

Art Hoppers find wide range of works



Works in a variety of media were featured at the Aug. 16 Monument Art Hop. The final 2012 Art Hop is Sept. 20.

Clockwise from top left: Jo Gaston, creates watercolor abstracts; quilter Kay Liggett; authors Shaun Daggett and Susan Joy Paul; jewelry-maker JoAnn Wedge; landscape architect turned painter Vicki Mynhier; wood-turner Dennis Liggett; and furniture-maker Dan Rieple (inset at left).

Photos by David Futey



Black Forest AARP volunteers aid Flying W Ranch repairs



By Stanley Beckner
Several volunteers from the Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 assisted in the effort to repair fire damage at the Flying W Ranch area that was recently devastated by the Waldo Canyon Fire. The Aug. 18 volunteer effort was planned and supervised by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte. The work involved removal and chipping of burned hazard trees, reshaping the ground surface, reseeding, mulching, and building erosion control structures to stabilize drain-

ages prone to flooding. Early on, the volunteers provided traffic control and check-in of the volunteer work force. Later they assisted in the hauling of burnt slash to the shredding truck. Finally they helped in the reseeding of a devastated hillside. The chapter's motto is "To Serve Not to be Served." All ages are encouraged and welcome to become a part of the community service-oriented chapter. Call Chuck at 719-749-9227 for more information.

Left: Black Forest volunteers Lin Rozak, Ray Rozak, and Diane Apodoca prepare to go to work at the Flying W Ranch work site. *Photo provided by Stanley Beckner*