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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Winter Solstice is Upon Us

In 2020, winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year, occurs on **Monday Dec. 21**, at **3:02 AM MST**. At that moment, it will be cold and moonless in Eldorado. The constellation Cancer will be almost overhead in a dark sky, with winter constellations Taurus, Orion, and Canis Major slipping toward the west. Spring constellations Leo and Virgo will be climbing the eastern, predawn sky.



On the shortest day of the year (winter solstice), the sun rises in the ESE. However, due to Eldorado's location in the northern hemisphere, the sun won't begin to rise earlier each morning until the second week of January. Ironically, the first day of winter in the northern hemisphere occurs only 12 days before perihelion—Earth's closest approach to the sun for the year (so close and yet so cold!).

Due to the tilt of Earth's axis, winter solstice occurs when the sun reaches its farthest point south, above the Tropic of Capricorn (latitude 23.5 degrees South), where the sun shines directly overhead at midday. Winter solstice is sometimes known as 'midwinter,' even though, by our calendar, it occurs on the first day of that season.

Many ancient cultures that tracked the celestial movements of the heavens, marked the significance of the winter solstice (known as 'summer solstice' in the southern hemisphere). For example, the entrance to Newgrange, a stone monument erected in Ireland over 5,000 years ago, aligns with the sunrise point on the morning of winter solstice.

In the northern hemisphere, numerous cultures established rituals to mark the occasion of winter solstice. A common theme

of these rituals was the transition of death to rebirth. Days will begin to lengthen and nights shorten, while the sun creeps northward in the sky. Seeds can soon be planted to grow and bear next autumn's harvest.

The Druids knew the winter solstice as *Alban Arthan* (Welsh for 'Light of Winter'). They believed that at this time of year, the Holly King (who rules from summer to winter, representing maturity and completion) is defeated by the Oak King (who rules from winter to summer, representing renewal), thus beginning a new annual cycle of death and rebirth.

Winter solstice festivals were often bountiful occasions since livestock had recently been butchered in anticipation of the season's cold conditions. Spirits made from the fall harvest were also plentiful, having had sufficient time to ferment.

Scandinavians acknowledged winter solstice with the 'Feast of Juul' (we now spell it 'Yule'). During the solstice, they burned logs to represent the return of the heat and light of the sun.

So, on Dec. 21, light a log in your fireplace, toast the winter solstice, and celebrate the arrival of longer days and shorter nights.



On the shortest day of the year (winter solstice), the sun sets in the WSW. However, due to Eldorado's location in the northern hemisphere, the sun has been setting later each evening since the first week of December.

—Article and photos, Eric Saltmarsh

Board Actions and Summary November 23

The November ECIA Board of Directors Meeting was held via Zoom. President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Director David Sorkin, and Treasurer Sal Monaco were present and a quorum was met. HOAMCO staff including GM Julie Navarro, Assistant General Manager Jessica Collins, Operations Manager Mike Rogers, Compliance Officer Mark Young and Office Assistant Sarah Skagen attended. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Treasurer Sal Monaco presented the 2021 Assessment Packet. It is important to note the change in payment due date to **February 15, 2021**. In order to vote in the 2021 ECIA election, assessment payments must be paid in full and posted no later than March 1, 2021. If payment is not received by April 1, 2021, accounts will begin to accrue interest. Please contact the ECIA office for details.

Julie Navarro shared the ECIA holiday office hours: **ECIA will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1**. Please look for eblasts and marquee messages as reminders. Mike Rogers reported that the pool stucco project will be completed before Thanksgiving, pending weather disruptions. He also reported that PNM is laying new cables along Avenida Vista Grande. This is being done to minimize outages. Michael Franciosi, HOAMCO VP presented an overview about HOA Insurance, recommending that the insurance procurement work group ensure that ECIA has ample coverage for general liability, Directors' and Officers Coverage, Fidelity Coverage, Workers' Compensation, Auto/Non-owned Coverage and Umbrella Coverage. His slides are available on the website.

Joseph Gutierrez updated the members on County business. Money from 2018 [\$100,000] to complete trail work is still unencumbered, along with \$200,000 from 2019 to work on the hike/bike trail on Torreon. Fortunately, \$150,000 has been designated to complete various road projects. Joseph also discussed the upcoming legislative session and recommended that Eldorado submit requests for funding. He will work with Board members to complete the necessary forms. In addition, Joseph announced that Nolan Zisman has been appointed to the County's Transportation Advisory Committee.

Pam Henline presented the Logo packaged as delivered by Think All Day, the graphic arts firm chosen from twenty-three proposals. Reaction to the design options was mixed. Moving forward, Pam will work with the artist to prepare additional designs which will be presented to the community.

The Board approved the following variances:

- To allow construction of two 24-foot long wood screening panels that encroach 10 feet onto the 20-foot side setbacks at 2 Mimosa Road;
- To allow the addition of a gate area in an existing wall that will exceed the maximum allowed enclosure space

by 617 square feet at 1 Domingo Place;

- To allow for a 10-foot-high garden shed to exceed the 9-foot-high maximum at 37 Estambre Road;
- To allow for the construction of an 8-foot-tall coyote fence to screen an RV that will encroach up to 7 feet into the 20-foot side setback at 44 Aventura Road;
- To allow for the construction of an 8-foot-tall coyote fence to screen an RV that will exceed the 4000 square feet limit at 19 Verano Loop;
- To allow for one privacy fence to exceed the single length maximum of 50 feet, to allow for no separation between two fences and to allow for the fences to exceed the maximum length of 100 feet at 9 Duende Road;
- To allow for an increase in the size of an existing RV screening fence that will further encroach in the 20-foot-side setback at 75 Encantado Loop.

The Board passed the following motions:

- To approve the 2021 ECIA Budget as presented;
- To approve the 2021 Nomination Petition for Board of Directors as presented;
- To appoint Sue Will to the Conservation Committee;
- To approve the revised application for use of the ECIA Dog Park.

The President's Report and Treasurer's Report, along with Task Group and Committee reports are on the website. Approximately 15 members of the community signed into the meeting. Recordings of the meeting can be requested by calling the ECIA office at **505 466-4248**. Complete minutes and agendas are available at the ECIA office or on the website: www.eldoradosf.org.

Thank you to all who participated. There will not be a meeting in December. We hope to see you at the next meeting on: **Monday, January 25 at 5 PM.**

—Nancy Sulzberg,
ECIA Board President



ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: *President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Treasurer Sal Monaco, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Director David Sorkin.* There are two Board vacancies at this time.

Management: The ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. *General Manager Julie Navarro*, jnavarro@hoamco.com
Monthly report available at www.eldoradosf.org under Resident Resources.

Become a Member of the ECIA Board

Board members are elected through the voting process which begins early January and culminates at the ECIA Annual Meeting of Members on May 3, 2021. Two Board of Director positions are open for election, each with three year terms beginning May 3 through May 6, 2024.

To be a candidate for election to the Board the ECIA Bylaws require the following criteria be met: Petitioner must be a Lot Owner of Record: (1) whose 2021 assessments are paid in full and have been received and credited to the Association's financial account as of March 1, 2021; (2) whose rights and privileges are not suspended, and (3) who resides full-time in Eldorado.

Each Petitioner must submit a completed and signed Nomination Petition to the ECIA Office with the required twenty-five valid signatures, one signature per Lot. More than 25 signatures are recommended. To be valid, a signature must be of a Lot Owner of record whose 2020 assessments have been paid in full and have been received and credited to the Association's financial account when signing the Petition and whose rights and privileges are not suspended as of the date of signature.



The completed and signed Nomination Petition, a biographical and goals for the community statement not exceeding 400 words, and photo must be submitted to the ECIA office no later than **5 PM, March 1, 2021.**

Nomination Petitions will be available after December 31 at www.eldoradosf.org under the "Resident Resources" tab > "Forms and Applications," > "Board Nomination Petition" or at the ECIA office. Call or email the ECIA Office: Julie Navarro, 505 466-4248 or JNavarro@hoamco.com if there are questions.

—Election Committee

HOAMCO Introduces New Staff Positions



MELINDA ESPINOZA
Office Assistant

Born and raised in New Mexico, Melinda Espinoza is a recent graduate from SFHS and very excited to be a part of the ECIA team. After lifeguarding for three years, she is delighted to move from the pool to the office, assisting the lovely residents of Eldorado. Her work history includes waiting tables,

lifeguarding and working with the Youth Conservation Corps in Santa Fe. Some of her favorite hobbies include crushing it on the volleyball court, swimming, skiing, and overall enjoying all that New Mexico has to offer.



KEVIN RAPHAEL
Pool Supervisor

Kevin Raphael was born in Florida and moved to Eldorado at the age of ten, where he has lived for the past eleven years. He graduated from Santa Fe High School two years ago and has been working as a lifeguard and as a City of Santa Fe employee under the parks and recreation branch for the past

year. Kevin enjoys cars, hitting the gym, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. As an Eldorado resident, he looks forward to bringing his pool knowledge to enhance Eldorado's aquatic experience.

Full Moon, Blue Moon and Halloween Celebration

Halloween came on a Saturday, along with a Hunter's Moon, Blue Moon and Full Moon. Several families, including horses and children dressed for the occasion. A planned parade was canceled because of new restrictions on gatherings. Spirits remained high as a few equines and riders showed off, under breezy conditions, and

delighted stable owners. Some resident horses thought the costumed equines were very scary, but everyone enjoyed the occasion.

—Photos, Pam Henline



Amelia Adair on Hershey; Brayden O'Dell and Santiago Garcia, the astronauts riding Baxter the NASA rocket, being guided by aliens Kylie O'Dell and Michelle Garcia.



Kate Smith as Princess Fiona riding Azizzah as the Dragon from Shrek.

Recycle—Do You Know Whether a Myth or a Fact?

MYTH:

Pizza boxes should not be recycled because of the grease and food attached to the cardboard.



FACT:

Usually only the bottom of the box becomes greasy and food stained. If the sides and top of the box are clean, simply tear them off and recycle the clean parts of the box as you would any cardboard.

MYTH:

Plastic gloves used as a precaution during this pandemic (e.g., while shopping) can be recycled along with other plastic bags.



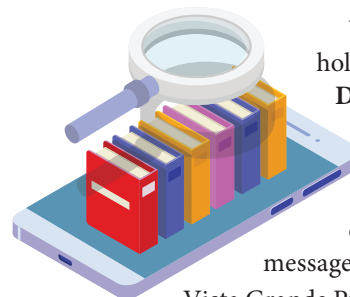
FACT:

Plastic gloves are not recyclable in our system. Throw them in the trash, wrapped in a plastic bag for protection, as required by Waste Management.

Vista Grande Public Library Service is COVID-19-Safe

Even with the statewide stay-at-home through Nov. 30, Vista Grande Public Library continued "curbside" pickup services which should continue in December. Items may be placed on hold using the online system or by calling the library. Patrons will be notified when items are ready for pickup, at which point they may come to the door and check materials out. If patrons need accommodations owing to slick parking lots etc., please call the library to make arrangements. Book donations are on hold.

VGPL is now partnering with Overdrive and a library consortium to provide e-books. Please visit the website: www.vglibrary.org for further information.



VGPL will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

Dec. 24–26 for the Christmas holiday and **Dec. 31–Jan. 1** for New Year's. During inclement weather, please check the website and phone message for information.

Vista Grande Public Library is located at 14 Ave. Torreon, next to the Max Coll Corridor Community Center. **Hours:** Tuesday—Saturday 11 AM–4 PM, closed Sunday and Monday, 505 466-7323.

Santa: Don't Worry ... I'll Be Here



In this very different year, every tradition has changed—even at the North Pole. Your correspondent spoke recently with the Pole's best-known resident, Santa Claus, to find out how 2020's holiday season will be different. Or will it?

"We're doing everything we can to keep traditions alive," Santa said during a break at the famous toy shop. "Things always change, you know, and this year has been no exception. We've cut back on shelf-elves on account of the virus, and I won't be making my usual preseason visits to chat with the youngsters," Santa explained. "I'll really miss being in Eldorado."

"But I'll be on track for the round-the-world trip, as always," he added, "wearing a coronavirus mask and with plenty of hand-sanitizer in the sleigh. Kids still have special things they want, and the elves and I always do our best with those requests. This year, the best way to let me know

what you really want is with a letter," he said, adding that moms, dads, big brothers or sisters can help. "I enjoy reading the letters as much as I do chatting with the kids." The jolly old fellow's laugh underscored his sincerity. "One thing that never changes is that being able to write a good clear letter is something everyone needs to learn in life—getting your ideas across to others is important."

In the meantime, Santa said, he and the elves are coping with the virus threat, just like all of us. "It's not fun," he said, "and it's not easy. We just work a little harder to keep each other safe with this thing." Santa's eyes took on a serious look. "It's like life. Making sure that others are all right is more important than looking out just for yourself."

As this reporter thanked Santa for the interview, Elf Framblino, the escort for this visit, winked and whispered, "You see, the important stuff is still the same." As we left, Santa's cheerful laugh echoed through the workshop and the elves worked as they always do, to insure a merry Christmas for everyone.

—R. E. Wright

Late Blooming Wild Flowers Extend into Autumn



Although December seems a strange time to document flowering plants, these two late bloomers were seen in Eldorado in October. The chamisa can be found everywhere. The jimson weed appears on the south end of Caliente Rd.

Native to the

Rocky Mountain high desert, **Chamisa** is also called gray rabbitbrush. It is a hardy shrub that likes full sun and native New Mexico soil. From late summer through early fall, chamisa bears clusters of golden flowers that are fragrant and attract butterflies, but some people do not like the way the blossoms smell (as indicated by the botanical name *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*). Once established, it requires little or no water except in the very worst drought years.

Datura-jimson weed

The white and lavender-tinted, trumpet-shaped bloom of the sacred datura promises a fairyland of delicate beauty, moths, butterflies, long-tongued bees, hummingbirds and magical moonlit nights. By contrast, the bristly fruit and stale-smelling leaves of the sacred datura speak to another, more sinister side of the plant, to a dark and fearsome netherworld of poison and potential emotional collapse, physical sickness and even death. These poisonous parts of the plant have given rise to alternative names such as hairy jimson weed, devil's trumpet, and deadly nightshade. This plant is the subject of a famous painting by Georgia O'Keefe.



—Judith Cristini

Photos: chamisa, Judith Cristini; jimson weed, Pam Henline

Lampworked Glass Ornaments Circa 1860–1940



From left: 1860s Lead lined Santa, Early 1900s Saint Nicholas, 1920s Weihnachtsmann (Christmans man), "Thomas Nast" Santa c. 1930s

During the mid-nineteenth-century, the lampwork technique was introduced and then widely practiced by German artisans for the production of glass ornaments.

Although the manufacturing of glass ornaments was conducted by local families in their homes, glass making factories produced the necessary glass tubes for the lampworkers.

For the ornament makers, only a table, Bunsen burner, a few simple tools and glass tubes were needed for *lampenarbeiten*, lampworking. The burner's controlled temperature allowed lampworkers the ability to produce thin-walled glass balls.

Molded figural ornaments, such as the examples pictured, were created by blowing a bubble approximately the size of the mold and placing it into the bottom half. Working quickly, the mold is closed with a few puffs of air blown into the open end of the tube until the glass expands to conform to the mold, taking just a few seconds. The mold is opened, the ornament removed and the process is repeated. An experienced lampworker produced around 600 ornaments daily.

Between 1860 and 1920, Lauscha, located in the Thuringer province of Germany, was the world's exclusive supplier of glass ornaments. *Business Week* reported that in 1937 the

United States had imported (wholesale) about 1.25 million dollars worth of glass Christmas ornaments, mostly from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria. Records show that the F. W. Woolworth Company alone had retailed over 25 million dollars worth of glass ornaments, most for 2 to 10 cents each.

World War II turned the glass Christmas ornament industry upside down. American glass works companies began producing glass ornaments but it was Corning Glass Works who would become the leader in the American-made ornament industry.

The Woolworth Company, already worried about losing European revenue, approached Corning and on November 1, 1939 their Wellsboro, PA plant began producing ornaments, with a shipment of 234,956 going to Woolworth. In 1940 Corning produced 45 million ornaments, with a whopping total of 70 million in 1942. Corning dominated the domestic market through the 1960s and is best known for its Shiny Brite ornaments.

Melicent is the author of *The Art of the Lampworked Santa*.

—Melicent D'Amore,
ECIA Board Vice President

Holiday Music and Seasonal Specials on Local Radio



The carols have commenced on Eldorado's airwave amenity, ELDORADIO 1660 AM. As we shelter in place and prepare for a socially-distanced holiday, the

familiar sounds will help families relax. *Saturday Matinée* will offer John Adams' bilingual cantata *El Niño*, holiday concerts by Kathleen Battle, The Weavers and other surprises, at noon each Saturday. Hannukah and Christmas stories, history, poetry and laughs are part of *BreakTime* at 10:30 AM weekdays. *Retro Radio* at noon Sundays also includes favorite holiday network shows from the "old days" before TV, to listen while you work or eat.

Restricted legally to extremely low power, ELDORADIO's signal covers the community in daylight, but is audible after sunset only in the center of Eldorado. Because the music fades into the background noise when the sun sets, earlier each day, a short news headline update about half an hour before dusk keeps you up to date on events in Eldorado and the rest of the world.

December Meetings—Community Center Closed

Meetings may be suspended or held via Zoom, please check eldoradosf.org.

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	8	3–5 PM Zoom	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board Meeting	NO MEETING THIS MONTH			ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	1	7–9 PM Zoom	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	9	3–5 PM Zoom	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	2	10 AM–12:30 PM Zoom	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	NO MEETING THIS MONTH			Dan Drobnis	financechair1@gmail.com
	Information Committee	Monday	14	7–9 PM Zoom	Pam Henline	informationchair@gmail.com
	Road Committee	Wednesday	2	5:30–7 PM Zoom	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Stable Committee	Thursday	10	7–9 PM Zoom	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Bridge	Suspended during COVID-19			DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555
	EACA	Suspended during COVID-19			Kim Crickard	VP@eldoradoarts.org
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	16	3–5 PM Zoom	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	8	4–6 PM Zoom	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	El Dorado School Community Garden	Suspended during COVID-19			Carol Robles	info@eldoradoschoolcommunitygarden.com
	Healing Arts Practitioners	Suspended during COVID-19			Laurie Sandman	lsandman9@comcast.net
	Life Drawing	Suspended during COVID-19			Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189
	MELT	Suspended during COVID-19			Maurena Bivins	info@maureenabivinsacupuncture.com
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	1	6–7 PM Conference Call	Nancy Merz	nmmerz@msn.com
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	Suspended during COVID-19			Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	Suspended during COVID-19			Ellen Higgins	casaladerabe@gmail.com
Weekly	AA	Tuesdays		5:45–6:45 PM Zoom	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	AA (Women Only)	Thursdays		6–7 PM Zoom	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	AA	Fridays		6–7 PM Zoom	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	Al Anon	Suspended during COVID-19			505 989-3995	nmal-anon.com
	Breathing Meditation	Mondays		10:30–11 AM Zoom	Penny Russell	505 466-3137 sprussel@sjc.edu
	Eldorado Hikers	Suspended during COVID-19			Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 trgibbs@comcast.net
	Knitting Club	Suspended during COVID-19			Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Overeaters Anonymous	Tuesdays		10 AM Comm. Ctr. Patio	Barb	505 954-1533
	Ukulele Class	Suspended during COVID-19			Hazel Jordon	ukehazel@gmail.com
	Yin Yoga	Mondays		5:30–6:45 PM Zoom	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935
	Yoga/Vinyasa Flow	Wednesdays & Fridays		9–10:15 AM Zoom	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935
	Yoga/Gentle Stretch	Tues., Thurs., & Sat.		9–10:15 AM Zoom	Mary Horst	505 490-2790

Zoom meeting information is online at www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > Zoom Schedule

Events are verified as of November 20, please sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by emailing jcollins@hoamco.com to be notified of changes.

Send calendar event information to GM@eldoradosf.org.

News Tid-Bits

ADAM & KIM'S CHRISTMAS TREES

Scheduled to open **Saturday Nov. 28**, at the north parking lot of La Tienda, Eldorado-owned and operated, Adam



and Kim's Christmas Trees, will be selling quality, fresh-cut Christmas trees from Oregon including Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, and Noble Fir, wreaths, garland, and chili ristras in December. A portion of proceeds is donated to El Dorado Volunteer Fire

& Rescue. Covid-19 will require adjustments to maintain health and safety at the tree lot this season. Online sales with curbside pick-up, drive-through shopping, and local delivery will also be available. More information can be found at the Facebook page: [AdamKimsChristmasTrees](https://www.facebook.com/AdamKimsChristmasTrees).

RESOURCES IN ELDORADO UPDATE NOVEMBER 21

Changes occur frequently. Go to eldoradosf.org > "News and Events" > "COVID-19" for more recent and complete information. The ECIA office **MAY or MAY NOT be open** via telephone, email, and appointment depending on corona virus status. Normal hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM–5 PM, **505 466-4248**. To reach an individual in the office, the most reliable route is via email. See eldoradosf.org > "Contact Us" > "HOAMCO Staff" for email addresses. Masks and social distancing required at all times, and beware that gatherings with family and friends can encourage the spread of the disease. The ECIA dog park, tennis courts, pickleball court and basketball courts are closed.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES AND GREENS

Starting **Jan. 15**, your tired and dry trees and greens can be put to good use. Just bring them to the Community Center where they will be processed into wood chips and reused.

*Santa's masked this year:
he wants to spread happiness,
but not the virus.*

Mission Statement The mission of the monthly newsletter, *Vistas*, is to inform members of the ECIA about issues before the Board of Directors, various committees, and the office staff. Any interesting events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas may be included. The publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision-making process.

Editorial Policy *Vistas* welcomes factual and objective submissions, which will be selected and edited at the discretion of the Information Committee and Board of Directors. Community announcements and articles of interest to homeowners are welcome, along with photos. Submissions are due on the fifth of the month preceding publication. For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide posted on ECIA website, www.eldoradosf.org.

Hoar Frost Creates Glittering Winter Wonderland



Air hoar occurs when ice crystals attach to suspended objects.

We are fortunate, as residents of Eldorado, to experience one of nature's magical phenomena.

When temperatures fall on a clear, still night, and residual heat radiates quickly, objects which cool to below the frost point of the air surrounding them will be covered in white ice crystals called hoar frost. The term derives from an English word used before the 12th century, *hoar*, defined as showing characteristics of old age. The hoar frost attached to grasses and tree limbs resembles white

hair. In our part of the world, the conditions which enable hoar frost to develop can happen in fall, winter, and spring.

Temperatures below freezing, 32°F, do not guarantee hoar frost. The surrounding air must also be moist enough to allow condensation to occur.

Other names include: *Air hoar*, frost on suspended objects such as tree branches, plant stems, wires, and spider webs; *Surface hoar*, frost deposited directly on surfaces such as snow; *Crevasse hoar*, frost in glacial crevasses; and *Depth hoar*, frost beneath surfaces such as banks of dry snow.

If you awaken to a morning glittering with hoar frost and want to experience its beauty to the fullest extent, don't delay in getting out for a walk or grabbing your camera. At our elevation the sun's radiation will quickly change the conditions and melt the hoar frost.

—Photo left, "Coyote in hoar frost on Seedskaadee NWR" by USFWS Mountain Prairie; Photo above, "Frost. Chugach Mountains, Alaska" by Paxson Woelber



An example of surface hoar—ice crystals attached to snow.



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