

Art Matters

Last hurrahs of summer: art outdoors, artist's walks



By Janet Sellers

Summer is about over for most of us on the academic calendar, and this time of year is great for taking one last class, workshop, or a fun dip into the arts outdoors. The morning and evening light is perfect for photos and painting our gorgeous landscapes with a group, a class, or just on one's own. There is a lot of wildlife to see morning and evening. I like go out with other artists and paint outdoors all summer long—it's the time of year that we like the best for painting en plein air.

I also take my watercolor gear in my kayak and go out on the lake in the

evenings when I can watch the great blue herons fish, the beavers catch trout, or the many trout jumping high out of the water, while a light breeze tickles the surface of the lake or the tops of trees. Just look out on Monument Lake for the spiffy red kayak with the artist painting away—you'll see my little poodle Max at the bow, uffy blonde curls wafting in the breeze. (Seriously, canoers glide up to see the little blonde tyke but then mutter, "Oh, it's a dog ...")

As I write this, I am also thinking of the Summer Art Jam Aug. 1 and 2 at Southwinds Gallery (16575 Roller Coaster

Road, where Rollercoaster crosses Baptist Road), 10 to 3 p.m. both days. It's Southwinds' free annual community art festival, and a fun last hurrah of summer: upstairs art gallery, member artists, and art tent demo gazebos.

Retired Sheriff John Anderson will attend the Art Jam that weekend for a signing of his book, *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* and lead Ute Prayer trees tours at Fox Run Park. As usual, Southwinds will provide summer refreshments including hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Monument Art Hop will continue Aug. 20, 5 to 8 p.m. in Historic Monu-

ment (the third Thursday of each summery month). It's spectacular and a family event to make memories as 19 merchants host artists, art, art demos, refreshments, and music. Visit and report your favorites, and send me a photo for Facebook! Download a map here: <http://monumentarthop.org/participants.htm>

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Snapshots of Our Community

Concerts in the Park, June 24-July 29



Above: On July 15, the Monument Concerts in the Park series continued with R-V-Zoo & the Sugar Spun Elephant Band. This was the fourth concert in the series of six at the Limbach Park Band Shell. The series is sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association. Information on Concerts in the Park is at <http://www.trilakeschamber.com/concerts-in-the-park.htm>. Photo by David Futey.

Barn Dance, July 3



After the early evening rains ended on July 3, the Fourth of July party started with Si and Dorothy Sibell's Annual Barn Dance. They have hosted the barn dance for "24 or 25 years" according to Si. Food, music by *Reckless*, and beverages made for a lively evening that many in the Tri-Lakes community look forward to as they usher in the holiday weekend. Photo by David Futey.

July 4th Festivities

Fun Run supports PLES



Above: The sun glistened off the lake water in Palmer Lake on the morning of July 4, as nearly 600 runners participated in the 33rd annual Fun Run, with proceeds supporting Palmer Lake Elementary School (PLES). Adam Rich (20:52) and Alexis Wilbert (23:47) were the respective male and female winners. Race Coordinator Lindsey Leiker said besides the main race, where each runner received a finishing medal for the first time in race history, there were children's races and other activities at the conclusion of the four-mile run. Leiker said proceeds from this year's race would go toward playground equipment, a theater curtain, teacher wish list, and other requests from PLES. Photo by David Futey.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Right: Attendees lined up for pancakes and other delicious breakfast items as The Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 4 at St. Peter Catholic School. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice and seconds on all were offered for a nominal charge. Past Grand Knight Jim Bergeron coordinated the event with 1,200 attendees expected. Bergeron said proceeds from the event will go to special education programming at Lewis-Palmer School District 38, a college scholarship fund, St. Peter scholarship fund, Tri-Lakes Cares, and other charitable organizations. Photo by David Futey.

