

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Free Heritage Lecture & Exhibit Opening: Trails and Trials, Stories from the Mining Migration Trails and Ink Sketches of Mine Labor Life**, Thu., **Sep. 10**, doors at 6 p.m., lecture at 7 p.m. Celebrate the newest exhibit, The Mining Art of Buck O'Donnell, with a lecture by Lee Whiteley about his book, Pathways to Gold. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A) in Colorado Springs. RSVP for this free event to rsvp@wmmi.org. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Tour Estemere**, Sat., **Sep. 12**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 380 Glenway St., Palmer Lake. The Palmer Lake Historical Society invites the public to tour Estemere, the fully restored Victorian mansion built in the 1880s by Dr. William Finley Thompson, the founder of Palmer Lake. Enjoy live music, art exhibits by local artists, a bake sale, hot dogs and snacks sold by the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Local historians will provide insights into the history of Estemere, the Town of Palmer Lake, the Palmer Lake Star, and local Ute Indian "Prayer Trees." The current owners will be available to answer questions about the mansion, their restoration efforts, and future plans for the estate. Admission to the grounds and outbuildings is free. Tours require a ticket: \$10 general, \$7 PLHS members. Tours will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Last tickets sold at 3:30 p.m. Mansion is not handicapped accessible. Only socks/bare feet allowed on tour. Tour info: Al Walter, 559-0837. Volunteers needed: Phyllis Bonser, 481-9245.
- **Celebration of Life: Letty Clark**, Sat., **Sep. 12**, 1 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church (TLUMC), 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lifting Spirits Senior Care at 755 Highway 105 Suite C, Palmer Lake Co 80133 or the church (TLUMC) in memory of Letty Clark. Info: 488-1365.
- **Front Range Open Studios Tour Weekend**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 12-13**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit the working studios and workshops of 16 of the finest artists and craftsmen in the Tri-Lakes region. Watch demonstrations, sign up for classes, and even create art of your own! Free and for all ages. A map to all locations is available at www.frontrangeopenstudios.com or from any store or restaurant in Monument and Palmer Lake. Or get one inside today's paper! Info: 488-0629, Nancy@frontrangeopenstudios.com.
- **Outdoor Plein Air Oil Painting Demo**, with art class afterward, Sat.-Sun., **Sep 12-13**, 4-6 p.m., for demo location and art class sign up info, please contact: Janet Sellers, 387-1890.
- **Pikes Peak Brewing Company** celebrates Beer Week, Sat.-Sat., **Sep. 12-19**, 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. The week begins Sep. 12 with Oktoberfest, featuring German food and entertainment 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Info: 208-4098, www.pikespeakbrewin.com.
- **Gleneagle Sertoma Club's** 14th Annual Patriot Golf Tournament, Mon., **Sep. 14**, 8:30 a.m., enter by Sep. 7, Kissing Camels Golf Club, 4500 Kissing Camels Dr., Colo. Springs. Join a 4-man scramble and honor all branches of the military and local first responders; proceeds benefit Home Front Cares and other local charities. \$125 greens fee includes breakfast, lunch, golf cart, range balls, snacks, and goodie bags. RSVP & Info: John Coyle, 494-4284, www.gleneagleserto.com.
- **Monument Parks Plan Open House**, Mon., **Sep. 14**, 4-7 p.m., Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Rd. No presentation, arrive any time 4-7 p.m. to provide input into Monument's park plan. View the conceptual drawings at www.townofmonument.org/departments/parks-and-recreation-plans/conceptual-parks-plan. Info: 884-8013.
- **Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive**, Tue., **Sep. 15**, 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. No appointment needed, just walk in. Please bring driver's license or ID. Info: 776-5714.
- **Haunted Mines at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Fri.-Sat., **Sep. 18-Oct. 31**, 7 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd., (I-25 Exit 156A). Additional days added in October and November. Don't miss this terrifying adventure. All proceeds go to WMMI and local charities. Info: 487-1666, info@hauntedmines.org, www.hauntedmines.org.
- **Larkspur's Autumn Harvest & Craft Fest**, Sat.-Sun., **Sep. 19-20**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Larkspur Community Park, 8850 Spruce Mountain Rd. Crafts,

food, drink, live music, entertainment for kids. Info: Dennis Gutenberger/President, 720-331-4673, info@LarkspurChamberofcommerce.info.

- **SunDance Studio celebrates National Gymnastics Day**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 1-3 p.m., 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. A free family event of exhibitions, kids' activities, concessions, and food. Info: 481-8208, www.thesundancestudio.com.
- **Bines & Brews Hopfest**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 1-5 p.m., Limbach Park, Second and Front streets, Monument. Talk to brewers from all over the state. Cost: \$30. Designated drivers, \$10. Tickets & Info: 481-3282, www.TriLakesChamber.com.
- **Hank Cramer Benefit Concert & Sing-a-long for Black Forest Together**, Sat., **Sep. 19**, 7 p.m., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Info: Melissa Chambless, 719-623-7643, melissachambless@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/events/1603777876550816.
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- **Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) Concert: The Beethoven Project III**, Sun., **Sep. 20**, 3 p.m., Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Violin and Piano Sonatas No. 7 and 8. Reception follows concert. Cost: \$10 online, \$12 at door. Students, free. Tickets & Info: rmmaonline.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage** headlined by Small Potatoes, Fri., **Sep. 25**, 7-9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Rocky Mountain Storytelling presents the 27th Annual Storytelling Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 26**, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S Wilcox St., Castle Rock. Featured storytellers: Julie Davis, Denis Gessing, Cooper Braun-Enos. Info & RSVP: info@rmstory.org, www.rmstory.org.
- **Ice Cave Cider House Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting**, Sat., **Sep. 26**, 11 a.m., 174 N. Washington St., Unit C, Monument. Food by Mile High Philly Co., swag giveaways, ice-cold cider on tap. Info: 510-1636.
- **Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique & Tours**: Free Music Festival, Sat., **Sep. 26**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite, Monument. Bring chairs. No dogs, please. See ad for 15% off coupon. Info: www.PeakRanchAlpacas.com.
- **Red Rose Fun Run 5K**, Sun., **Sep. 27**, 7:30 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. pancake breakfast, 9:30 a.m. race start, St. Peter Catholic Church, 55 N. Jefferson St., Monument. A fundraiser for St. Mary's High School. Registration & Info: www.smhscs.org.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group 42nd Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair**, Fri.-Sun., **Oct. 2-4**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. Featuring all original fine arts and hand-crafted items. Proceeds go to art scholarships for D-38 high school students. Info: Plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction**, Wed., **Oct. 7**, 5-7:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This popular event is a major fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. Ticket purchase includes dinner of soup, bread, beverage, & dessert; a handmade bowl donated by local artists; entry into drawing for 7" 8GB HD Kindle Fire. Cost: \$20, one child under 12 free with each adult ticket purchased. Info: RF Smith, rff106k@gmail.com, 719-210-4987.
- **Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival**, Sat.-Sun., **Oct. 10-11**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 Northgate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156A). Pumpkin patch, apple cider press, hayrides, face painting, farmers market, food vendors, children's activities and demos, "Spooky Histories," and entertainment. Cost: \$5 aged 13 and older. Info: 488-0880, info@wmmi.org, www.wmmi.org.
- **Wine & Roses 2015**, Fri., **Oct. 23**, 6-9 p.m., ProRodeo Hall of Fame, 101 Pro Rodeo Dr., Colo. Springs. Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents an evening of fine wines, beers, and spirits with celebrity servers, local chefs, silent auction, raf e. Dressy western attire optional. Cost: \$50 in advance, \$55 door. Proceeds

benefit local non-profits, first responders, and educational and service organizations in the Tri-Lakes area. Tickets & Info: www.tlwc.net.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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