

Palmer Lake Creek Week, Sep. 25



Above: More than two dozen people took part in the Palmer Lake Parks Commission's semi-annual Volunteer Day on Sept. 25. Among the volunteers were members of Monument Boy Scout Troop 17. The Scouts earned community service hours for their efforts. The volunteers spent three hours clearing dead brush and trees from around Palmer Lake, removing noxious weeds and repairing trails along the creek in Glen Park. *Photo by Michael Pietsch.*

PLAG makes Holiday ornaments

Right: Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) members Irmi Knoth, left, and Vicki Mynhier prepare the annual hand-painted holiday tree ornaments for the November and December fundraising season. Members painted tiny canvas artworks that can be used as holiday ornaments for trees or wreaths or even as miniature works of art. This year, the ornaments and the holiday tree will be at Bella Art and Frame shop in Monument. Funds from the sale of the ornaments will go to the PLAG local high school scholarship fund. *Photo by Joanie Lang.*



American Heritage Girls, Oct. 1



Above: The local chapter of American Heritage Girls held a fundraiser at McCord's Garden Center and Landscaping on Oct. 1, raising money for Wreaths Across America. A ceremony will be held **Dec. 18** at the Monument Cemetery for the laying of Remembrance Wreaths at the graves of veterans. For more information and to sponsor a wreath for the Monument cemetery, see <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/142960/overview>. The American Heritage Girls Troop has several projects going on for girls ages 5 to 18, learning about faith, community, and country while having fun outdoors and providing service to others. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

PLAG Show, Oct. 8



Above: Palmer Lake Art Group member Irmi Knoth presents the People's Choice Award to Kim York at the annual small-works show held this year at Bella Art and Frame shop.

Right: Ethan Ahlstrom hosted the small-works art show and was the head judge of the show for the group of award-winners.

Photos by Janet Sellers.



Black Forest Farmers Market, Oct. 9



Above: A spectacular variety of pumpkins are displayed as shoppers brave a blustery fall morning at the Black Forest Backyard Farmers Market on Oct. 9. The market began in 2020 and continues in popularity every Saturday from May through October in the Black Forest Community Center backyard. The markets showcase local fresh farm produce, vendors, and food trucks, and offer children's activities and live musical performances each week. For more information and upcoming Christmas holiday market information, visit www.thebackyardmarkets.com. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

Monument Lake Mural, Oct. 9



DAR work on Fox Run Park, Oct. 9



Above: Members of the Kinnikinnick Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), inspected, cleaned, and spread crushed red rock Oct. 9 in the Pine Meadows area of Fox Run Regional Park. It was part of the DAR's Day of Service. Members are encouraged to engage in meaningful service projects in their communities. *Photo by Pat Borah.*



Left and Above: More than a dozen people showed up on Oct. 9 to help local artist Lawson Barney paint a mural of the Front Range on the 300-foot retaining wall at Monument Lake. Barney traced an outline of the mountains and volunteers filled it in with blue, green, white, and black paint. Barney later added white birds. The work was expected to last as many as four Saturdays, but it took only one. It was part of the celebration of Pikes Peak Region Arts Month. The Public Works department later added a coating that would protect the mural from vandals. *Photo by Shannon Bryant.*