

DECEMBER 2025

LITTLETON MUSEUM LIVING HISTORY FARMS

December

December was a time of hibernation from growing crops, but the work on the farm continued. The care for livestock, maintenance of clothing and homes, and the preparations for the coming year all continued through December; in addition to the work, there was also the fun and anticipation of the holidays and annual community celebrations.

"Christmas trees were scarce items [on the plains]...The acceptable substitute was one made out of tumbleweeds – a big one for the base, a middle-sized one in the middle, and a small one on top... The younger children made chains of loops of paper and of folded strips of paper, and both the tree and schoolhouse were decorated with these."

- Glen R. Durrell "Homesteading in Colorado," *Colorado Magazine*, 51 (1974): pg. 103.

Spend this month exploring day-to-day life in 19th century Littleton, on two living history farms. We are a working farm, and our daily *Life on the Farm* programs demonstrate how early citizens of Littleton may have worked and played during the same time of year. Our historic Interpreters demonstrate cooking, clothing, trades, games, agriculture, and much more. In addition to *Life on the Farm*, we also offer special programs on the weekend!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CLOSED	2 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	3 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	4 Life on the farm 10am – 2pm. Chores – 2:00pm	5 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	6 10am – 1pm: Decorating for the Holidays
7 11am – 2pm: Making Handmade Ornaments	8 CLOSED	9 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	10 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	11 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	12 Life on the farm 10am – 2pm. Chores – 2:00pm	13 No Programming Today
14 5pm – 8pm: HOLIDAY'S EVENING (Tickets required)	15 CLOSED	16 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	17 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	18 Life on the farm 10am – 2pm. Chores – 2:00pm	19 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	20 10am – 1pm: 1860s Holiday Gifts
21 11am – 2pm: It's Cold Outside, but Soup-er Inside	22 CLOSED	23 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	24 Museum Closes at 12:00pm	25 Museum Closed Today	26 Life on the farm 10am – 2pm. Chores – 2:00pm	27 10am – 1pm: Ring in the New Year
28 11am – 2pm: Corset Flossing	29 CLOSED	30 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm	31 Life on the farm 10am – 3pm. Chores – 3:00pm			



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- Decorating for the Holidays**
 Come see how available materials were used to decorate homesteads, like the 1860s Cabin, for the holidays.
 (Saturday, 12/06)
- Making Handmade Ornaments**
 Come to the 1860s Cabin to see what people at that time would have used to make ornaments for their tree.
 (Sunday, 12/07)
- No Programming Today**
 No public programming today while we are preparing for *Holiday's Evening*; however, farms and historic buildings are open.
 (Saturday, 12/13)
- Holiday's Evening**
 The Littleton Museum is closed today for our annual *Holiday's Evening* program. This is a ticketed event.
 (Sunday, 12/14)
- 1860s Holiday Gifts**
 Learn what presents you might have found under the tree if you had lived in Colorado in the 1860s.
 (Saturday, 12/20)
- While it's Cold Outside, It's Soup-er Inside**
 Nothing warms you up like a warm bowl of soup on a cold day. Visit the 1890s Farmhouse to see how it was made and learn about the recipe that we used.
 (Sunday, 12/21)
- Ring in the New Year**
 In the days before televised midnight spectacles, how did people ring in the new year? Find out at the 1860s Cabin.
 (Saturday, 12/27)
- Corset Flossing**
 "Corset flossing" was a process that Victorian women used to strengthen their corsets and make them last longer. See how it was done in the 1860s Cabin.
 (Sunday, 12/29)