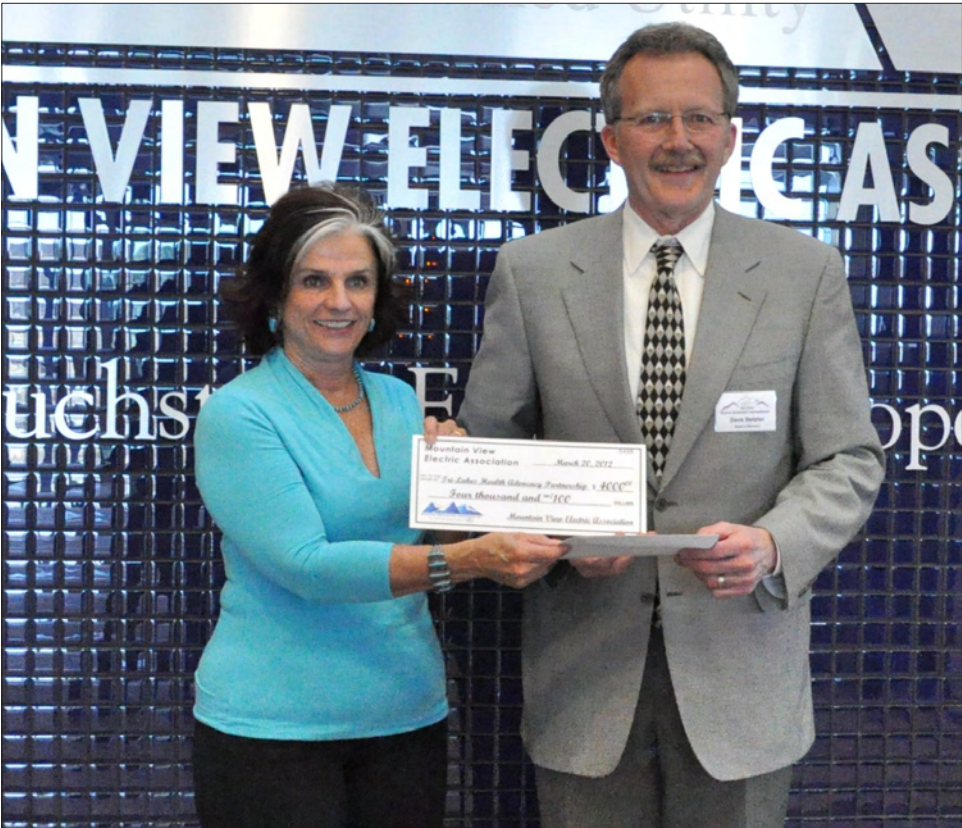


HAP receives MVEA grant



Left: Sherri Oram-Smith, left, vice president of the Operation Round Up Board of Directors, presents a \$4,000 grant to Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) board Vice President Dave Betzler. HAP was recognized for its program of providing weekly nutritious lunches for senior citizens in the Tri-Lakes community. About 2,000 low-cost lunches per year are served. Operation Round Up assists non-profit organizations, communities with special needs, and individuals who have suffered from personal disasters. Members of Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) make contributions as they “round up” their bill each month. Operation Round Up strongly encourages community-oriented programs and called HAP’s lunch program “a model of citizen involvement to help its local community.” *Photo provided by the Tri-Lakes HAP.*

TLWC presidents gather



Above: Past, current, and future Tri-Lakes Women’s Club Presidents gathered for lunch at the Wisdom Tea House in Monument. Pictured are: (front row) J.J. Kaelin and Yvonne Jennings (second row) Maxine Pitt, Peggy Lilly, Sally Stephenson, Debbie Kessler, Pam Sekavec, and Lisa Simms (back row) Sharron Steffey, Rae Jean Claybaugh, Jackie Timura, Gail Wittman, Mary Mills, and Gerrie Maixner. Missing from the picture: Debby Bielanski, Jan Cashman, Junette Pearson, Terry Franz, Sharolyn Hoskinson, Donna Wagner and Donna Adams. *Photo provided by the TLWC.*

Predictions & Perceptions



Above: Carol Naylor is shown next to her work *Stargazer*, a piece created with watercolor and wax on rice paper. Naylor’s motivation for the piece came from thoughts about her friend, who is an owner of the Stargazer Theatre in Colorado Springs. **Below left:** Margaret Hyer displays her late husband Bill’s work, *Genesis Day Four*. About 40 of Hyer’s colorful oil paintings remain and eight are on display at the TLCA during April. **Below right:** One of Richard Hart’s contributions was *The Unfathomable Voyage*. *Photos by David Futey.*



By David Futey
On March 30, the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) hosted two art show openings.
In the Lucy Owens Gallery, Dr. Douglas Layton displayed his Auriolus Jewelry Creations. Layton has traveled to over 100 countries, seeking antiques and antiquities to restore and revive into wearable jewelry. Layton said he “gives the piece new life” as “jewelry is timeless and needs to be re-intro-



Dr. Douglas Layton

duced into the modern world.” Layton’s works were on display until March 31.
In the Main gallery, the *Predictions & Perceptions from the Spiritual Realm* show was on display. The show runs through April and consists of paintings, mixed-media works, photography, and neon art from 22 artists including Thomas Blackshear, the late Bill Hyer, debi Story Maddox, Margarete Seagraves, Carol Naylor, and Richard Hart.
Information on Layton is at www.AuriolusJewelry.com. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org.
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March and April library events

Spring break programs popular

By Harriet Halbig
March brought spring break and several outstanding programs, including Katherine Dines and Hunk Ta Bunk Ta Music, Neil McIntyre’s Hip-hop for Kids, and Science Matters. All were well attended by enthusiastic audiences.
Patrons ages 12 to 18 are encouraged to apply as summer reading volunteers to register kids for the program and award their prizes. Shifts are two hours long, seven days a week from morning through evening. Or, you can be a substitute for a short period while others are on vacation. Mandatory training will be offered in mid-May. Pick up an application at the circulation desk and join us for a summer of fun.
Homeschool students are invited to bring a favorite

book that they’ve read and a prepared book report to share with the group on Tuesday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. Props and costumes are allowed, too. We’ll begin with preschoolers and progress upward.
Teens ages 12 and up are invited to come and make Meg and Greg Eggs to take home. Come be creative and share snacks at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 6. To register, call the library at 488-2370.
National Library Week is observed in mid-April. Please join us for a reception with the library’s Leadership Team from 3 until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. They are interested in your thoughts, ideas, and feedback about the library and its activities.
The teen book club Book-Eaters will meet on Wednesday, April 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This month is

a Book Potluck. Bring two or more books you want to talk about. Discuss characters, plots, and writers and help create a display for Teen Literature Day. Snacks provided and no registration required.
April’s Family Fun event on Saturday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. is “It’s a Big, Wide, Dreamy World” with Patti Smithsonian. You can’t help but laugh as Patti’s crazy puppets tell this delightful story.
Back by popular demand: Learn how to make freshly baked bread at home. Baking bread from scratch is easier than people think and healthier than the store-bought variety. Learn to make two simple yeast breads: honey oatmeal and white dinner rolls or pizza crust. Beginners are welcome and there will be finished breads to taste. Join us on Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m.