

Art Matters



Plenty of art to enjoy during May

By Janet Sellers

A triple crown of artful Fridays for Tri-Lakes should brighten your evenings in the coming weeks.

Three art galleries have joined forces to create an entire month of arts events right here in our community. The galleries represent 50 to 75 local artists and artisans, and each gallery has a dedicated gift shop with jewelry, greeting cards, prints, and home decor items. Events will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays.

The First Fridays Art Night will be hosted by Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). This month, however, will be a bit different. The main gallery will exhibit the show *Bloomin' Art for May*, with the artists' reception on May 11, 6 to 8 p.m. This juried exhibit will offer works from a wide variety of artists on a springtime theme.

The TLCA's Lucy Owens Gallery will have artist Kristy Reid's solo exhibition of representational artworks in May. Reid's work ranges in scope from landscapes to creatures in nature. Reid describes her style as "a colorist with impatient realism." The artist reception will be May 11, 6 to 8 p.m. TLCA is located at 304 Highway 105 in Palmer Lake.

The Second Fridays Art Night will be at Bella Art and Frame. For May, the gallery special exhibition will be digital paintings by artist Tony M. Fowler, with the opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 10. The artist uses digital imagery and computer digital painting to create works of art in light on the digital screen, then the works are printed for hard copy and purchase. The gallery also has many spacious showroom nooks for their resident artists. Bella Art and Frame is located at 183 Washington St., Monument.

The Third Fridays Art Night will be held at Southwinds Fine Art Gallery. This month, Southwinds will spread its May 3 big event of their grand reopening over that entire weekend and will participate in the Third Fridays open house style of shows for its many resident artists on May 17. Southwinds is located at the corner of Baptist and Roller Coaster Roads in Colo-

rado Springs.

Art Hop will begin May 16

The Art Hop rides again on May 16 for the 2013 season. The event will continue on the third Thursday of the month all summer. The Art Hop is an early evening art event in Historic Monument offered from 5 to 8 p.m. and sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association. Many arts venues as well as local stores not usually purveying art open their doors and walls to artists and art lovers—some for the day, some for a month-long art show. Historic Monument Merchants is located in the Arts Quarter between Second and Third Streets and Beacon Lite Road and Front Street, Monument. Details for these monthly events can be found at www.monumentarthop.org/news.htm.

Secret Window Art Gallery will begin to showcase some unique arts events with A.T. Archuleta, events that he calls *Art in Motion*. Archuleta will paint artworks live and in color while people watch, and in some cases guest artists will get in on the painting as well. This month the live action painting is slated to occur on May 10, 5 to 8 p.m. Secret Window is located at 47 Third St., Monument.

PLAG show set for June

The Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) will hold its June art show and sale at the Heritage Art Studio this year. The show will run June 7 to 15, with the artist reception on June 7, 5 to 8 p.m., with refreshments, music, and raffle ticket drawings. Winners will receive an artistic gift created by member artists. Over 30 artists will exhibit, and their work will include paintings of all mediums, sculptures, photography, fiber art, and jewelry. This show will be judged by Archuleta, owner of the Secret Window Gallery.

I spoke with Ermi Knoth and Margarete Seagraves recently about their many years of volunteering to help make PLAG events successful. PLAG creates scholarship monies for local high school seniors with proceeds from events and shows. But more than that, PLAG members put in many hours making their paintings and drawings, preparing the frames and

presentations, and creating knockout art shows to entertain the entire community. This year the show at Heritage Art Studio will showcase the PLAG artists' efforts as the highest-altitude art venue on the Palmer Divide. Heritage Art Studio is located at 18725 Monument Hill Rd. Monument.

Keep kids happy all summer with art classes and camps! A variety of kids' art classes and art camps will be available this summer. Venues for these fun summer art experiences include Bella Art and Frame,

TLCA, Heritage Art Studio, and the Monument School of Fine Arts.

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Just Horsin' Around art show at Bella Art and Frame



Left: Tri-Lakes area artist Dolly Rickerman demonstrates her painting techniques while chatting with guests at the art show reception April 12.



Below: Artist Robert Templin, right, chats with friends Lisa and Dennis Phillips at the artist reception for his ranching-themed artwork. Templin takes care of the 180 horses at the Air Force Academy stables and has worked with many Wounded Warriors and their families in specialized equine programs at the academy.

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