

ity to a frigid clime. The gardeners plan their gardens and start their seeds indoors in anticipation of spring (albeit quite late here compared to the rest of the nation). School-children play indoor sports, play in the snow (a novel idea to my tropical heart) and seem to spend better quality time with their studies and creative thinking. Artists plan their works and prepare their art for the warmer season, known in the trade as the “high art season” when people are out and about more and traveling and buying art.

Local art activities for January

Tri-Lakes Views—Announced a Call for Entries for its annual yearlong outdoor sculpture exhibition titled

ARTSites. The juried exhibit will be installed in June 2014 and be on display for one year. The chosen sculptures will be on exhibit throughout the Tri-Lakes area and the Monument Sculpture Park at Big Red, which is along Second and Jefferson Streets. Submittal deadline is March 31, 2014. For application criteria and details, check the website www.trilakesviews.org. Tri-Lakes Views is a nonprofit community arts organization.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TCLA)—Colossal Archives exhibit Jan. 10 to Feb. 1, 2014, reception Jan. 10, 6 to 8 p.m. A show of nine 4-by-7-foot modern art paintings by “Lord Science Universal” aka David W. Jones. The

artist says of his work, “I am a raw artist.” He is the son of David and Jan Jones of Monument, who have been active for decades in the Tri-Lakes art scene and instrumental in the founding of the TCLA. Their daughter, Carrie Ann Baade, was featured in 2012 for a major exhibition at the TCLA, 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake.

Janet Sellers is an American artist, art teacher, and writer. She makes public art sculptures for Colorado cities, teaches art locally, and you can often see her painting pictures outdoors, faithful pooch at her side, in just about any weather. She can be reached at janetsellers@ocn.me.

Snapshots of Our Community

Bell ringers raise \$37,000

Monument Hill Kiwanis Club member Bill Schmidt (pictured at the right) was one of scores of bell ringers in the Annual Red Kettle Campaign. Tri-Lakes area volunteers rang bells from the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve to raise \$37,000 for the El Paso County Salvation Army. Larry Adams, Monument Hill Kiwanis Club Red Kettle coordinator, extends the club’s gratitude to all those who contributed to the kettles and volunteered their time to ring bells at the kettles, located at King Soopers, Walmart, and Safeway. The Red Kettle Campaign is one of many Monument Hill Kiwanis community service and fundraising events during the year. See <http://monumenthillkiwanis.org/mhk/> for more information. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*



Handbell Concert, Dec. 14



Above: Joyce Lash (front), and Jon Casbon, left, and Mark Alexander (back), joined in the free 12th Annual Tri-Lakes Community Christmas Handbell Concert on Dec 14. The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir and the Monument Community Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir were joined by Sue Hippe on the flute, Glenda Herman on the organ, the TLUMC Brass, Sweet Harmony Women’s A Cappella Chorus, and Barb Taylor’s vocal students. “Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this special holiday event,” said Director Betty Jenik. *Photo by Leslie Hall.*

Cops for Kids, Dec. 14

Right: Irene Walters wrapped gifts at the Christmas Bazaar for Monument Cops for Kids on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Sibel’s Barn in Monument. It featured toys, books, collectables, jewelry, and free gift-wrapping for kids doing their shopping. Monument Police Cops for Kids is a nonprofit organization started by Officer Rob Stewart about 14 years ago. Stewart saw a need for mentors for kids in the Tri-Lakes area. Volunteer police, firefighters and Lewis-Palmer school counselors have donated their time to take at-risk kids to different events in the area. At Christmas, they adopt a family or families and provide them with Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa with gifts for the children. They also supply local kids with school supplies and pass out glow sticks and candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. Call 719-213-6349 or see <http://monumentcopsforkids.net/about/about.cfm> on how to get involved. *Photo by Mary Russelavage.*



A Small Town Christmas

The three consecutive Saturdays of A Small Town Christmas are organized by the Historic Monument Merchants Association. The event included a visit from Santa, free crafts for kids, special sales at many downtown stores, musical guests and authors, live reindeer and alpacas, a tree lighting

ceremony and concert at Limbach Park, and face painting. Girl Scout Troop 584 raised money for Dream Power. Families sampled cider and cookies and visited the downtown merchants ready to share their treasures with the world.

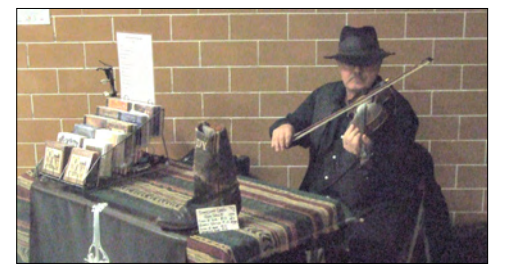


Above: Charles Dahlem holds boxes of assorted homemade cookies he selected.

TLMA Christmas Concert



Left: Baily Nagle, left, and Andrea Shafer were part of a caroling choir that greeted the hundreds of people gathered in the entryway of Palmer Ridge High School on Dec. 20, 21, and 22 to hear *The Hope of Christmas*, the Tri-Lakes Music Association annual holiday concert. The free concert was created by Phil Barfoot and David Williamson and featured many choirs and orchestras. All proceeds from the freewill offering went to Tri-Lakes Cares and \$500 college scholarships to two Lewis-Palmer District 38 seniors. See www.trilakesmusic.org for information about making a donation or participating in the next concert. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*



Above (left): Beverly Carlson and Teri Stephens of the Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Women display some of the cookies for sale at the Cookie Walk in the Fire Administration Building as part of Small Town Christmas on Dec. 7. The \$2,300 raised went to Colorado disaster victims via the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The cookie sale shared the meeting room with Girl Scout Troop 3740, which offered help and supplies for children to create holiday craft masterpieces. *Photo by Leslie Mundy.* **(right):** Jody Adams a.k.a. TwangloSaxon joined many craft vendors at the Seventh Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair at Grace Best School, Dec. 7-8. Bob Nissen of Monument Hill Kiwanis Club said attendance at the craft show was about 600 people, which was more than they expected given the frigid weather. Visitors contributed \$500 in donations and almost 250 pounds of food for Tri-Lakes Cares. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*