

July 19: Art Hop in historic Monument
While there is a whole town full of venues for our wonderful Art Hop sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association, I try to spotlight a few each month here to tickle your art bones.
Wisdom Tea House, 65 Second St.: Mattie O. and Lynn Lee will have a joint exhibition titled “Botanical Extravaganza” now through July 28. The show features botanical works from traditional to contemporary in such varied media as fiber, paper, paint, and scratch-board. The artists will be at the tea house to talk with

you about their work at the artist reception coinciding with the evening of the Art Hop, July 19, 5 to 8 p.m.
Frog on a Limb Primitives, 341 Front St., at Third StreetMeet the “Purveyor of Electro-Acoustic Dulcimization,” Bud Ford of Cripple Creek Dulcimers, out on our front porch at this Art Hop. Ford likes to play the Appalachian Dulcimer every way you are not supposed to—but also traditionally, for that mountain music feel. Enjoy refreshments while you listen to great music.
Margo’s on the Alley, 253 Washington St. Local artist

John DeFrancesco will demonstrate his technique for painting miniature oils, some as small as 2 by 3 inches. DeFrancesco’s representational style has a distinctive softness of mood, shapes, edges, and colors. His miniature oil paintings will be available for purchase at special pricing this evening only.
Janet Lee Sellers is an American painter and sculptor who works in paint, metal and, most recently, concrete. Sellers lives in Woodmoor, Colorado. She can be reached at janetsellers@ocn.me.



Above: Works by CarrieAnn Baade are allegorical narratives inspired by literature and art history, combining visual elements of exotic flora, fauna, and figures Left: “Butterfly Lovers.” Center: “The Happiest Demon” Right: Artist CarrieAnn Baade, nee Jones, grew up in Monument and is a 1992 graduate of Lewis-Palmer High School. She was the recipient of the Palmer Lake Art Group Scholarship that year, which assisted her in attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is now an Assistant Professor of Art at the College of Visual Arts, Florida State University. Baade’s works will be featured in a solo exhibition in the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) Lucy Owens Gallery July 3 through 28. Photos provided by CarrieAnn Baade.

Snapshots of Our Community

Scenes from the Monument Art Hop



Clockwise from the left: Authors Barbara O’ Neal, left, and Beth Groundwater signed their latest publications at Covered Treasures Bookstore. O’Neal recently published *The Garden of Happy Endings*, about a woman returning to Pueblo after a tragedy in her life, seeking solace by preparing meals at a soup kitchen for those in need. Groundwater published the outdoor adventure mystery, *Wicked Eddies*, about the murder of a fly-fishing competitor that occurs on the Arkansas River. At The Bead Shop, hand weaver Alice Ridges shows Evan Futey how to operate a loom. At The Love Shop, Lisa Bergren, author of *The River of Time* series, is surrounded by fans, from left, Jenna McGann, Anna Schnellbach, Anna Rokke, Diana Araje, and Amanda Sievert. The Crescendo String Quartet performed a mix of contemporary and classic pieces at Wisdom Tea House. Bud Ford of The Dulcimer Shop in Manitou Springs plays a mountain Dulcimer outside of Frog on a Limb Primitives. Mike and Jessica Humphreys own the business, which opened in October. Their store specializes in Early American-Colonial-style items, such as fruit syrups, jams, soaps, handmade crafts, and teas. Most items are made in the United States and, in particular, Colorado. Photos by David Futey. David Futey can be reached at dfutey@ocn.me.

