

We don't want to hear you say there's nothing to do around here ever again. C'mon folks, we live in Colorado—there's loads of great stuff to experience all year long. So, pull out your calendar and find a permanent market. From must-see concerts and summer festivals to sporting events and holiday activities, we've got you scheduled for fun throughout 2012.

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November

THINGS ^{TO} DO THIS YEAR!

11.01

Warren Miller 2012.

Every year, Warren Miller Entertainment brings jaw-dropping footage of epic skiing and snowboarding to Colorado's theaters. Look for screenings in your area this month. // Show times and venues vary. skinet.com/warrenmiller.

11.02

Becoming Van Gogh.

This 70-work compilation by Van Gogh has been culled from public and private collections all over the world. // The museum stays open until 8 p.m. on Friday nights, Denver Art Museum, denverartmuseum.org.

11.03

Plant Your Bulbs for Spring.

You'll want to plant your tulips between September and when the ground freezes in late November. The Denver Botanic Gardens often has a fall bulb sale; check botanicgardens.org for specific dates and times.

11.04

Colorado Ski & Snowboard Expo.

This snow-sports shindig is the king of the Colorado retail ski scene; it's also the single largest ski and snowboard sale in the state. // November 2 to 4, times vary, Colorado Convention Center, bewisports.com

11.06

Election Day. Get out and vote. Seriously.

11.07

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS DINE OUT. RESTAURANTS AROUND THE DENVER AREA GIVE A PORTION OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE COLORADO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS. SO EAT, DRINK, AND GIVE A GIFT TO SOMEONE A LITTLE LESS FORTUNATE. // VISIT [RESTAURANTS ALL DAY, COLORADOCOALITION.ORG](http://RESTAURANTSALLDAY.COLOADOCOALITION.ORG).

11.08

Starz Denver Film Festival.

Each November for the past three decades, this film festival has brought some of the most interesting films to the Mile High City. The festival usually lasts two weeks.

// Event dates and times vary, Denver Film Center/Colfax, denverfilm.org; ticket prices vary.

11.09

Denver International Wine Festival.

One of the premier wine and food festivals of the Rocky Mountains. // November 7 to 10, event times vary, location TBD, denverwinefest.com, \$84 to \$150.

11.12

Denver Botanic Gardens

Holiday Sale. Find Colorado gifts for friends and family. We love the herbal vinegar made with DBG herbs and the locally made tree ornaments. // November 11 to 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., November 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Denver Botanic Gardens, botanicgardens.org.

11.15

Make Your Holiday Gifts.

Denver's Fancy Tiger boutique offers holiday gift classes in late November and early December. // Class times vary, Fancy Tiger, <http://fancytiger.com>, most classes run \$25.

11.16

First Bite Boulder. For one full week, more than 40 of Boulder's top restaurants offer a special three-course \$26 prix fixe dinner menu. // November 16 to 24, multiple restaurants, first-biteboulder.com.

11.23

Downtown Denver's Grand Illumination. From the City and County Building to Union Station, downtown becomes aglow in twinkle lights. // 6 p.m., Union Station, City and County Building, downtowndenver.com, free.

11.30

Clyfford Still's Birthday. Visit the year-old Clyfford Still Museum in honor of the American artist. // 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Clyfford Still Museum, clyffordstillmuseum.org; adults: \$10; seniors/students: \$6; youth: \$3.