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2013
Holiday Greetings



Inside...

*Season's Greetings, stories, Holiday characters,
trivia, puzzles, recipes, crafts and more!*





Holiday Characters

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Frosty the Snowman

The song is about a snowman who came to life by some magical hat some children found; he then had playful adventures before he "hurried on his way."

However, Frosty reassures them by exclaiming, "I'll be back again some day."



Santa Clause

Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle or simply "Santa", is the legendary and mythical figure who, in many Western cultures, brings gifts to the homes of the good children during Christmas Eve.



Christmas Elf

A Christmas elf is a fictional diminutive creature (elf) that supposedly lives with Santa Claus in the North Pole and acts as his helper. Christmas elves are often depicted as green-clad with pointy ears, long noses, and pointy hats.

Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

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in a story and song by the same name. He has become a figure of Christmas folklore.



Ebenezer Scrooge

Ebenezer Scrooge is the name of a fictional character, the protagonist in Charles Dickens' novel *The Christmas Carol*. In the novel Scrooge is portrayed as a rich but stingy businessman who especially dislikes festivities of all kinds.

Tiny Tim

Tiny Tim is a fictional character in the classic story *A Christmas Carol*. When Scrooge is visited the first ghost all he sees of Tim is his crutch, as Tim has died. This, and several other visions, lead Scrooge to reform his ways.

Jack Frost

In English folklore, Jack Frost appears as an elfish creature who personifies crisp, cold, winter weather; a variant of Father Winter.

Nestor the Christmas Donkey

Back in the days of the Roman

Empire, a small donkey is born with VERY long ears, that keep getting him into trouble. When his owner throws him out of the stable in disgust, his mother sacrifices her life to save him from a blizzard. And, guided only by his guardian cherub, he has to find his rightful place and destiny, somewhere on the road to Bethlehem.

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The Christmas Tree

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One of the most awaited Christmas décor items, especially by kids, is undoubtedly the magical looking Christmas tree. It is said that Christmas tree was included in the celebrations ever since humans observed these evergreen trees glistening in the moonlit sky on a clear night sparkling against the backdrop of white snow. One of the most important Christmas symbols for centuries, Christmas trees were used in many pagan festivals to honor their gods and spirits. Vikings in North Europe

considered these evergreen trees a reminder of the Spring that is about to approach and that the Winter will end soon. In ancient England and France, Druids used to honor God of harvests by decorating oak trees with fruit and candles, just as Romans adorned trees with trinkets and candles on Saturnalia.

It is said that the German Christians were the first to bring the trees into their homes to decorate or use a Christmas pyramid made of wood in areas where there was a scarcity of trees. Soon, whole Europe caught up with the trend and the English

Royalty popularized it among the elite. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, decorated the first Christmas tree. They had then used candles, candies, fruits, and gingerbread. Christmas tree came to America with the German immigrants and was accepted by the general public only in the late 1800s. At the time of the first public display of a



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Christmas tree by German settlers in Pennsylvania, it was considered a symbol of pagans. Till then, apples, nuts, cookies, candies, colored popcorn and candles were the popular Christmas tree ornaments.

In the early 20th century, electricity brought a revolution in Christmas tree decoration. Electrical Christmas lights grew more and more popular every year and now most communities feature public displays of Christmas trees. ✦

Word Search

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The Poinsettia

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Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as 'Flower of the Holy Night' or 'Flame Leaf' in the United States. One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over a hundred years ago. Still most of the supply of this famous beloved Christmas flower in American cities is said to come from California and the folklore attached to it comes from Mexico. Like Christmas Rose, this flower

also represents the deep love for Christ and great devotion of a pure innocent human being to baby Jesus. However, in this instance, the devotees were two beautiful, naïve children who were not so fortunate as their friends to have enough money to do what their heart yearns for.

These poor children from Mexico were known as Maria, the sister and Pablo, her dear little brother. Just like all the other children in the village, they were looking forward to the Christmas festival and the annual Nativity play in

which a large manger scene was set up in the village church. The season was full of parades and parties that were mainly centered around this church and all the people, especially children, used to gift presents to the baby child on Christmas Eve. Now, these two children loved Christ and the season of His birth very much but do not had any money to buy something for the baby Christ. They ardently wished to buy something special for the Christ but couldn't even buy the simplest of things for Him.



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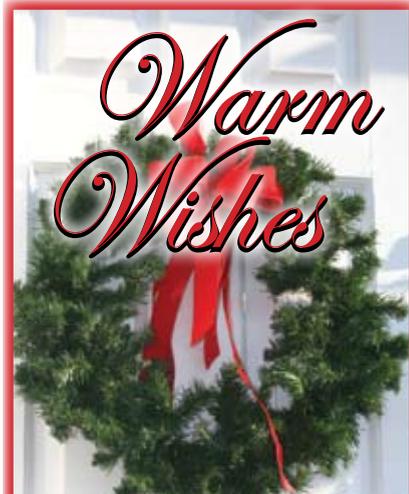
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They were sad at heart and were quite disheartened by their poverty and misery when they set out for church to attend the service. They took the longer route in a vague hope to find some blossoms to gift the child but couldn't find

any. Finally, they picked up some wild weeds growing along the roadside as a gift for the Baby, squared their



shoulders and approached the Church door. But how cruel little children can be, when they start teasing their fellow mates. Yet, Maria and Pablo braved their way to the manger and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. What happened next was the biggest surprise for all that were present! Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the weeds and looked most sparkling of all gifts that the Christ child had received that day. ✦

Holiday Trivia

The poinsettia, traditionally an American Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico; where it was known as the "Flower of the Holy Night". It was first brought to America by Joel Poinsett in 1829.

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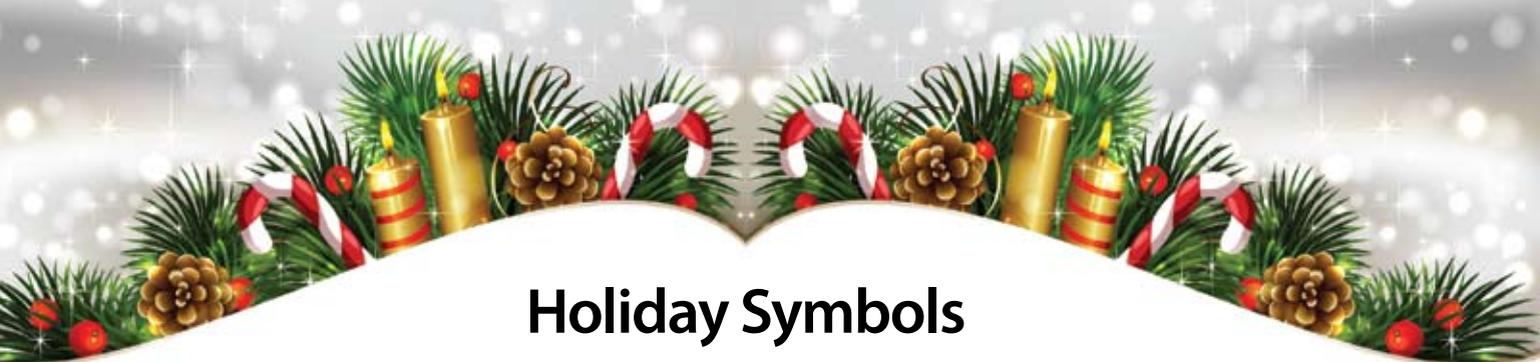
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Holiday Symbols

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There are many things that became a regular part of Christmas festivities and celebrations with time. There are Christmas toys that became popular gifts for kids and Christmas ornaments that graced Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. Christmas stockings became a part of the celebrations due to the story



of kindly Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus, who is believed to bring toys for children who wash and hang

their stockings near the fireplace. Stars of all sizes symbolize the divine Christmas Star that made its appearance when the Christ was born. Christmas angel ornaments are symbolic of divine angels while Santa Claus is symbolic of not only the kind patrons that delighted in giving gifts to the poor and the children to bring happiness to them during the Christmas season but also of the kindness and charity that are integral part of Christmas spirit.



Christmas cakes and puddings were part of the Christmas festive meals and Christmas crackers and candy canes became popular sweets that had a touch of fun and looked quite interesting to children. Christmas trees such as firs and pines and other evergreens such as holly and ivy were symbolic of long life and hope. They also add cheer to the look of the household. Holly with its red berries and ivy



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Historians have traced some of the current traditions surrounding Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, back to ancient Celtic roots. Father Christmas's elves are the modernization of the "Nature folk" of the Pagan religions; his reindeer are associated with the "Horned God," which was one of the Pagan deities.



were fashioned into wreaths and garlands and were used to decorate the house. Tinsel, Christmas ornaments and toys were added to Christmas trees to make it look sparkling and livelier. Hanging mistletoe and kissing under it is considered to bring good luck to the household and spread the message of love all over the world. ✦



Yule Log Superstitions

Yule Logs should never be bought.
 Once lit, the Yule log must burn all through the Twelve days of Christmas otherwise bad luck would visit the household.
 Any difficulty in lighting the Yule log was taken as a bad omen for the year ahead.

Yule logs were burnt on the Christmas fire and many people kept a piece on the log from the previous year as a lucky talisman.
 It is extremely unlucky if the Yule log is touched by a barefooted woman or a squint eyed man.



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Christmas Decorations Superstitions

Holiday Trivia

More diamonds are purchased at Christmas-time (31 percent) than during any other holiday or occasion during the year.

Most homes were decorated on Christmas Eve to avoid the anger of capricious forces.

No lights were put on before the first star appeared.

The tree should be brought into the house not before the 24th December.

Trees are decorated only after the children go to bed.

In Germany, the last ornament on the tree is a pickle shaped ornament. In the morning, the child who finds the Christmas pickle gets a special present.

The Christmas candle was left burning in a window all night to enlighten the path of the good luck for the coming year to the household.

Lucky birds are welcome on Christmas and signify good luck.

The first person to visit the household should bring the evergreens or coals with him and gets the privilege to kiss all the women of the house. ✨



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Crossword

BOW
GIFT
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PEACE

FAMILY
DINNER
CANDLES
FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS
GINGERBREAD

Holiday Treats

Christmas Crepes

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- Strawberries (cut in half)
- 1 package vanilla instant pudding
- Icing sugar



Method:

- Prepare vanilla pudding.
- Refrigerate pudding.
- Mix the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl with a fork.
- Stir in the milk, eggs, butter and vanilla.
- Beat batter until smooth.
- In a 6-inch skillet pour about 1/4 cup of the batter.
- Pick up pan and rotate until the batter covers bottom.
- Cook until crepe is light brown.
- Remove and stack.
- While serving, lay crepe out on plate.
- Place 2 tablespoons of pudding on crepe and roll in up.
- Sprinkle with icing sugar
- Place a cherry or strawberry on top. ✦

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Holiday Treats

Holiday Trivia

Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.

Christmas Package Cheese Snack

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Ingredients

- 8 ounces of cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Scallion
- Red bell pepper

Instructions

- Mix the dried dill, garlic powder, and salt into the softened cream cheese.

- Pack the mixture into a lined rectangular container.
- Refrigerate it for at least 3 hours. Before serving time decorate it with a scallion bow and red pepper polka dots and gift tag. ✨



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Holiday Treats

Cranberry Fudge

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Ingredients:

- 2 cups - semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup - light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup - powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup - evaporated milk
- 1 tsp - vanilla
- 1 - 6-ounce package of sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup - chopped pecans or walnuts

Method:

- Line the bottom and sides of 8x8 inch pan with plastic wrap.
- Combine chocolate chips and corn syrup in a medium saucepan.
- Cook over low heat until melted and smooth.
- Remove from heat.
- Add powdered sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla; stir vigorously until the mixture is thick and glossy.
- Add sweetened dried cranberries and nuts and mix well.
- Pour into prepared pan.

- Cover and chill until firm for about 8 hours.
- Cut into 1 1/2 inch squares.
- Store covered in refrigerator.
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Dec 28	2:45-4:15pm
Dec 29	3:30-5:00pm
Dec 30	1:00-3:00pm
Dec 31	2:00-4:00pm
Jan 2	2:00-4:00pm
Jan 3	1:00-3:00pm

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Holiday Trivia

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Chocolate Truffles

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Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup - Heavy Cream
- 4 ounces - Bittersweet Chocolate (finely chopped)
- 1/2 cup - Cocoa Powder

Method:

- Heat the cream almost to a boil.
- Put the chopped chocolate in a medium bowl.
- Pour the hot cream over it.
- Whisk gently until the chocolate is completely melted and the mixture

is smooth.

- Allow to cool and harden.
- When ganache is solid enough to manipulate, scoop into 1" balls and roll in cocoa.
- Makes about 24 truffles. ✦



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Mistletoe Superstitions

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Mistletoe, also known as Celtic-All-Heal was popular by the 19th century. Since the times of druids, it was associated with fertility and kissing.



Earlier, an ethical man was supposed to present a mistletoe berry for each kiss. When berries finished, so would the kissing.

Luck favours those who kiss under

the mistletoe but turn against those who avoid it.

It is bad luck to take Christmas

mistletoe down and should only be replaced on the following Christmas. ✦



In Norway on Christmas Eve, visitors should know that after the family's big dinner and the opening of presents, all the brooms in the house are hidden. The Norwegians long ago believed that witches and mischievous spirits came out on Christmas Eve and would steal their brooms for riding.

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Frosty the Cheese Ball

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Ingredients

- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 10 raisins for eyes, mouth, & buttons
- 1 piece of carrot for the nose
- 4 crackers for the hat
- 1 thyme sprig for the hat
- Strips of carrot for the scarf
- 2 broken pretzels for the arms



- 1 (1/2-inch) piece of a canned baby corn for the pipe
- Toothpick for the pipe

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, let the cream cheese soften at room temperature. Stir in the garlic salt and the onion powder, then cover the bowl with plastic wrap and chill for 2 hours.
2. Make the snowman by rolling two thirds of the cheese into a ball for his body and the other third into a ball for his head. Stack the balls, then add the facial features, clothing, arms, and pipe as shown. Serve with crackers or mini bagels. ✨

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Ingredients:

- Bag of 8-inch pretzel rods
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- Mini chocolate chips
- Orange decorators' gel
- Fruit leather (various colors)
- Gummy rings
- Gumdrops



Instructions:

- Melt 1 cup of white chocolate chips in the top of a double boiler.

• Dip one end of the rod in the melted chocolate and spread two thirds of the way down the rod.

• Set the pretzels on a sheet of waxed paper and press on mini chocolate chips for eyes and buttons. Use orange decorators' gel to add a carrot nose.

• Stand the pretzels in a glass and tie on strips of fruit leather for scarves. For each hat, stretch a gummy ring over the narrow end of a gumdrop and secure it on the pretzel rod with a dab of melted chocolate. ✦

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The project requires use of a hot glue gun.

Materials:

- candy cane, red or brown pipecleaner, small wiggly eyes, small red beads, red ribbon, hot glue gun.

Instructions:

- Fold the pipe cleaner in half and twist it around the top of the candy cane.
- Bend some zig zags in both sides of the pipe cleaner to make it look more like an antler.
- Put a dot of hot glue where the pipe cleaner touches the candy cane to hold it in place.
- Hot glue the red bead to the tip of the candy cane.
- Hot glue the wiggly eyes just under the antlers.
- Tie a piece of red (or any other



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and all the best in the New Year

COME SEE US FOR GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

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Season's Greetings

Thank you to the Creston community for all their support over the last year.
From all of us at Kootenay Alpine Cheese and Kootenay Meadows Farm

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Holiday Treats

Holiday Pretzel Treats

www.dltk-holidays.com

Ingredients

- Bite-size, waffle-shaped pretzels
- Hershey's Kiss or Hershey's Hug
- M&M's candy



Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 170F.

Set pretzels in a single layer on a cookie sheet, then top each pretzel with a Chocolate Kiss.

2. Bake for 4 to 6 minutes, until the chocolates becomes soft.

Remove from the oven and quickly press an M&M's candy into the center. Allow to cool before packaging. ✦

Holiday Trivia

In France, Christmas is called Noel. This is derived from the French phrase "les bonnes nouvelles," which means literally "the good news" and refers to the gospel.

Happy Holidays

and all the best of the season to you and yours from Century 21 Veitch Realty—Creston, your hometown Realtors.

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Holiday Greetings

We would like to take this time to thank all of our vendors and customers for making this year such a great success!

Creston Valley Food Action Coalition

Farmers' Market

Entertainment • Local Produce
Artisans • Baking

CrestonFoodAction.ca

Morris Flowers & Garden Centre
Saturdays, 9am - 1pm
Last day Dec. 21

Great gift ideas!

Merry Christmas

With all good wishes for the New Year.

ACTIVITY BASE

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Birth of a New Tradition

Submitted

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Canadians with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of Canadian labour. This year will be different. This year Canadians will give the gift of genuine concern for other Canadians. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by Canadian hands. Yes there is!

It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper?

Everyone -- yes everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local Canadian hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, Canadian owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a

gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plonking down the Benjamins on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants - all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what



*Wishing you all
the joys of
Christmas*

*and happiness throughout
the New Year.*

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**HOLIDAY
GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE**
- NOTE CHANGES BELOW -

Christmas Week Schedule:
Tuesday, December 24th is changed to
Monday, December 23
Wednesday, December 25th is changed to
Tuesday, December 24th
Thursday, December 26th is changed to
Friday, December 27th
Tuesday, December 31st is changed to
Monday, December 30th

New Year's Week Schedule:
Wednesday, January 1st is changed to
Tuesday, December 31st
Thursday, January 2nd is changed to
Friday, January 3rd
On January 6, 2014,
normal garbage pick-up will resume.

**PICK UP TIME MAY BE EARLIER THAN USUAL,
GARBAGE MUST BE PUT OUT BY 8:00 A.M.**

*If you have any questions, please contact
Ray's Garbage at 250-428-9887*

**Town Hall Holiday Office Hours:
CLOSED December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
and January 1st**



*We would like
to wish everyone
Merry Christmas
and all things
WONDERful
for 2014*

*Kelli, Eileen,
Kelly, Claude and
Carolynne*

Full Of Wonder

129 12 Avenue North, Creston
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about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Canadian with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the Canadian working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would love the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I know I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

Okay, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you really need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of lights, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds

of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice big tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining Canadian pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about us, encouraging Canadian small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Canadians, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. This is the new Canadian Christmas tradition. ✨

Holiday Trivia

**During the Christmas/
Hanukkah season,
more than 1.76 billion candy
canes will be made.**

*May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.*

Merry Christmas

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Holiday safety tips for pets

Submitted by: Creston Veterinary Hospital

Here are some safety tips to keep your pet happy and healthy throughout the Christmas holidays:

- Only decorate the top two-thirds of the Christmas tree.
- Use ornaments less likely to attract attention, such as wood, fabric or pinecones.
- Stay away from tinsel and garland.
- Wipe pets' paws, legs and stomach with a warm, damp towel after being outside. Salt and other ice-

melting substances can irritate or burn sensitive skin.

- Keep chocolate (especially baker's chocolate), sweets, poultry bones and people food out of reach. Be careful with turkey strings. Instead, offer rawhide strips or special made-for-pet treats.
- Poisonous plants to be aware of are mistletoe, holly, ornamental pepper and Christmas rose.
- Best to keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays. Pets who overindulge can wind up with a stomach upset, diarrhea or pancreatitis. ✦



Season's Greetings

*We at I Love Creston Marketing Ltd. truly appreciate your support.
Thank you and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.*



Sally Hall, KC Dyer, Justin Ziola and Wendy Franz



Wrapping Presents with a Cat

www.corsinet.com

Go to closet and collect bag in which present is contained, and shut door.
Open door and remove cat from closet.
Go to cupboard and retrieve rolls of wrapping paper.
Go back and remove cat from cupboard.
Go to drawer, and collect transparent sticky tape, ribbons, scissors, labels, etc.
Lay out presents and wrapping materials on table, to enable wrapping strategy to be formed.
Go back to drawer to get string, remove cat.
Remove present from bag.
Remove cat from bag.
Open box to check present, remove cat from box, replace present.
Lay out paper to enable cutting to size.
Try and smooth out paper, realize cat is underneath and remove cat.
Cut the paper to size, keeping the cutting line straight.
Throw away first sheet as cat chased the scissors, and tore the paper.
Cut second sheet of paper to size - by putting cat in the bag the present came in.
Place present on paper.
Lift up edges of paper to seal in present. Wonder why edges don't reach. Realize cat is between present and paper.
Remove cat.
Place object on paper, to hold in place while tearing transparent sticky tape.
Spend 20 minutes carefully trying to remove transparent sticky tape from cat.



Look for roll of ribbon. Chase cat down hall in order to retrieve ribbon.
Repeat above steps until you reach last sheet of paper.
Retrieve old cardboard box that is the right size for sheet of paper.
Put present in box, and tie down with string.
Remove string, open box and remove cat.
Put all packing materials in bag with present and head for locked room.
Once inside lockable room, lock door and start to relay out paper and materials.
Remove cat from box, unlock door, put cat outside door, close and relock.
Repeat previous step as often as is necessary (until you can hear cat from outside door)
Lay out last sheet of paper. (This will be difficult in the small area of the toilet, but do your best)
Discover cat has already torn paper. Unlock door go out and hunt through various cupboards, looking for sheet of last year's paper. Remember that you

haven't got any left because cat helped with this last year as well.
Return to lockable room, lock door, and sit on toilet and try to make torn sheet of paper look presentable.
Seal box, wrap with paper and repair by very carefully sealing with sticky tape. Tie up with ribbon and decorate with bows to hide worst areas.
Label. Sit back and admire your handiwork.
Unlock door, and go to kitchen to make drink and feed cat.
Spend 15 minutes looking for cat until coming to obvious conclusion.
Unwrap present, untie box and remove cat. Go to store and buy a gift bag. ✨

**Cheerful
Holiday Wishes**

**From our
family to yours**

**Creston
VETERINARY
HOSPITAL**

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*Spread a little
Christmas cheer by
helping others
in need*



The Wishing Tree

*To participate come down, pick a tag
and place the unwrapped gift under
the tree by December 13th*



*We would like to take this time to
wish everyone a Happy Holiday
and a Prosperous New Year.*

From all of us at...



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