

Art Matters

# National Arts Month has a big local buzz, too



By Janet Sellers

This month let's enjoy the gorgeous Colorado fall colors and blue skies, and the warm hearts of our local art venues and with our local artists. Summer is over, but the art and humanities are warming up our community with vital arts offerings and cultural events.

For October, as National Arts and Humanities Month, the biggest goals are, "... to create national to local focus on the arts and humanities through the media, provide federal, state, local business and civic leadership to declare their support for arts and humanities, and establish a highly visible vehicle for raising public awareness about the arts and humanities." Locally, it also kicks off the cultural season for our community, and we can look at it as an opportunity for all of us to get out and enjoy art, artists, and our art venues and support their enormous cultural contributions to our area by buying or donating to them.

Love of place is the term used to indicate the cultural and social value of where we live and work, and this

love of place is the powerful result of many hands and hearts devoted to making a community thrive socially and economically as well.

Mark your calendars, grab your friends—let's join the rest of the nation to "explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of participation in the arts and humanities."

**Jefferson Studios** Owner-artist Daryl Muncey and guest artists offer paintings, photography, mixed-media, and furniture. 215 Chapala Plaza, Monument.

**Kiwanis 2018 Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction**, Wednesday, **Oct. 10**, 5-7:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This popular event is a major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC). Please bring a non-perishable food item for the TLC Food Pantry. Tickets (includes dinner and a local artist's handmade bowl) at the door, online, or at local businesses.

**Southwinds Fine Art Gallery and Fox Run Studio** present the 2018 Spirit Tree Tour: Friday, **Oct. 12**, 5-8 p.m., artists including Janet Sellers, John W. Anderson, Terri Sanchez, and Deb Bartos honor the Colorado culturally modified trees in art via artist talks and exhibits. Saturday, **Oct. 13**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. cultural activities: yoga, Spirit Tree walk (Anderson), introducing NASTAP (Native American Sacred Trees and Places Association), barbecue, art, studio and studio class demos, pre-holidays gift show. 16575 Rollercoaster Rd. at Baptist Road.

**Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, through Oct. 26, *Monochrome Photography Show*—vision, interpretation, and use of monochromatic light. 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake.

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## Snapshots of Our Community

### Monu-Palooza, Sep. 2



**Above:** The Monu-Palooza Music Festival on Sept. 2 was a last hurrah of summer with five bands at Limbach Park in Monument. It was a family-friendly afternoon and evening of music and impromptu dancing. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

### Fill the Boot, Sep. 3



**Above:** All three shifts of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District took part in the annual nationwide Fill the Boot campaign over the Labor Day weekend outside King Soopers on Baptist Road. The International Firefighters Association has continued the tradition of collecting monetary donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for more than 60 years, raising awareness of this debilitating disease and giving families confronted with muscular dystrophy hope for the future. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

### Bill Nance Blood Drive, Sep. 4

**Right:** The semi-annual Bill Nance Memorial Blood Drive was held at Antelope Trails Elementary on Sept. 4. Gleneagle Sertoma Club Vice President of Membership Vicki Wynn (left) donated blood during the event. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*



### Barefoot Mile, Sep. 8



**Above:** Many people walked to support awareness of child trafficking at the Barefoot Mile—Fight Child Trafficking barefoot walk at Lewis-Palmer High School on Sept. 8. Benet Hill Monastery and other organizations joined hands and bare feet to raise awareness and funds to fight child sex trafficking. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

### Monochrome photo show, Sep. 7

**Right:** On Sept. 7, the Monochrome Photography show opened at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts. The show was judged by Michael Snively, who awarded photos based on originality, composition, artistic merit, and other categories. The show continues through Oct. 28. For more information, go to [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org). *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

