

art venues with your friends and family. Local art makes a great gift and a great memory of happy times together. When you look at your art from our Tri-Lakes community, you can warmly think of your happy memories again and again.

July art special events

July Art Hop is 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, in Historic Monument between Second and Third Streets. Come early if you can while the best artworks are still available. Many venues invite guest artists for just the Art Hop time. You won't want to miss out on the paintings, jewelry and functional art pieces—they might just get sold and walk out the door with their new owner. Over 20 venues, and pick up a map at local shops. By the way, many venues have art for sale all the time!

Southwinds Fine Art Gallery will have its annual Summer Art Show—of course with artworks for sale—Aug. 1 and 2. This spacious exhibition space showcases paintings, sculpture, glass art, ceramics, jewelry, and more and is located at the northeast corner of Roller Coaster and Baptist Roads. Please contact the gallery for details: (719) 481-6157.

The Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) recently announced a Call for Artists to participate in a juried exhibition in fine woodworking. Artists are invited to submit their fine art in wood for consideration. Wooden wall art is encouraged for this year's show. Entry deadline is Aug. 1. Details: TLCA (719) 481-0475, 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake.

Janet Sellers is a local artist and art teacher. Her art and sculptures are on exhibit locally and all over Colorado. Sellers can be reached at janetsellers@ocn.me.



Above: On June 18, artist Victoria Patti attends the installation of her sculpture Princess Ayers, (a Catrina Lady Calavera in the manner of Mexican satirical imagery), for the 2015-16 Tri-Lakes Views (TLV) public art exhibition. The sculpture is located in front of Tri-Lakes Center of the Arts. Photo courtesy Sky Hall of TLV.



Above: Artist Harold Linke attended the Tri-Lakes Views 2015-16 installation of his sculpture Aura at the Monument Sculpture Park June 18, on Second Street in Monument. A dedication ceremony was held at the Art Hop night in Monument at Bliss Studio and Gallery that evening with the artists and art lovers in attendance. Photo by Janet Sellers.

Snapshots of Our Community

Integrity Bank donates \$5,000 to Monument Hill Kiwanis

Right: Integrity Bank and Trust President Jim Wyss (on the left in the photo) presented a \$5,000 check to R.F. Smith, 4th of July Parade Director with Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, at the club meeting May 30. In addition, Integrity Bank will provide its Colorado Springs-area employees to staff high school parking lots for parade spectator parking. Brad Crabtree and Nikki Wetzel of Integrity Bank

contributed significantly to the planning of the parade. Monument Hill Kiwanis is a community service organization that helps the youths in the Tri-Lakes community and performs various community service projects. The parade is conducted as a nonprofit operation, and its success is due in a large part to the generous contributions of Integrity Bank.



WMMI hosts gem and mineral show, June 5

By David Futey

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry co-hosted the 51st Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show with the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society on June 5 to 7. The

event attracted over 1,700 visitors who were presented with an array of activities. The activities included gold panning, viewing the operation of the museum's stamp mill and various steam engines,

interacting with the museum's burros, browsing the many vendor booths looking for that special mineral or piece of jewelry, and enjoying delicious offerings from food vendors. Information on upcoming events

at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. David Futey can be reached at davidfutey@ocn.me.



Above: Gold Prospectors of Colorado member Don Bray demonstrates the technique of gold panning to visitors of the Pikes Peak Gem and Mineral Show. Photo by David Futey.



Above: Western Museum of Mining & Industry volunteer Steve Berry operates the 1910 Osgood steam shovel. During its operational days, the shovel was used to mine hematite, an iron ore, in Wyoming. The museum operates the shovel on compressed air. Berry also operated an H.K. Porter trammer for visitors of the gem show. Photo by David Futey.