

Orchids in the Park!



Mueller State Park does have Calypso orchids. They bloom towards the end of June. Being only 4" tall, they are easy to miss. Photo taken by Cindi Shanika.

Message from our President

Dear Friends,

Many thanks and much appreciation to Gretchen Darlington for her very capable leadership of the Friends of Mueller! We would be nowhere without her, and will miss her guidance as president.

Another big thank you goes to the [Colorado Parks Foundation](#), which awarded the Friends a \$2100 grant for our project to install two water bottle filling stations with drinking fountains in the park. Coincidentally, the project has just been completed

and is in operation. While this may not be the most glamorous project, it certainly meets one of our missions, to enhance the experience of visitors to the park, by improving access to drinking water. Hopefully it will also **reduce consumption of plastic bottles**.

Updating another Friends project, the landscaping of the area next to the visitor center. We now have all hardscape materials on hand, and volunteers from the Friends along with park personnel, Barry and Dan, will soon be installing the hardscaping.

Yet another thank you goes to those of you who supported the Friends by attending our very successful Spring Art Sale. Please remember our next fundraising event, the annual [Fine Arts Show, on July 27 and 28](#).

Finally, the Friends of Mueller State Park will be participating in a Trail Groups Expo at the Colorado Springs REI on July 13, from 10 to 3. If you happen to be in the area, please stop by and say hello.

Ron Moore

Mueller State Park Programs for July 2019

Outdoor Skills Day

Even though the day was cloudy and cold, many families and individuals still came out to participate in the Outdoor Skills Day events. We thank all of the volunteers who helped with these activities. At the Friends information table, Ashley Garza guessed the exact number of candies in the jar game, 275. She won a \$25 gift card. Congratulations!
Photos below were taken by Sue Hearon.



The Divide Fire Department allowed children and adults to check out their equipment. Others played "Wildlife Trivia", one of the many interactive games setup for our visitors to enjoy.



An AFA cadet brought one of their Kestrel Falcons to the Park.

SAVE THE DATES: July 27 - 28 Fine Arts Show & Sale

Art in the Park

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Friends of Mueller State Park Fundraiser Fine Art Show & Sale

Private Patron Pre-Show: Friday July 26, 4 - 6 p.m. (Tickets Required)

Show open to the Public : Sat July 27 & Sun July 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Mueller State Park Visitor Center

Featuring Acclaimed Artist, David Rankin, and other
national, regional and local artists.



"Spring Melt in the High Country"

Original Watercolor by David Rankin

For more info, go to www.FriendsOfMuellerSP.com



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For more information about the Fine Art Show & Sale go to FOMSP website or,
email Ken Shanika, show organizer.

List of Artists

Kenneth Shanika

David Rankin

Sally Ann Wilson

Beth Gramith

Susan Noyd

Ed McKay

Wayne Johnston

Julie Cutting

John Schwabe

Rose Starling

Matt Atkinson

Tim Penland
Steve Castle
Jean Pierre DeBernay
Diane McMicken
Jared Brady

Did you ever wonder how the trails got their names?

Wapiti: This is the Native American name for Elk. These proud animals, the largest wild mammals in the area, were originally found on the prairie, in the foot hills and on up into the higher mountains. They were completely hunted out of this area during the gold rush days of the Cripple Creek area. In 1930, a herd of 30 were introduced on the Northern slopes of Pikes Peak. The Park has provided refuge for them in the increasing development of the region.

This information was provided by **Annie Carter** who is a Local Artist, Writer and Historian.

We need your ideas for park projects and programs. And, we would love to see some of your photos.

We need your support and input for park projects and programs. Please email your suggestions and ideas to FriendsOfMuellerSP@gmail.com.

Have you taken an amazing **photo** at the Park that you would like to share on our Newsletter or Website? Email it to us at FriendsOfMuellerSP@gmail.com.

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