

## 2018 ORANGE COUNTY, NC HOLIDAY EVENTS IN CHAPEL HILL, CARRBORO AND HILLSBOROUGH, NC



## CHECK FOR CANCELLATIONS DUE TO THE WINTER STORM

## **NOVEMBER**

**November 14-December 9: She Loves Me.** A holiday musical that goes straight to the heart. In this romantic musical comedy of mistaken identity, there is no love lost between Amalia and Georg, two perfume clerks who can't seem to find common ground. Then Georg realizes they've been one another's anonymous pen pals, kicking off a new quest to win her heart. Tickets start at \$15. Box Office Phone 919-962-7529. PlayMakers Repertory Company, 120 Country Club Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, <a href="https://www.playmakersrep.org">www.playmakersrep.org</a>

November 23-December 23: Winter Fest: Santa With Goats at Spring Haven Farm from 12 pm - 4 pm. Winter Fest is back this winter bigger and better with more goats, animals, a new hay ride and tractor ride, delish holiday treats and a Christmas Market! Watch the baby goats run & play along, just be sure to get your snuggles in when they catch a break! Santa will be at the farm on all weekend giving you the perfect family photo opportunity. They'll also be serving hot cider and other beverages at the concession stands. Admission is \$13.50. Open weekends through Dec 23. Spring Haven Farm / 5306 Homer Ruffin Rd Chapel Hill (919) 407-1806 https://www.springhaven.farm/winterfest

November 23-December 24: "Deck the Walls" Winter Art Fest at Frank Gallery 6 pm - 9 pm. Holiday Art Show by artists from the Orange County Artists Guild Nov 23 - Dec 24. Hours Tuesday-Friday 1-6pm, Saturday 11-7pm and Sunday 1-6pm. <a href="https://www.frankisart.com/">https://www.frankisart.com/</a> University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill 919-636-4135

November 24-December 23: Hillsborough Hometown Holidays Festival. Come "home" for the holidays and become a Hillsborough local during our Hometown Holidays Festival, brought to you by the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce. Ongoing family-friendly events throughout Hillsborough offer you a chance to slow down the pace during a hectic season, and make a few special memories. Our Hometown Holidays Festival Platinum Sponsor is SunTrust and Gold Sponsor is UNC Health Care - Hillsborough. www.hillsborughchamber.com

November 25-December 31: Holiday Tea at The Carolina Inn. Daily 2 pm - 4:30 pm, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Make Reservations at least 24 hours in advance by Calling 919.918.2777 or email <a href="mailto:crossroads@carolinainn.com">crossroads@carolinainn.com</a>. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Please call 24 hours in advance of your existing reservation to cancel and to avoid charges on your credit card. Prices listed are per person. Service charge and tax added separately. Prepared and served fresh each day, our menu faithfully follows the traditional combination of sweet and savory treats and homemade scones with clotted cream and jam. VIEW MENU. The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro St. Chapel Hill.

November 27-December 22: Chapel Hill Woodturners Christmas Craft Exhibit & Sale at the Horace Williams House, 610 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. Holiday Hours Tue - Sat, Noon - 4 pm, Sun 2 - 5 pm. Opening reception Dec 2, 2 pm - 4 pm. www.preservationchapelhill.org

**November 29-December 21: Gingerbread House Exhibit.** Come see the marvelous gingerbread creations, and place your vote for "People's Choice" winners at the Burwell School, 319 North Churton Street, Hillsborough. Entries will be displayed Wed-Sat 11-4 and Sundays 1-4. The Burwell School will be decorated for the holiday season including participating in the Hillsborough Candlelight Tour on December 9. 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough. Normal hours Wednesday through Saturday, 11 - 4 and Sunday, 1 - 4. Free <a href="www.burwellschool.org">www.burwellschool.org</a>

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## **DECEMBER**

**December 1-15: Christmas in the Ayr** guided house tours featuring classic holiday decorations using freshly cut evergreen, flowers, holly, magnolia and naturals. Regular fee of \$12 per person and tour times apply: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 11 AM; Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun at 2 PM. Groups of 10 or more call ahead for group tour time. Ayr Mount Historic Site, 376 St Marys Rd, Hillsborough. <a href="https://classicalamericanhomes.org/ayr-mount-holiday-tours/">https://classicalamericanhomes.org/ayr-mount-holiday-tours/</a>

**December 1 - December 16: Hayrides with Santa** at the Maple View Agricultural Educational Center at 3501 Dairyland Road in the Hillsborough countryside. Rides are Dec 1-2, Dec 8-9; Dec 14-16. 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. Cost is \$8 for age 1 and above. <a href="https://www.mapleviewfarm.com">www.mapleviewfarm.com</a> or <a href="https://www.mapleviewagcenter.com">www.mapleviewagcenter.com</a>

**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 house making, holiday market, holiday express, music events and more. https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/or call (919) 918-2777.

December 2-24: Brunch with Santa from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Santa is coming to The Carolina Inn December 2, 8-9,15, 21-24. Enjoy a festive Carolina Inn breakfast or brunch. Magicians and face painters will be on hand to entertain everyone. Each child is welcome to sit on Santa's lap and share their Christmas wish list. Every child will leave with a holiday treat. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult. \$45 Per Person, Complimentary for Children 3 and Under \$600 to reserve a table for up to 12 guests. 211 Pittsboro St. <a href="https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/">https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/</a>

December 9: Holiday Market at The Carolina Inn. Noon - 5 pm. Come and enjoy the holiday season on this magical Sunday. Get into the festive spirit because it is going to snow (with a snow machine) these Sundays. With vendors from all over the state, The Carolina Inn Holiday Market is a wonderful place to shop for hand crafted yuletide gifts from chocolates, to jewelry, to garlands and ornaments. If you get hungry there will be plenty of goodies to choose from. We have an outstanding lineup of local food trucks and exceptional offerings from our own culinary team. You'll be able to feast on everything from soft pretzels to pulled pork. Your sweet tooth won't be disappointed either. Dig into some fried dough, donuts, or caramel apples. Better yet, cuddle up to the fire and enjoy some s'mores. Relax with a hot chocolate or opt for something a little stronger like a mulled wine or a craft beer, http://www.carolinainn.com/holiday-market

**December 9:** Hand Lettering and Holiday Tags with All She Wrote Notes at The Carolina Inn from 1 pm - 3 pm. Grab your friends, a cocktail and a festive treat while learning how to improve your own handwriting with Maghon's techniques and tricks. Before you leave, use your newly learned lettering to customize your holiday tags and then head on out to our 2nd Annual Holiday Market to pick up some gifts! No experience necessary. \$45. The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro St, Chapel Hill. https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

**December 9: Carolina Inn Christmas Tea with The Sugar Plum Fairy.** 1:30 pm or 4 pm. Enjoy tea while visions of sugar plum fairies twirl around your table creating a magical experience. Grab your nutcracker souvenir from the boutique shop or snap a picture with the dancers before roaming the halls, in search for our Twelve Days of Christmas items. **Limited Seating. Ideal for children 12 and under.** \$35. 211 Pittsboro St. <a href="https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/">https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/</a>

**December 9: Suzuki Academy of North Carolina.** Enjoy a holiday performance at The Carolina Inn by academy students ranging in ages from 5 to 10 years old. Holiday classics will be performed by this talented string ensemble. 2 pm. Reservations not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, <a href="https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/">https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/</a>

**December 9: MOVIES @ MAIN** at 2 pm. Join us at the Main Orange County Public Library at 137 West Margaret Lane in Hillsborough for a FREE interactive movie experience with refreshments! No registration is necessary. "A Christmas Story" (1983) is rated PG. www.orangecountylibrary.org (919) 245-2525

**December 9: Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street Live Radio Play** at 3 pm at the ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro. Admission: \$7-\$10. OdysseyStage presents the beloved holiday movie as it was performed on Lux Radio Theatre in 1947. The program features a dozen local actors, live sound effects, and music from the 1940's performed by The Retros. The heartwarming story centers on a fellow named Kris Kringle, who works as Santa for Macy's. He fills everyone with the Christmas spirit-except for his boss, Doris Walker, who's raising her daughter not to believe in Santa. When Kris is declared insane and put on trial, everyone's faith in Santa Claus is tested, until a clever solution emerges. <a href="artscenterlive.org">artscenterlive.org</a> (919) 929-2787.

December 9-24: Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. Santa is coming to The Carolina Inn December 9, 16, 21-24. Enjoy a festive Carolina Inn breakfast or brunch. Magicians and face painters will be on hand to entertain. Each child is welcome to sit on Santa's lap and share their Christmas wish list. Every child will leave with a holiday treat. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult. \$35 per person, Complimentary for Children 3 and Under. \$500 to reserve a table for up to 12 guests. 211 Pittsboro St. https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

December 11: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis: Big Band Holidays 7 pm. Memorial Hall, UNC Campus. Tickets start at \$62. (919) 843-3333, www.carolinaperformingarts.org.

**December 13: 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 13: Carrboro Cheer - Light Up Carrboro.** 5 pm - 9 pm. Experience the warmth of the Holidays as Carr Mill Mall, Window Wonderland at East Main Square and Downtown light up with luminaries! Also enjoy the festive annual holiday event at Townsend Bertram & Co. Come shop, dine, and stroll downtown Carrboro! <a href="https://www.townofcarrboro.org/">https://www.townofcarrboro.org/</a>

**December 13: Santa and Mrs Claus Visit the Hillsborough Police Station.** Between 6 pm - 8 pm, children up to the age of 15 years old in Hillsborough are welcome to visit the station at 127 N. Churton Street and tell St. Nick their holiday wishes. Each child will receive a gift. Photos taken at the event may be posted on the Police Department's Facebook page. Contact Senior Cpl. Tereasa Matthews or Sgt. William Parker at 919-296-9543 or 919-296-9542.

**December 14: Gingerbread House Decorating Party with Habitat for Humanity.** Join us at 4:30 pm to learn how Habitat for Humanity builds houses, hear a Christmas tale & then build a graham cracker house of your own. Call to register, 919.245.2532. Space is limited. Orange County Public Library, 137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. <a href="https://www.orangecountylibrary.org">www.orangecountylibrary.org</a>

**December 14: Holiday Art Walk & Downtown Luminaries** from 6 - 9 pm. Enjoy an extra special Art Walk event, with caroling and comforting beverages at the 140 West Plaza. Enjoy the evening and the luminaries on the Franklin Street lighting your way to shops and restaurants.

**December 14-15: Nutcracker on Ice.** Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$10.00 per person. Orange County Sportsplex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <a href="http://www.trianglesportsplex.com/ice-rink">http://www.trianglesportsplex.com/ice-rink</a>

**December 15: Ice Cream for Breakfast at Maple View.** 9 am - Noon. The elves and some of Santa's friends from the North Pole will be on hand to serve up delicious Ice Cream for Breakfast treats! Pancakes & Ice Cream, Cinnamon Roll & Ice Cream Sundaes, Waffles with Ice Cream and more! Visit with Santa and wear your holiday pajamas! Maple View Farm Country Store, 6900 Rocky Ridge Road. Hillsborough, (919) 960-5535 http://mapleviewfarm.com/

**December 15: 3rd Annual Holiday Circle Show.** The ArtsCenter's annual Songs from the Circle shows are a celebration of the best in classic American Folk and Bluegrass. The Circle cast has added a second program to celebrate the holiday season. 8 pm. Tickets \$15. The ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St. in Carrboro, or call (919) 929-2787 <a href="https://www.artscenterlive.org">www.artscenterlive.org</a>

**December 15-16: Hodie! Voices Holiday Concert.** Sat at 7:30 pm and Sun at 3 pm. Come celebrate the holidays with Voices as we perform heartwarming and festive classics! The program includes "Hodie!" by John Leavitt, 'Christmas Day' by Holst, sing-a-long carols for the family and much more! Ticket prices: Voices \$25 Regular Ticket \$20 Seniors 62+ \$10 Students 13 - College (with ID). Moeser Auditorium in UNC's Hill Hall at 145 East Cameron Ave. https://www.voiceschapelhill.org/

RESCHEDULED TO December 16: 32nd Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour is 1 pm - 7 pm. See homes and historic sites with festive holiday décor, local musicians, and the pop-up readings from authors and local students during the afternoon. Musical performances scattered around 10 festively decorated locations including private homes (open 3 to 7 PM) and historical assets of the community (open 1 to 7). Authors reading at random intervals include Lee Smith, Jill McCorkle, Barbara Younger, Beverly Scarlett, Bob Burtman, Barry Jacobs and Brooks Graebner. Complimentary miniature train in downtown historic district. Visits and picture-taking with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Visitor's Center. Caroling Hayrides to the West End. Gingerbread House exhibit at the Burwell School and vote for People's Choice. New- the family-friendly "Hillsborough Passport" series, an exploration activity to discover some of our best kept secrets. TOUR TICKETS - Advance reservation prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children ages 10-17. Children under 9 are free. Make your advance reservations online now. Regular price for admission through the day of is \$30.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children ages 10 to 17. Online reservations will end at 11:55 p.m. December 15th. "Will Call" and "Day Of" ticketing will be located at the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce office, 200 North Churton St. (919) 732-8156. http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com/pages/home-tour. Also CARRIAGE RIDES - available the day of Tour departing from Burwell School, every 30 minutes, beginning at Noon with last ride departing at 4:30 PM. Carriage \$10.00/person. Groups of up to 5 may reserve a time for a discounted price of \$40.00, lap children are free. Reserve your carriage ride spots online now. The Chamber will confirm your reservation time prior to the event. Reservation times will be strictly adhered to.

**December 16: Ice Skate With Santa.** 1 pm - 4:30 pm. The young and the young-at-heart can celebrate the season with afternoon Skating with Santa. Also Public ice skating sessions weekdays and weekends all throughout the holiday season! Public Skate rates - Adult: \$8.00, Child: \$7.00, Skate Rental: \$4.00, Group: \$6.50 for 20 or more and includes skates. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 644-0339. www.oc-sportsplex.com

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**December 19: Breakfast with Santa.** Join us for a morning full of holiday cheer when Santa comes to the Weathervane! We will be serving a delicious breakfast buffet. Don't forget your camera because Santa will be making his rounds & every child will receive a holiday treat. Reservations available for 8 - 9 am and 9:30 am - 10:30 am. \$10 per child: \$18 per adult, Kids under 3 eat free. Weathervane, Southern Season, 201 S. Estes Dr, Chapel Hill. Call (919) 929-9466.

**December 20: Nine Ladies Dancing.** Join us for a lively presentation by Footnotes Tap Ensemble, a professional tap company based in Durham at 7 pm. Free and no reservations required at The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro St, Chapel Hill. https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

December 21: Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk, which takes place at 5:45 pm, is a non-denominational winter event that encourages creativity and community participation. Individuals are asked to bring a handmade lantern that lights up, to guide them along the walk to usher in winter. Enter line from the Farmer's Market Pavilion, 144 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough and the 30 minute walk will be on the Riverwalk. Participants must use LED lights and please stay true to the Winter White color theme. If you want to be a spectator, view from the Eno Parking Deck where free parking is available (behind Weaver Street Market). Only individuals with lanterns will be allowed to enter the Riverwalk. For information contact the Hillsborough Arts Council, www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org 919-643-2500 or info@hillsboroughartscouncil.org

December 21-22: Make Your Own Gingerbread House at 2 pm-4pm. Just in time for Christmas, The Carolina Inn is hosting a children's Gingerbread House Making Class. Join us for a cozy afternoon that begins with a story of Christmas magic. Each child will then be able to assemble and decorate their very own Gingerbread House complete with an apron, chef's hat and all the holiday sweets and goodies that their imaginations can hold. At the end of class, each child will take home a completed Gingerbread House and accessories. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult. \$45 Per Child Ages 5-12. The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill <a href="https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/">https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/</a>

**December 23: Holiday Express.** 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. All Aboard! Join our holiday elves for a special reading of The Polar Express. There will be cookie decorating, ornament making, an afternoon snack, and of course a train ride around the Inn. **\$30 per child**, 5% of all proceeds from this event will be donated to the Toys for Tots. The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

**December 31:** Join us for a rockin' **New Year's Eve at The ArtsCenter!** Local old-time favorites Ellis Dyson and The Shambles, joined by singer Katharine Whalen, ring in 2019 with a foot-stompin' set of Squirrel Nut Zippers songs for audiences both young and old. Live music opens the evening, with live DJ sets to follow starting at 11:00 PM. Join us as we ring in 2019 with a high-energy New Year's Eve party at The ArtsCenter! 8 pm. \$25. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 https://artscenterlive.org/

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