

# Concerts in the Park concludes 2012 series, Aug. 1



**Above:** The July 11 Concerts in the Park series featured Barbara Ernst with Mistura Bela. From left, Luke Tripp (violin), Jill Fredicksen (drums), Barbara Ernst (vocals and guitar), and Ken Walker (cello). More information regarding this band can be found at [www.misturabela.com](http://www.misturabela.com). *Photo by Stacey Paxson*



**Above:** On July 25, Wayne Hammerstadt of the jazz-rock fusion band Hammerstadt, is spotlighted by the setting sun while performing on the Limbach Park stage in Monument. Hammerstadt was joined by fellow band members James Dikes, Dewey Steele, and Paul Haller as they played to an appreciative audience (left). *Photo by David Futey.*



**Above:** On Aug. 1, Woody Woodworth (left) and Sweet Revenge closed the Concert in the Park series for 2012. **Below:** As their parents and guardians listened to the concert on the Limbach Park stage, children spun the evening away on the merry-go-round. *Photos by David Futey.*



## Garden Club considers ways to share its harvest

By Kate Wetterer

The Palmer Lake Community Garden Club met on July 9 to discuss the group's progress and the state of the garden. Most of the plants were flourishing, and those that had been doing poorly may be replanted or replaced. A topic of concern was the possibility of harvesting available herbs now, as they grow, to avoid wasting plants that are ready for consumption. These include herbs that are ideal for seasoning as well as flowers that can be used for tea.

A possible solution could be to host an herb harvesting event, so attendees can learn the proper way to gather herbs without harming the plant, while fetching something fresh for their own kitchens. This idea was still in the works.

The club also debated potential methods to share food grown in the garden with other Palmer Lake residents. A popular suggestion involved choosing a "host family" that could benefit from a little extra produce and encouraging them to help in the garden, cultivating their own food. Some vegetables would be reserved for interested club members but it is important to the club that something be given back to the community.

Other topics mentioned included the desire to provide better identification for the plants in the garden, perhaps artful signs offering additional information about the vegetables. As some of the beds employ "partner" gardening, where plants are arranged in sets of complementary species, it was suggested that a sign explaining partner

gardening and the specific tactics utilized could benefit those so inclined to investigate.

The club has also renewed its grant application and is considering what it can provide in the future. Classes for the next couple months were also discussed, the next being a casual discussion of food preservation on Aug. 15.

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Meetings are planned for the second Monday of each month. The next general meeting will be Aug. 13 in front of the gazebo near Town Hall. For information: [dwoodhockey@comcast.net](mailto:dwoodhockey@comcast.net) or 963-3242.

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## July and August Library Events

By Harriet Halbig

The library's Summer Reading Program party on the Village Green in Palmer Lake was a great success. Hundreds of young patrons and their parents came to enjoy the cookie walk and a challenging obstacle course.

Special guests included the state champion robotics team from Coronado High School, the Cougars Gone Wired, agility dogs Hula and Hondo, and mascots from Texas Roadhouse, Wendy's, Chik-fil-A, the Air Force Academy, and Soccer Buddies.

The library thanks the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library for its sponsorship of this event, Schwan's for the delicious ice cream sandwiches, and the many teen summer reading volunteers for their help with the games, face painting, and countless other details.

By July 27, almost 2,000 children and 675 teens in the Tri-Lakes area had registered to participate in the program.

### Children's programs

The August Family Fun program in Monument is based on the Olympic Games. We'll hold our own version of the Olympic Games, learn some Olympic facts and do an Olympic craft. This program, on Aug. 11 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., is appropriate for school-age children.

The Lego club will meet from 10:30 a.m. until noon on Aug. 18. Lego enthusiasts are welcome to join in the fun, and it's open to all ages. We provide and Legos and

you provide the creativity. Please do not bring your own Legos. Be sure to bring your camera to record your creation—all pieces used to make projects remain the property of the Pikes Peak Library District.

### Teen programs

Book-Eaters and Crafty Teens will return in September.

### Adult programs

In August, the Monumental Readers will discuss *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway on Friday the 17th at 10 a.m. All patrons are welcome to this monthly book club.

The AARP Mature Safe Driving Program will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. This is a driver refresher course designed for motorists age 50 and older. Participants may present their course completion certificate to their insurance agent for a discount on their premium. Charge for the four-hour course is \$12 for



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