



DECEMBER
2025
Newsletter



CGC HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

Debbi Novotny's, 121 Mill Creek Road, Dumont
1-5 p.m.



The club will provide turkey, ham and beverages.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Spouses and guests are welcome! If you "plant" to attend, please RSVP not later than **Tuesday, December 9** to Linda Yowell at 303-898-8017 or via email, rickyowell7682@msn.com

2025 – 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 8, 2026

"Dinner & A Show" - Kris Miller

February 12, 2026

Pollinator Gardens – Amber/Sundance Gardens

March 12, 2026

Make your own Stepping Stones -Tobi Howell & Michelle Tyler

April 9, 2026

Hydroponic Gardens - Debbi Novotny

May 9, 2026

Plant Giveaway and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location TBD due to construction at the Project Support Senior Center.

May 14, 2026

Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers; Seed Library assembly.

June 5-6, 2026

The Annual Plant Sale is on Friday and Saturday. Plant delivery is Thursday morning, June 4, and the Members Only Party is that night from 3-6 p.m.

columbinegardenclub.com

Check our website for info on all of our past and future events!

If you would like to add the garden club events to your own calendar use the "Subscribe to Calendar" button at the bottom of the "What We're Planning" page. There are four calendar types that are supported. If you have trouble and need help adding to your calendar, please contact Tobi Howell for help.

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CGC November Meeting Notes



Jeannie Schuessler with her wreath



Karen, Illeana, Peech and Sandy making wreaths

The November CGC meeting was well attended with festive decorations and yummy food. Member Wendy Binninger brought all the materials for us to make lovely Fall wreaths. Kat Foreman from the Clear Creek Advocates gave us an update on the Santa Shop for 2025. It is being held at the Advocates' new office space in the Majestic Building at 1830 Miner Street in Idaho Springs. Volunteers are needed to help on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13th. Gift and monetary donations are gladly accepted. If you wish to purchase a gift, please drop it off at one of four locations: CC courthouse in Georgetown, Vail Mountain Coffee and Tea in Dumont, CCMRD Rec Center in Idaho Springs or the Advocates office in Idaho Springs by Monday, December 8. A new feature is Santa's Cookie Decorating Workshop, from 11 to 5 on Saturday, December 13. Santa will be there as well! For more info, please [click here](#) to go to the CGC website. The Members passed a motion to donate \$500 to Loaves & Fishes for the holidays.



DO NASTURTIUMS REPEL PESTS?

The answer is yes! Nasturtiums have a spicy scent that can confuse and deter certain troublesome pests. The peppery scent of this plant masks the aroma of the crops they seek, preventing pests from discovering plants and potentially destroying them. Nasturtiums make ideal trap plants for pest control. They can draw pests away, including **aphids, flea beetles, green flies, whiteflies, fruit borers**, and more. The nasturtiums can be treated with insecticidal soap or a homemade bug spray to deal with the pest problem, or the plant completely removed.

Another plus is their ability to attract a range of beneficial insects. The likes of hoverflies, ladybugs lacewings, and beneficial wasps will all flock to the colorful blooms, while also sticking around the garden to manage populations of **aphids, thrips, mealybugs, caterpillars**, and **whiteflies**. Beneficial insects and pollinators like bees and hummingbirds are attracted to the sweet nectar of nasturtiums and can promote pollination among nearby crops.

Nasturtiums make particularly great companion plants for many vegetable garden staples, including broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbages, kale, zucchini, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, beans, peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes. Location is important when using nasturtiums for pest control. It is best to plant nasturtiums around five to six feet away. Any closer, and there is the risk of the insects simply hopping over from the trap plants to the more valuable ones you are attempting to protect. Nasturtiums are also excellent “spillers” in your patio pots or hanging baskets. They are easy to grow from seed and the seed is easy to harvest from year to year.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

Clear Creek County Library District - Wreathmaking for Adults

Wednesday, December 3 from 2-4:30 or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Craft a festive wreath with real greenery and enjoy cozy holiday snacks and drinks!

Supplies are provided. Registration is REQUIRED. Please email libby@ccclid.org.

Location: The Old School, 809 Taos Street, Georgetown (second floor).

Hotel de Paris Museum™

Take a self-guided tour of the museum while it is decorated with festive Victorian-style decorations that reflect the history of the site. Self-guided tours run continuously from 10A-3:30P. Bring your camera! Georgetown.

\$10.00 p.p.

Tommyknockers Bazaar

Teller House , Central City

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Bazaar features local businesses and activities for children

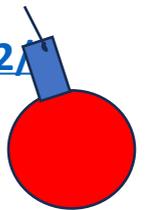
Georgetown Christmas Market

<https://historicgeorgetown.org/georgetown-christmas-market-2/>

December 6/7 and 13/14

Don't miss the Fireworks on December 13th!

Go to the website above for a full list of all the exciting events!



Gilpin Winter Arts Festival

Gilpin Recreation Center

250 Norton Drive, outside of Blackhawk

December 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

December 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the Arts & Craft Fair, activities include live music performances by local artists, Santa Claus and cookie decorating throughout the day.

HOLIDAY RAMBLE IN IDAHO SPRINGS

Celebrate the season in true small-town style at the Holiday Ramble Weekend in Idaho Springs!

This two-day celebration brings our community together with festive markets, music, caroling, and mountain-town magic. Stroll Miner Street under twinkling lights, enjoy cocoa, shop local makers, and join neighbors and visitors in ringing in the holiday season.

Town Lights & Local Delights

Saturday, November 29

Downtown Idaho Springs & Citizens Park

Kick off the weekend with an evening of music, merriment, and holiday tradition.

- 3:00 PM – Santa Photos & Kids Crafts at the Club Hotel Annex
- 4:30 PM – Caroling & Reindeer at Citizens Park
- 5:15 PM – Storytime with the Mayor & Santa at the park
- 5:30 PM – Tree Lighting & Community Caroling at the park

Free cocoa, reindeer, and festive cheer for all ages!

Mistletoe Market

Sunday, November 30

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

16th and Miner Streets, Idaho Springs

Join us for a festive outdoor market featuring local makers, treats, reindeer photos, kids' activities, and special holiday experiences from the ARGO. Enjoy shopping small, warm drinks, family fun, and a full day of downtown holiday magic. Discover handcrafted gifts, holiday décor, art, and treats — the perfect way to start your holiday shopping.

Free Admission | Family Friendly | Shop Small, Celebrate Big!

Sponsored by the Club Hotel, Visit Idaho Springs and The Mighty Argo



INDIAN HOT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA

Holiday
MARKET

FREE FOR VENDORS & THE COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

9 AM -3 PM

LOCATED IN THE IHS DINING
ROOM & SUNROOM



Join M.C.V.H.S.
at our
**Annual
Christmas**

new, & near new sale/party



December Sat. 6th and Sun. 7th
At the Dumont School
150 Dumont Lane

I-70 Eastbound Exit 234 - Westbound Exit 235

9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.



Enter the drawing to be held
Sunday the 7th 3:00 for this
wonderful Barn Quilt donated and created
by Deb Whitmore of Illinois. Value \$300
\$1 per ticket 6 tickets for \$5!!

Take a break, sit down, visit, have a
hot Wassail, Chocolate, or Cider.
Grab a cookie or two, all on us!

All kinds of indoor/ outdoor Christmas Decorations.
New and near new.

Including but not limited to:

Lights, Ornaments, Stockings,

Gift Wrap, Ribbon, Santas.

Snowmen, Angels, and Reindeer!

You name it, we probably have it!

