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HONORABLE MENTIONS

The Oval would like to acknowledge the winners of this year's Honorable Mentions, whose pieces will be uploaded to the blog following the release of Volume IX. Visit www.umoval.wordpress.com to read more poetry and prose and to view more visual art from University of Montana undergraduates.

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Shaded Man and *Working Old Hands*,
both by Lucy Larson • Visual Art

Song of Humanity Sings, by Ashley Palmer • Poetry

Waiting for Rene and *Warm Winter's Day*,
both by Silas Phillips • Visual Art

sea captain catman and his shitty night vision,
by Samantha Ricci • Poetry

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