

## From a reader: The Moon, the Stars, and Mars, Dec. 8



**Above:** I took this photo on Dec. 8. It shows the Palmer Lake Star, the full moon with Mars, and a passing train. You have to love Palmer Lake! *Photo by John Emmons.*

## David Arkenstone and Friends at TLCA, Dec. 9



**Left:** David Arkenstone and Friends performed an eclectic mix of instrumental music to an appreciative sold-out audience at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts on Dec. 9. Arkenstone, a five-time Grammy nominee with numerous Billboard hits, was accompanied by Kimberly Zaleski (flutist), Megan Shung (violin), Carlyn Kessler (cello), and Josh Gilgoff (percussion). Inspired by Tchaikovsky's Arabian Dance from the Nutcracker ballet at an early age, Arkenstone proceeded to become a world-renowned dynamic instrumentalist and musical storyteller. His music has been heard in movie and television scores, World of Warcraft and other video game soundtracks, themes for various NBC Sports events, and in over 60 released studio albums. The concert play list included a mix of genres and winter themed songs including Jade Mountain, Arabian Nights, I Saw Three Ships, The Ice Palace, Snow Dance, and Snows of Avalon. *Photo by David Futey.*

## Friends of Fox Run Park Ornament Party, Dec. 10

**Right:** On Dec. 10, kids of all ages joined the Friends of Fox Run Park Volunteers—including local high school Honor Society volunteers—to make festive holiday ornaments from wooden tree cookies and eat holiday treats with spiced cider. The free annual event celebrates and appreciates the Friends and is held at Fox Run Park in the Warming Hut next to the Twin Ponds. Twin Ponds is always frozen this time of year, but it was much warmer—and jollier—inside the Warming Hut. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

