

## Enjoying the Season

Last week we hosted our Annual Ethel M Lights Display Walk. We had a great turn out and enjoyed everyone's company- Thanks for coming! And if you couldn't make it, definitely keep it in mind for next year. The Cactus Gardens always seem to add something new; my favorite was the large acacia tree adorned with icicle lights that looked like they were dripping off the tree. It was a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. To continue enjoying the season we've included a few holiday happenings from around town again, just in case you haven't had a chance to stop by quite yet. Merry Christmas!

Santa will be available at Town Square for photos at Santa's House until his big night on Dec 24th. Snow is forecasted to fall every night at Town Square at 7pm until Dec 31st.

The Magical Forest will come to life Nov 20th until Jan 1st. Enjoy the 3 million+ lights and displays for a small fee.

The Gift of Lights display which is usually held at Sunset Park has moved to the Speedway! Open until Jan 2nd. \$15 admission fee.

Also enjoy visits with Santa at The District on weekends, the Christmas tree light show each evening, horse and carriage rides on select Saturdays in Dec, and Holiday performances on Main Street's stage.

And of course, Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden will continue their lights display until Jan 1st.



There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.  
~ Erma Bombeck

## FAVORITE FLORA: DASYLIRION WHEELERI - DESERT SPOON

The Desert Spoon is a tough accent plant that works well if you need an architectural plant form. It will take our desert heat and drought without much care. This plant stands better as a specimen rather than in large groups. Its long narrow leaves grow to about 3 feet and have sharp curved thorns along the entire leaf blade. Don't plant it near a walkway or fire hydrant and don't stick your hand in it! Older plants grow to about 6' wide and will eventually develop a short trunk. The bloom is quite spectacular rising 9' – 15' above the plant. Small white (male) to pinkish (female) flowers are followed by straw colored seeds that make the tall stalk look like a giant sheaf of grain. The flower spikes can be left on for a long period of time.



Photo of the Month  
Winter Aspens  
Aspen, Colorado  
Caroline Hicks