

his neighbor started running. Kid Curry took aim at the neighbor and Gardner shot Curry. The wounded Curry decided to end it at that time, and fatally shot himself in the head to avoid capture.

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The next program in the History Series will be on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. Former El Paso County Sheriff John Anderson will discuss his research of Ute prayer trees in the Pikes Peak Region and the characteristics that set them apart from trees altered by

nature. The ancestors of the Ute Indians, who have lived in the Pikes Peak area for centuries, modified trees throughout the area for spiritual and other purposes. Many of these trees exist today. The event is free to the public.

*HANG: High Altitude Natural Gardening*

# Save lives with flowers—for butterflies and bees

*By Janet Sellers*

Bees need our help! Even though much land has been taken up by developments and monocropping, we can do our part with flowering plants for bees. If they and the other pollinators have a long season of flowers from many sources, they can survive. Without pollinators, our food supply vanishes with them. Also, the soil and the plants, and thereby the bees and pollinators (and us), are being devastated by pesticides and Roundup-type herbicides.

We can help our gardens and help our planet this Earth awareness month by planting and encouraging others to put in melliferous (abundant nectar) and pollen-producing flowers. My yard has only flowering plants and veggies, and I have a bazillion sun flower seeds I'll sow this year. I've always wanted to make a sun flower teepee: Plant the

sun flowers in a three-quarter circle close together and they grow into a summer "teepee." Fun!

Green lawn? Plant a fragrant, bee-loving clover lawn—it only needs mowing a few times and the clippings are great for the veggie garden, too. It's optimal to plant for all-season flowering, so that the pollinators have flowers as long as possible.

Here's a list of great herbs for your High Altitude Natural Gardening (HANG) garden that support bees, too:

- Borage—I read that borage refills with nectar every two minutes! Bees love it.
- Catmint (Nepeta)—Cats love it.
- Chives—Let them flower, you can still clip some for cooking.
- Lavender—I had one for 10 years; time to get another.

other.

- Sage—I have oodles of Russian/purple sage. It flowers at the end of our season, in about August or September, but now is a great time to put them in so they can flower later.

Remember to keep in touch via the Tri-Lakes Garden Community Facebook page, where you'll find the updates for gardeners' tips and get-togethers for seed sharing and more: [www.facebook.com/MonumentCommunityGarden](http://www.facebook.com/MonumentCommunityGarden) and [www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-Lakes-Garden-Community](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-Lakes-Garden-Community)

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*Art Matters*

# A home for your art



*By Janet Sellers*

I had a friend who sold tens of thousands of dollars worth of his paintings at his first big-time art show, only to bring home nothing at all after all the costs of frames, gala opening event, and publicity were taken out of his share of the profits. Right then and there, I determined that neither I nor any of my students would ever befall such a fate.

And so, I have a bugaboo with picture frames and art. In a picture show, and when art is for sale, the artist is responsible for the presentation that may well include a picture frame. A gallery may require the artist to show the work in a frame, and the artist has to be strong to keep control over the presentation and its costs. For years I just used frame-free deep canvasses known as a "gallery wrap."

But that isn't easy. Artists have to present their work somehow, since most people can't see the art for its own sake without any "clothes" or framing. Knowing full well that an art collector will likely change the picture frame anyway, most artists in the wide, wide world of art present the works creatively but with an eye to that fact and the price of the art they must charge. Artists typically have put the art in a suitable frame for the exhibit, but know all along that the art collector will change the frame upon purchase to suit themselves.

Degas was one exemplary artist that had a frame shop make a specific gilt frame for each work. He considered his artwork required his keen eye for the frame. He is famous for taking his art off the wall of any art collector who had dared change Degas' choice, saying, "I told you only a gold frame." Most artists are not so vain, and they will be glad to help a client choose a picture frame for the artwork that suits both the painting and the

art collector's site.

I think of picture frames as a "little home" for the painting, and how it is put together with the art can make the art-owning experience all the better. The bugaboo comes about with the over-framing or under-framing of it. Frames have their place, but I still think the art is the most important part of the experience.

**April art around town**

**Bella Art and Frame:** Continues exhibiting its many resident artists in the grand gallery. Each artist has an innovative niche wall for a personal art show area. Bella Art and Frame has just completed a renovation in the gallery area. I visited recently and was pleased to see familiar favorite artists on the new wall spaces. 183 Washington St., Monument.

**Palmer Lake Art Group:** Next meeting April 11 at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church on Highway 105 in Palmer Lake. Social hour starts at 9 a.m., business meeting at 9:30 a.m., and the program starts at 10:30 am. Bring your paints and canvas and paint abstract art with Margarete. Mother's Day Show at Mountain Community Mennonite Church. Reception Friday, May 8, 4 to 7 p.m. Show Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts:** 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. New art exhibit: "Predictions and Perceptions from the Spiritual Realm" featuring all forms of visual art that relate to creative spirit of the artist and elevates the viewer; through May 30. Opening reception Friday, April 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Wisdom Tea House:** 65 Second St., Monument, exhibit, "Window into Spring" a collection of paintings by Daniel Armour, "uplifting, colorful and inspiring" through April 25.



**Above:** Sue Buell, local small business owner (Massage for Health), and 2015 art patron for public art in the Tri Lakes Area, sponsored the site for this butterfly sculpture across the street from the playground at Limbach Park in Monument. A call for entries is on now from Tri Lakes Views for local public art sculptures. Details: [www.trilakesviews.org](http://www.trilakesviews.org). *Photo by Janet Sellers*

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# Snapshots of Our Community

## Gleneagle Sertoma Club holds blood drive, March 26

**Right:** Beverly Carlson and Bill George donated blood for the Gleneagle Sertoma Club's semi-annual blood drive at Antelope Trails Elementary School. The Sertoma group will hold its next blood drive Aug. 6. Tri-Lakes Cares also hosts a blood drive every other month, the next being May 19. *Photo by Audrey Burkart.*

