

Concerts in the Park series begins



This is the 11th year of the free concert series, which runs through Aug. 1. The event is sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association. Turnout for the concerts at Limbach Park is usually 600 to 800 people, so bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy food, fun and great music for the whole family. Information on upcoming concerts is at www.monumentmerchants.com/Concerts.htm.

Above (Left): Jody Adams (center) and the String Dudes (Darin Black, left, and Verolen Kersey) performed at Limbach Park, June 6. *Photo by Candice Hitt.* **(Center):** On June 13, Colorado Springs blues band Adam & Stilwagen performed. The band consists of, from left, John Stilwagen (keyboard), Dave Deason (percussion), and Big Jim Adam (guitar). In 2011 and through the

support of the Colorado Blues Society, the band reached the finals at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Information on the band is at www.adamstilwagen.com. *Photo by David Futey.* **(Right):** Ron Wesley, left, accompanies Rick Stahl at the Monument Concert in the Park on June 20. *Photo by David Futey.*

33 artists display works at PLAG Fine Arts Show



Above (Far Left): The 47th Annual Fine Arts Show and Sale was held June 8 at the TLCA. *Photo by Kate Wetterer.*

(Left): Members of the Palmer Lake Art Group pose at the TLCA during the opening reception.

(Right): In the Lucy Owens Gallery, photographer Brian Davis displayed his "photo art." Davis started in photography and then began to manipulate the images, softening colors and accentuating areas of the photos. His works have been displayed in Parade of Homes and in Denver-area businesses.

(Far Right): Roger Ward, left, and Daniel Edwards autographed books they published. Ward and Edwards co-authored *A Victorian Mansion in the Colorado Rockies: The Estemere Estate at Palmer Lake: An Architectural and Social History of a Unique 19th Century Mansion*. This book takes a fascinating look at the

history behind the Estemere Estate. Edwards also authored *Dr. William Finley Thompson: Dental Surgeon and Founder of Palmer Lake*. Thompson founded Palmer Lake in the 1880s and sought to develop it as a vacation location. *Photos by David Futey.*

By David Futey

On June 8, the Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) held the opening reception for its 47th Annual Fine Arts Show and Sale at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). The show demonstrated the breadth of expertise within the group as 33 members displayed works in a variety of mediums including oils and pastels, photography, wearable art, watercolors and mixed media.

PLAG President Margarete Seagraves said, "The show has expanded greatly in numbers and variety since it began in the 1960s." She also expressed appreciation to the community and businesses that support the group.

Proceeds from a silent auction held during the reception went toward the group's scholarship fund for District 38 high school art students. Seagraves said the group provided \$3,000 in scholarships in 2011. She hopes to raise

additional funding as PLAG seeks to support students from Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer High Schools.

Gayle Higgins' watercolor work, *Silverleaf*, was selected as Best of Show by Judge Telise Rodelv. Information on PLAG is at <http://www.palmerlakeartgroup.com/>. A listing of upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org.

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Dotsero at TLCA



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On the evening of hot June 9, Dotsero's own heat melted away the concept of cool jazz on the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) stage inside. This contemporary jazz band from Denver, led by brothers Stephen and David Watts and backed by Charles Peterson (drums), Thomas Jefferson (bass), and John Schallar (keyboards), captivated and entranced the sellout audience with a distinctive and high energy performance.

Information is at www.dotsero.org. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org.

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Pictured from left: Dotsero band members David Watts (guitar), Stephen Watts, keyboardist John Schallar. *Photos by David Futey.*

VFW Change of Command

By Bernard L. Minetti

During the change of command ceremonies at the June 19 meeting of local VFW Post 7829, Joseph Carlson relieved retired Air Force Lt. Col G. Anthony Wolusky and took charge of the post. During the ceremony, Wolusky was presented with the Order of Merit, the highest award ever presented by the local post.

During Wolusky's tour as commander, the Post qualified for the VFW All American Post award for two successive years. This award is given to the post that has the highest recruitment level in addition to providing various service activities to and for the local veteran community. Wolusky will remain active with the local unit. He is now also the judge advocate for the VFW State of Colorado organization.

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Above: Joseph Carlson, left, relieves Post Commander retired Air Force Lt. Col G. Anthony Wolusky. Wolusky is presented with the Order of Merit for taking the post to national recognition for two years running. Carlson assumes command of VFW Post 7829, which meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Sundance Mountain Lodge in Monument.