

al outdoor public art exhibit titled ARTSites. ARTSites is a yearlong outdoor sculpture on loan exhibit displayed in the Tri-Lakes area. Entries are accepted January through March each year, and artists should submit digital images on a CD of all entries. For more information, contact Dr. Betty Konarski: bkonarski@earthlink.net
Call for Entries: Visions of Light Photographic Exhi-

bition
 The TLCA has issued a call for artists for the March 2013 "Visions of Light" Photographic Exhibition, with John Fielder, nationally renowned photographer, publisher, teacher, and preservationist, as juror. The TLCA is located at 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. For details, contact the TLCA at 719-481-0475.

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Snapshots of Our Community

Craft fair benefits Tri-Lakes Cares



Above: Amy Thomas offered her organic granola from Front Range Granola. Photo by Harriet Halbig

By Harriet Halbig

The North Pole at Tri-Lakes Craft Fair celebrated its seventh year on Dec. 1 and 2, with 75 vendors offering products at the Grace Best facility. The show is organized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club and benefits Tri-Lakes Cares through donations of nonperishable food by those who attend.

Items offered included foods, Christ-

mas ornaments, jewelry, imports from India and South America, and various handmade items.

Monument Hill Kiwanis member Barb Broshous was in charge of organizing the event. This was the second year the show was hosted at Grace Best.

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Santa visits Small Town Christmas



Above: Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves walked through historic Monument and took a moment to visit with children about holiday wishes. Children had the chance to talk with Santa, and the elves gave out candy canes with a smile in various parts of town on Dec. 1. Photo by Janet Sellers.

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Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves dropped into town for a couple of hours during the first day of annual events for Monument Small Town Christmas on Dec. 1. While families toured the town in an old-fashioned hayride wagon pulled by tractor power, children also visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Front Street from 10 to noon.

Shops in the area offered refreshments and

were all decked out for holiday fun, and some shops had musicians playing for the visitors. Later, Santa, Mrs. Clause, and the elves took a stroll around town to see what was going on and meet children on their walk. Many others strolled around the town, enjoying refreshments at the local shops on a surprisingly warm, sunny first day of December.

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Santa visits Festival of Lights



Above: Santa was on hand at the Gleneagle Festival of Lights to hear last-minute Christmas wishes. Photo by David Futey.

By David Futey

On an unseasonably warm Dec. 8 evening, the Gleneagle community celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with its fourth annual Festival of Lights. Sponsored by the Gleneagle Women's Club (GWC) and Gleneagle Golf Course, attendees rode on a hayride through the golf course and viewed the light displays

on numerous homes.

GWC member Ruth Spencer said this was the most attended of the four annual festivals. As evidence, there were long lines all evening for the hayrides, and the cookies and refreshments were nearly gone by the end of the evening.

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Kids' shopping day in Monument



Above: The Historic Monument Merchants Association holiday celebrations that started with Small Business Saturday, Nov. 24, and Small Town Christmas, Dec. 1, continued with Kids' Shopping Day, Dec. 8. Cinderella's Coach gave rides. Photo by Janet Sellers.

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On Dec. 8, the Historic Monument Merchants Association (HMMA) continued its three-week event, A Small Town Christmas, with a kids shopping day. Starting out at the Secret Window Gallery and Purple Mountain Jewelry on Third Street, children in a long line were ready for a ride in Cinderella's carriage around Historic Monument. Costumed storybook princes and princesses were on the scene to welcome everyone to the fun, escorted the children on their rides, and were ready

for photos with the children.

Throughout the town, while moms and dads relaxed with refreshments at shops, kids got special shopping privileges that included face painting at several shops, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and specially priced gift items. Carolers from Palmer Ridge High School made surprise visits in joyful, musical flash mob style in and out of shops all morning.

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