

Posey Studios (which just moved to a new location at 234 W. Third St., Ste. D) and offering a variety of art camps for kids in the mediums of drawing, painting, collage, fiber arts, photography, sculpture, and hands-on sensory based projects. As she says on her site: "Art Camp is a place where children can feel safe enough to express their own unique creativity, receive positive feedback, create work that they feel proud of, and most importantly, have fun."

SECOND Place: Josh Kaercher
instagram.com/joshkaercher

THIRD Place (tie): Janet Lombardi Blixt
chicoartschool.com

THIRD Place (tie): Ben Lucas
instagram.com/ben_lucas

THIRD Place (tie): Christine MacShane
christinemacshaneart.com

Margarita

FIRST Place: Tres Hombres
100 Broadway, 342-0425

With its expansive list of varieties of the classic—including various fresh-fruit flavors (peach, melon, banana, etc.)—plus more than 120 types of tequila and seasoned mixologists, perpetual local favorite Tres Hombres remains El Rey de Margaritas in Chico.

SECOND Place: La Hacienda
2635 Esplanade, 893-8270

THIRD Place: Sol Mexican Grill
3269 Esplanade, 342-4616

Mixologist

FIRST Place: Richard Garcia-Silva
Franky's, 606 Ivy St., 898-9948

The man behind the bar at Franky's is also adept at slinging bars as his rap alter ego, Michael Elias. When he's behind the bar, the name is Richard Garcia-Silva, and his work is the drink specials, party bowls, wines and beers that go along with the Italian dishes and pizzas of the Five-and-I institution.

SECOND Place: Wendy Reid
Studio Inn Lounge, 2582 Esplanade, 343-0662

THIRD Place (tie): Pablo Trenado Jr.
Parkside Tap House, 115 W. Third St., 636-4239;
Tres Hombres, 100 Broadway, 342-0425

THIRD Place (tie): Harrison Carter
Goin-Op, 229 Broadway, 809-2688

Museum

FIRST Place: Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA)
900 Esplanade, 487-7272

Housed in the beautiful and historic Veterans Memorial Hall (a landmark since it was built in 1927), the Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA) is the pride of Chico with its fine permanent collection of Nor Cal art and varied schedule of rotating special exhibits and community events.

SECOND Place: Chico History Museum
141 Salem St., 891-4336

THIRD Place: Gateway Science Museum
625 Esplanade, 898-4121

Place To Buy Art

FIRST Place: Chico Paper Company
345 Broadway, 891-0900

This locally owned art store opened in 1968, and since then Chico Paper Company had made a name for itself for both providing conservation framing services, as well as showcasing dozens of local artists among the works of national/international artists in its 2,500-square-foot gallery in the heart of downtown Chico.

SECOND Place: 1078 Gallery
1710 Park Ave., 630-7522

THIRD Place: Art Etc.
256 E. First St., 895-1161

Place To Dance

FIRST Place: Crazy Horse Saloon
303 Main St., 894-5408

Everything you need to "cowboy up," in Chico, is upstairs at the Crazy Horse Saloon. A full bar, pool tables, mechanical bull, loud country music and, of course, a big dance floor.

SECOND Place: The Beach
191 E. Second St., 898-9898

THIRD Place: Madison Bear Garden
316 W. Second St., 891-1639

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Bloody Mary at Duffy's Tavern.
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