

NKA Newsletter

December
2025

This month . . .

December is known around the world as a family time of celebration honoring cultures, religions and traditions that have been with humanity for hundreds of years. Here are some other interesting things about December.

- Move over, fireworks—December's real sky show is the Geminid Meteor Shower! With up to 75 meteors per hour and no need to stay up all night, this celestial event is a stargazer's dream. Yes, you'll be able to see the Geminid meteor shower in Idaho this year. The Geminids will be peaking the night of December 13 into the morning of December 14.
- The first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere occurs in December each year. This year's winter solstice (the shortest day and longest night of the year) will be December 21, 2025, at 8:03 a.m. MST.
- December is the only month that concludes with a kiss and a hug as people cheer and wish each other a Happy New Year.

Spring 2026 Semester Dates to Remember . . .

Catalog Distribution: January 8th at Liberty Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins – January 20th (limited to 20 classes total)

Registration Day 2 – January 21st (add more classes)

NKA Classes begin – January 26th



First NKA Spring Field Trip is January 24, 2026

The first trip will be to the "14th Annual Driggs Snowscapes: The Art of Sculpting Snow." It's a must-see free public art experience highlighting the beauty of winter with monumental snow sculptures. See a December 5th email from Shirley Hockett for more information or contact Shanna Erickson at (208) 241-6825 or sbaumgarter1617@yahoo.com.



NKA at the Festival of Trees

A big thank you to Marilyn Ames who coordinated the purchase, donated materials, created the theme, decorated both the tree and wreath, and set them up at the festival for NKA.



NKA "Jingle and Mingle" Holiday Party

Thanks to everyone who attended the "Jingle and Mingle" holiday party. Your presence and support made it a huge success. A special thank you to 1) the Elks Lodge for the venue, 2) those who contributed time and energy to set up and breakdown, 3) those who provided food and raffle prizes, and 4) Gabe Flicker for donating a scenic picture for a silent auction.

About \$12 of the \$15 per person entry fee was used to cover food, rental and other expenses. The remainder of the entry fee and raffle and silent auction proceeds will allow NKA, with the assistance of the Elks Lodge, to donate \$1200 to the Idaho Food Bank. Our donation will create a positive impact in our community during this holiday season. Additional holiday party photographs can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/nkapocatello>.





We're looking forward to 2026 with you! Your NKA Officers and Board

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and explore new ideas in an informal, non-competitive environment.