

# POTPOURRI



*Challenge quilts, watercolors and Christmas Boutique!*

## Spirit of Big Bear, crafts at quilt show

Dozens of handcrafted quilts will be on display during the 22nd annual Mountain Treasures Quilt Show at Big Bear Middle School on September 4-5...but some lucky winner is going to take one home that's really extra special.

Busy Bears Quilt Guild is again holding its opportunity drawing for a hand-pieced quilt titled "Spirit of Big Bear." It truly reflects mountain living with bear, eagle, trees, streams and snow designs. The original design was made by Guild members and features hand appliques, machine piecing and quilting. Past



Win this quilt at Mtn. Treasures!

Guild quilts have appraised for up to \$1,500, and one, 2007's "Woodland Creatures" won by Starr Ott of Barstow, took second place at the Glendale Quilt Show.

Opportunity tickets are just \$1 each or six for \$5 and the winner need not be present for the Sept. 5 drawing at 3 p.m.

The opportunity quilt is one of 70 on display at Mountain Treasures, each created by members.

Challenge quilts, watercolors, landscapes and traditional quilts are all included in the popular event, and others will earn "People's Choice" honors awarded by attendees. Quilters will be able to browse through a variety of handmade items, quilting supplies, kits and fabric offered by the many outside vendors. **Continued page 7**

*Big Horn Mountain Men Rendezvous, Denver Tribute too!*

## Fall Festival, Safari mark holiday events

Summer's last major holiday features an array of activities around Big Bear besides the 22nd annual Mountain Treasures Quilt Show (above).

Crafters and artists from the western United States will be selling wares and demonstrating crafts at the annual **Fall Fest** at the Convention Center September 4-5. From handmade jewelry and carved signs to homemade jams and unique soaps and lotions, there's something for every taste and budget.

There's fun for the entire family with children's activities like carnival games, face painting and bounce house. There's

daily live entertainment on Southern California's highest elevation beer garden, the perfect place to hang out under the pine trees and get ready for the 40th annual Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest, which opens just two weeks later on September 18. Wyatt's Cafe & Saloon will be serving a full menu of its famous ranch style food.

Fall Fest is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$3, 12 and under free, and there's a two-for-one admission coupon on page 8. The Convention Center is on the boulevard at Division; 585-3000.

Step back in time a few hundred years to the days of the trappers and fur traders when Big Horn Mountain Men hold their 27th annual **Living History Encampment** at Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch. Teepees,

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*'Shore' could use your help to pick up lake trash!*

## Shoreline cleanup set for Sept. 25

The 26th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, set for Saturday, September 25, marks the 11th year Big Bear volunteers have participated in the statewide effort by picking up trash around the lake from 9 a.m.-noon.

Last year's turnout was smaller than usual locally, as 174 volunteers removed 718 lbs. of trash and 147 lbs. of recyclable material from 12 miles of Big Bear shoreline. In 2009 Ray Wiltsey Middle School from Ontario showed up with 88 participants. Corporate teams, church and school groups, service organization, families and friends are invited to volunteer and help become part of the marine pollution solution.

Statewide over 800 locations in 44 counties will be cleaned up including all 1,100 miles of California coast and another thousand miles along bays, creeks, rivers

and lakes. Last year over 80,000 volunteers removed 1.3 million pounds of debris from California coast and inland waterways, 80% of which is plastic trash.

The effort keeps getting bigger and bigger around the state—there has been a 60% jump in volunteers from 2007, making Coastal Cleanup Day the state's largest volunteer effort. Sierra Nevada Conservancy has joined to expand cleanup along rivers and watersheds in the Sierras. Hopefully lake numbers will go up too.

Call Alan Sharp at Big Bear Marina (909) 866-3218 to be assigned an area.

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