

Walnut Hills Newsletter

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The First Walnut Hills Art Walk Was Held On July 17th

The small group of artists came together, braving the sometimes-windy weather, and the potential of rain to show off their artistic talents. All art was displayed in front of the artist's homes and maps were made available through the social media app NextDoor. There were first time artists such as Emmy and her daughter who presented pallet paintings and lovely painted rocks. While retired art teacher Ron displayed landscapes and rustic scenery. Ron has been drawing "since he was a little kid".

Jo presented acrylic paints of tigers, beta fish, and a view of the Milky Way in the sky. Other family members contributed sidewalk and driveway art using chalk. Jo says her painting can range from two hours to two days depending on complexity. While Heather treated visitors to wonderfully colorful and aromatic artesian soaps. Heather states that she has been making soap for about three years and sources locally. One to five pounds of soap can take about three hours or less dependent on the complexity of soap.

One of the more interesting artists was Maria. She holds degrees in Physics from Creighton University and has been painting eleven years. She paints in oil and watercolor and is self-trained. She proudly displayed an oil painting of cows and doesn't recall how long it took to complete. Her neighbors, Remington and Raphael, were unavailable to talk to us but their art included acrylic painted rocks, bricks, and brilliant watercolors.

Marianne, one of the drivers of this event, displayed a small sampling of her pottery. She has a wheel at home, but also throws clay at Goodson Recreational Center. She has worked in clay for approximately eleven years. On the other hand, wood carving and turning is Scott's forte. Scott's display included bowls, plates, and 2-D wood panel artwork. Much of his work makes the scone I made in high school look like firewood. For the complexity of his work he claims to only have been at it for three years.

Finally, Kirsten started drawing as art for therapy. Over ten years of art includes over 300 original drawings, mostly in black and white, but some in color. Her style is unique, as the moose she proudly displayed looked as though it was a patchwork quilt moose. The colorful Kingfisher she showed off would look great on any wall.

I'm sure there are more hidden talents in the Walnut Hills family. Perhaps the next time this event is held we'll see new artists and old favorites. Different mediums and themes make the art walk both a challenge to get to all and a pleasure to visit with our extended families here. Jesse Alcorta

Walnut Hills Residents:

National Night Out/Walnut Hills Block Party has been postponed at this time for a possible date in October. The Board of the Walnut Hills Civic Association will discuss this issue at its September 10 meeting. This meeting will probably take place on Zoom. Please, contact a Board member if you'd wish to attend that meeting. (See <https://www.walnuthillscolorado.org/board-of-directors/> for that information.)

Walnut Hills Food Trucks

Walnut Hills is trying something new. With all of the restrictions of COVID, we are trying out Food Trucks once a month in our neighborhood. The first one will be on August 12th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. There will be 2 trucks parked by the Walnut Hills Tennis courts. A dessert truck will start at 4:00 pm and the savory truck will start at 5:00 pm.

Savory truck is:

The Cravings Truck - they specialize in foods from around the world. Things like O.G. tacos, Streets of Jerusalem falafels, burgers from around the USA, curry Bombay chicken, Korean Banh Mi, and much more/ You can preorder prior to the event and let them know what time you will pick up. Check out their menu at <https://thecravingstruck.com/>

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Dessert truck is:

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- Best option is to pay with credit
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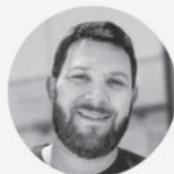
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In Loving Memory



Original Owner and Long-Time Resident Of Walnut Hills, Margaret Jane Bellino Troisi passed away April 6, 2020. Margaret was born July 13th, 1933 in the small town of Fleming, Kansas. She was one of three children, with a brother, Jack and sister, Pat. Her family moved to Pittsburg, Kansas where she completed grades 2nd through 9th and then later moved to Walsenburg, Colorado where she graduated high school. Her first job was a soda jerk, serving soft drinks, earning \$0.25 per hour.

She received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Colorado State College of Education, now University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She married Sal Troisi in June 1955 and moved to Limestone, Maine.

Moving back to Colorado, Margaret taught first grade in Pueblo and Frederick before moving to Walnut Hills in 1963. There, she taught elementary education for the Cherry Creek School District for the next 30 years at both Heritage Elementary School and Belleview Elementary School. She took her classes on field trips to multiple places in the Denver area, Mesa Verde, Santa Fe, and Taos.

In retirement, Margaret volunteered at Heritage Elementary School and Walnut Hills Elementary School. An avid traveler, she visited all 50 U.S. states, Australia, New Zealand, Cuba, Tahiti, Mexico, Costa Rica, Canada and Europe. Margaret lived in the Walnut Hills area for over fifty years, was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and lived her final days in the Someren Glen community.

Margaret is survived by her four children Tricia MacKell, Steve Troisi, Jim Troisi and Margaret Ann McClure. In addition to her four children, Margaret has seven grandchildren (Michael Brent, Megan Bond, Erik MacKell, Sean McClure, Colin McClure, Madison Troisi and Emily Troisi) and three great-grandchildren (Sierra Brent, Walker Bond and Scarlet Bond).

When reflecting on her life, she said, "The best things in my life were my wonderful children, grand-children and great-grandchildren... and retirement." She loved to travel, play bridge, complete crossword puzzles, watch Millionaire and Jeopardy and spend time with her family.

Services to honor Margaret's life were held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on July 13th. In lieu of flowers or gifts, she requested donations be made to The Walnut Hills Scholarship Fund: <https://www.walnuthillscolorado.org/dues-scholarship/>

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It's June 10, 2020 and the pandemic labeled COVID-19 is in full swing across the United States. However, Ms Tove Forgo was working to plan a special event for her friend Ms. Alma Ryan. Ms. Ryan is no ordinary Walnut Hills resident because she was celebrating her 102nd birthday on June 27. Ms. Forgo passed out flyers to neighbors asking if they would mind stopping by at noon to perhaps sing a chorus of "Happy Birthday". It was a bit more than that... Word spread of the centenarian's impending birthday. People from neighboring subdivisions stopped by and formed up a birthday parade. Residents from Greenwood Village stopped by, as did people from Willow Creek and Cherry Knolls. Fox Ridge and Hunters Hill residents joined the Walnut Hills families. Rocky Mountain PBS and a local Centennial newspaper stopped by for interviews.

A big thank you goes out to the South Metro Fire and Rescue Department for sending a fire truck to help celebrate as well. One caregiver confided "...we had hoped that maybe a dozen people would show up..." The count tallied over 100 people at which point this writer stopped counting. There were several choruses of "Happy Birthday" from the crowd as well as a more personal duet from a pair of young ladies.



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Ms. Ryan was born in 1918 in Detroit, Michigan. She has traveled extensively during her life. I was fortunate enough to get a rare glimpse into a photo album of her life during the second half of 1949. It was an exciting time and a rare opportunity. Ms. Ryan worked for the US Embassy in Egypt in the latter half of 1949 where she married her husband Wayne. Her husband would later perish in the Korean War and she did not remarry. Ms. Ryan lived in California previously before moving to the Denver area in the 1980's and settling in Walnut Hills. She says chocolate and a bit of wine may have contributed to her longevity. Walnut Hills Says Happy Birthday Alma!
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| Walnut Hills Night Out | Postponed | |
| Yoga in the Park | Sun. Aug. 9 and 23 | 9 am Walnut Hills Park Bring a mat / towel |
| Fall Dumpster Day | Sat. October 10 8 – 11 am or full | Walnut Hills School Parking Lot |
| Halloween Party | Sat. October 24, 2 – 4 pm | Walnut Hills Park |
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| WHCA Board of Directors Meeting | Monthly - every 2 nd Thursday at 7 pm | Zoom Meeting |



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Today's word is APHORISM

Aphorism is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner.

I read that 4,153,237 people were married last year. Not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their bodies. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's common sense leaving your body .

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can go in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.

The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, & he was a drunk.

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