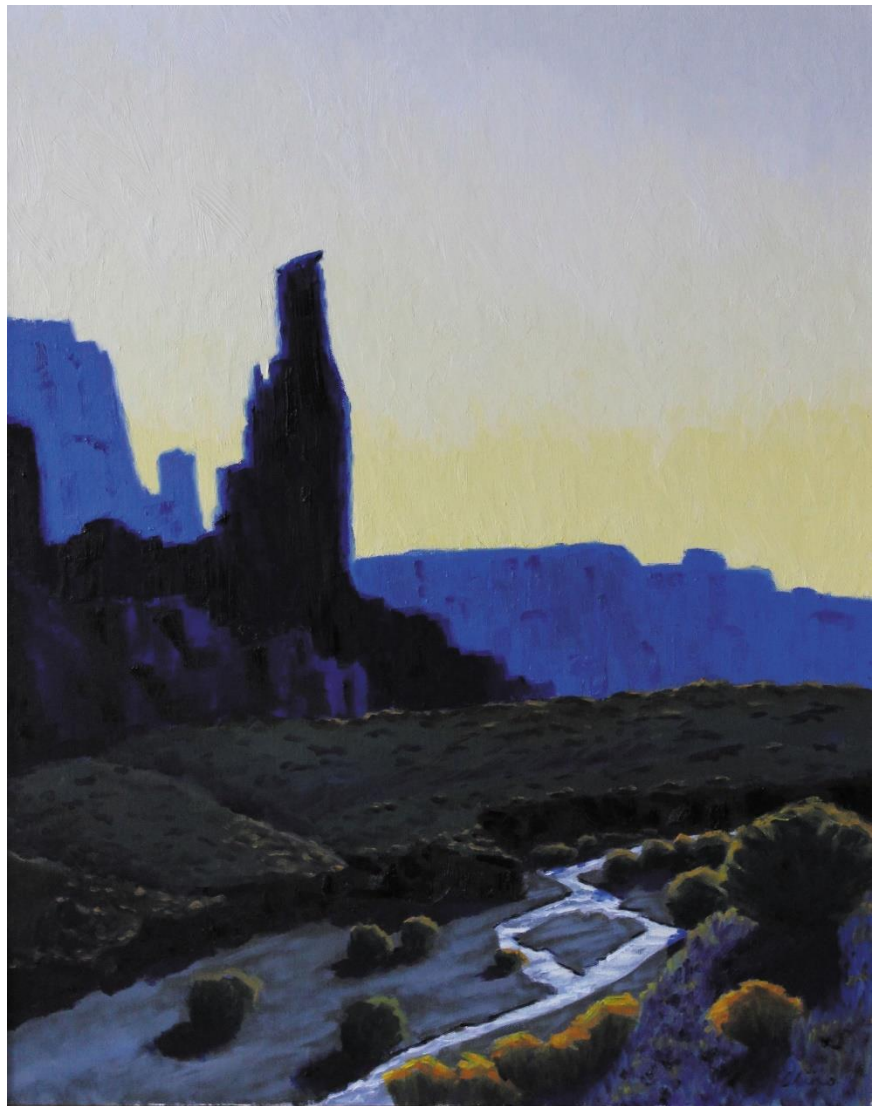
“Silver Strand,” a 24”x 30” oil painting by Mark Akins, won first place in the All Colorado Show at the Depot Art Gallery in Littleton. The annual show is a Western Welcome Week event.

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The Depot Art Gallery advertised its annual All Colorado Show to Colorado artists through CAFé (Call for Entries) this year and had an enthusiastic response: There were 348 entries, of which the show could only accept 70, so juror Joanne Burney had a demanding job.

Burney, a widely experienced Denver artist who teaches at the Art Students League, selected a range of styles and put together a good-looking show, which will hang in Littleton's vintage red depot through August, with extra hours during WWW. A sculpture, “Desert Plants” by Michael Mladjan, is placed on a table in the center of the baggage room and attracts immediate attention when one enters. Created from rusted steel, it was awarded “Best of Show” by Burney.



On the upper level of the baggage room, to the right, a viewer finds Michael Adkins' "Silver Strand," a 30-by-24-inch oil painting, a landscape done in the artist's studio from a plein air painting created at dawn at the Fisher Tower near Moab, Utah. A yellow sky glows as the day begins. "The prominent monolith is the Titan," he said.

Adkins has had a busy several years participating in plein air painting events in the West, and is also exhibiting his work currently in the Plein Air Artists of Colorado National Juried Art Show at Abend Gallery in Denver.

He is waiting to hear on admission to the 2014 Enchanted Lands Exhibit in New Mexico and will trek to the Colorado town of Victor in August; Escalante, Utah in September; and back to Moab in October.

Other winners in the All Colorado Show are: second place, Stephen Shugart, for "Pink Trailer," mixed media; and third place: Marilyn Koblitz, for "When Worlds Collide II," mixed media.

Burney awarded honorable mentions to Sheila Littlehorn, Jessica Rein, Barbara Rogers, Stanley Schwartz and Carla Stoltzfus.

If you go:

The Depot Art Gallery, 2069 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, operated by the Littleton Fine Arts Guild, is usually open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. During Western Welcome Week, it is open those hours every day. 303-795-0781.