



2016 Holiday Events in Chapel Hill, Carrboro & Hillsborough NC

NOVEMBER

November 11. Light Up Carrboro. The public is invited to ring in the holidays, Carrboro-style from 6 pm - 8 pm. The 2nd Friday Artwalk will be in full swing, shop and dine at local businesses. The centerpiece event is the annual Townsend, Bertram & Company Tree Lighting in front of Carr Mill Mall featuring live music from Ella Bertram at 7 pm. Enjoy free Beer, free hot cider and snacks. Raffle prizes. 200 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1098264120294993/>

November 12-December 18: *The Longest Night: A Winter's Tale* is a one-of-a-kind fulldome planetarium show that captures its audience with a timeless fable of courage, generosity and renewal. Its story explores the concept that winter is a time for Earth to rest, waiting for new growth in the spring. Morehead collaborated with Paperhand Puppet Intervention to develop the story and visuals. Visit website for show days, times and cost. Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236. www.moreheadplanetarium.org

November 15. Ladies Night Out. 5 pm - 9 pm. The downtown merchants of Hillsborough and the Orange/Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce welcome you for an evening of "Sipping 'n Strolling". Visit your favorite shops and restaurants and bring a friend or friends. Sample wine, beverages and more...get a jump on holiday shopping with specials offered all over downtown. Raffle prizes. All street parking is FREE. Also FREE Parking available at the Weaver St. Market Parking Deck (just behind the market). FREE. <https://www.facebook.com/LNO.HB/>

November 25: Hillsborough Holiday Art Walk showcases the talents of local artists in walkable Hillsborough from 6 pm - 9 pm. Visit www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

November 26 - December 24: Santa at University Place. Visit and have Photos with Santa, through December 24. 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. Click for dates and times. <http://www.universityplacenc.com/event/santa-photos-at-university-place/2145479317>

Nov 26 - Dec 13: Hayrides with Santa at the Maple View Agricultural Educational Center at 3501 Dairyland Road in the Hillsborough countryside. Rides are Nov 26-27, Dec 2-4; Dec 9-11. Times available are 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Reservations are required so call (919) 942-6122. Enjoy holiday story time, the scenic view of Maple View Farm in holiday lights, time with Santa, and milk and cookies for the children. Organizers will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for their local Toys for Tots Campaign or monetary donations for Sam's Wish Fund Holiday Cheer - providing children in Hospice Care Holiday wishes. www.mapleviewfarm.com or www.mapleviewagcenter.com

November 26. Storytelling Event: Home for the Holidays in Hillsborough. Please join the Orange County Historical Museum for an evening of holiday storytelling with Sarah Beth Nelson, Jaki Shelton Green, A.J. Mayhew, William Davis Jr., and Michael Malone from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. In addition to storytelling from local authors, there will be music and laughs. Wine and cheese reception begins at 6:30 pm and storytelling at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 day of. Tickets are on sale at the Orange County Historical Museum, Eno Gallery, and Leland Little Auctions. Event is at Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough. All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201 or email info@orangenhistory.org www.orangenhistory.org

November 27: Chapel Hill Community Tree Lighting. Downtown Chapel Hill kicks off the holiday season in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church; 100 S. Columbia Street at 6 pm. Enjoy caroling. Bring your camera and meet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays (919) 967-9440.

November 30-December 1: Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop with Kidzu. \$25 per house (2 children max per house). Also hot chocolate bar included. Geared to families with children ages 4 and older. Nov 30 - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm and Dec 1 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Register online at <http://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org/>. University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill.

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December 1- January 2: Enchanting decorations inspired by the traditional holiday song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* will be displayed throughout The Carolina Inn at 211 Pittsboro St. Chapel Hill. Enjoy festive meals, gingerbread display, horse-drawn carriage rides, music events and more. www.12daysevents.com or call (919) 918-2777.

December 3: 13th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show 9 am - 4pm. Enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout North Carolina. A raffle, holiday music, Candy Cane Coffee Bar, bake sale and Reindeer Café lunch offerings ll put you in a festive mood. Free Admission. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas More Catholic School and the enrichment of its educational programs. Held in the elegant Friends and Family Hall of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill. For more information, please visit <http://www.stmcsnc.org>

December 3-4: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "The Festival of the Society Tree" (FeST), a fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring fine handcrafts and creative arts, homemade foods and baked goods, beautifully hand crafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 9am-3 pm and Sun Noon to 3 pm www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December 3: **ELF Fair - A Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair** 11am -5pm. The 10th Annual Elf Fair, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, featuring over 40 local artists offering jewelry, bath and body products, fine art, home goods, accessories and more. Snacks, cider and holiday refreshments available. A kids' zone with holiday crafts, classic holiday films and music. Free. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://www.artscenterlive.org/>

December 3: **Gingerbread House Competition.** Exhibit open at the Masonic Lodge on Saturdays, Dec 3rd, 10th, & 17th from 1-5pm. All amateur gingerbread architects welcome! Prizes awarded in both youth and adult divisions. Come view the entries! Masonic Lodge, 142 West King St Hillsborough (919) 732-8156. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

December 3. **Light Up the Night Hillsborough Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting.** The parade starts at 4:45 pm on Corbin Street and ends at East Margaret Lane. Afterwards enjoy the tree lighting parade at 6:30 pm on the Courthouse Lawn at corner of King and Churton streets. Join Mayor Stevens and Miss North Carolina USA 2017 - Katie Coble for the town tree lighting and sing carols. Don't forget to bring a donation for the Toys for Tots drive! Details at www.hillsboroughchamber.com (919) 732-8156.

December 3: **Classic Country Christmas - 8 pm** - Local folk musicians return with a celebration of holiday songs in the style of American Bluegrass. Performers include Danny Gotham, Jim Watkins, Julie Elkins, Rebecca Newton, LaNelle Davis and Jefferson Hart. Tickets are \$25. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://www.artscenterlive.org/>

December 3 at 2 pm and 8 pm & December 4 at 2 pm: **Carolina Ballet Performs 'The Nutcracker.** A holiday season staple, Robert Weiss' 'Nutcracker' is a fantasy classic, capturing the irrepressible imagination of a child's world in which all things are possible. UNC Memorial Hall - East Cameron Ave - Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333. Single Tickets start at \$49, students \$10 www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December 4: **38th Annual Daniel Boone Christmas Crafts Show.** This craft show features handmade items by regional crafters, including baskets, jewelry, holiday wreaths, candles, original art, stained glass, paintings and much more at the Big Barn Convention Center in Daniel Boone Village, sponsored by Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Holiday crafts for purchase. 9am - 5 pm. Santa & Mrs. Claus. (919) 732-8714.

December 7: **"The Gingerbread Boy"**. Rags to Riches Theatre as part of the Lollipop Series at the Carrboro Century Center at 100 N. Greensboro Street from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. \$3 (919) 918-7364.

December 8: **Kids Cookies & Candy Canes.** Come to the Carrboro Century Center at 100 N. Greensboro Street from 10:30 am - Noon. The whole family will enjoy cookies, crafts, and a children's show. Free. (919) 918-7364.

December 8: **24th Annual Winter Stories for Children of All Ages.** Come to Wilson Library at 200 South Rd on the UNC Campus. Storyteller and UNC professor Brian Sturm, along with students, will entertain with stories from around the world, live music, and sing-alongs at "Fireside Tales To Warm Your Heart," the Friends of the Library's 24th annual Winter Stories for Children of All Ages program. 5pm Cookies and Hot Chocolate, Main Lobby, 5:30 pm Program, Pleasants Family Assembly Room. Free. <http://library.unc.edu/> (919) 962-1053.

December 9. **The Carrboro Town Tree Lighting** at 6 pm with music on the steps of Town Hall at 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 www.townofcarrboro.org

December 9. **Holiday Stroll - Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour.** The tour begins at 6 pm, with dessert party to follow at 9 pm. This year's tour is a unique change from our normal tour. Guest will stroll on a candlelight tour of four distinctive private homes in the East Franklin-Rosemary Historic District enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres at each stop. The tour will culminate at the Horace Williams House at 610 E. Rosemary Street for a festive Dessert Party for all attendants. Tickets \$60 per Preservation Society Member, \$75 per general public. For more information visit <http://www.preservationchapelhill.org/> or call (919) 942-7818. Tickets are limited and reserve by November 29.

December 10: **Wonder Workshop & Breakfast at Kidzu Children's Museum,** 8 am - 10 am. Children have the opportunity to make gifts for family and friends as they combine toy making and technology to create magic in the Makery, whip up a tasty treat, and work alongside area artists to create unique keepsakes. Hot cocoa and breakfast fare to keep you jolly! Children under 2 are free with the purchase of a regularly priced child ticket. Child (includes one adult) \$35, Additional Adult \$15. University Place, 201 S. Estes Dr. www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

December 10. **Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade,** Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro, 10 am. <http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>



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December 10: All aboard for the 30th Annual Historic Hillsborough Neighborhood Tour, Downtown Hillsborough. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way to enjoy decorated yards & porches, live entertainment, and a visit with Santa himself! Tour is 1 - 7 PM and will begin at the Town Hall Campus at **101 E Orange Street**. Tickets will be \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 day of. Registration beginning November 10th. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

December 10: Transactors Improv Big City Christmas at 8 pm at the ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro. Admission: \$15 Public, \$12 Senior, \$10 Student. Transactors Improv celebrates the holidays with Big City Christmas, a two-act show featuring improvised songs. The performance is based on audience suggestions and divided into five slice-of-life episodes with live musical accompaniment by pianist Glenn Mehrbach. artscenterlive.org (919) 929-2787

December 10: Big Band Holidays: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and Catherine Russell, vocalist 8 pm. Memorial Hall, UNC Campus. Tickets start at \$49, Students \$10. (919) 843-3333, www.carolinaperformingarts.org .

December 11: Join with the Burwell School Historic Site for a Special Gala Event: Naughty AND Nice? The Good ole' Girls back with Lee Smith, Jill McCorkle, Marshall Chapman and Matraca Berg with an evening of songs and stories. Event is at Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough. Welcome reception from 5 - 6 pm, The Good Ol' Girls hit the stage at 6 pm. Party at Hot Tin Roof at 8:30 pm. Tickets for Performance: \$75; Performance PLUS the After-Party at the Hot Tin Roof: total \$125. After party includes enjoying an ice-cold beer or a glass of wine, enjoy delicious food provided by Hillsborough's fabulous *La Place Restaurant*, and "party with the stars" -- the Good Ol' Girls themselves! **Tickets** are available online and at the Burwell School Historic Site, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough at (919) 732-7451, or visit www.burwellschool.org for more information.

December 13: Happy Holidayze! Around the World. Holidays are celebrated with festive foods, bright decorations, and traditional music. Join us for this special program where seasonal traditions from around the world come alive! Grades K-3. 4 pm. Orange County Public Library 137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough (919) 245-2525 www.orangecountync.gov/departments/library/index.php

December 13: The Hillsborough Police Department is collecting toys to help Santa and Mrs. Claus during their annual visit to the main station. The jolly elf and his wife will visit with kids from 6 to 8 pm at the station, located at 127 N. Churton St. All children in Hillsborough are welcome to visit and tell St. Nick their holiday wishes. Each child will receive a gift. The Police Department is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages – infants through teenagers. Donations of dolls, balls, games and toys for toddlers are needed especially. No toy weapons or candy should be donated. For more information, contact Cpl. Tereasa King by email or by phone at 919-732-2441, ext. 26.

December 16-17: Nutcracker on Ice. Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under and Adults 55 and older. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

December 17: Family Friendly Holiday Sing Along. 5 pm – 6 pm. Led by Michelle School of Wee Arts. Young, old and in-between invited. Song sheets available and children will receive holiday goodie bags with small gifts themed to the music (while supplies last). <http://www.universityplacenc.com>. University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill.

December 17: The Barefoot Movement Christmas. Named "Band of the Year" by the International Bluegrass Music Association in 2014, group delivers all of your classic seasonal favorites in acoustic charm and lush harmonies. 8 pm. Tickets \$25. The ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St. in Carrboro, or call (919) 929-2787 www.artscenterlive.org

December 18: Ice Skate with Santa. The young and the young at heart can celebrate the season with afternoon Skating with Santa and take a free photo with Jolly Old St Nick. Noon – 2:15 pm. Also Public ice skating sessions weekdays and weekends all throughout the holiday season! \$5.50 kids 12 and under, \$6:50 adults, \$3:50 skate rental. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

December 18: Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk. Walk along the Riverwalk with handmade lanterns which light up the night sky. About 2000 people participated last year. Park in the Eno Parking Deck behind the Weaver Street Market in downtown Hillsborough. Hillsborough Arts Council, www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

December 20: Jim Watson's 12th Annual Hillsborough Christmas Show. 7:30 pm. Jim Watson was a founding member of the Red Clay Ramblers and traveled with them for 14 years, playing mandolin, guitar, and bass. In 1988, he joined up with Robin & Linda Williams and was a member of Their Fine Group for 27 years. He is known not only for his instrumental prowess but also for his direct singing style in a distinctive tenor voice. Tickets will be available at the door or you can call the church office to purchase or reserve your ticket ahead of time (\$10). St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 210 St Mary's Road, Hillsborough, (919) 732-9308 <http://stmatthewshillsborough.dionc.org/>

December 23: Berlin Brothers Christmas Orchestra featuring The Irvettes, sponsored by Mystery Brewing Company! This 12-piece band includes a full horn section and expands to include a 10-piece choir, dubbed The Irvettes! The all-star 22-piece Berlin Brothers Christmas Orchestra includes many of North Carolina's favorite musicians and singers, including members of The Squirrel Nut Zippers, Curtis Eller's American Circus, Tres Chicas, Boom Unit Brass Band, and The Wiley Fosters. This event is FREE and ALL AGES. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Come when you can. Drinks served by Mystery Brewing Company and On the Rocks. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Raising money for Arts For Life, an organization that brings art and musical programming to children in hospitals across North Carolina. Donations are encouraged. The Cloth Mill at Eno River, 437 Dimmocks Mill Road #3, Hillsborough, (919) 241-4855 <https://visithillsboroughnc.com/event/berlin-brothers-christmas-orchestra-ft-irvettes/>

December 29: Sing Along with the Movie *Frozen*. Special showing of this movie at 2 pm. Popcorn provided. All ages are welcome. Orange County Public Library 137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough (919) 245-2525 www.orangecountync.gov/departments/library/index.php

December 31: *Night Lights: Family-Friendly New Year's Eve.* Celebrate from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Morehead Planetarium & Science Center. Family-friendly activities, performances, and a kids' countdown under the stars to ring in the new year! \$5, per person. For more information and to register (this sold out FAST last year!), visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org



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