

their locations on the beautiful free maps available all over town, and online there is even more information: www.monumentarthop.org Some of the Art Hop venues known at press time include the following:

Bella Art and Frame Gallery, 183 Washington St., 719-487-7691. May 5-28. Award-winning photography by resident artist Dave Brandt. Artist reception May 15, 5 to 8 p.m.

Bella Casa, 155 Second St., 719-559-4133. Featured artist Paul Adelgren graduated from Palmer Ridge High School last year. He enjoys drawing animals and has tried many different mediums, including graphite pencil, colored pencil, and ink. He even paints on turkey feathers.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. An exhibit of the works of Al Feinstein in the Lucy Owens Gallery in May. Feinstein is an architect and painter based in Colorado Springs, and his art is primarily in acrylics, with a wide variety of mediums represented in his oeuvre.

Wisdom Tea House, 65 Second St., 719-481-8822. Art demonstrations: Julian Drummond will be carving an eagle from a block of ice. Artist Carol Losinski Naylor's students will display and demonstrate the ancient art of watercolor batik. The Tea House will be serving dinner, beverages, desserts, and artisan gelato.

Janet Sellers is an American artist and art teacher.

She teaches art locally, exhibits her paintings all over the world when possible, and makes public art sculptures for Colorado cities. She can be reached at janetsellers@ocn.me.



Pictured above right: Colorado student artists, from left, Amber Carlson, Emily Carlson, Megan King, and Savannah Kocsis received appreciation awards and honors from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and were celebrated by the local community on April 12 at Bella Art and Frame Gallery. The artworks raise public awareness for support of Colorado wildlife and wetlands conservation via the state and national Junior Duck Stamp design contest. *Photo by Susie Kocsis.*

Snapshots of Our Community

Mine boarding houses



Above: From left, WMMI historic interpreter Christine Nestlerode, authors Mark and Karen Vendl, and WMMI historic interpreter Audrey Gregg-Solly are shown in the museum's changing exhibit area. The Vendls presented a talk on life in mine boarding houses as part of the museum's lecture series. The Vendls along with Duane Smith, authored the recently published book, *My Home at Present: Life in the Mine Boarding Houses of the San Juan Mountains, Colorado*. *Photo by David Futey.* Information on upcoming events at the WMMI is at www.wmmi.org.

Broncos visit



Above: The Town of Monument and Tri-Lakes YMCA hosted the Broncos on their *Salute to the Fans Tour* held Saturday, April 19. This event was well-attended, with lines running out the door and down the sidewalk. From left are: Katie B. (cheerleader), Boyd Williams (CEO of Pikes Peak Region YMCA), Madeline VanDenHoek (town liaison), Malik Jackson (97, defensive end), Dane VanDenHoek, Kendal VanDenHoek, Savannah Bornstein, John Howe (town trustee), Heather Steinman (YMCA executive director), Becki Tooley (town trustee), Virgil Green (85, tight end), Jeffrey Bornstein (town trustee), Miles the mascot, Ben Garland (63, guard), and Emily G. (cheerleader). *Photo by Bill Foote.*

Art Show MS fundraiser



Above: Local artists showcased paintings, jewelry, and handmade candles in a fundraiser for the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 12 at the Sundance Mountain Lodge in Monument. The show was hosted by the MS Walk Team Strength 'N' Numbers. Profits from the show and the MS Walk, coming May 3 in Denver and May 17 in Colorado Springs, will be used for research and to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis, which affects over 2 million people worldwide. From left, standing, are Venessa Henman, Kristen Novotny, Nancy Novotny, Judi (Novotny) Havens and Dana Savage (artist). From left, seated, are Kara Novotny, Alletta Poindexter (artist), Vivian Powell (artist) and Alaina Bohler (wife of artist Joseph Bohler). For more information, contact Havens at doublejran@aol.com or see www.nationalmssociety.org. *Photo by Tae Jang.*

Easter Egg Hunt



Above: Tri-Lakes area children had the opportunity to enjoy Easter egg hunts April 19. Palmer Lake hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Town Hall and on the Village Green. Eggs were concealed around the Village Green, Town Hall, and library areas. Besides a jumping house on the green, children enjoyed a variety of games in the Town Hall and could have photos taken with the Easter Bunny. Pictured above from left, Zachary Flora, D. J. Newberry, Yishak Patton, and Jake Flora have a laugh with the Easter Bunny at the Palmer Lake Easter Egg Hunt. *Photo by David Futey.*

Wildfire prevention



Above: Keith Worley, wildfire mitigation specialist, was one of the experts from a three-county area who presented tips on protecting lives and property at the Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners (PPWPP) Workshop, "Surviving Wildfire: It Takes a Community," all day April 12 at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center. Participants saw the 2014 Black Forest Fire video by PPWPP, *Protecting our Homes, our Firefighters, and our Forests*, with reflections from local emergency responders. You can see this intense 13-minute video at <http://vimeo.com/84393594>. The PPWPP's mission is to provide effective reduction of the threat of wildfire through effective and efficient education, cooperation and coordination of available resources by individuals, agencies, and organizations. For information, contact Worley (PPWPP secretary) at 303-681-2492, Randy Johnson (PPWPP president) at 303-681-3284, or see www.ppwpp.org. *Photo by Eddie Bruck, volunteer Woodmoor Firewise advisor.*

Pine Forest a big success



The 38th Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor and Garden Show and Sale drew an estimated 1,600 people to Lewis-Palmer High School on April 26-27. Pictured above: Vice presidents for Charitable Events Suzanne D'Innocenzo, left, and Diane Zeiger were the organizers of the event. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.* For information on TLWC membership or to apply for grants, please go to tlwc.net.