

able in that few communities have such venues available year after year on their own dime and not via a public or government entity. Please join me in going out to the upcoming events and fun in art that are so carefully planned and thoughtfully arranged. And yes, by all means, purchase some of the beautiful, original, and fun art that is for sale right here in our town!

August arts events

Monument Art Hop—Over a dozen venues stay open until 8 p.m. Aug. 15. Galleries, restaurants, and boutiques of historic downtown Monument feature art openings, food, and live music. The art quarter is between Second and Third Streets in historic Monument.
Fabulous Friday Art Nights—Aug. 2, 9, 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Local art gallery receptions for featured artists, events, and art shows. First Friday is at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TCLA), 304 Highway 105 in Palmer Lake; Second

Friday is at Bella Art and Frame, 187 Washington St., Third Friday is at Southwinds Fine Art Gallery, corner of Baptist and Roller Coaster Roads, Colorado Springs.
TCLA—Wonders of the West art exhibition celebrates the beauty of the American West. A wide variety of mediums have been welcomed to this show. Exhibition dates are July 30 to Aug. 31, artist reception Aug. 2, 5 to 8 p.m.
Bella Art and Frame—Andy Borden oil paintings. Borden brings many Colorado landscapes to this new show of his work Aug. 1-28, artist reception Aug. 9, 5 to 8 p.m.
Southwinds—Only local artists are the resident artists at this innovative community gallery, and Southwinds artists welcome the community for an evening of art and conviviality.

Heads up for September

Richard Pankratz retrospective Sept. 3-28, TCLA, artist reception Friday, Sept 6. In his artist statement for the

show, he says, “As an artist, I never feel that a work is completely finished until it causes a connection with another person....”
Whimsy County Frog Festival and Show of Classic Conveyances—Sept. 6, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Brewery, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Drive. Frog on a Limb Primitives, of Monument, and the brewery are holding the event as a fundraiser to benefit the many neighbors, artisans, and customers affected by the Black Forest Fire, with artisans’ demonstrations, crafts, a vintage/historic vehicle car show, hayrides, music by the J. Miller Band, and other local music artists. Guests can enjoy food, beer, games, raffles, and prizes.
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Snapshots of Our Community

Barn Dance opens July 4 festivities

By David Futey

On the evening of July 3, Si and Dorothy Sibell opened the Tri-Lakes-area Fourth of July festivities with their annual Barn Dance. Food, music by *Reckless*, and a silent auction were all part of this community gathering. The dance acts as a fundraiser, with this year’s proceeds going to Wound-

ed Warriors, American Legion Post 9-11, and Monument resident Adam Mittelstadt. Mittelstadt was wounded in Afghanistan as the vehicle he was riding in was hit and flipped by an explosive, killing his team members. From this attack, he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and requires a service dog. However, the cost to acquire

and train a service dog is \$5,000 to \$10,000. Mittelstadt has been working with a German shepherd named Heidi and hopes to secure her for his own once the necessary funds are raised.
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Left: From left, Adam Mittelstadt, Heidi (Mittelstadt’s service dog), and Si and Dorothy Sibell are shown outside the Barn Dance hosted by the Sibells. Proceeds from the dance will assist Mittelstadt with the purchase of Heidi as his service dog.

Right: *Reckless* provided the music for the Barn Dance hosted by Si and Dorothy Sibell.

Photos by David Futey.



Fun Run preceded annual parade

On July 4, more than 500 runners participated in the 32nd Annual Fun Run. Proceeds from the 4-mile run benefit Palmer Lake Elementary School. Race Director Lindsey

Leiker said the funds go toward teacher wish lists, library needs, and field trips. Race results for the age groups can be found at www.july4funrun.com/Results-2013.aspx.

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