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## December events in Arvada: Tree lighting, Santa visits, holiday tea, a 'White Christmas' and more...

Come join us for these exciting December events in Arvada

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**Arvada's community events are great ways to explore the city, experience something new, and connect with family, friends and neighbors.**

### Lagniappe and Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season with Lagniappe, an Olde Town tradition since 1992 in which merchants give customers a small gift with their purchase to thank them for their business. On Dec. 1, the Arvada Chorale will perform at 5:30 p.m. followed by the tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

**Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 1

**Location:** Olde Town Square, Arvada

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Additional information:** <http://oldetownarvada.org/events/holiday/>



### Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

This lush production of the beloved musical is filled with Christmas cheer, wonderful dance numbers, and beloved songs including "Blue Skies," "Happy Holiday" and, of course, "White Christmas."

**Date:** Through Dec. 23

**Location:** Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 1 p.m. Wednesdays

**Cost:** Tickets range from \$53 to \$75

**Additional information:** <http://arvadacenter.org/on-stage/irving-berlins-white-christmas-2015>

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## Fine Art Market Show and Sale

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Fine Art Market Show and Sale features the work of 93 Colorado artists and artisans working in all media. It's a perfect event at which to find a unique, handmade, quality gift for everyone on your list this holiday season ... or for yourself! Purchases support the artists and Arvada Center Galleries.



**Date:** Dec. 3-20

**Location:** Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

**Time:** Dec. 3, 5-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sundays and Mondays, 1-5 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon to 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Additional information:** <http://arvadacenter.org/galleries/29th-annual-fine-art-market-show-and-sale>

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## Eco Holiday Crafts

Deck the halls with ornaments and other decorations crafted from reused products. Perfect for gifts or your home. Suited for ages 6 through adults, this is a great event for families.

**Date:** Dec. 3, 10 and 17

**Location:** Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison St., Arvada

**Time:** 5-7 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 per class or \$13 for all three

**Additional information:** Registration is necessary; call 720-898-7405 for additional information or to register.

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## Saturdays with Santa

Your chance to visit with the man in red. A professional photographer will not be available, so please bring your own camera! Carriage rides will also be offered from noon to 3 p.m. at \$5 per ride; the rides depart from the square at 57<sup>th</sup> and Wadsworth, and tickets may be purchased there (cash only).

**Date:** Dec. 5, 12 and 19

**Location:** Olde Town Arvada Square, Arvada

**Time:** noon to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** Free; carriage rides are \$5 per ride

**Additional information:**

<http://visitarvada.org/events/saturdays-with-santa-olde-town-square-copy-copy-copy/>

**Saturdays with Santa in Olde Town Square!**

Head to Olde Town Arvada for your chance to visit with Santa between noon and 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- November 28
- December 5
- December 12
- December 19

For more information: 720-898-3380 or [visitarvada.org](http://visitarvada.org)

A professional photographer will not be available — please bring your cameras!

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## Santa Breakfast at the Community Recreation Center

Bring the entire family for breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Craft Carousel Gift Shop. Afterward, enjoy entertainment and visit with Santa (bring your own camera). Children must be accompanied by adults.

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 5

**Location:** Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Cost:** \$5, children 2 and under free

**Additional information:** Registration is required by Dec. 2; to register, visit <https://www.apexprd.org/scripts/webtrac.wsc/wbsearch.html?wbsi=ec9af683-2dd6-5c89-e511-b884ccce68b5&xxcim=0&xxmod=AR&xxrowid=0x00000000002f2c00&xxfrom=wbo330.html>

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### Holiday Tea at the McIlvoy House

Enjoy the tradition that is the Arvada Historical Society's Holiday Tea in the beautiful McIlvoy House.



**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 5

**Location:** 7307 Grandview Ave., Arvada

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 per person

**Additional information:** Seating is limited; call 303-431-1261 for more information.

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### Echter's Wreath Making Class

Create your own handcrafted wreath using fresh, aromatic boughs. Please bring pruners. The usual time to create a wreath is about 1 to 1 ½ hours.



**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 5

**Location:** Echter's Garden Center, 5150 W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Arvada

**Time:** Begins at 10 a.m.; various times throughout the day

**Cost:** \$25 for materials

**Additional information:** Registration is required, and space is limited; please call 303-424-7979 for more information or to register.

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### Colorado Gives Day

Join the initiative on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to increase philanthropy through online giving. Visit [arvadachamber.org](http://arvadachamber.org) for local businesses supporting this important day.

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## Paint & Sip at the Light Rail Gallery



Relax and enjoy a painting session with fine drinks at the Light Rail Gallery. Includes canvas, paint and step-by-step instructions. Beverages are sold separately.

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 11

**Location:** Light Rail Gallery, 7714 Grandview Ave., Arvada

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 for 1; \$30 per person for 2 or more; \$25 per person for groups of 6 or more

**Additional information:** <http://www.lightrailgallery.com/>

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## Arvada Historical Society Open House

Learn more about Arvada's storied history and the group that helps preserve it at the Arvada Historical Society's annual Christmas Open House.

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 12

**Location:** McIlvoy House, 7307 Grandview Ave., Arvada

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Additional information:** Call 303-431-1261 for more information.

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## Breakfast with Santa

Come visit Santa and let him know what's on your holiday wish list. Don't forget your camera!

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 12

**Location:** Duncan Family YMCA, 6350 Eldridge St., Arvada



**Time:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** Free for YMCA members; \$5 per family for nonmembers

**Additional information:** Call 303-422-4977 or email [jsweere@denverymca.org](mailto:jsweere@denverymca.org) for more information.

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