

DECEMBER EVENTS *at the Wildflower Center*

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

WILD IDEAS SHOPPING EVENT DECEMBER 6-8, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Featuring free admission, local artists wares in the Visitors Gallery Saturday and Sunday, Early Bird Specials Friday and Sunday morning, book signings and other offerings in The Store, and lots of opportunities to find beautiful scarves, nature images, glassware, soaps and other holiday gift options.

LUMINATIONS DEC. 14 AND 15, 6 TO 9 P.M.

Hundreds of luminarias light our garden paths, and twinkly lights light the trees as we celebrate the holidays with two free nights of music and festivities, including a visit from Frosty the Snowman. Bring two canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank as entry fee.

CLOSED FOR THE WINTER BREAK DEC. 23 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2014

The Wildflower Center will be open Tuesday through Sunday in December through Sunday, December 22. Hours are listed at www.wildflower.org/visit.



More information at www.wildflower.org

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A Newsletter for Meridian residents

The Monitor is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Meridian residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it meridian@peelinc.com. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

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1. Take your pet on short trips prior to the big day to let him get used to traveling by car.
2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.
3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.
4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid giving him any food or treats in the car.

5. Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.
6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.
7. Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!
8. Take lots of breaks to let your pet stretch his legs and relieve himself. It's a great excuse to do some sight-seeing or pick up a fun treat for yourself!

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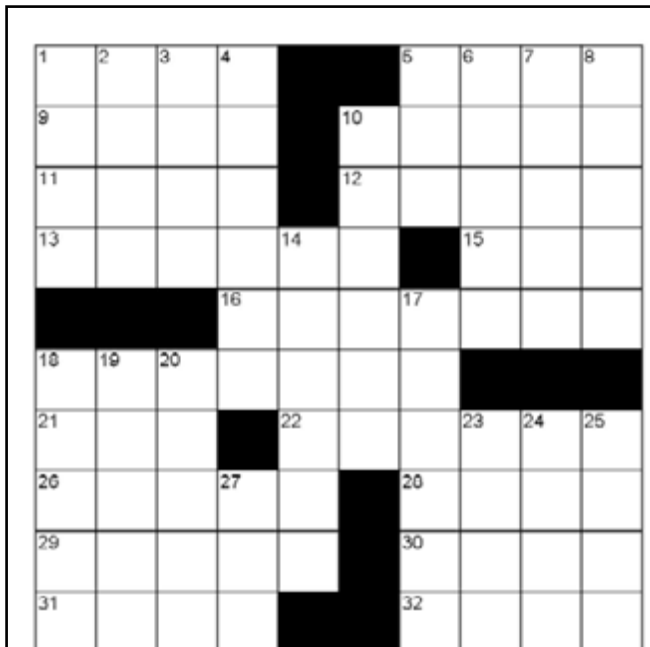


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ACROSS

1. Charge
5. Syrian bishop
9. Against
10. Landing
11. Leaves
12. Boom box
13. Allure
15. African antelope
16. Polite
18. Leafy green
21. Marry
22. Esophagus
26. Woken
28. Goad
29. Type of tooth
30. Refer
31. Posttraumatic stress disorder
32. Sieve

DOWN

1. Nativity scene piece
2. Competition at the Greek games
3. Capital of the Ukraine
4. Symbol
5. Expression of surprise
6. Emblem
7. Pickle juice
8. A ball out of bounds (2 wds.)
10. Twist violently
14. Ripper
17. Strums
18. Slough
19. Ross ____, philanthropist
20. Gods
23. Brand of sandwich cookie
24. Seaweed substance
25. Cabana
27. Blue

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	TOTAL	AVERAGE					TOTAL	
	Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Sold Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market	Available	Pending Sale
<2500	5	2,248	\$ 140	\$ 314	2008	47	1	0
2500-2999	12	2,776	\$ 136	\$ 378	2008	41	0	1
3000-3499	9	3,319	\$ 127	\$ 420	2008	33	0	3
3500-3999	5	3,695	\$ 143	\$ 529	2009	60	2	3
4000-4500	3	4,284	\$ 129	\$ 551	2009	95	1	3
>4500	2	4,739	\$ 147	\$ 697	2012	3	2	0
Meridian Total	36	3,201	\$ 135	\$ 433	2008	45	6	10
% Change Mo/Mo	-10%	-2%	1%	-1%	0%	22%	-50%	43%
% Change Yr / Yr	24%	-12%	5%	-7%	0%	-26%	-54%	43%

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