

Snapshots of Our Community

Patriot Golf Tournament honors military, police, firefighters



Above left: Air Force Academy Chief Rick Ross and Senior Master Sgts. Eric McCullough, Eric Lescarbeau, and Jackson Hetzer (not in order) enjoy sponsored participation in the Patriots Golf Tournament. **Above center:** Mitch Lincoln, Brad Shannon, Kevin Acre, and John Brandt (not in order) of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department pause for a photo during tournament play. **Right:** Rae Berg and Sherry Edwards of the Gleneagle Sertoma Club present a \$2,000 check to George Hayward of Home Front Cares as their share of the tournament proceeds. *Photos provided by the Gleneagle Sertoma Club.*

The Gleneagle Sertoma Club sponsored the 11th annual Patriot Golf Tournament at Gleneagle Golf Club to honor golfers from Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, the Air Force Academy, the El Paso County Sheriff's Dept, and the Donala Fire Protection District.

Entry fees for the honored guests were paid through contributions from local Sertomans and friends of Sertoma. Proceeds from the tournament benefit Sertoma's charities including a \$2,000 check donated to Home Front

Cares, an organization that primarily provides emergency support and grants to families of deployed military service men and women.

The Patriot Tournament has its roots in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. "It was a tragedy to be remembered and memorialized. We witnessed the heroic efforts of firefighters, law enforcement and our military services as they responded with courage and honor," said Bob Duckworth, President of the Gleneagle Sertoma

Club. "The Patriot Golf Tournament has become a tradition honoring those in our community who would do the same for all of us."

During the past year, Gleneagle Sertomans have donated more than 4,000 hours of their time to make their community a better place to live. The club has also raised more than \$15,000 during the year to support local charities. ■

Annual Christmas fair features 40 artisans



Top left (L to R): Arlene Scaroni, PLAG nominee for president; Treasurer Jana Towry; and President Margarite Seagraves in front of Scaroni's *Bubbles of Sunshine* display. **Top center:** Local historian and videographer Jim Sawatzki (left), at his display of his works at the PLAG fair, discusses an item with Priscilla Morrill. **Top right:** PLAG member Tsilla Reyner is pictured at her display of crafts and art creations. Reyner has been participating for 15 years. **Left:** Participants at the PLAG's 39th Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair. **Right:** Mary Little Deer Glenn stands in front of her pottery creations. Glenn has been making pottery for 45 years. She is a member of the Oklahoma Choctaw Native American nation. *Photos by Bernard Minetti.*



By Bernard L. Minetti

On the weekend of Oct. 6, the Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) conducted its 39th Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair. The fair was limited to 40 artisans who displayed their creations at the Palmer Lake Town Hall.

The event is "juried," meaning that each exhibitor has to be selected to present his or her items at a particular show. Jurying requires that a committee evaluate each prospective candidate's items prior to granting permission to participate. Margarite Seagraves, PLAG president,

said that the reason for jurying is to maintain artistic standards, quality, and creativity to maintain a high level of artistic demeanor.

PLAG fair raises funds for the students of School District 38 who wish to specialize in art studies. Three scholarships totaling \$3,000 were awarded.

Participants and members of PLAG volunteer time and effort to prosper the notion of fostering art through assisting students to receive the education related to their particular talents. Katha Kenda, the 2012 Craft Fair chair-

person, coordinated the efforts to conduct this year's fair. Kenda is also the volunteer coordinator for the group.

PLAG Treasurer Jana Towry said donations can be sent to PLAG, P.O. Box 543, Palmer Lake, Colo., 80133. More information including how to participate as a member can be found at the group's website at www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. You may also contact Kenda at 719-683-4880.

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