



## Applewood Events

The Applewood Business Association invites you to participate in its upcoming events:

**Wednesday, October 12**  
11:15 a.m.

Lunch at Foothills Art Center  
809 15th Street, Golden  
Touring the new Sculpture Garden

**Thursday, November 10**  
7:15 a.m.

Holiday Inn, Denver West  
14704 W. Colfax Avenue  
Vince Vecchiarelli will talk about his recent mission to Romania and how your talents can help others.

**Wednesday, December 14**  
11:15 a.m.

Denver Marriott West  
1717 Denver West Blvd.  
Annual holiday program

For prices and to RSVP for an event, call 303-233-4764 or sign up online at [applewoodbusiness.com](http://applewoodbusiness.com).

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(Left to right)  
Don Knox, owner of Applewood Auto Body;  
Roberta Thornsberry, owner of Little Theatre;  
and Tom Yang, owner of Applewood Quality Builders

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## Let Applewood Auto Body take the dent out of your day

Applewood Auto Body, 2595 Youngfield St., is not only known for taking the dents out of vehicles but also for removing the worries and hassles that usually come with auto body repairs.

"Our customers know and trust our family," says Don Knox, owner of Applewood Auto Body along with his wife Kathy. "We're very honest and very personable."

Don, who has been in the auto body repair business

for 36 years, has owned Applewood Auto Body for 10 years. Both he and Kathy grew up in the neighborhood and both graduated from Golden High School. With such a long-standing presence in the area, Don counts on referrals to keep business strong.

"All of our customers are repeats," said Don. "We are probably one of the smallest auto body shops around, but I call us the mighty mouse. We provide the same service as the big boys and we're far more personable."

Call 303-234-9902.

## Generations of Applewood kids benefit from Little Theatre

Roberta Thornsberry was a very accomplished tap dancer and a member of a regional dance troupe when she decided to open her own dance studio. Originally founded in East Denver, Roberta brought her fledgling programs to the Applewood Grove Shopping Center in 1959. Some 20 years later, she built the first Little Theatre Culture Center across the street at 1980 Youngfield St.

"The zoning people said we needed to make it look like a house on a residential street," said Roberta. Today it is home to many aspiring dancers, musicians, gymnasts and actors. Little Theatre offers an extensive list of classes including tap, ballet, jazz, gymnastics, cotillion, musical theatre, piano, voice and guitar. Roberta's son, David Thornsberry, now manages much of the operation, which includes two other locations in Ken Caryl and Highlands Ranch.

"We really care about our kids," said Roberta. "People appreciate that."

Visit [4littletheatre.com](http://4littletheatre.com) or call 303-233-2970.

## Applewood Quality Builders provides concrete solutions

Over the years Applewood Quality Builders (AQB) has earned a reputation for excellence with its residential and commercial concrete work.

Tom Yang is the owner of Applewood Quality Builders. A native of China, Tom came to the United States with his parents in 1967. "We landed in Arizona," said Tom. "I went to school at the University of Arizona and got a degree in mining engineering."

In time, Tom moved to Colorado and dabbled in a number of different businesses: engineering, multi-family real estate, commercial real estate, remodeling and building custom homes. Today Applewood Quality Builders focuses primarily on pouring concrete and doing the job right.

Residential concrete work includes driveways, basements, patios and sidewalks. AQB will also handle concrete structural repairs, excavation and grading. Some of their commercial projects include bus stops and ramps for handicap accessibility.

Tom lives with his wife Susan, an architect.