

# Artists display range of talents at Art Hop, July 19



On July 19, Monument Art Hop artists displayed their array of talents, including quilt-making, mystery writing, photography, multimedia art, and unique jewelry design. The Art Hop is held on the third Thursday of each month, and the next one is scheduled for **Aug. 16**.

**Left (top to bottom):** At Bella Casa, **Gayle Higgins** is shown with one of her watercolor works, *Crabapple*. Higgins started out as a colored-pencil artist and eventually “got hooked” doing watercolors after taking a course. Her art can be seen at [www.gaylehiggins.com](http://www.gaylehiggins.com). Santa Fe Trail Jewelry owner **Marylee Reisig** shows off a few of her pieces she had on display during the July Art Hop. **Members of the Front Range Modern Quilt Guild** talked about quilts and their organization at Crafty Laine. The guild is composed of members from Denver and the Tri-Lakes area. At far right, Stephanie Ruyle’s Tail Wind hangs behind her and other guild members. **Laura DiSilverio, left, and Robert Liparulo** were the featured authors at Covered Treasures Bookstore. DiSilverio authors three series based on a mall cop, ballroom dance mysteries, and a private investigator based in Colorado Springs. Monument resident Liparulo authors two series, one for young adults and an action book for adults, with his latest work titled *The 13th Tribe*.



**Right (top to bottom):** At Bella Art & Frame, photographer **Dave Brandt** displayed images of sandstone formations carved by water from winter trips to the Page, Ariz., area. Wisdom Tea House hosted three artists at the July Art Hop. **Jan Cashman** provided a demonstration using fresh flower and silk arrangements. **Lynn Lee** posed with one of her many botanical illustrations she had on display at the tea house ([www.commonwheel.com](http://www.commonwheel.com)). **Mattie O.** displayed a variety of styles, including acrylic and gold leaf on canvas and acrylic with tissue paper ([www.mattio.com](http://www.mattio.com)).



Photos and captions by David Futey. He can be reached at [dfutey@ocn.me](mailto:dfutey@ocn.me).

