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'Typically American:' Palmer Lake Chautauqua Preview

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Palmer Lake Art Group will hold an original art sale and silent auction at the Palmer Lake Chautauqua 2024.

Courtesy Palmer Lake Art Group

If You Go

Palmer Lake Chautauqua
2024 Schedule of Events: July
29 - Aug. 4

◦ Jul 29, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga
@ 8 a.m. daily

What does chautauqua mean? Perhaps what comes to mind is an event from the past related to entertainment. The definition is: “an institution that provided popular adult education courses and entertainment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.” Former President Teddy Roosevelt

- Jul 29, 2024 • Feldenkrais Method
- Jul 29, 2024 • Dance for All Abilities
- Jul 29, 2024 • Mirasol, Looking at the Sun - Palmer Land Conservancy
- Jul 29, 2024 • Phil Ginsberg Performance Poetry
- Jul 29, 2024 • Tri-Lakes Brass
- Jul 30, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Jul 30, 2024 • Ray Whitaker Social Conscience-Song
- Jul 31, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Jul 31, 2024 • Lucretia Vail Museum OPEN
- Jul 31, 2024 • Jack Serious Humor in Rhyme
- Jul 31, 2024 • Tri-Lakes Brass
- Aug 1, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Aug 1, 2024 • Turtles! Chocolate Making Class
- Aug 1, 2024 • Judy & Rowan Family History in Poetry
- Aug 2, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Aug 2, 2024 • Outdoor Tai Chi @ 9 a.m.
- Aug 2, 2024 • Opening Reception - Plein Aire Painters | Palmer Lake Art Group
- Aug 2, 2024 • Phil

explained the chautauqua movement as: “A gathering that is typically American in that it is typical of America at its best.”

Palmer Lake was the first chautauqua location in Colorado. From 1886-1910, annual summer cultural gatherings took place in the town’s rustic Glen. This year, the Arts Council of Palmer Lake is coordinating a weeklong echo of these past endeavors, bringing interactive and educational experiences for all ages in a spectacular outdoor setting. The schedule of events from July 29-Aug. 4 is varied, exciting, fun and fascinating.

A few examples of events include concerts, films, historical tours, culinary events, nature walks, fitness and everything related to the arts. Music, crafts, poetry, theater, plein air art and a fine arts sale will all be available to be sampled, experienced and enjoyed during this appealing summer week in Palmer Lake. Some events require tickets or reservations, and some are free and open to the public. Complete details regarding specific events, times and locations are available at chautauquapalmerlake.org.

Palmer Lake Art Group President Kathleen Seelye notes this is the inaugural year for PLAG participation in the Palmer Lake Chautauqua.

Performance Poetry

- Aug 2, 2024 • Last Train to Nibroc [💰]
- Aug 3, 2024 • Opening - Plein Aire Artists - Palmer Lake Art Group
- Aug 3, 2024 • Opening Ceremony & Bag Piper
- Aug 3, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Aug 3, 2024 • Diane - Katz for Kids
- Aug 3, 2024 • Face Painting
- Aug 3, 2024 • History Walking Tour
- Aug 3, 2024 • Outdoor Tai Chi @ 9 a.m.
- Aug 3, 2024 • Scat & Footprint Walk
- Aug 3, 2024 • Lucretia Vail Museum OPEN
- Aug 3, 2024 • PLAG Art Sale
- Aug 3, 2024 • Rock Art
- Aug 3, 2024 • Scavenger Hunt in Palmer Lake | Kids
- Aug 3, 2024 • Wood Carving - PLAG
- Aug 3, 2024 • Pottery Demo
- Aug 3, 2024 • Quilting
- Aug 3, 2024 • Etiquette for Kids
- Aug 3, 2024 • Last Train to Nibroc [💰]
- Aug 3, 2024 • Canning Food • Sourdough Use
- Aug 3, 2024 • Etiquette for

“As the oldest artist association in the El Paso County area, the Palmer Lake Art Group holds a special affinity between our artists and the entire Palmer Lake and Tri-Lakes community in their efforts to re-establish the chautauqua and the spirit of connectivity amongst artists that it conveys.”

PLAG will be hosting weekend events Aug. 2-4. Details are available on the calendar at palmerlakeartgroup.com.

A Friday evening barbecue will be held for members, family and guests.

On Saturday, the excitement builds as PLAG hosts a Plein Air Painter's Event: “Paint the Lake.” Artists from multiple communities across the front range will gather at 8 a.m. at the Palmer Lake Gazebo as Scottish bagpipes perform a tattoo from the bridge. Participants will have the opportunity to paint from up to six locations with designated best views of the lake and mountains, or they can choose their own spot.



Here Are All 41 Countries with Royal Families

Adults

- Aug 3, 2024 • Musicians - PPMA
- Aug 3, 2024 • Last Train to Nibroc [€]
- Aug 4, 2024 • Outdoor Yoga @ 8 a.m. daily
- Aug 4, 2024 • Ray & Judy - Coffee with Poets
- Aug 4, 2024 • Scat & Footprint Walk
- Aug 4, 2024 • Summer Sojourn - History of the Palmer Lake Chautauqua [28 min]
- Aug 4, 2024 • ARTificial Intelligence - R. Kent Hutson, MD, CPE
- Aug 4, 2024 • Kids Programming - Calverts
- Aug 4, 2024 • Scavenger Hunt in Palmer Lake | Kids
- Aug 4, 2024 • Honor Bell
- Aug 4, 2024 • Linda Story Hour Poetry
- Aug 4, 2024 • POW Story - Mike McGrath
- Aug 4, 2024 • The Art & Science of Astrophotography
- Aug 4, 2024 • Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: hype or hope? - R. Kent Hutson, MD, CPE
- Aug 4, 2024 • Mike McGrath, POW Story
- Aug 4, 2024 • 10th Mountain Division Story
- Aug 4, 2024 • Music



After lunch, judging of the paintings will begin at 2 p.m. Celebrated artist Michael Magrin will assess talent and professional skills, presenting awards and cash prizes for first through third places. Following the awards ceremony, Magrin will present a demonstration and discussion on “Painting Big Skies.” Registration is required for these PLAG-sponsored events.

The public is welcome to stroll among the plein air artists and observe the progress of creations coming to life. From 10 a.m.-7: p.m., an art sale and silent auction will be held at the main tent and gazebo across from the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (304 Highway 105). The original artwork for sale and the donated silent auction pieces are works of members of PLAG. Proceeds from the silent auction will be gifted to artistically talented D-38 seniors for college scholarships towards a career in art.

At 8 a.m. Sunday morning, PLAG will host a special breakfast to bring together Palmer Lake dignitaries for connectivity and bonding opportunities. From 10 a.m.-noon, kids ages 6-12 are invited to their very own delightful art event: “Paint the Lake, from a Child’s Brush.”

“Essentially this event gives children ages 6-12 an opportunity to experience the joy of painting outdoors in the culturally significant and artistic community of Palmer Lake, with awards and other fun centered art experiences,” Seelye said.

With the end of summer looming on the horizon, Palmer Lake

◦ Aug 4, 2024 • Works
Progress Administration Film.
Q&A

◦ Aug 4, 2024 • Masa Ito -
Classical Guitar Benefit
Concert \$

Chautauqua is sizing up to be the perfect venue to begin a wrap-up of those “lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer.” The event list is lengthy and diverse, providing a few or many ways to experience this “blast from the past” affair. It is progressively becoming a modern take on what is culturally entertaining and educational today.