



December, 2025 Newsletter

'How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?'

— Dr. Seuss

December is the 12th and final month of the year in the [Julian](#) and [Gregorian](#) [calendars](#). Its length is 31 days.

December's name derives from the Latin word *decem* (meaning [10](#)) because it was originally the 10th month of the year in the [calendar of Romulus](#) c. 750 BC, which began in March. The winter days following December were not

included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the monthless period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.

Of course, December is a month of holidays, Christmas being foremost in Western culture. There's also Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, and scads of Solstice observances across the world. The end of the month is also the end of the year, when New Year's Eve will usher us into 2026.

As for Compadres, we're not exactly hibernating, but the schedule is less active than in other months. Read on to learn more.

December update

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your Compadres membership for 2026. Attached to the newsletter is the renewal form. Please fill it out and return it to Pam Young, our treasurer. Dues are \$20 per couple and \$15 per single.

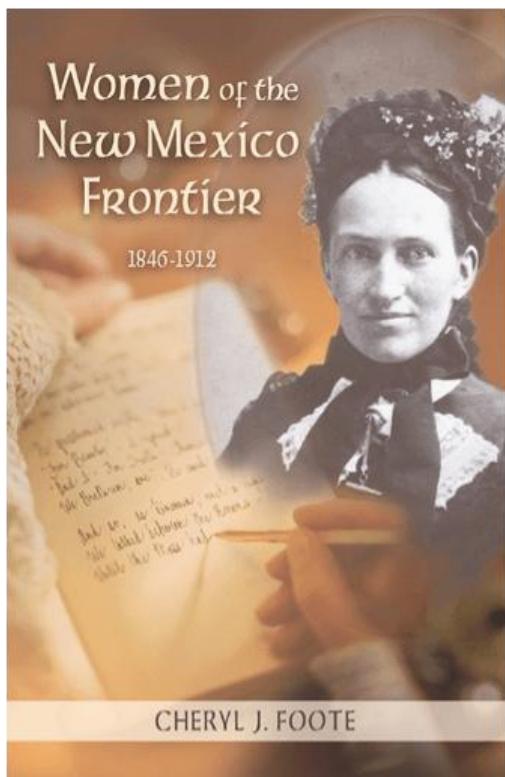


Continuing a long-standing tradition, the Compadres donated to the annual Corrales Fire Department's Food and Toy Drive. Jeff Yingling, with Pam Young's assistance, presented the check to Deputy Fire Chief Tanya Lattin accompanied by other members of the department.

COOKING CLASS: Cooking Classes for December are Breakfast Burritos with Red Chili. The dates are Wednesday, Dec. 10, and Thursday, Dec. 11; Class time is 1 p.m. \$5.00 supply fee. First come first serve; class space is limited. These burritos are a great thing to have in your freezer for yourself or for guests coming into town. They freeze beautifully and cook in 2 minutes.

Contact Vicki Smith, chef965@yahoo.com

BOOK GROUP: No December book for the Compadres Book Club. The January selection is “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar, and the discussion will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Corrales Library. Any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at kayoest@centurylink.net



SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is 'Women of the New Mexico Frontier 1846-1912' by Cheryl J. Foot. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).

January's book will be "A Place to Stand" by Jimmy Santiago Bacar. The discussion will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Nothing in December, but Cheryl Lackie will be offering a meditation series in January. Sessions run from 4-5:30 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays, January 6, 13 and 20. **Note a change of location:** they will be held at the Corrales Public Library.

More details are included in the flyer attachment to this newsletter.

To sign up or ask questions email her at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

HAPPY HOUR: We're taking a break for the holidays. See you in January.

SITE WALKS: Watch this space for future developments,

Your 2025 staff

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Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayoest@centurylink.net

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Cooking Classes – Vicki Smith, chef965@yahoo.com

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Mayor's Comments

November 26, 2025

The **Giving Tree** is up at Village Hall and ready for donations to local families and children. Corrales Compadres recently donated funds to the Fire Department's Food and Toy Drive, continuing a long-standing tradition. Corrales Compadres is a local group that holds events for Corrales residents. For more information, visit <https://corralescompadres.org/>.

Your input is needed for the **Salce Park improvements**. There will be a second public meeting on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers and via Zoom. This meeting will be to present information collected at the initial public meeting and from the Salce Park survey. An updated survey is open to obtain additional public input. The survey is available at <https://forms.gle/LF6eCjrJdrYdjNrc8>. The new survey will close at 3 p.m. on December 7. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568461757?pwd=zrtTWIXKlcZavI3niUVX3364tnObw7.1>

Zoom Meeting ID 815 6846 1757

Passcode 316760

Mark your calendars for the Christmas **Starlight Parade** and a visit to old St. Nick on December 6 at 5:30 p.m., less than a week from now. Participants can sign up and get more information at visitcorrales.com and decorate their float or vehicle. Plan an outing for the whole family.

Wreaths Across America will be December 13 at 10 a.m. at the San Ysidro Cemetery here in Corrales. Come place a wreath for our local veterans or send a donation to our local VFW Post. Donations can be sent to: Corrales VFW post 5432, PO box 3141, Corrales, NM 87048.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The Corrales Fire Department would like to thank everyone who has already donated to their annual food and toy drive for this holiday season. The department provided Thanksgiving meals for 14 local families this year thanks to these donations. Families will be getting groceries to make their own meals, and some will be getting pre-made meals to ease the stress of holiday cooking.

If you would like to donate to the drive, you can drop off checks to the main fire station made out to KCCF (Kiwanis Club of Corales) and make sure to write “fire drive” on the memo line. Gifts for the Giving Tree and donations to the fire department should be made by December 19. Deliveries to the families will take place December 20 – 22.

If you would like to help by wrapping gifts or sorting the donations, please reach out to Deputy Fire Chief Tanya Lattin at tlattin@corrales-nm.org or 505-702-4182.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Perea’s Restaurant

WEDNESDAY – Story Time at the Library, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY – Noche de Luces at Casa San Ysidro Gutierrez-Minge House, 973 Old Church Rd., 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission is free.

THURSDAY – Conversational Spanish at the Library, 6 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/5,6,7 – 37th Annual Juried Winter Craft Show at the Historic Old Church, 966 Old Church Rd., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

12/6 - Pay What You Please Trees at Sandia Bar, all proceeds will benefit the Corrales Farmer’s Co-Op and Healing Harmonies New Mexico, 12 – 4 p.m.

12/13 - Dead wood removal at Romero Road sponsored by the Bosque Advisory Commission 9 – 11 a.m. Bring sturdy gloves and help protect our Bosque.

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales