

chrome Photography Show—vision, interpretation, and use of monochromatic lighting; through Nov 1. 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake.

**Front Range Open Studios Tour**, Sat.-Sun., **Sept. 7-8**, 10-5 p.m., “sharing the way the art is made,” hands-on things to try, drawings for art, fun for kids, as well as art for sale. Tour maps list 16 studios around town, online at [www.frontrangopenstudios.com](http://www.frontrangopenstudios.com).

**Southwinds Fine Art Gallery, September Saturdays Pop Up Shops**, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28, noon-4 p.m. (except Sept. 14: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Guest and gallery artists show their work, demonstrate their craft, and invite

the public to try their hand, fun kids activities, refreshments. 16575 Rollercoaster Rd. (at Baptist Road).

**Art Hop**—Sept. 19, 5-8 p.m. The last Art Hop of the season, so grab your friends, take in the art and libations, and get in some art hopping while you can! Historic Monument.

**Palmer Lake Art Group's 46th Annual Art Fair**, Sat., **Oct. 5**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Original art, artists, art demos, movie screening of Rarefied Air: Artists in the Pikes Peak Region.

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**Above:** A visitor enjoys the Monument sculpture garden, which currently shows some new Tri-Lakes Views works amid the town's permanent collection. Tri-Lakes Views 2019-20 outdoor sculpture exhibition ranges from Palmer Lake to Monument at parks, Santa Fe Trail areas, and local businesses. Maps are available at local shops, so grab a friend and explore local fine art every day of the week. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

## Snapshots of Our Community

### TLWC supports MCSS



**Above:** The Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC), named “Non-Profit of the Year” in 2017 by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, has granted over \$980,000 since 1977 to nonprofit, public service, and public education programs through its annual fundraising efforts. Recently TLWC awarded Mountain Community Senior Services (MCSS) a grant to help buy a new shuttle bus. MCSS is a nonprofit agency based in Palmer Lake with a mission to enable those age 60 and older living in northwestern El Paso County to remain independent by providing free transportation and handyman services. MCSS volunteer drivers provided over 4,000 rides in 2018. The new bus will ensure that reliable transportation to nutritional lunches and social events continues. *Photo by Carrie Commerford.*

### AARP at the Black Forest Festival



**Above:** Summer in Black Forest has been a busy time for AARP Chapter 1100, the only chapter to serve the Tri-Lakes area. Chapter volunteers gave away cold bottled water and potted plants, sold delicious homemade baked goods, and raised funds for Shield616, an organization that seeks to protect peace officers and firefighters, at the Aug. 10 Black Forest Festival. The chapter also hosted a blood drive at the Black Forest Fire and Rescue Protection District and a senior social at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. The monthly senior socials—held on the fourth Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the church—are open to all regardless of membership. If you would like to get involved with Chapter 1100, contact President Ray Rozak at 719-495-6767. All are welcome to the next chapter meeting Sept. 11. Pictured are numerous chapter volunteers who furnished giveaway and sale items and staffed the booth at the Black Forest Festival. *Photo courtesy of Stan Beckner.*

### National Night Out, Aug. 3



**Above:** Promontory Pointe Homeowner's Association (HOA) and the Promontory Pointe Neighborhood Watch teamed up to host the neighborhood's fourth annual National Night Out (NNO) and Summer Party on Aug. 3. Supported by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) and sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), NNO is designed to increase safety and crime prevention awareness as well as build police-community rapport. From 7 to 10 p.m., neighbors are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening with neighbors and local police and fire department personnel. See [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/sections-administrative-support-bureau/support-services-division/neighborhood-watch-program](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/sections-administrative-support-bureau/support-services-division/neighborhood-watch-program) for more information. Police, EPSO, and first-responder participants included Monument Police Department Acting Chief Mark Owens, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) Deputy Chief Keogh with engine 2213, and EPSO Chief Brad Shannon and EPSO deputies. An estimated 200 or more neighbors attended this year's event to enjoy fare from Broken Bones BBQ, celebrate summer, reconnect with neighbors, and interact with, and thank, law enforcement officers and first responders. Little ones enjoyed a bounce house, too. **Pictured**, Lucian Fiorito, age 3, finds TLMFPD engine 2213 irresistible. *Caption and photo submitted by Ann-Marie Jojola and Marco Fiorito.*

### Black Forest Festival, Aug. 10



**Above:** The annual Black Forest Festival Aug. 10 was well attended by the Black Forest community. Many spectators lined Black Forest Road in anticipation of the parade and the arrival of the new Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District 711 Engine. The colors were paraded by horseback and the Keepers of the Keys to Black Forest followed in an array of vintage vehicles. Scout Pack 70, High Country Kids 4 H, Stable Strides, and even rabbits were on parade. Many local businesses took part in the parade supplying candy to the crowd along the route. Early risers enjoyed a pancake breakfast and were then able to visit the booth fair, listen to live music and discover a menagerie of assorted animals. Outhouse races, crafts, demonstrations, art, and a 90th Tribute to the Black Forest Community Club were also featured. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*