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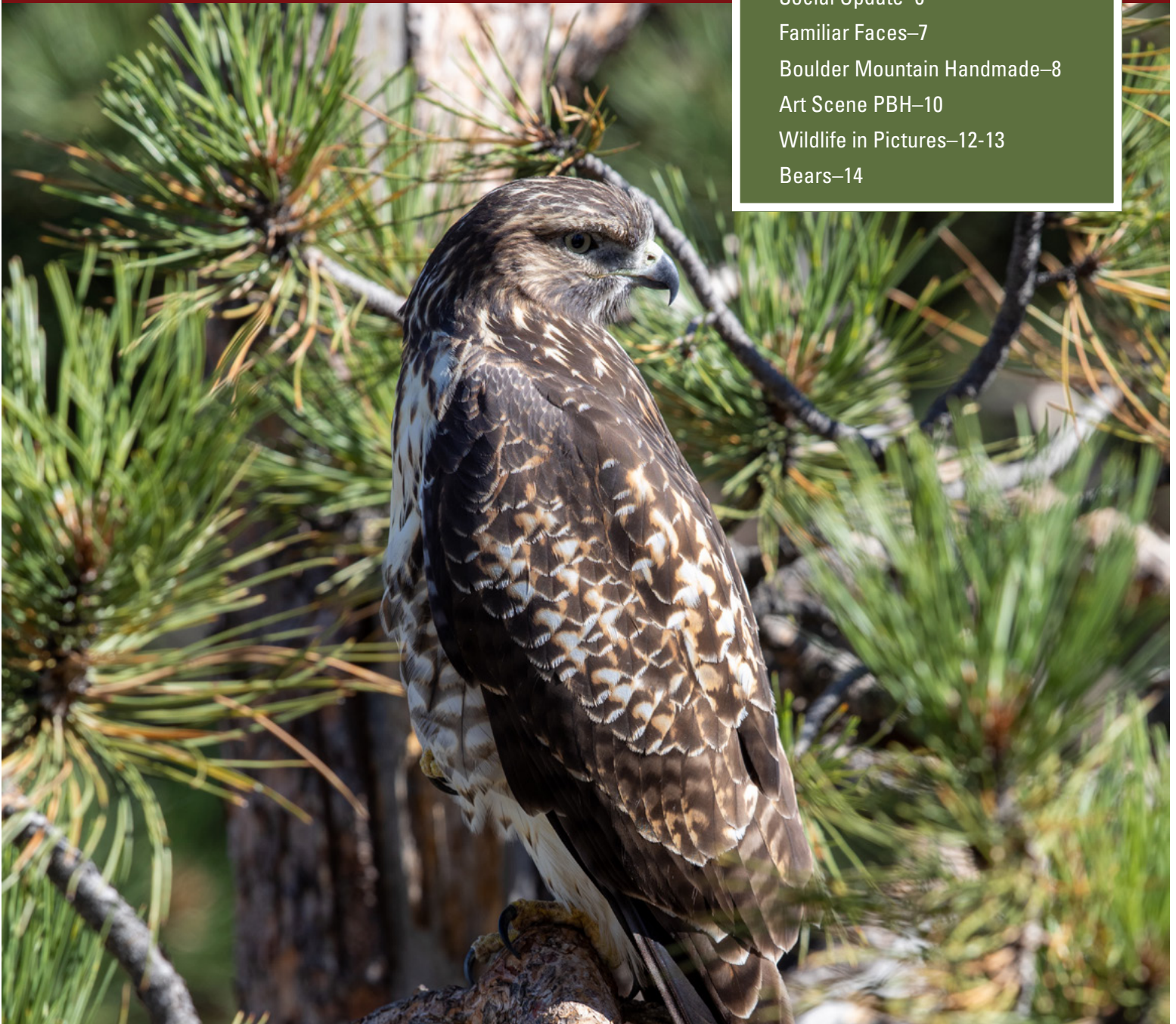
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## HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - OCTOBER 29

### 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

### 7:00 PM Presentation

Tim Wilfong, Certified Consulting Meteorologist, a resident of Boulder Heights and BMFPD daily weather reporter will present "Weather in the Boulder County Foothills."

*Meetings are held at the Community Center/Fire Station (1905 Linden Drive) unless otherwise noted. All residents are welcome to attend.*

HOA BOARD MEETINGS – Meetings begin at 7PM. Upcoming 2019 meeting: October 22.

BMFPD BOARD – Meets the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM. Call 303-440-0235 for specifics.

WATER BOARD – Meets the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. Call the Water Office at 303-443-5394 for specific dates.

BMFPD AUXILIARY – Meets quarterly on Sundays. Next meeting Oct. 20, 2:30 – 4:15 PM. Email [auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org) for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE – Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM.

PARTY IN THE PINES – Friday, October 18 in the evening. Sponsored by the HOA, this annual neighborhood celebration brings residents together for a fun-filled gathering. See the ad on the back page for more details.

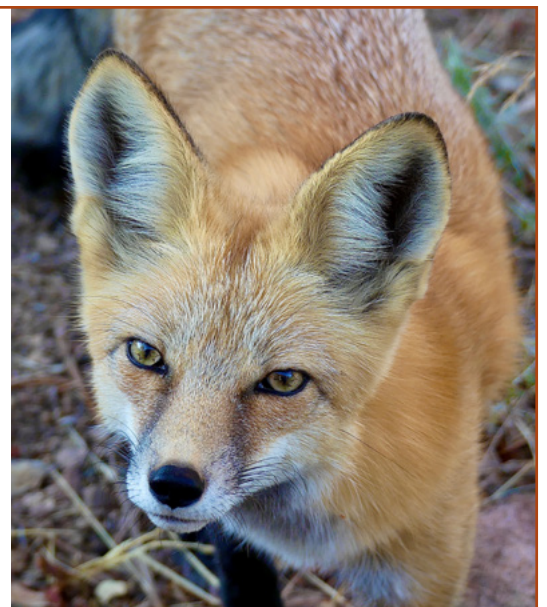
BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE PRICING WORKSHOP – Join Auxiliary members on October 20 at 4:30PM at Station 1 to help price this year's original art and craft donations. Bring your donations or just come to help!

BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE MARKET – November 9 and 10 at the Boulder Elks Lodge, 3975 28th Street. Join your neighbors, 60 area artists, and many local performers for the 45th celebration of art and crafts with Boulder's best home-baked bakery.

## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

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Thanks to Susan Schiff for  
this wonderful image of  
a red fox in PBH.





## PRESIDENT'S PATTTER By Rob Quinn

*"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."*

*—Vincent Van Gogh*

Please join us and enjoy a crisp autumn evening at the next PBH HOA meeting on October 29, 2019, with a potluck supper at 6:00PM and our general meeting beginning at 7:00PM. Among other things, we plan to have a presentation by Tim Wilfong on weather. The Boulder County foothills have some of the most interesting weather that I have ever experienced. Tim is a Certified Consulting Meteorologist, a resident of Boulder Heights, and provides a daily weather report to all personnel in the Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District. Tim will be presenting on a subject he knows better than almost anyone, "Weather in the Boulder County Foothills." We will also have our annual election of the Board of the HOA, which this year will include electing a new president and other officers of the HOA. I hope to see you there.

This is my last President's Patter and I have enjoyed writing these articles (at least when I didn't wait until the last minute to start them). One of the unique perspectives that serving as President of the HOA provides is that I get to observe many of the varied activities that residents do in PBH to try to improve this neighborhood. A sample of what PBH volunteers have done while I have been President: create the Memorial Garden, water and weed the Memorial Garden, attack the myrtle spurge infestation and outbreaks of other noxious plants, make substantial improvements to the Community Center, host block parties, organize social events, enhance road safety at dangerous intersections, and many others. I find it amazing what our neighbors will do for the community. Vincent Van Gogh said, "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together," and that is a good description of these efforts. Neighbors

helping is what makes PBH a great community to live in. I am grateful to all of you for what you have done and will continue to do. I also want to especially thank the other officers and HOA committee members serving while I have been president for their fine work. It has been a pleasure to serve with them.

One other comment on what I have seen as president of the HOA. Before I took on this job, I think that I underestimated the power of face-to-face communication in resolving issues and controversies. It is much easier and less intimidating to address disputes through emails and social media postings. But those means of communications can inflame and lengthen controversies. In instances of real dispute between neighbors, and they are inevitable in any neighborhood, the most valuable communication is done in-person, as it involves the power of human interaction. I have seen it work time and again to resolve problems in the neighborhood. I hope we all will commit to make the extra effort to engage each other directly, and find common ground through personal interaction.

There is more that we will accomplish the rest of this year, so I would like to hear from you. Please contact me at any time at: [president@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:president@pinebrookhills.org).


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## A TIP TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY FUND By Bob Loveman, HOA Treasurer



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Search for **Pine Brook Hills Community Fund** (organization number J1739).

That's it! We're already receiving checks from Kroger/King Soopers that add to our ability to perform fire mitigation and safety for all of PBH. Thanks! Contact Bob Loveman if you have any questions.

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## ON THE WATERFRONT By Bob de Haas, Pine Brook Water Manager

**It's that time of year when we begin planning next year's (2020) budget.** By the time this issue of the Pine Brook Press comes out, the proposed budget should be posted on our website. There will be public hearings on the budget October 17th, November 21st, and a final hearing and adoption on December 12th, 2019. These public meetings provide a way for residents to give input. Residents may also email thoughts, ideas, and opinions to [contact@pinebrookwater.com](mailto:contact@pinebrookwater.com). The staff will make sure the Board of Directors get them.

**As of August 1, the Water District began adding poly-orthophosphate** to Pine Brook water to reduce the effects of the hardness of the water in homes. Residents may already see the benefits of less mineral and residue build up. We've noticed a difference at the filter plant already. It took 6 months for the District (we started investigating this process in February of 2019) to fully and comprehensively examine all the pros and cons and

then get State approval. We were able to speed up that process to about a month from the typical 3 to 6 months.

**The District has completed painting the second tank using FEMA grant funds from the flood of 2013.** This tank is back online and operable. We were able to complete the painting of the tank that serves Wild Horse Circle during August and September. The costs of this tank were not covered under the FEMA grant and were paid for out of our capital reserves. It is the intent of the District to paint one more tank in 2020. The last tank will probably not be painted for another 2 to 4 years. Typically, tanks have to be painted every 20 to 30 years, but the paint has lasted longer than that on our tanks. The tanks are now being painted a light tan on the exterior instead of the traditional dark green or bronze. The lighter color keeps the water from heating up which in turn improves water quality.

## WORKING WITH OPEN SPACE By Mike Palamara, Mitigation Superintendent

Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District's (BMFPD) Wildfire Mitigation Crew has been working throughout the year on homeowners' private properties. These mitigation projects better prepare individual homes and the Pine Brook Hills (PBH) community at large for a wildfire event. What may not be known to many, however, is that BMFPD's Wildfire Mitigation Crew has been working to obtain funds to move outside our borders, as well. Grant funding would allow the team to protect the neighborhood by working on adjacent public lands.

BMFPD has joined up with Boulder County Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) in a collaborative project to address

the mitigation needs of our communities. Alongside the ongoing work of the PBH HOA, we are working with OSMP to obtain grant funding. This would not only help offset the costs of mitigation treatment within private lands in PBH, but also addresses public lands adjacent to PBH. The area specifically being targeted at present is the Mount Sanitas Open Space, the heavily used, recreational area just south of the PBH community. If grant funding is provided, the funds would allow BMFPD to treat private lands with wildfire mitigation and directly tie into treatments OSMP would complete on public lands. Although funding and specific locations are still in the works, we are excited to be working on a plan that will keep our community safer for all.





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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Sarah Wahlert and Emelie Griffith

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### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On August 25, neighbors gathered for the annual ice cream social. The crowd enjoyed ice cream from Glacier Ice Cream, music from the Foggy Tops, led by resident Tim Triggs, and fire truck tours. Thanks to all who attended. It's always fun to catch up with neighbors and meet some new ones. A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped make this event happen, including Allen Saville, Ben Pratt, Sylvia Andrejczuk, Nathan and Parker Wereley, Stephanie and Eric Shobe, Tim and Penny Triggs, Natasha Bodorff, Della King-Smith, Mark Anderson, Alex Blumen, and Zach Wahlert.

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### A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks go out to Kathy Eyster, Joyce Quinn, and Nancy Mohr for organizing and Mel and Gale Beauprez for hosting a well-attended recent block party on Pine Brook Road. We are always looking for residents to host parties in their part of Pine Brook. If you might be interested, send a note to [social@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:social@pinebrookhills.org).

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### SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming HOA Party in the Pines on Oct. 18. Watch for a postcard to arrive in the mail with details about time and location. Consider volunteering; contact Emelie at [emeliesgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:emeliesgriffith@gmail.com) to get involved.

## GET INVOLVED!

Volunteering for Pine Brook Hills HOA and Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District are great ways to get involved in your community and get connected to your neighbors. Consider taking on one of the roles listed below.

- **AGING IN PLACE** – Help research the scope of need for supporting those who want to “age in place” in PBH. Help friends and neighbors build a network of support right here in our community. Contact Rob Quinn at [president@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:president@pinebrookhills.org) to find out more or get involved.
- **ENHANCEMENT TEAM MEMBER** – Join this dedicated crew in projects around the neighborhood. From lighting to parking to the memorial garden...these volunteers jump in and get things done. Contact Mike Von Hatten at [mvhconsultant@earthlink.net](mailto:mvhconsultant@earthlink.net) to participate.
- **FOREST HEALTH/BEETLE BUSTERS** – Join Jim Adams and his team in combating noxious weeds and other pests in PBH. Reach Jim at [forest.health.bb@gmail.com](mailto:forest.health.bb@gmail.com) to let him know of your interest.
- **FIREFIGHTERS, MEDICS, AND SCENE SUPPORT** – Contact Chief Benson at [chief@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:chief@bouldermountainfire.org), if you would like to know more about volunteer positions in the fire department.
- **BMFPD AUXILIARY MEMBER** – Join this active group of men and women in supporting the fire department with community education, provisioning, recognition, and fundraising. Contact Catherine Von Hatten at [auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org) for more information or to get involved.

To volunteer, contact Rob Quinn, HOA President, one of the HOA Officers, or one of the contacts listed above. Put your talents and energy to work for PBH!

## FAMILIAR FACES: JIM WHITTEMORE, PINE BROOK HILLS MAIL CARRIER

By Penny Triggs, PBP Contributing Author



When Jim Whitemore took over the Pine Brook Hills route from retiring letter carrier, Mike Kelly, in 2013 around the time of our legendary flood, he found a snow shovel in the back of the mail truck. In response to Jim's raised eyebrow, Mike told him, "You are going to need it. Maintenance (postal assistance vehicles) won't come up here!"

At that time Jim had been working for the postal service for 30 years. He knew that he was taking over a "one of a kind route"—one that is highly valued. "There's no other route like it in Boulder," he went on to say, mentioning the scenic beauty and the wildlife sightings.

An enthusiastic biker, Jim will often ride to work, and then spend up to two hours at the mail station organizing

his packages and mail deliveries. He says staying organized is key. There are 330 stops on the route. To navigate the entire community, Jim shared the letter carrier's routing

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mantra to "always turn right." He clocks 30 miles a day, and during the holiday season he travels the route twice: first with packages, then returning with the mail.

Asked about the hazards of winter roads, he says that even with the snowplows it can still be challenging to deliver the mail. He has indeed had to dig out, and one time had to call for a tow.

One winter he was digging out for an hour and a half at the juncture of High View and Timber, when the school bus driver pulled over to give a hand. Another time on Pine Tree, an owner was out shoveling when Jim's 4-Wheel Drive mail truck started sliding sideways in his long driveway. Heading for the embankment and sensing he was about to turn and roll, he slammed the vehicle into reverse. As luck would have it, gravity miraculously swung the truck around and it slid back down to the road.

My husband Tim and I met with Jim for coffee at Amante's to interview him for this piece. We repeatedly found ourselves marveling at his automatic recall of house numbers on different roads in Pine Brook when telling us about his workday. He says he can sometimes go all day without seeing anyone. He welcomes opportunities to meet residents and establish enjoyable personal connections. Stop and say hi the next time you see Jim passing!



## Join the Fun at This Year's Boulder Mountain Handmade Market



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For more info about Auxiliary and upcoming events, visit [bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org](http://bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org)

Sponsored by the Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District Auxiliary, Boulder Mountain Handmade Market returns for its 45th year on November 9 and 10. Hosted at the Elk's Lodge in Boulder, the event provides a full range of fun for shoppers of all ages.

**60+ Independent Artisans in the Marketplace.** From fiber arts to pottery, paintings to botanicals, this year's marketplace promises something for everyone. Merchants in the Marketplace include BMFPD residents Dana Birke, Carmen Birmingham, Wyncia Clute, Ernest Fetrow, Ann Kruglak, Amy Munding, Caren Paul, and Marla Saville. To view the artisans' gallery: [bouldermountainhandmade.com/artists](http://bouldermountainhandmade.com/artists)

**Boulder Mountain Creates.** Every item in the Auxiliary's ever-popular art and craft store is handmade by residents. Grab your holiday gifts or treat yourself to cards, needlework, knitted scarves, hypertufa pots and garden cottages, holiday ornaments, and much more. To offer your handmade artwork or craft items: [bmhcrafter@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:bmhcrafter@bouldermountainfire.org)

**Boulder Mountain Bakes.** Donations of an exceptional range of homemade baked goods have led to Boulder Mountain Bakes' reputation as Boulder's best bake sale. To offer your baked goods: [bmhbakesale@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:bmhbakesale@bouldermountainfire.org)

**New this year—Mosaic Make-and-Take.** PBH resident Jane Glotzer will coach guests in creating a mosaic keepsake or gift item.

**Performances and Displays All Weekend.** PBH residents Ann Harsh and Steve Glotzer have entertainment for the whole

family planned throughout the weekend. Enjoy music from well-known local musicians: Three Story Limit, Kevin Dooley, Lynn Patrick, Craig Satterfield, Laurie Dameron, Robin Lynn, Michael Delalla, and Steve Glotzer. Learn about fire safety, wildlife, and evacuation procedures through a variety of educational displays.

**Fire Truck Tours.** Children and adults can enjoy tours provided by our own BMFPD firefighters, all day Saturday and Sunday.

**Gift Basket Give-away.** PBH resident Gale Beauprez promises enticing gift baskets from local merchants, such as Hazel's Beverage World. All customers are eligible to win, if registered...and registration is free!

Fire district residents are the reason the event is such a successful fundraiser. With over a month until the event, there is still time to sign up to bake, donate art or craft work, or volunteer to help your friends and neighbors at the event: [aux.president@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:aux.president@bouldermountainfire.org)

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## ART SCENE PBH

By Caren Paul, PBH Resident and Artist



**Boulder Open Studios Tour 2019**  
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Open Studios of Boulder is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Open Studios Tour. This year's Tour of artist studios promises to be among the best ever with nearly 140 juried artists participating. The Tour is free of charge, open to the public the first three weekends of October, and appropriate for all ages.

From its beginning in 1995, Open Studios has set rigorous standards for the Tour and its participating artists. During the Tour, artists display work that they offer for sale, are available to talk with patrons, and provide an educational display or demonstration to help visitors understand their practice and inspiration. The Tour takes place Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 5:00 PM – October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20.

Patrons can utilize the Tour Catalog/Map – available both on-line and in hard copy – to pick which artists to visit. This year, catalogs are available for free at the PBH Community Center. The listings show an image of each artist's work along with a studio number and location that is cross-referenced to the included map. Additionally, each studio uses Open Studio street signs to guide visitors to their location.

Hundreds of these signs can be spotted in almost every neighborhood, so passers-by can spontaneously drop-in on studios.

As part of the Tour, I will be welcoming all Pine Brook residents to visit my home art studio on Pine Needle Road. I use both watercolor and acrylic media to create colorful,

vivid, and bold images – sometimes representational, other times more abstract, but always inspired by the natural world. Both original and reproduction work will be available for sale, but I particularly hope to inspire others to create and participate in Boulder's many community art opportunities – especially Open Studios! I would love to see more PBH artists involved in next year's Tour. Currently exhibiting at R Gallery and Pop Gallery in Boulder, as well as in the Louisville Art Association Annual Fine Art Show, I will also be participating at **Boulder Mountain Handmade at the Elks Lodge on Nov. 9-10.**

The Open Studios Tour kicks off Friday, Oct. 4 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM with the "Preview Exhibit," a gallery show featuring one piece of art by each artist, and hosted this year at Naropa University's Nalanda Campus, 6287 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder. The Preview Exhibit will be open daily from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Oct 5 – 20. The exhibit is a great way to create a self-guided studio tour. All artwork on display is for sale.

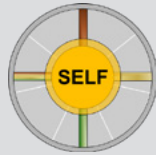


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Aspen Glow. Photo by Kent Copeland.



Fungi on the now trimmed cottonwood tree at the memorial on Linden. Photo by Kent Copeland.





Fearless birdseed thief. Photos by James Adams.



Grasshopper at Pine Brook Road. Photo by Julie Loose.





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## KUDOS TO BOULDER MOUNTAIN FIRE MEDICS

This past August, Judy Isern was at home recuperating following a cardiac episode in June. She thought she was doing fine, but suddenly felt chest pain. She called her doctor who instructed her to call 911 immediately. Once the call was made, she sat herself down in her rocker on her front porch to watch for the ambulance.

Within moments a cadre of SUVs and other vehicles pulled up and Judy says out piled a “big bunch of young, good-looking guys and a beautiful woman.” When she asked where the ambulance was and whether they were taking her to the hospital in one of the cars, the team explained they were with Boulder Mountain Fire and were responding on behalf of the fire department...the ambulance was on the way, but they were there to help until it arrived.

The crew proceeded to take her blood pressure and sit calmly with her. One of the emergency responders was rubbing her arm and talking quietly to her. The fear she felt before their arrival dissipated.

Judy noted that she is 78 and that with her health history, she has had many friends and family members tell her she needs to move out of the mountains.

While she is planning to take that advice in the future, it won't be because she is afraid to live here. She wants everyone in Pine Brook Hills to know how wonderful the medical responders are and how safe we are in their care. “You just couldn't ask for a better fire department. I was very impressed,” says Judy.

## BEAR ALERT

We've had lots of bear activity in PBH during the last couple of months. From cleaning out mailboxes, to emptying garage refrigerators, the bears have been busy. Liz Lyons caught a photo of the bear to the left just after it attempted to break in the car seen in the background. The bear is heading toward her front door which was fortunately locked up tight!

Bears can smell food five miles away. Don't put your trash cans out until the morning of pick up. Store food in airtight containers. Keep your car or garage locked. Have an air horn handy—they don't like the sound. If you encounter a bear, never run. Keep your distance. Back slowly away, facing the bear and avoiding direct eye contact. Never approach a cub. More information about living safely with wildlife can be found in the PBH Directory and on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website: <https://cpw.state.co.us/bears>.



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