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You can always go "home" again to... The Mountain Area Home and Garden Show

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At one time or another we've all heard the old saying about how "you can never go home again," but that adage doesn't ring true here in Evergreen and vicinity. Just about this time every year, our entire community and people near and far eagerly travel "homeward-bound" to the Annual Mountain Area Home and Garden Show (MAHGS). This not-to-be-missed, 11th annual, extravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, May 1 from 10:00am-3:00 pm at Evergreen High School.

The Mountain Area Home & Garden show is a true community event that brings together local trade businesses and invites the community at-large to meet and use the businesses within our community.

"Eleven years ago, mountain locals Teresa Kahler of Mountain Financial Mortgage Group and businessman and Rotarian Ron Catterson, disappointed





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over the lack of community venues in which area businesses could feature and showcase their goods and services, decided to fill that need by creating the Mountain Area Home and Garden Show," stated 2016 MAHGS Chair Lee Willis who voiced special gratitude to these two visionaries.

"Teresa and Ron have now stepped down from their former roles," said Willis, "but Ron is still involved in the event as an outstanding show consultant and Facilities Chairman organizing the physical facility layout, booth assignments—and more."

Willis believes Evergreen and area residents understand that shopping locally keeps monies in our own community. Supporting the success of our mountain businesses, retailers, and nonprofit organizations, ultimately fuels our local economy and real estate market and enables our community to thrive while perpetuating our beloved mountain lifestyle.

The event is organized by the Evergreen and Conifer Rotary Clubs and a host of volunteers. Steered by a dedicated 2016 volunteer committee comprised of: Chair Lee Willis (Conifer Rotary), Cara Camping (Assistant

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Chair/Conifer Rotary), Ron Catterson (Evergreen Rotary), Anne Field (Evergreen Rotary), Bryan Hutchison (Habitat ReStore), Carma Scheafer (Evergreen Rotary), Cliff Bowron (Branches Cabinetry & Design), Henry Austin (Conifer Rotary), John Wingate (Evergreen Rotary), photographer Larry Caine (Evergreen Rotary), Laurie Romberg (Evergreen Rotary), Linda Lovin (Evergreen Rotary), Liz

Hawkins (EChO), Lori Frease (EChO), CPA Melony Harris (Conifer Rotary), Pat Hagan (Conifer Rotary), interior designer Sue Barkley (Conifer Rotary), and publisher Tim Grace (Evergreen Rotary).

MAHGS has a lot to offer its attendees in terms of featuring local construction, trades, remodeling, and gardening companies, in addition to a plethora of other artistic and creative businesses and services geared toward homeowners and home improvement/maintenance. Consequently, this stellar community effort

attracts local residents as well as visitors and tourists from Denver metro and all points beyond.

The 2016 Mountain Area Home and Garden Show is being sponsored by: Spectrum Electric (www.spectrum-electricltd.com), Mountain Hearth and Patio (www.mtnmanchimney.com), Moore Lumber and Hardware (www.moorelbr.com), First Bank (www.efirstbank.com), and Manning Financial Advisors (303-674-8836).

Beneficiaries for this year's event are the Evergreen Rotary

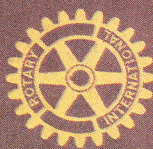
Foundation (ERF) and the Conifer Rotary Foundation (CRF), entities that distribute grant money to the local community and internationally on behalf of the Evergreen and Conifer Rotary Clubs.

The 110-plus booths reserved for this year's event will be comprised of approximately 90 vendors and a limited number of Colorado artisans, and nonprofit organizations. There will also be a few food vendors, including Evergreen's Tequila's Mexican Restaurant, selling prepared food items geared for hungry attendees. Visit the

MAHGS website (<http://home-showcolorado.com>) for a list of this year's participants.

While at the show the public is also encouraged to attend onsite presentations offered throughout the 2-day event. Seminars include: "Pros and Cons of All Flooring" by Carpet Direct, "Expecting the Unexpected—When the Power Goes Out" by Spectrum Electric, and "Fire Mitigation" by Splintered Forest. Check out MAHGS on Facebook and visit its website ([Please see **FEATURE**, Page 11](http://home-</p>
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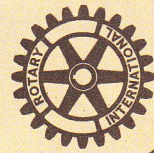
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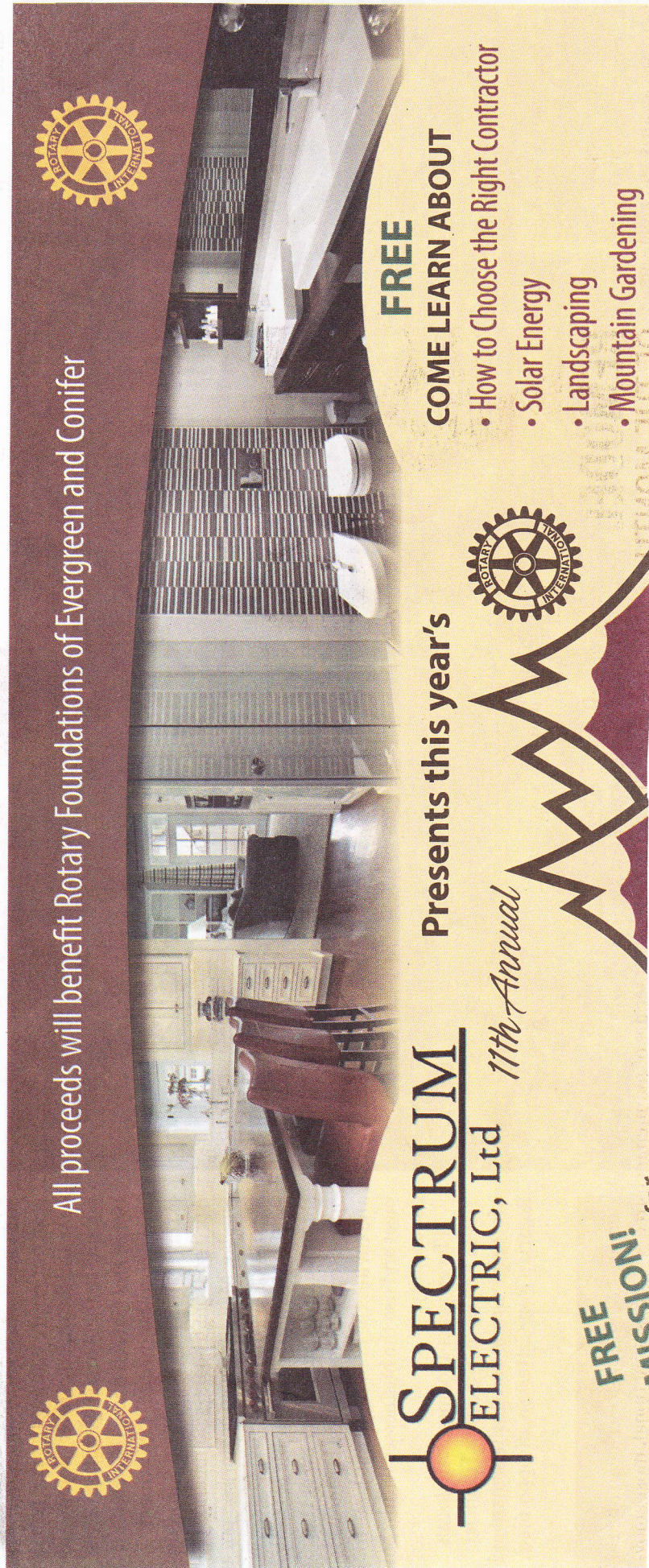


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Sat., April 30

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun., May 1

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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29300 Buffalo Park Road, Evergreen, Colorado

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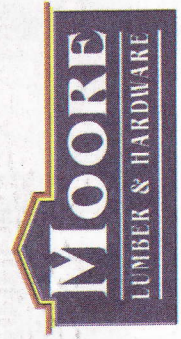
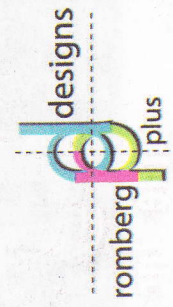
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showcolorado.com) for more information/seminars and the dates and times for these informative sessions.

The Mahgs location alternates between Evergreen High School (this year's site) and Conifer High School. Last year's Conifer event welcomed in excess of 2,200 people—a record high since its premier in 2005. More than 110 vendors enjoyed the opportunity to meet other area vendors

and interact with the public, answering general building and renovation questions, and specifically talking to attendees about the products and services they provide. But the biggest success and reward of last year's Mountain Area Home and Garden Show was that it was able to present a \$13,500 check (each) to the Evergreen and Conifer Rotary Foundations for a total of \$27,000 that was allotted back to the community through grant distributions.

Over the years many local organizations have benefited

from Rotary grants, including: Senior Resource Center, Mountain Resource Center, Evergreen Christian Outreach, Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity, Evergreen Chamber Orchestra, Conifer Trails, Evergreen Fire and Rescue, Evergreen and Conifer High Schools, Mountain Area Land Trust, Mt. Evans Hospice and more. Since its inception, MAHGS has raised over \$152,000, all of which has been apportioned back to the benefit of our community.

Muster up your community spirit and come out and dis-

cover all the goods and services area businesses have to offer, interact with dedicated community volunteers, bond and mingle with family and friends, and prepare yourself for having a gosh-darn great time! Tickets are \$5.00/person, but you can get in free simply by bringing 2 cans of food (per attendee) to the door, which will be donated to ECHO.

Set your sights "homeward bound" to Evergreen High School, 29300 Buffalo Park Road and join us in Evergreen on April 30 and May 1 at the 11th annual Mountain Area

Home and Garden Show. Visit the MAHGS website (<http://homeshowcolorado.com>) for more information or tickets; contact Lee Willis at 720-205-6040.

Oh, and as for that old saying about "never being able to go home again" ... FORGET IT! In our community we can go "home" again each and every year-after-year. See you at the 11th annual Mountain Area Home and Garden Show!