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**Washington Monument completed (1884)**

**December 7**

**Pearl Harbor Day**

**December 15**

**National Bill of Rights Day (1791)**

**December 16**

**Boston Tea Party (1773)**

**December 18**

**First National Day of Thanksgiving (1777)**

**December 22**

**Continental Congress creates a Continental Navy (1775)**

**December 23**

**George Washington resigns as commander in chief (1783)**

**December 24**

**UK signs Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812 (1814)**

**December 25**

**George Washington crosses the Delaware (1776)**

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## Rockin' Horse Antiques Wants to Share Golden With You!

By Heather Eckels

Rockin' Horse Antiques has a great history along with the town it calls home. Jo Masteller first purchased the Floral store at the building front in 1986. Shortly thereafter, in about 1989, she opened the rest of the ground floor as the Rockin' Horse Antiques Store. Jo learned about auctions and antiques from her husband Bob and they enjoyed running the Rockin' Horse, buying, selling and restoring antiques for the next 26 years.

Jo sold the Floral shop in 2009 and semi-retired in 2015 from the Antique store and Jo's daughter Debbie Sherwood took over management of the Rockin' Horse. The store is still going strong after 32 years and is the best antique store in Golden.

Customers make it a point to return yearly from all over the country and the world. Many of the dealers that joined the Rockin' Horse over 25 years ago are still there along with a great group of passionate and creative new dealers.

Rockin' Horse Antiques is what community is all about. Why not partake in Golden's Christmas activities and, of course, stop in the Rockin' Horse Antiques. There will be Select Dealer Holiday Sales through December.

Rockin' Horse is located at 1106 Washington Avenue in downtown Golden, Colorado. They are open Mon.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4. Give them a call at 303-278-8803 for more information.



Rockin' Horse Owner Jo Masteller and her Husband Bob.



Jo's Daughter and Rockin' Horse Manager Debbie Sherwood with longtime dealers Rose & Arlene.



Lynn and Sharon are part of the dealer community and employee crew that keep the store going. M.J., Georgette, Barb, Martha, Gina, and Heather Eckels are all part of the dealer/crew, too.



Heather Eckels, store's chief publicist



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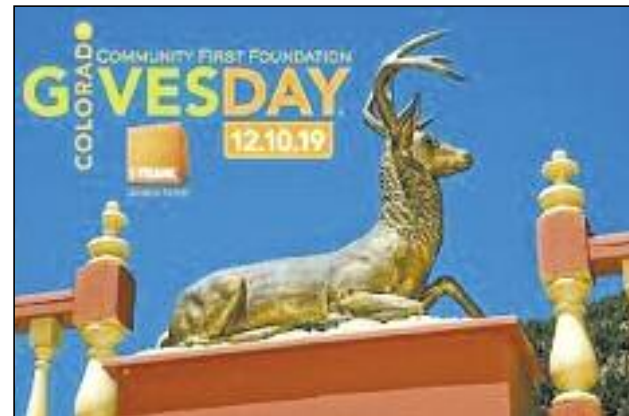
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Show Calendar  
December, January

- THROUGH DECEMBER: HOLIDAY SALE** at the Colorado Antique Gallery at 5501 S. Broadway in Littleton, Colorado. Save up to 50% off in hundreds of dealers’ booths. Largest Sale of the Year. More info, call 303-794-8100.
- DEC. 4: **GOURD PINE NEEDLE BASKET DEMO with Jayne Colburn**, at Old Crows Antique mall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coming Up: DEC. 9 is **Ladies’ Night at Old Crows**. Extended hours until 9 p.m. Treats and Giveaways for our customers, Call 303-973-8648 for more info.
- DEC. 10-12: **ROCKS & RAILS MINERAL, GEM & MODEL TRAIN SHOW/ EXPO**, Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont, Colorado.
- DEC. 11: **LITTLETON CAR SHOW** at noon, weather permitting, at Old Crows Antique Mall, 10081 West Bowles Avenue, Littleton. Call 303-973-8648 for more info.
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**Saturday, December 4th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in The Root Beer Bar at Old Crows Antique Mall**

“The Crow” is pleased to welcome one of our many special dealers, Jayne Colburn who will be sharing and showing her art, Gourd Pine Needle Baskets. Biographical information provided by Jayne below:

Nationally recognized artist, Jayne Colburn began working with natural fibers in 1985 to carry on the tradition of her grandparents who wove baskets for generations. She holds two degrees from Indiana University where she studied environmental sciences, communications, and anthropology. Her work had been exhibited in distinctive shows, museums, books, and galleries across the nation for over three decades.

**The Artist's Inspiration...**

*My inspiration comes from my ancestors and the earth. My multicultural grandparents were basket makers for generations creating wares from willow, wheat stalk, pine needles and grasses. I carry on the family tradition but with a modern twist by combining ancient techniques with mixed materials. My soul is at home in nature, and I create each one-of-a-kind piece from my studio in the Rocky Mountains near Denver. People often ask how long it takes to create each piece, but there's really no quantifiable answer. The process starts with a vision, then comes the collection and preparation of raw materials from a variety of landscapes across the country. I hand collect most of my materials but source others from growers and basket suppliers. I support small family farms and travel great distances to buy from them directly. Since my materials start raw, there's extensive time spent collecting, sorting, cleaning, and preparing and adding pigment before the weaving even begins. The coiling process I specialize in is very tedious and time consuming, but I get lost in the process. It's soul food for me. Each piece I create is like birthing a child with a unique personality and character.*

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# Christmas Trees Brighten the Season



By Bobbie Sweeney

It is hard to imagine not having a tree decorated in our homes at Christmastime. Most everyone today remembers their childhood and the pleasures of trimming the tree. When my children were young, our friends and relatives had a good laugh when they walked in our house and saw our work of art. I felt this was one time of the year the children should participate in the festivities. First of all I struggled with their help to put the tree in its holder. I must admit, it wasn't always straight, the way it had grown in the forest, but it held up during its time with us.

Then the children carried on from there. Oh, there were lots of arguments, but there were also lots of laughs. No one ever agreed on exactly the right place to hang the ornaments. But in the end, they were all proud of their Christmas tree.

Have you ever wondered, like me, where the tradition of having a decorated tree placed in a prominent place in our homes at Christmastime originated? I found in my research that not too much has been written about its beginnings. We do know one thing for certain: The German settlers in America brought the tradition with them from their homeland to the New World.

The first account of such a tree, in Germany, is described in a diary written by an unknown author who visited Strasbourg in 1605, according to Phillip V. Snyder in his book on Christmas trees. In the diary, the visitor wrote about fir trees placed in the home and decorated with roses, flat wafers, fruit and candy.

It is believed that there is a religious symbol associated with bringing a green tree into the home and decorating it in such a manner. From the study of primitive cultures, it was learned that trees remaining green in the winter were thought to have godlike powers that protected their homes, and helped bring good crops to their seemingly barren land.

When Christianity gradually overcame the pagan religions, people in the northern part of Europe continued to dec-

orate the evergreen trees at Christmastime. The rose had always been a symbol for the Virgin Mary, and it is believed that the flat wafers, described in the writings of the traveler, related to the "host," the symbol for Christ in communion. The tree decorated with the flat wafer and roses became known as the Christbaum.

There is an account of candles being fastened to the branches of a decorated tree as early as 1708. And in 1801, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband who came from Germany, made the tradition popular in England. However, the custom had been known and practiced by the royal family for half a century. The custom didn't last long in England, as it had in Germany and later in America.

German settlers introduced the Christmas tree to America during the 19th century. Most of the immigrants brought their ornaments with them from Germany, and for many years the only ornaments used were imported from Germany.

There was quite a controversy over the idea of a Christmas tree among Americans not of German descent. Critics disliked its pagan origin.

The first picture shown in America of the Christmas tree was printed in a women's magazine in 1850. The engraver of Godey's Lady's Book copied the picture of Prince Albert of England's tree that had been printed earlier in the London News. He made the picture seem more American by removing a few royal details and by changing the look of many of the ornaments.

The people in America introduced the idea of the floor-to-ceiling Christmas tree soon after they had followed the German custom of having a small tree that could be placed on top of a table. In the early years, Americans decorated their trees very simply, with strings of cranberries and popcorn, pine cones, cookies and candy. But by 1870, we were importing glass ornaments from Germany. And 10 years after that, ornaments were made of other material besides glass—wax, tinsel, silver and gilt paper, and cardboard.

The custom grew slowly in America, but since the early

part of the 20th century, the Christmas tree has been a part of American life. Every home now has a Christmas tree, and thanks to Thomas A. Edison we have replaced the dangerous candle on the tree with small electric light bulbs that brighten the trees during the festive occasion.

*Let's also remember that Hanukkah, known as the Festival of Lights, runs until December 6th this year.*

The Hanukkah celebration revolves around the kindling of a nine-branched menorah, known in Hebrew as the hanukiah. On each of the holiday's eight nights, another candle is added to the menorah after sundown; the ninth candle, called the shamash ("helper"), is used to light the others. The Jewish people typically recite blessings during this ritual and display the menorah prominently in a window as a reminder to others of the miracle that inspired the holiday.

*Happy Hanukkah, Everyone!*



## CIVIL WAR BOOK

The subtitle of the book is "A Biblical Version of the American Civil War." Whether to distinguish it from, or to draw it closer to The Bible, one might suspect Joseph DeStefano is wanting to reclaim our attention with circumstances and characters of bygone, perhaps nobler times. But, as he makes clear in his preface, it is the times we are living in. "Now, in 2020," with their own potential of nobility, and of ruin, that makes his effort seem "especially relevant" to him. He writes:

"I take up the spiritual content of our worst national crisis to date in an attempt to inspire us to ask and answer old questions anew — within ourselves."

And, indeed, the first speech of Abraham Lincoln, only a few pages into the first part, might just as well have been written yesterday as 160 years ago. And so it is with the words and actions of Jefferson Davis, of Grant and Lee, of Sherman, Forrest, and Frederick Douglass, and of all the rest. In *The*

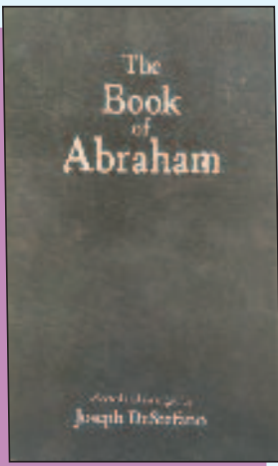
*Book of Abraham*, the crystalline prose of Bruce Catton, the breathtaking stories of Shelby Foote, together with the research of Joshua Wolf Shenk, James McPherson, and Ibram X. Kendi, are interfused with extractions of *The Old Testament*, and of other ancient works, and with poetry, oratory and song of more modern authors and actors—interfused, that is, with inspiration available to all our current creeds.

Answering old questions anew, himself, DeStefano is obviously only interested in that which has proved timeless. He offers it all as "A Gift," for us to wonder at its startling power, yes, but more to help us recognize the challenge of its continuing pertinence. This book believes in us—in what we are now: both what we have been and what we can be."

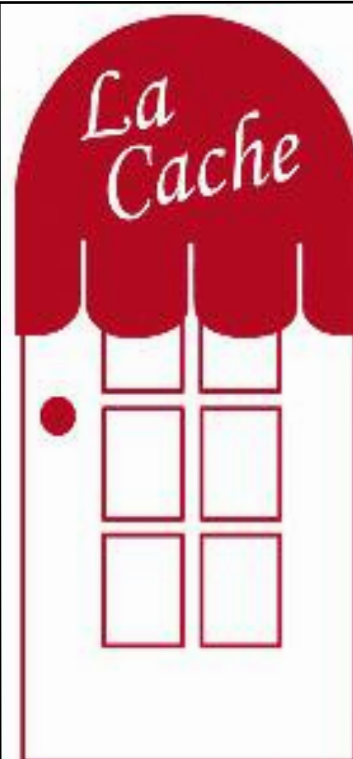
*The Book of Abraham's* author Joseph DeStefano is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He teaches high school English in Littleton, Colorado where he lives with his wife and children.

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# America's Santa Carries On

By Henry J. Pratt

Young children to adults in their golden years know all about that legendary HO-HO-HO bringer of Christmas gifts—Santa Claus.

Though he's almost totally an American creation, Santa's roots come from many countries and go back far in time. Santa is now a universal character, loved by men, women and children the world over.

His name is derived from the U. S. colonial adaptation of the Dutch Sinter Claes and Sante Klaus. In some other nations, Santa is known as Father Christmas, St. Nick, Pelz Nichol and Pere Noel. Historians say that St. Nicholas—patron saint of children and sailors, as well as Russia and Greece—was a real person, who lived in the 4th century.

When only a boy, St. Nicholas was made bishop of Myra, located in Lycia, Asia Minor, which today is in Turkey. He was wealthy and secretly helped the poor. For years, someone representing the saint dressed in a bishop's robes and rode through the streets on a white donkey, distributing gifts to small children.

In Holland, children put their shoes out to receive the gifts. In Germany and elsewhere, children hang up their stockings and sometimes leave fresh cookies and milk for Santa's arrival. Santa rides a horse in some countries, but in others he



comes by cart or a sleigh drawn by reindeer.

Dutch settlers brought their old custom of St. Nicholas Day with them to New Amsterdam, which now is New York City. The American author, Washington Irving, popularized him as Santa Claus in his *Knickerbocker History of New York* (1809).

Instead of being a tall, thin saint, Santa—according to author Irving—was a fat and jolly old elf, a friendly guy with a long, white beard, and dressed in red and white clothes. Clement C. Moore's familiar poem for children, known better as "The Night Before Christmas," was written in 1822.

Everyone knows, in that poem, that the Americanized Santa Claus rides in a toy-

packed sleigh pulled over the rooftops by eight tiny reindeer. Santa descends into our homes through the chimney, and he has become fatter and more jovial than ever.

Long depicted in life and legend as a WASP (White, Anglo-Saxon Protestant), Santa turned up in a widely-publicized incident in a California city in 1990 as dark-skinned in a red-and-white suit. For many minority families and others, this was a long time coming. Surely, we ought to soon have children sitting on the knees of Santas who are Hispanics, Native Americans, Jews and Asians, as well as African-Americans.

The spirit of kindness and love for others burned brightly in the life of America's "first" Santa. A few weeks before Christmas in 1890, he made his debut at the Boston Store in Brockton, Massachusetts. Our first department-store Santa ever turned out to be the popular store owner, James Edgar, who wore his Christmas costume to delight the children coming to the store with their parents.

James Edgar, a native of Scotland who came to America as a child, made boys and girls more aware of Santa Claus than they'd ever been before. They had seen sketches of Santa in magazines and newspapers. But their new Santa in the flesh was a tall, well-stuffed soul with a ruddy complexion. Edgar had a rich, warm and friendly voice and a snowy, white beard.

The next day after Santa first appeared, Edgar's store was crowded with children. All the kids in town, it seemed, came down to see their great roly-poly hero—such a nice old man with toys on his back to open up on Christmas morning. Word of Edgar's great success playing Santa Claus spread fast across the nation.

In 1891, Santa made his debut at several other major stores across the country. Ten years later, Santa had knee thrones for kids and grandkids in department stores in nearly every city in America.

Only a relatively few children had a chance to meet Santa when James Edgar first came up with the best idea he ever had. This year, millions of eager young children will whisper their Christmas wants in Santa's ear and say, "Please come to my house on Christmas Eve." Yes, Virginia, and all you other kids around the world, there is, indeed, a Santa Claus.

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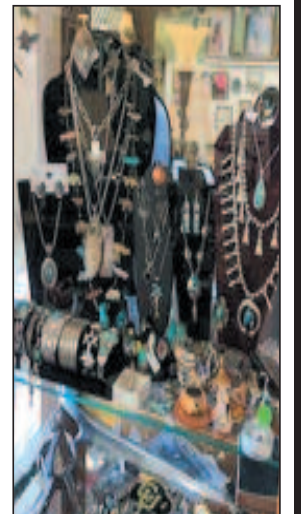
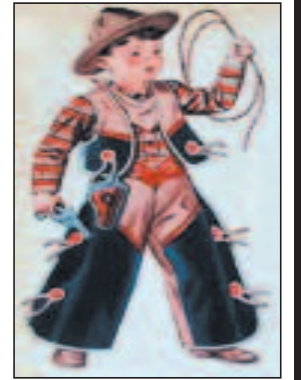
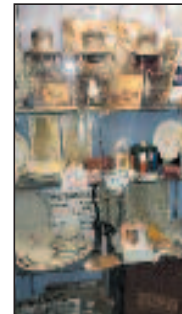
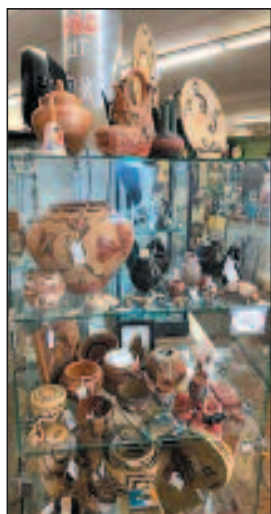
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# The Man Who Gave Us the Poinsettia

By Dianne L. Beetler

The poinsettia, a popular Christmas gift and decoration, was unknown in the United States until almost two hundred years ago. It is believed that Joel Poinsett introduced the plant to the U.S. from Mexico.

In 1825, Poinsett accepted appointment as the first U.S. minister to Mexico. During four turbulent years in that country, he spent most of his time competing with the representative of England for the confidence of the Mexican government.

The Mexicans suspected that Poinsett wanted the U.S. to annex Texas, and they demanded his recall several times.

One day, rioters threatened to attack the building where Poinsett was located. He carried the American flag outside and courageously faced the angry mob. His

bravery made the rioters leave without damaging anything.

Finally, the U.S. government asked Poinsett to return home. An amateur botanist, he took with him a plant he had found growing wild in Mexico. The plant attracted immediate attention, and it was named poinsettia in his honor.

## A Christmas Quiz for Your Enjoyment



1. In “Here Comes Santa Claus” how many times does Santa check his list?
2. In the song “Jingle Bells” what kind of sleigh is it?
3. In “O Little Town of Bethlehem” where do the silent stars go by?
4. Which song is considered America’s most popular Christmas song?
5. In a “Holly Jolly Christmas,” we are told to have a cup of what?
6. In “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas” what is the prettiest sight to see?
7. In “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” is the phrase, good tidings to you and all of your what?
8. In the song “Mr. Grinch” the Grinch is as cuddly as what?
9. What popular Christmas carol is considered a lullaby?
10. In “Go Tell it on a Mountain” we are told to tell what over the hills and everywhere?
11. In “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus “we all know they were under the mistletoe, but where did mommy “tick” Santa Claus?
12. What song goes “a rum pum pum pum”?
13. In “We Three Kings” they were following a star. In which direction was this star leading them?
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# Connie's Antiques on Tennyson Full of Christmas Charm

Gil and Connie are excited to celebrate their second Christmas at Connie's Antiques & Treasures at 3832 Tennyson St.

They would like you to come to their eclectic paradise to find that unique gift for your special person.

There will be plenty of Christmas decorations to help you decorate your home and get you into that magical mood. There are Santas of every kind and vintage Hallmark ornaments.

When you come in the door you will be surprised at everything you see. You will see cookie cutters to fill the cookie jars, teapots to fill your teacups, jewelry for your sweetheart. You will be able to bring some class with glass to your breakfast/dinner table. They even have gift cards so your person can pick out their own treasure.

Connie's love of antiques was handed down to her from her mom and she and Gil are excited to share that experience with everyone that visits.

Connie recalls that her Mom got her started into collecting with an autumn leaf Jewell bowl which was her grandma's. Since then, she has collected cupie dolls, lady head vases, cups and saucers, Winnie the Pooh and always carousel horse music boxes from San Francisco Music Co.

Gil and Connie have been married for 45 years. They met when Connie was 15 years old. At that time, she worked at the Weiss Bakery which was her grandmother's bakery and was located on the very same street that

their antique store is now located.

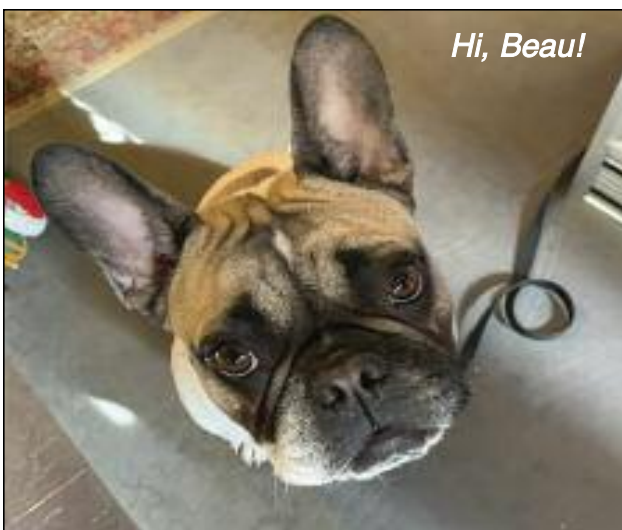
"Gil is very creative and we both enjoy having something we can share," Connie tells us. Though Connie is still working full time selling commercial insurance to small businesses, she relishes her time at the store. "I love meeting people. I also have so much fun shopping for our inventory." They use online auctions, estate sales and pickers. Gil usually works with the pickers, but Connie thinks of herself as the shopper and Gil as the arranger.

After Gil retired from his construction work, he was taking care of his 91 year old father. When the pandemic hit, his sister took over those responsibilities and it freed him to pursue the antique store he and his wife were eager to build.

Together, Gil and Connie have three kids and six grandkids. Two of their granddaughters, Gloria and Samantha, help out at the store. Another helper is their dog Beau who loves to greet people.

It truly is magical to visit Connie's Antiques. The holiday music emanating from an antique radio puts you in the holiday mood. The variety of their inventory is intriguing. Be sure to include a trip to Connie's for your holiday shopping. We are sure there will be something special there for you and your loved ones this season.

Masks are required at the store and Gil has one at the ready if you forgot yours. The shop is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 to 6.



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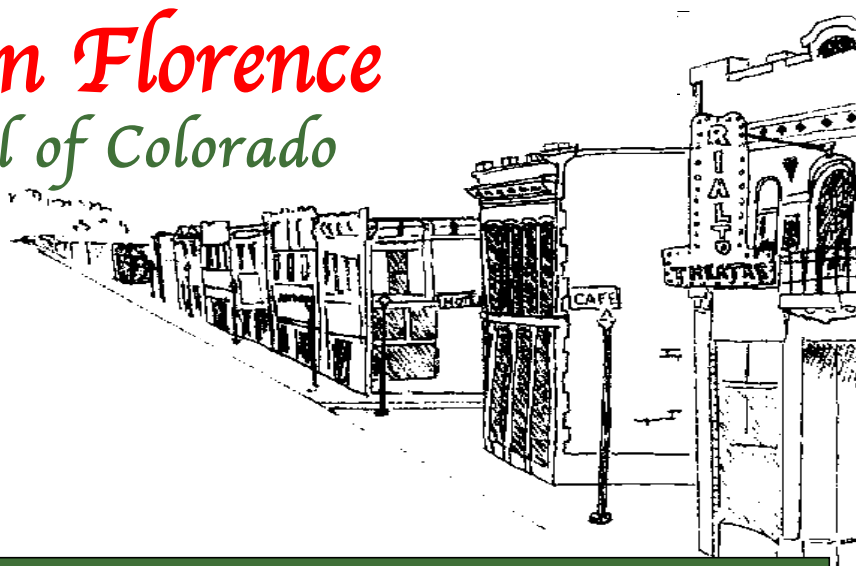
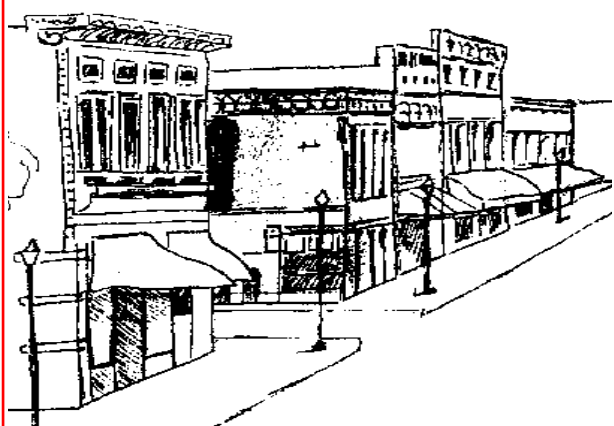




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## Florence: Somethings Old, Somethings New

By Sandy Dale

Here it is again, like always, whether we are ready or not...the "holiday" season. For a lot of us, it is gift-giving season. We try to imagine what our friends and loved ones might want in their stockings, under the tree, or with fancy paper and a bow on it. If we start right now we "might" be able to order it on line and "maybe" we will get it on time. Things being the way they are, it might be too late. Here's my suggestion. Time is the best present...as some say. Invite your friends and/or family on a day trip. Spend time with them...peruse our delightful shops and stores. Walk, yes walk, up and down the sidewalks of town and enjoy the holiday window displays...oh, you remember sidewalks, right? Have breakfast, lunch and/or dinner in one of our great restaurants. Discover what restaurant or shops your friend likes best. Maybe that shop or cafe offers gift certificates. Maybe your granddaughter will fall in love with a fabulous 60's dress in one of the shops and you can sneak back and get it when she isn't looking... These are just a few suggestions for when you "take back the holidays LIVE" (and in person, FACE TO FACE)...

Here are some more ideas. There are 23 shops (at last count) in Florence. Many of them open until 7 pm on Saturday eves. thru Dec. 18 for your shopping pleasure.

This is not counting The Flippin' Peddler, Nibbles and Nostalgia, Cargo, and Treasures Too (reopening in the 100 block West.) which have just opened or will be opening soon on or just a block or less off Main Street. Then, along with the 16 super dining establishments now open, a new burger cafe and a Japanese steak house are opening soon.

For some more information on this and more, contact the Florence Chamber of Commerce at 719-784-3544 or [www.finditinflorence.com](http://www.finditinflorence.com).

Don't forget to take a selfie with an elf at participating shops. Win prizes! For more information: download the Fremont360 app, click on the elf icon.



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## HOLIDAY QUIZ

# Answers to Holiday Quiz

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1. In "Here Comes Santa Claus" how many times does Santa check his list?  
**Twice**
2. In the song "Jingle Bells" what kind of sleigh is it?  
**One horse open sleigh**
3. In "O Little Town of Bethlehem" where do the silent stars go by?  
**Above the deep and dreamless sleep**
4. Which song is considered America's most popular Christmas song?  
**"White Christmas"**
5. In a "Holly Jolly Christmas", we are told to have a cup of what?  
**A cup of cheer**
6. In "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" what is the prettiest sight to see?  
**The holly that will be on your own front door**
7. In "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" is the phrase, good tidings to you and all of your what?  
**Kin**
8. In the song "Mr. Grinch" the Grinch is as cuddly as what?  
**A cactus**
9. What popular Christmas carol is considered a lullaby?  
**"Away In A Manger"**
10. In "Go Tell it on a Mountain" we are told to tell what over the hills and everywhere?  
**Jesus Christ is born**
11. In "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" "we all know they were under the mistletoe, but where did mommy "tickle" Santa Claus?  
**Underneath his beard so snowywhite**
12. What song goes "a rum pum pum pum"?  
**"The Little Drummer Boy"**
3. In "We Three Kings" they were following a star. In which direction was this star leading them?  
**Westward leading**
14. In "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", where did they all rock around the tree?



**At the Christmas Party Hop**  
15. In "White Christmas," I'm dreaming of a White Christmas with what?

**With every Christmas card I write**

16. In "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth," why do I want my two front teeth?

**So I could wish you a Merry Christmas**

17. In "The Chipmunk Song" what does Alvin want for Christmas?

**A hula hoop**

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**He began to dance around**

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**One foggy Christmas Eve**

20. In "Winter Wonderland" who do we pretend the snowman is?

**Parson Brown**

### TIEBREAKERS

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23. What Christmas operetta song describes a land for boys and girls? **"Toyland" little girl and boy land**

24. In "The Carol of the Bells" who are the bells bringing good cheer to? **Young and the old, meek and the bold**

25. In "I'll Be Home For Christmas" what is the request to have waiting for them upon return? **Please have snow and mistletoe and presents under the tree**

## CONTEST

# November's What Is It?



We had several correct guesses for our November's What Is It contest. Pictured are nozzles for firemen's hoses. Brass hose attachments seen here are, from left, two pipes (one with a leather cover and handle) used when volume was regulated by the pumper and two later nozzles with shutoff cocks.

Congratulations to our winners: Jean Helzer of Arvada, Colorado; Matt Reynolds, Nederland, Colorado; Dede Horan, Englewood, Colorado; Jacque Rutledge, Northglenn, Colorado; Terry Cook, Ft. Morgan, Colorado; and Christine Green, Westminster, Colorado. You have all won a year's subscription to *the Mountain States Collector*!

# December's What Is It?



Send your answers to the What Is It contest, postmarked by December 20, to *the Mountain States Collector*, P.O. Box 1003, Bailey, CO 80421. At least three winners will be drawn. Winners will receive a year's subscription to *the Mountain States Collector*.

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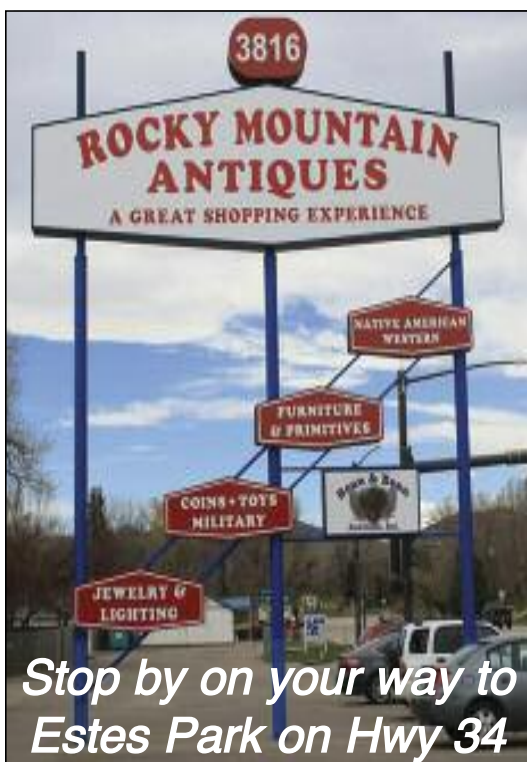
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