

mere five years, by age 26. And speaking of geni, so was Einstein. They both spent the rest of their lives revolving about that five-year period of genius activity. It's like they ran out of ideas. The data for this in art is based on sales values. Picasso's "best" work was in his early 20s and still commands the highest prices for his art. The highest regard for a master such as Rembrandt or Cezanne has been for art works from the end of their careers.

In the 2007 book, *Old Masters and Young Geniuses*, David Galensen reveals that genius is for the young, along with the pressures, while mastery is for the long-term effort. And in two revealing quotes from artists who changed the face of art for the modern era, we heard opposite statements, "I seek in painting" from Paul Cezanne, and "I don't seek, I find" from Pablo Picasso.

As an artist, I feel I need both of the above, because I am exploring and discovering all at once. It is in the putting down the paint, or manifesting the idea, that one no longer seeks, but has already found, the inspiration and makes something of it.

Many times in the act of attempting to do something, we find what we are looking for, and may not ever have found it if we didn't just start someplace. A case in point is the new trend of beautiful crayon coloring books for grownups—a new art genre complete with international contests and favorite colorists.

Artists are creating coloring pages for others to color in book form, single pages, and for gatherings or wine nights. Some pages are of landmarks, local scenes, and lo-

cal history. Many are complex mandalas or abstract in nature. And of course there are plenty of pages for all kinds of owers, birds, and hobby favorites such as trains, cars, gardens, and Tiffany glass inspirations.

We can enjoy our local art by making it as well as by going out and seeing it and getting some for ourselves to enjoy all the time. Our September art scene has quite a variety of venues, so don't miss out on them! Here are some ideas to get you started, and keep your eyes open for more all month. You never know when a trendy pop-up shop will appear here in town.

Local studio tour: Sept. 12, 13, Front Range Open Studios. Maps are all over town, and online here: <http://www.frontrangeopenstudios.com/map.php>

Our last Art Hop is Sept. 17, 5-8 p.m. including these venues and artists:

- Wisdom Tea House—Carol Losinski Naylor, watercolor batik artist. 65 Second St., Monument.
- Bella Art and Frame Gallery—Ann Barhyte photographs. An all-September show, artist reception on Art Hop night. 183 Washington St., Monument.
- Bliss Studio and Gallery—Jodie Bliss' new work, jewelry by Frank and Ginny Maiolo, and gallery artists Bryon Sutherland and Noa Tam. Gallery is located "just past the Wisdom Tea House on the alley."

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**Above:** Artist Vicki Mynhier enjoys doing her art demo painting of her trip to Italy on the patio at Bella Casa during the August Art Hop in Historic Downtown Monument. *Photo courtesy of Janet Sellers.*

# Snapshots of Our Community

## DWFPD - Relay for Life, Aug. 1

Overnight on Aug. 1-2, 18 teams walked the track for 12 hours at Lewis-Palmer High School in honor of cancer battlers and survivors in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. Event Chair Lee Henry said Steve and Andrea Brown got the relay started in the Tri-Lakes area six years ago to save lives from cancer and to remember loved ones who have been lost. See [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for more information.



**Above:** The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District team walked to honor its former Fire Chief Jeff Edwards at the 2015 Relay for Life in Monument. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

## Clean-up for Devin, Aug. 15

The Second Annual Clean-Up for Devin event was held on Aug. 15 at Dirty Woman Park with over 130 attendees. Organized by the family of Devin John Seifert to honor his love of the outdoors and keep his memory alive in a positive way, the group sponsored a second annual cleanup of Mount Herman. Donations and discounts were provided by Safeway, Starbucks, and Monarch Merchandising, and lunch was catered by La Casita Mexican Grill. Special mention was given to The Compassionate Friends organizations who support families after a child dies. The event was also attended by members of the Begier and Pappas families whose boys lost their lives within the last year. Next year's event in August will coordinate with The Friends of Monument Preserve to plant seedlings.



**Left:** Devin's father Steve Seifert addresses attendees while his sister Laura Bramschreiber, who led the organization of the event, looks on. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

## WMMI Hosts Tiny House Jamboree

From Aug. 7 to 9, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) hosted the First National Tiny House Jamboree. The event was co-sponsored by eco-cabins, hOMe, Parade of Homes, and the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs. There were an estimated 40,000 visitors to the jamboree with representation from all 50 states and at least 10 countries. A tiny house is generally considered 200 square feet in size. It provides an option from a second home in the woods, to portability, to someone interested in having a small-footprint home and thus less use of utilities and space. There were over 20 different styles of tiny houses and yurts on display with lines taking up to an hour for viewing the inside designs. Visitors could visit with vendors providing related items, like self-contained composting toilets, and also listen to a variety of speakers who talked about tiny home design, lifestyle, and living a minimalist life. Information on upcoming events at the WMMI is at [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).



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