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November	23	9	5	\$580,000	\$615,000

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# BRAESIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Mailing address: 11024 Braeside Dr SW, Calgary AB, T2W 6G5

We now have new office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday hours: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Monday and Friday by appointment only. Board meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month in the Lower Hall Board Room. Meetings are open to all Braeside community members. If you have issues or concerns you would like to raise at a board meeting, please call our office or email us to be added to the agenda.

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## Carolyn's Corner: Winter Wonders - Bringing Holiday Magic to Your Planters

by TJ Yurko

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to let your creativity shine with seasonal décor. Capture the magic of winter and invite festive cheer into your home with these beautifully crafted, whimsically inspired holiday planter ideas.

### Containers

Start with picking the perfect container. Terracotta pots, ceramic vases, wooden crates, woven baskets, and metal buckets work perfectly for indoor arrangements. For outdoor planters, choose containers made from durable, weather-resistant materials like waterproof plastic, metal, or wood.

### Plants

Next, think about plant selection. Seasonal flowers like poinsettias, cyclamen, and amaryllis kindle holiday glamour indoors. Evergreens like pine, spruce, cedar, fir, and juniper evoke a classic holiday feel in any setting, with holly, euonymus, magnolia, and eucalyptus adding unique features. For a cascading effect, use weeping or trailing plants near the container's edges.

Quality substrate is crucial for keeping plants fresh. Use hydrated floral foam or a reusable floral grid with well-drained potting mix to keep your plants thriving all season long.

### Ornaments

Add character to your holiday planter with decorations like cones, twigs, branches, ornaments, ribbons, faux birds, and lights. Battery-operated lights provide a warm, comforting glow without the hassle of cords and plug-ins. Arrange these accessories, so they complement your plants rather than overshadow them.

### Designs

When designing your holiday planter, use the "thriller, filler, spiller" technique: Begin with a tall, focal plant or decoration ("thriller"), fill in with medium-height materials ("filler"), then let elements drape over the edge ("spiller"). Experiment with different holiday

colours like red, green, gold, blue, silver, and white. Place arrangements in high-traffic areas to showcase your creations.

Remember, the best holiday pots reflect the unique style and design of your home. So, embrace the spirit of the season, have fun with arrangements, and transform your planter into a masterpiece that personifies the true meaning of the holidays.

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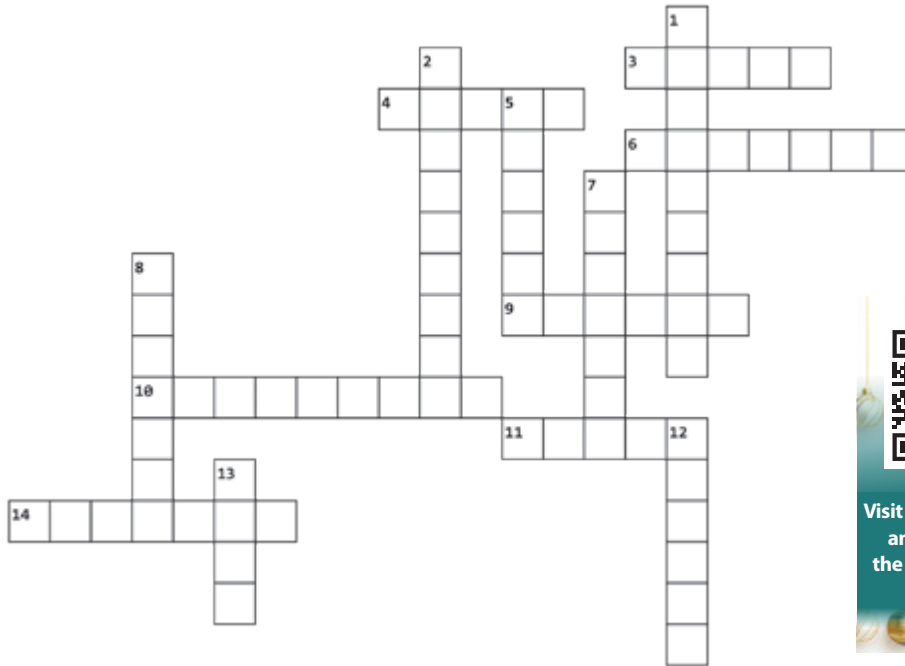
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# December Crossword



## Across

3. On December 5, 1991, Jostein Gaarder's novel, *Sophie's \_\_\_\_\_*, was published and tells the story of a Norwegian teenager on a journey of discovery about the history of philosophy.
4. *Driving Miss \_\_\_\_\_*, starring Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur to an elderly widow played by Jessica Tandy, was released on December 13, 1989.
6. Canadian singer, Nelly \_\_\_\_\_, was born on December 2, 1978, in Victoria, British Columbia.
9. This Christmas tree decoration, originally made from real silver that was shredded, was first invented in Germany in 1610.
10. December's official birthstone has the same name as the colour that it is.
11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel \_\_\_\_\_ Prize on December 10, 1964.
14. James Cameron's \_\_\_\_\_ was first released on December 19, 1997, and is one of the highest-grossing films ever.

## Down

1. International \_\_\_\_\_ Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and takes place every year on December 5.
2. December's birth flowers are the \_\_\_\_\_ (also known as paperwhites) and the holly.
5. On December 24, 1818, a choir in Austria first performed the popular Christmas carol "\_\_\_\_\_ Night".
7. This annual holiday celebrating African American culture is observed from December 26 to January 1.
8. On December 29, 1989, the Associated Press named hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis player \_\_\_\_\_ Navratilova Best Athletes of the Decade.
12. Canadian actor and comedian, \_\_\_\_\_ Levy, was born on December 17, 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario.
13. On December 1, 2003, the final film of *the Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the \_\_\_\_\_*, premiered in New Zealand.



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