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New Year's Eve
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Photographer's passion: Snowflakes

By Gordon Woodworth
 Chronicle News Editor

A snowflake that fell on Holly Greene's coat eight years ago has turned into an eight-year project photographing nature's crystal designs.

Holly Greene's winter mission

"It was back in 2006 when I took the first photo of snowflakes," said Holly, who calls herself "The Snowflake Photographer."

At the time, Holly was a production designer here at *The Chronicle*. She now lives in Saratoga and operates her own business, Out of the Ordinary Photography (www.outoftheordinary.biz).

"I was going back and forth to my car, and I was frustrated and having a crappy day, and I looked down at my wool coat and I saw the perfect snowflake just fall right there and it stopped me in my tracks.

"I had never seen the snow that way, and suddenly I saw there was so much more beauty



Holly Greene's photo of a Stellar Dendrite snowflake, with branches and side branches, is her favorite. *Photos by The Snowflake Photographer Holly Greene, outoftheordinary.biz*

in snowflakes than we realize.

"So I ran in to get my camera, hoping that the snowflake didn't melt, and I came back out and it was still snowing and I just tried my best to zoom right in there...

and I got it.

"I was just so mesmerized by the detail. We are always looking for big flashy things to make us happy, and sometimes we find

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Dogs who watch TV (& bark) ▶ **Pets, page B4**

Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

Christmas bird count wants you!

By Cathy DeDe
 Chronicle Managing Editor

Christmas is going to the birds. That is, we're in Christmas Bird Count season, approximately three weeks — this year, Dec. 14 to Jan. 5 — when pros and amateurs around the country, and the world, spend a day, well, counting birds.

Join in Bolton or Salem count this Saturday

It's called "Citizen Science," and it dates to the year 1900. The Audubon Society has run the Count since the early 1900s.

Locally, there are three bird-counting "circles." The one based in Hudson Falls includes Glens Falls and South Glens Falls and took place Dec. 14.

Two others — the Bolton Land- *Please turn to page 41*

Slew of letters re Planned Parenthood & abortion

Dear Chronicle Staffer:
 I read with interest the letter in which the writer expressed her opinion that the "Morning after pill" is an abortion causing substance and should not be viewed by "young people" and certainly not [advertised] on a page where a "Family" column was printed....While the author

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