

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, Dec. 10 is Santa Day at 5A in collaboration with Be the Star You Are!® charity. Come get your photo taken with Santa and his elf plus a book signing of the children's book, "No Barnyard Bullies," the perfect holiday gift delivering kindness. Thanks to Mark Hoogs of State Farm Insurance ([www.TeamHoogs.com](http://www.TeamHoogs.com)) for sponsoring BTSYA. Info: [www.bethestaryouare.org/copy-of-events](http://www.bethestaryouare.org/copy-of-events)



Cynthia Brian by the Meyer lemon tree.

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Here are a few suggestions to decorate safely:

Light your yuletide with the freshest tree whether you buy a tree from a lot or cut one yourself. Look for ultra-green needles that are not falling off the tree. Shake the tree and if the needles stay put, you have a winner.

If your tree is not a living tree, soak your tree for 24 hours before installing it and keep the basin always filled with water.

Keep all trees, branches, and flammable decorations away from fireplaces, radiators, and high-traffic areas.

Hang stockings on chimneys only when there is no fire burning.

Buy new lights that have been tested by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL). Make sure that lights for your garden are labeled as outdoor capable. All lights need good wiring, devoid of any broken or cracked sockets, frayed wires, or loose connections. Only use extension cords that are designed for the outdoors and beware of the number of light sets that may be attached.

Never add electric lights to metallic ornamentations as you could be exposing yourself to electrocution.

When climbing ladders, use the buddy system.

Unplug lights and all electrical devices whenever you leave the premises and especially when you go to bed.

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