

Dutch baroque artist Adrian Van Der Werf (1659-1722), inspired his interest.

Adrian Van Der Werf's perfectionism to his craft served him as he became one of the most sought-after and well-paid artists of his day. Considered one of the greatest Dutch baroque painters throughout the 18th century, his genre work centered on Dutch daily life and affairs. While the Renaissance artists had used compositions of horizontals and pyramid stability with soft lighting for religious and mythical subjects, the up-and-coming Dutch baroque artists embraced the drama and excitement inferred by using a single light source, evoking the powerful, sensational visual experiences surrounding their world of traveling merchants who supported paintings of their developing middle-class culture.

August local art events

- The Art Hop Returns, Aug. 20, 5-8 p.m. Historic Downtown Monu-

ment.

- Palmer Lake Art Group scholarship winner Kennedy Shuh at Bella Art and Frame through mid-August, 183 Washington St., Monument.
- Hummingbird Festival, Aug. 21, 10-4 p.m., Southwinds Art Gallery; hummingbird art, art of local artists, 16575 Roller Coaster Rd. Celebrating the rufous hummingbirds' return flight through our area. Family-friendly hummingbird talks and art, food, face painting, music, giant bubbles, alpaca wool crafts, baby alpacas meet-and-greet. (Colorado COVID-19 compliance requires social distancing and masks.)

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Above: County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf at home with his replica of *Portrait of a Man in a Quilted Gown*. Housed in the National Gallery, London, the original painting is by his ancestor, Adrian Van Der Werf, whose works are considered the epitome of Dutch baroque painting. *Photo courtesy Stan VanderWerf.*

Snapshots of Our Community

AARP remembers vets, July 1



Left: The 2020 coronavirus outbreak could not stop Chapter 1100 of AARP in Black Forest from remembering the veterans at the Bruce McCandless Veterans Community Living Center in Florence. As in past years the chapter provided useful items for the center's residents in appreciation for their service to the nation. Chapter 1100 is the only AARP chapter in the Colorado Springs area. The motto of the chapter is "To Serve Not to be Served." Contact Candace, the chapter president, at (314) 330-0411 for information about Chapter 1100, which has been designated the best AARP Chapter in Colorado for Community Service for 11 consecutive years. **Pictured above:**

While relaxing in one of the camp chairs provided by Chapter 1100 of AARP, "Jack," the Resident Council president, displays some of the fishing items donated to Community Living Center residents. *Photo courtesy of Black Forest AARP.*

Flags along Gleneagle Dr., July 3



Above: Zack Pankau of Boy Scout Troop 194 and Gleneagle Sertoma Club member Harvey LeCato were among the volunteers who placed American flags along the length of Gleneagle Drive on the morning of July 3 and in celebration of the Fourth of July. The club has placed flags along Gleneagle around the Fourth of July for over 15 years. The 400 flags were provided by Terry Galloway of Real Estate by Terry. Information on the club and its volunteer efforts toward hearing health is at www.gleneaglesertoma.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

TLCA makes improvements, July 2



Above: Though the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) has been closed for events since March due to the pandemic, the staff and volunteers have not been idle. They, along with hired contractors, have made improvements inside and outside the building. Regarding the latter, pictured are Dave Jordan and TLCA volunteer Joe Beavers performing the final touches on painting the east side of the building. Those passing the TLCA will not only notice the new colors but also the new pergola that will provide cover for attendees before entering the center. Michael Maddox, TLCA executive director, said these and other improvements are a "continuing effort to provide a first-class venue for art exhibits and concerts by nationally recognized performers for the benefit of Front Range families." Check the center's website, www.trilakesarts.org, for upcoming events presently scheduled for September. *Photo by David Futey.*

Flyover, July 4



Above: In honor of the Fourth of July, the Colorado Air National Guard's 140th Wing flew over Monument and other Colorado communities. The F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft were from Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora. *Photo by David Futey.*