

Art Hop, July 18

Firewise presentation, July 20



Above: Bud Ford plays Appalachian dulcimer music during the Art Hop at the Frog on a Limb shop. Owners Jessica and Mike Humphreys offer a large number of Appalachian goods, so they asked Ford to play traditional dulcimer music at every Art Hop. Ford co-owns the Dulcimer Shop in Manitou Springs and plays this traditional music throughout the region at a variety of events. Art Hop is held from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month through September. The next one will be Aug. 15. For more information see <http://monumentmerchants.com/events.htm>. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*



Above: From left, Kathy Fox, Barbara Bates, and Steve Moorhead prepare to deliver handouts and make presentations July 20 at the Monument Library regarding Firewise landscaping techniques, while behind them in the community room, Chella Dimanza gives her slide presentation on fire mitigation and landscaping. See the Personal Wildfire Action Plan Bulletin at www.woodmoor.org/pdf-files/forestry/WIA-ActionPlanBooklet_PROOF4.pdf for ideas about home hardening, defensible space, and evacuation planning. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

High impact at brick-breaking fundraiser, July 26



Above: Tanner VanBebber takes on the state martial arts record for fastest brick-breaking, an extreme sport in marital arts, on July 26 at Freedom School of Martial Arts in Monument. *Photo by Ethan Ahlstrom.*

By Janet Sellers

Black belt Tanner VanBebber, an instructor at Freedom School of Martial Arts in Monument, held an extreme sporting performance event called extreme brick-breaking on July 26 at the school arena before a packed crowd. Such performances entertain audiences but also raise money for charity. VanBebber challenged local businesses and individuals to pledge a small donation per brick broken, up to the full attempted number of 100 bricks. He succeeded in breaking 99 bricks in about 18 seconds. The school will donate all of the \$1,000-plus raised from this event to a special fund for Black Forest Fire victims through the Tri-Lakes Cares community resource center. *Janet Sellers can be reached at janetsellers@ocn.me*



Above: Kurt Frankenberg, left, owner of Freedom School of Martial Arts, and Carrie Pendergrast of Tri-Lakes Cares, center, congratulate Black belt Tanner VanBebber on July 26 after his extreme brick-breaking fundraiser event held at the Freedom School of Martial Arts in Monument. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

July and August library events

Party celebrates summer reading program

By Harriet Halbig

The finale of the summer reading program was the gala party on July 30 on the Palmer Lake Village Green. Thanks to the generosity of the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library, children enjoyed an inflatable obstacle course, songs and stories from Beth Epley, face painting, and many other activities and games. Special treats were the yummy ice cream sandwiches donated by Schwan's.

By late July, there were 1,558 children, 669 teens, and 138 babies enrolled in the summer reading program at the Monument Library and 139 children, 69 teens, and 25 babies enrolled at Palmer Lake.

We send a final warm thank you to the many loyal teen volunteers who helped us throughout the summer during library hours and during the party.

With August comes a return to our regular schedule of activities.

Children's programs

Tuesday story times for children ages 3 and up will be at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Time is on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10 a.m. This is a time for 1- and 2-year-old children and their favorite adult, focusing on nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Thursday afternoon stories and crafts and Friday's 7-up programs ended with the summer reading program.

Legos Club is a fun time for all ages on the third

Saturday of each month. In August, the program is on the 17th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Legos are provided—just bring your creativity.

Teen programs

Back by popular demand is the Henna Tattoo workshop on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about the ancient art of henna and get your own temporary henna tattoo. Registration is required, as is a permission slip.

Adult programs

Bring your iPad and learn basic functions including startup, apps, email, and using your iPad as an e-reader. The iPad Basics Workshop will be taught by Les Molina from Victory Solutions. Register online or at the desk. The program will be on Aug. 3 from 10 to 11 a.m.

In response to many requests, we have scheduled a henna tattoo workshop for adults on Aug. 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Get your own lovely henna tattoo and learn about the ancient art of henna. Registration is required at 488-2370.

The AARP Mature Safe Driving Program will be offered on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. This is a refresher course designed for motorists age 50 and older. Participants may present their course completion certificate to their insurance agents for a discount. Charge for the four-hour course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Class size is limited and registration is required. To register, call AARP at 203-4972.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, Aug. 16, from 10 until noon to discuss *Standing in the Rainbow* by Fannie Flagg. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

Art by Tri-Lakes artists will be displayed on the walls during August. In the display case will be American Girl dolls and accessories.

Palmer Lake Library events

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

The Family Fun program for August is the Ice Cream Social on Aug. 3 at 1:30 on the Village Green. Entertainment will be provided by the CountyLine Ramblers blue-grass group.

Story Time for children 3 and older is on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time for 1- and 2-year-olds is on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. except for Aug. 16. This program gives an introduction to rhyme, rhythm, and a few special stories.

On the walls is a delightful selection of photographs by Laurisa: *Risa's Rabbits*.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

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