



# Canyon Lake Senior Center

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## **CLSC Name Change**

*By Canyon Lake Staff*

Canyon Lake Senior Center's board of directors is contemplating a name change for the Center to better reflect future goals and activities.

The board is asking members to send in their suggestions for a Center name change. The suggestions may be dropped off in the Office or put in the suggestion box across from the Office.

After reviewing suggestions, the board will then be able to make a decision on the change of name.

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## **Tenth Annual Hobby Show-Same but Different**

*By Barb and Clubby Norwick*

The tenth annual hobby show will be at Canyon Lake Senior Center on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Viking Hall. The show is for seniors in the area to display their hobbies and collectibles. In the past there have been displays of swans, dolls, bells, clowns, canes, ceramic figures, little ceramic shoes, cups and saucers, salt and pepper shakers, rocks, antique toys and many other items. If you have participated in past years, please do so again. No, we do not get tired of seeing the same items.

In the past, the show's name was Hobby and Talent. This year it is the Hobby and Craft Show. Exhibitors may sell handcrafted, antique and commercial items. For those selling, there is a \$15 fee that will help cover the expense of the show and a contribution to the Center. The fee should accompany the registration form.

Although the show runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., exhibitors may start setting up their displays at 8 a.m. A hostess will be on duty to help you find your table or tables. Someone should be at your table at all times. The hostess may also sit at your table when you need to take a break.

Be sure to fill out the registration form with this article (or one from the Office) as we need to know how many tables to provide. Also let us know if you need access to an electrical outlet.

The show is open to the public and will be advertised as such. A delicious lunch will be sold during the show. So you can shop and look till you drop then go eat in the Main Room of the Center.

We need you to join us on September 17 either as an exhibitor or a looker. If you have a large collection of some item and it is too much work to bring the whole thing, just bring part. Pictures are a nice way to display the rest of your collection.

Deadline for the registration forms is Monday, Sept. 12.

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## **Black Hills Explorers Reach Highest Summit East of Rockies**

*By Lee Alley*

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Four generations of enthusiastic men, women and children embarked on a Black Hills Explorers adventure to the summit of Harney Peak on July 9. After hiking, some members fished in Sylvan Lake, others swam at the Sylvan Lake beach, and others rested in the shade on the lush lawn near the picnic area.

The seven-mile round trip hike with 1,100-foot elevation gain reaches the old CCC fire watchtower. In 1855 the 7,242-foot mountain, highest point east of the Rocky Mountains, was named for General William Selby Harney. The tower was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1938, and then deactivated in 1967. On the day of this hike, clear skies and cool breezes provided an impressive 360-degree unobstructed panorama of the entire Black Hills, plus parts of four states.



**Jim & Gigi Kern**

The Black Hills Explorers group normally meets the second Saturday of each month at 8:15 a.m. at the Canyon Lake Center (but check each time for occasional re-scheduling). Advance sign-ups are in the office. On August 13 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (during the Rally and typically one of the hottest weeks of the year), the group will meet in the Canyon Lake Senior Center for a digital photography workshop. This learning-adventure will help Explorers learn how to take better outdoor photos, edit (improve) photos on a PC, store and email photos to friends and family. Participants may bring a digital camera.

More information about the Black Hills Explorers can be found at [www.BlackHillsExplorers.org](http://www.BlackHillsExplorers.org) or by calling Lee Alley at (605) 863-0806. Any person of any age is invited to accompany the Black Hills Explorers' activities, and encouraged to join the Canyon Lake Senior Center. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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## **“Picture Perfect” Is Artists’ Goal**

*By Phyllis Heller*

Complementary colors, primary colors, value, shading, blending, pastels, water color, oils, acrylics, glazing, gesso, all of the above are terms uppermost in the minds of the “Art Walk” painters. As they plan and execute their next project, each artist is very aware of the colors and

tools needed that will enable them to achieve the details that will make their next project “picture perfect.”

One such artist who pays close attention to these details is Fran Syverson, who is our featured artist this month.

After retirement, Fran and her husband, Elroy, moved to Rapid City from Morris, Minn. Soon after, Fran took up painting. She said she had no idea what she was doing and barely knew how to hold a brush. She had always been interested in arts and crafts and, in fact, had a craft business that put her talents to good use. She traveled to many Minnesota craft fairs where she showed and sold her work.

Recently, after having a guest teacher demonstrate the techniques of “water color” painting, Fran really took off in this medium. Her rendition of the class project, a big, beautiful rose, was outstanding. Fran chose to do her rose in a soft peach color with yellow highlights. The finished piece was truly a prizewinner, worthy of any rose garden.

One of her latest paintings featured her nephew’s furry, black puppy. He is so cute, you want to reach out and pet him. It takes a special brush stroke to achieve that furry look and Fran captured it to a “T.” I’m sure her nephew will treasure this excellent painting of his pet by his auntie.

My favorite work by Fran pictures two young boys wearing blue denim overalls, sitting on the end of a dock with fishing poles dangling in the water. What a peaceful summer scene, as the boys watch the slow moving water pass below their feet waiting for the fish to bite.

Painting is a wonderful outlet for the highly talented and the barely talented. If you like to dabble with brushes, join us each Thursday from noon till 2:30 p.m. We’ll pull up a chair for you.

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### **More BAMC Members Wanted**

*By Nila Boone*

Nine members of Canyon Lake Senior Center’s Buck-A-Month Club met July 6 to discuss past and future projects. Sharron Sprague, new member of the board of directors, attended the meeting to learn more about the club and the members.

A recently BAMC funded Center acquisition was the cooler in the Office for bottled water and juices. The members voted to fund the purchase of an anti-fatigue mat for the kitchen. This will help those who have to stand while serving and preparing meals.

Because of these two projects, the BAMC’s fund is low. If you have thought about joining the club, now is a good time. Five dollars paid in August would take you through December. In addition to attending meetings and discussing projects, your dues would also help the BAMC finances. Think about it.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. in the Library Lounge.

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