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Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday, December 13, 2025

National Wreaths Across America Day is the culmination of a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This mission is in part carried out each December with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of those who have served our country. The observance is designated annually on a Saturday in December by Congress.

By coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 3,100 other participating locations around the country, Wreaths Across America strives to remember our fallen heroes. The day honors those who serve. And it teaches our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Remember. Honor. Teach.

HOW TO OBSERVE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

All across the country, volunteers come together to lay wreaths on the grave sites of the military. You can help by volunteering, too. Bring your children, no matter their age. It's an excellent opportunity to teach them about the sacrifices our military and their families make and show respect for our military. You can also donate to make sure every fallen hero is honored. Many volunteers start by laying wreaths for their family members but find they continue to help each year. The meaning of a somber commitment of honoring service members with a wreath grows every year.

– www.wreathscrossamerica.org/



Fun Around Town

TRAIL OF LIGHTS: Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Trail of Lights at Chatfield Farms takes you along a winding path glistening with lights that illuminate the Colorado countryside. Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, box elders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is also the option of a shorter path for those who want to take a shorter stroll. In line with the core value of sustainability, all lights used in the event are LED.

HUDSON HOLIDAYS: Nov. 28, 2025–Jan. 4, 2026, Hudson Gardens & Events Center

You'll be enchanted by towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Purchase a delicious cup of hot cocoa or adult beverage before stopping by for a perfect free family photo opportunity with Santa.

MILE HIGH DRONE SHOWS: Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Downtown

For 41 magical nights, 600 drones will soar into the sky, creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across the city every night at 7 p.m. for free. From Santa and his reindeer to iconic Denver landmarks like the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity and Denver Union Station, each night will bring a new visual experience to life.

THE MILE HIGH TREE: Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Tivoli Quad on Auraria Campus

Join in the free festivities at the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show. You can experience two of Denver's most popular holiday attractions in one place: America's tallest digital tree and the Denver Christkindlmarket, the city's only authentic German holiday market.

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT: Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens

Consistently lauded as one of the top holiday light shows in the nation, Blossoms of Light is a spectacular celebration that illuminates Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location. Wander a mile-long path through immersive, luminous displays that accentuate and highlight our plant collections. A cherished holiday tradition for nearly four decades, Blossoms of Light is constantly evolving to inspire wonder and delight in even the most seasoned visitors.

Howliday Dog Market, Aspen Grove

Friday, December 12, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 13, 12:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bring your pup and get ready for the ultra-mutt holiday shopping event! The Howliday Market is back — two festive days packed with wag-worthy fun, local vendors, and holiday cheer (for humans and dogs alike).

Shop Local. Support Rescue. Celebrate Your Pup. Discover over 25 dog-friendly and special holiday gift vendors featuring gifts, treats, and accessories for you and your four-legged friends (and a few for your cats, too!). Sip on a festive cocktail from our BARBOX holiday bar featuring a custom drink line-up, grab a bite from the food truck, and enjoy the cozy holiday vibe.

Entertainment & Activities:

Friday Night: Live music and a Dog Sweater Contest at 6:30 pm — bring your pup (and yourself!) in your cutest, ugliest, or most creative sweater for a chance to win cash prizes!

Saturday: A DJ spinning classic holiday jams sets the mood for a chill, festive shopping day.

Holiday Extras:

- Dog Cookie Decorating sponsored by AJ's Dog Bakery
- Eye-Spy Scavenger Hunt to win gift cards
- Plenty of photo ops and festive fun around every corner

It's the paw-fect holiday celebration for you and your pup! Shop, sip, and spread cheer — all while supporting local rescues and small businesses.

—<https://aspengrovecenter.com/event/howliday-dog-market/>

Sweater Fest

A Holiday Market & Party at Aspen Grove

December 5 (3pm-9pm) & December 6 (10am-5pm)

Feel the joy a one-of-a-kind vintage treasure can bring this season! We're getting warm and cozy indoors at Aspen Grove for Sweater Fest, a two-day holiday market and party celebrating all things local, festive, and fabulously knit.

40+ amazing local businesses offering the finest:

- Vintage and modern clothing
- Records & music finds
- Jewelry and accessories
- Home goods & décor
- Handmade gifts and more

It's the perfect way to shop small, support local, and find gifts as unique as the people you love (including you). And yes, we highly encourage your best (or worst) holiday sweater.

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National Poinsettia Day

Each year on the 12th of December, people across the United States celebrate one of the most recognizable plants of the holidays on National Poinsettia Day.

The poinsettia initially came to the United States with Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist and the first U.S. Minister to Mexico. In 1825, he sent cuttings home to Charleston, South Carolina.

However, it wasn't until the early 1920s that the poinsettia started taking root in American culture. Paul Ecke, a second-generation farmer in California, discovered a grafting technique that caused the seedlings to branch. Hawking their Christmas flower at roadside stands, Paul Ecke Jr. later advanced sales of the poinsettia through shipping and marketing.

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Holiday Decorations And Pets

Christmas trees and holiday greens: Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.

- **Water base:** The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- **Christmas lights and tinsel:** Position your tree's lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- **Candles:** Don't leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.

- **Firestarter logs:** Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- **Plants:** A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

–<https://www.humanesociety.org>

*What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.*

–John Steinbeck

*I find that it's the simple things that remind you
of family around the holidays.*

–Amy Adams

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