

raised bed peaks at 3 feet high; we'll plant into the sides and top of it. It needs irrigation this year but won't in its subsequent 10 to 30 years, and it doesn't need tilling or weeding.

TLGC's tips for July: Water deeply via the "2 knuckles deep" moisture test, either very early or very late in the day to avoid water loss by evaporation. For July hailstorms, protect the garden with netting. My loyal cat chases away birds and other critters, but I still have that net just in case the cat is napping off duty. With July's warmer night air, seeds and baby plants can include squashes, beans, tomato plants, eggplants, and other items.

In summer, some Tri-Lakes-area gardeners do ad hoc garden walks, so keep an eye open for local yers as well as notices on these

Facebook pages:  
[www.facebook.com/MonumentCommunityGarden](http://www.facebook.com/MonumentCommunityGarden)  
 and  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-Lakes-Garden-Community/1386155058330111](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-Lakes-Garden-Community/1386155058330111).

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**Right:** Tri-Lakes Gardening Community volunteers and an Ascent Church youth group "crop mobbed" hugelkultur and African keyhole gardens to help local families with food gardens. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*



Art Matters

# Art group honors four; sculptures installed



*By Janet Sellers*

The Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) held its 49th annual Fine Arts Show and Sale on June 20 at the Mountain Community Gallery at the Mountain Mennonite Church. With money from their sales each year, PLAG sponsors annual scholarship awards for outstanding creative achievement of local high school students to support their continued education in the arts.

This year's award honorees are: Lauren Davis, pursuing animation, illustration and graphic design at the Savannah College of Art and Design; Mikayla Martin, pursuing art education at Eastern Mennonite University; Randi Nielsen, pursuing graphic arts and design at Fort Hayes State University; and Tayanna Todd, pursuing a bachelor's degree in fine arts in film and TV production at the University of Southern California.

Honorees Davis and Nielsen said that they had loved art and making things since early childhood and continued throughout the years exploring their art interests.

We talked about how art and design classes support needed skills in so many career choices, and that making art has given them the ability to reach their goals for college. They said that making visual art such as drawing and painting and even animating clay into videos got them ready for their future.

And let's celebrate the outdoors! Tri-Lakes Views (TLV) installed 11 new public art sculptures from Palmer Lake to Monument on June 19. A celebration of the installations was held at Catriona Wine Cellars in Monument, combining the event with Art Hop. For June, Catriona Cellars had sculptures and artworks throughout by Mark Giovanni, and a white marble sculpture by Ruth Burink

greeted guests at the entrance.

TLV leaders, including Sky Hall and Betty Konarski, greeted everyone at the gala after a long day overseeing the installation processes of this season's public art sculptures. Hall later introduced the artists, TLV officials, and the upcoming fine art bench project for the Monument Sculpture Park.

A site map for the public art on view, sponsored by TLV and local businesses, will be available mid-July at local merchants around town.

The next Monument Art Hop will be on July 17. *Janet Sellers is a local artist and art teacher. Her paintings and sculptures are around town at local businesses and the Monument Sculpture Park. She can be reached via OCN at [janetsellers@ocn.me](mailto:janetsellers@ocn.me).*



**Above (left):** Student artists Randi Nielsen, left, and Lauren Davis, shown with their artworks, were among four local art students awarded scholarships for furthering their arts education by the Palmer Lake Art Group on June 20 at the Mountain View Gallery in Palmer Lake. *Photo by Janet Sellers.* **Above (right):** *Farmers Moon* by Reven-Marie Swanson, painted steel and fused glass, was installed at the Sculpture Park at Big Red. **Right:** *Toward a Common Goal* in steel by Jodie Bliss was installed at New Trail Head Park on the Santa Fe Trail at Third Street in Monument. *Photos by Sky Hall.*

## Snapshots of Our Community

### Gleneagle Cousins Bring Home the Gold



Jayleen Ingram and Andrew Daugherty, cousins, had a good day at the Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby with, first-time racer, Jayleen driving her "The Mad Tea Party" car to first place in the Stock Division and at the same time also taking a first for the Best Designed car in the Stock Division. Andrew added to the extended family's awards by winning a first place for car design in the Super Stock Division.

Jayleen is the daughter of Diane Ingram and William Ingram, residents of Gleneagle. Jayleen was a rookie driver in the Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby and is a fourth grade student at Antelope Trails Elementary School. Her first place for car decoration was won for her design based on her experience in playing the role of the Mad Hatter in the school play, *Alice in Wonderland*. With the first place finish in

the Stock Division Jayleen earned the opportunity to compete in the International Soap Box Derby Race July 26 at Akron, Ohio.

Andrew is the son of Dennis Daugherty of Gleneagle and Jill Wilkey of Castle Rock. Andrew is a fifth year driver who won the Stock Division locally in 2009 and the Best Car Decoration at the International Race of 2009.

He is currently a seventh grade student at Mesa Middle School.

The Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby is a yearly, sanctioned race managed by Monument Hill Kiwanis and Gleneagle Sertoma Clubs who provide funding and volunteers to give the youth of our community the opportunity to compete in a family-oriented event first locally then nationally. *Photo by Dennis Daugherty.*