



WinterFest 2020 - DECEMBER 11, 2020 – May 1, 2021 – The Colorado Chautauqua presents free, live and virtual holiday festivities in Boulder’s most magical setting

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The Colorado Chautauqua is pleased to offer free and socially distanced activities for the holidays and beyond. At the scenic Chautauqua Boulder campus, you can tour a charming Art-in-the-Park installation of bear cub sculptures decorated by Colorado artists with an optional accompanying digital scavenger hunt. Each cub will be illuminated and placed in a winter scene, creating great photo opportunities. Or for those who prefer to stay home, take a virtual tour of the elegant and sustainably restored Mary H. Galey cottage all decked out for the holidays. The new video from Chautauqua@Home, “A Mary Galey Holiday” can be streamed on Chautauqua.com and includes local music, cameos from well-known Boulder figures, and culinary inspiration from the Chautauqua Dining Hall.

The WinterFest 2020 Art-in-the-Park installation features fifteen bear cub sculptures customized by local artists and chosen from a pool of 136 applicants. Every artist has been matched with a Colorado nonprofit, and many of the cubs have also been supported by local sponsors. On May 1, there will be an auction of the cubs, benefitting Chautauqua, the artists, and Colorado nonprofits. A giant fiberglass black bear, which is also part of the installation, will remain on-site and is destined to become a favorite new Boulder landmark.

“We are thrilled to be hosting a public art project that promotes the talents of Colorado creatives, and showcases local nonprofits and the philanthropy of local donors and businesses,” says Debbie Stewart, Director of Development.

WinterFest 2020 visitors can purchase holiday gifts and warm up with coffee and cocoa in the quaint, and now year-round, Chautauqua General Store. For those who want to view the bears at leisure, you are invited to stay in one of Chautauqua’s private and pet-friendly cottages where a WinterFest discount is being offered until January 31, 2021.

“Chautauqua is a place for everyone and WinterFest 2020 is our way of thanking the community for supporting us through this challenging year,” notes Shelly Benford, Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Chautauqua. “We hope people will visit us in person and virtually with their friends, families, and loved ones and create memories that will last a lifetime.”

Participating artists include Tabitha Benedict, Rick Dallago, Giovannie Dixon, DJC Murals, Chelsea Gilmore, Jane Glotzer, Cyndy Hinkelman-Smith, Ryan Hughes, Joseph Jimenez, Kevan Krasnoff, Emanuel Martinez, Alice Messinger, Elizabeth Morissette, Jacob Neal, and Samuel Reeves.

WinterFest 2020 sponsors include Colorado Christmas Lights, Flatirons Bank, FREIGHT Leadville, Google, Juniper Wealth Advisors, KBCO, KUNC, Liberty Puzzles, Linda Arroyo-Holmstrom, Peter Spears, ReMax Alliance Boulder, Trudy Turvey, and University of Colorado.

- **What:** WinterFest 2020
- **Where:** The Colorado Chautauqua - 900 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80302
- **When:** Friday December 11, 2020 – Saturday May 1, 2021

Full schedule at [Chautauqua.com/winterfest](https://www.chautauqua.com/winterfest)
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