

Rocky Mountain Music Alliance held Piano Concerto Night, Nov. 21



The Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) held its Piano Concerto Night on Nov. 21, featuring Dr. Michael Schneider and Dr. Zahari Metchkov. The artists' rendition of *Piano Concerto in A minor, Opus 16* by Edward Grieg, brought the 131 people in attendance to their feet at intermission. Following intermission, the pianists performed pieces by Rachmaninoff, and once again the audience was moved to standing by the dynamic and beautiful performance. The RMMA will host its next concert **Feb. 6**, at 7 p.m. at the Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. The Feb. 6 concert will feature the Parish House Baroque Ensemble, and will include instruments such as the harpsichord, violin, viola, and cello. See <http://rmmaonline.org/> or call 719-630-8165 to be added to email list. *Photos (left) by Jackie Burhans and (right) courtesy the RMMA.*

Right (L to R): Metchkov and Schneider.



The Tri-Lakes area is beginning to look a lot like Christmas



Above: The evergreens lining Second Street leading into the town of Monument are decorated for the season.



Above: Tri-Lakes residents have initiated the holiday decorating with flare. *Photos by Jackie Burhans.*

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Meeting reporter – Attend and record public meetings and write articles telling “what was discussed and what was decided.”

Mailing Day – Once a month — two hours, morning, moving tubs and counting papers and/or two hours, afternoon, delivering papers to local businesses.

Training provided. Please text/call Lisa at 719-339-7831 or email lisahatfield@ocn.me to find out more.

Thanks, RaeJean and Wayne



Above: *Our Community News* is searching for at least two volunteers to do ads coordinator work and newspaper layout since Wayne and RaeJean Claybaugh pictured above in a 2013 photo are stepping back from *OCN*. Please write to editor@ocn.me or call Lisa at (719) 339-7831 with questions. The *OCN* volunteers would like to thank Wayne and RaeJean for all the hours, ideas, and energy they have contributed to the production of the paper in the last two years. RaeJean has worked tirelessly as the ads coordinator to organize and update each month's advertisements for our loyal local businesses. Wayne has learned the ins and outs of manipulating the graphic layout of the newspaper to create the professional finished product that we send out each month.