

Holiday Happenings

'Tis the season once again! And we all know too well that with that comes all the deadlines and year end work to wrap up, gifts to buy and holiday parties to attend. But remember, the holidays are a time to spend with family. To assist you with your family holiday planning, we have included a list of events going on around The Valley. Take time to slow down and enjoy this holiday season with family and friends!

Santa will be arriving at **Town Square** on Nov 20th at 6pm accompanied by elves, military veterans, local law enforcement and firefighters. The evening will entail the tree lighting and snow fall. Santa will stick around 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.

For those of you who are avid runners, the **Great Santa Run** will gather at Town Square Dec 5th at 7am. This run benefits Opportunity Village. For more information visit www.lasvegassantarun.org.

The **Magical Forest** will come to life Nov 20th at 5:30pm 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! Nov 19th-Jan 2nd. \$15 admission fee.

Christmas Tree lighting at **The District** will be held on Nov 26th at 5pm. A Menorah Lighting will be held Dec 5th at 4:30pm. Also enjoy visits with Santa 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 our neighbor, Ethel M Chocolate Factory and **Cactus Garden** will have their lights display Nov 16th – Jan 1st. Happy Holidays!



Too much of a good thing is wonderful.
- Mae West

FAVORITE FLORA: FALLUGIA PARADOXA - APACHE PLUME

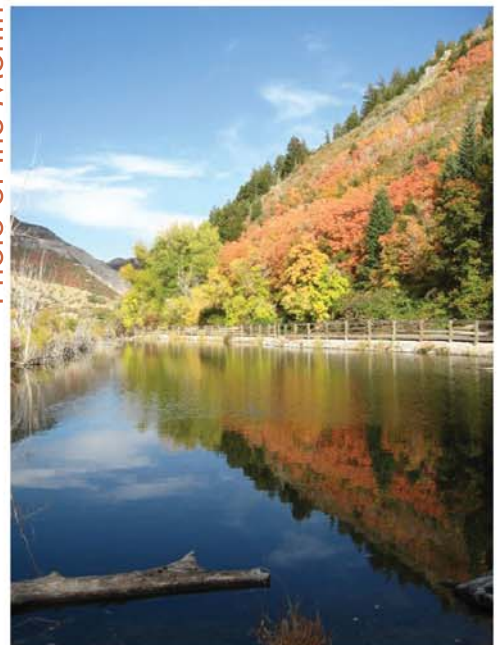


The Apache Plume is one of the showiest native southwestern desert shrubs. It's dainty yet rugged looking. What character! The plant gets its name from its unusual, but beautiful feathery fruits that appear in the summer. These soft-looking "plumes" are pinkish-purple in color and resemble an Apache headdress/war bonnet. Delicate white rose-type flowers adorn the semi-deciduous shrub in the spring.

The plant's irregular form and erratic branching pattern gives it a charm fitting for native and near-native desert landscapes. It looks great with boulders and dry river beds. It is perfect for butterfly or wildlife gardens. The flowers attract bees and butterflies and the seeds attract birds.

It has small gray-green leaves and multiple branches with shredded bark. It is generally about 3'-4' tall by about 3'-4' wide, but can get as tall as 6'. It prefers full sun and is extremely drought tolerant, and can withstand temperatures that reach -30 degrees F. The best time to plant the Apache Plume is now, in the Fall, or in the Spring. So, go ahead and add a little character to your landscape with an Apache Plume.

Photo of the Month



Autumn Reflections
Provo, UT
Sarah Wells