

Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau
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2017 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

January

January 15-21. Martin Luther King Jr Day Weeklong Celebration, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Sponsor: UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at <http://diversity.unc.edu/> (919) 962-6962.

January 28. Chapel Hill LIGHT UP Lantern Festival, University Place, 11 am – 6 pm. The First Annual Festival is hosted by the Chinese School at Chapel Hill to celebrate cultural diversity and the Chinese New Year with all communities in Chapel Hill and the surrounding areas. The Festival features lantern decorating with local artists, highly interactive art and craft creations, a dragon dance workshop, Peking Opera, a Chinese orchestra and other live performances, old fashion Chinese games, and authentic Chinese foods throughout the day. The climax of the Festival occurs at dusk with a lantern light-up and a parade. chlightupfestival@gmail.com, (919) 619-6261 www.chlightup.org

February

February 11. Revolutionary War Living History Day, Revolutionary War Reenactment at the historic Alexander Dickson House. Sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, 10 am – 4 pm. (919) 732-7741. www.visithillsboroughnc.com

February 15-18. 40th Annual Carolina Jazz Festival, Locations on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Sponsor UNC Department of Music (919) 962-1039 <http://music.unc.edu/jazzfest>

February 15-26. 17th Annual North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival, Largest comedy festival in the South. Comedy featuring improv, standup and sketch comedy. Sponsored by DSI Comedy Theater, 462 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, www.nccomedyardarts.com (919) 338-8150.

March

March 11. North Carolina High School Basketball Championships, Dean Smith Center Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. NCHSAA state championship basketball games (both men and women 1A and 3A). \$10, \$9 in advance <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

UNC at Smith Center:

12:00 pm - 1A Women: (4) Pamlico (29-3) vs. (3) Mount Airy (29-2)

2:30 pm - 1A Men: (3) Lincoln Charter (29-4) vs. (1) Kestrel Heights (31-1)

5:00 pm - 3A Women: (1) Northern Guilford (30-1) vs. (1) Hickory Ridge (31-0)

7:30 pm - 3A Men: (3) Cox Mill (26-6) vs. (3) Eastern Guilford (29-3)

April

April is NC Beer Month. Visit www.ncbeermonth.com or www.visitchapelhill.org for details and upcoming events.

April 8. Annual Countywide Orange County Egg Hunt, 10 AM – 1 PM. Rain date is Sunday, **April 9**. This free event is packed full of live entertainment, games, prizes, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The hunt includes over 25,000 eggs containing prizes and candy hidden throughout three locations for age

groups: 2-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Come ready to hunt with your baskets in hand. Special prizes will be awarded to those who find special numbered and golden eggs! Concessions will be available for purchase. Southern Community Park. (919) 968-2784. www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents

April 8. Moorefields Seventh Annual Spring Wildflower Hike, 10 am - Noon at Moorefields. The hike will explore the ridges and bottomlands near Seven Mile Creek, one of Orange County's most significant and undisturbed natural areas. We will be led by Milo Pyne, an N.C. State-trained botanist, senior regional ecologist for NatureServe, and an expert on Piedmont wildflowers. Free. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to barryj@earthlink.net or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

April 8. UNC's Spring Football Game. 3 pm . Admission is free and several events are planned for fans of all ages. A Carolina Football Spring Game Fan Fest will be held in the Blue Zone parking lot prior to the game opening at 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Fan Fest will include food trucks, interactive games for the kids, Chapel Hill Sportswear with all the latest Carolina gear, music and **the chance for kids to run onto the field** prior to the Spring Game! Visit www.goheels.com

April 9. Carrboro Open Streets. Noon – 4 pm. The event is held annually in April on Weaver Street. The community is invited to dance, do yoga, ride their bikes, climb a rock wall, make smoothies on a bike blender, and participate in many other activities in a public space that not many ever thought of as a place to partake in recreation. (919) 918-7392 <http://www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/745/Carrboro-Open-Streets>

April 15. Free Historic Roads Hike with Tom Magnuson of TPA. Join us for a hike in the woods surrounding Moorefields to see the traces of roadbeds from times gone by from 10 am – Noon. Our leader will be Tom Magnuson, of the [Trading Path Association](http://www.tradingpath.org/). The TPA is a non-profit located in Hillsborough, North Carolina, USA. Its purpose is to find, map, and protect landscape remnants of the contact and colonial era in southeastern North America, on England's first American frontier. Free. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to barryj@earthlink.net or visit <https://moorefields.org/> (NEED TO CONFIRM)

April 22. Tar Heel 10 Miler presented by CEP & Fleet Feet Sports 4 Mile Run. Event starts at 7:15 AM on the UNC campus Proceeds benefit Lineberger Cancer Center and the Chapel Hill Carrboro YMCA. <http://tarheel10miler.com/>

April 22 Hillsborough Downtown Arts and Crafts Show, Alexander Dickson House Lawn, Hillsborough, (919) 643-2500. Also enjoy food, beer, wine, ice cream and music during the day. 10am - 4pm. Rain date April 23. www.hillsboroughartsandcraftscouncil.org/

April 22. UNC Science Expo, UNC Campus, Cameron Ave near Old Well. Chapel Hill, 11am - 4pm. Explore laboratories and try your hand at various activities. The UNC Science Expo will include demonstrations, hands-on activities, lab tours, exhibits, and science talks from professors and students at UNC Chapel Hill. Bring your family, your friends, and your classmates to check out science on campus! Appropriate for all ages. The "Small Science" area provides a safe and interactive space for children ages 2 – 8 to explore, play, and build. Food Trucks. www.ncsciencefestival.org (919) 843-7959. Town of Chapel Hill is an event sponsor of the Expo in Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org www.moreheadplanetarium.org

April 22-23 Piedmont Farm Tour. Orange, Chatham, Person and Alamance counties; Tour various farms throughout the area from 2 pm – 6 pm, both days. Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (919) 542-2402. Cost: \$30 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased in advance, \$35 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased during

the tour, and \$10 per car per farm the day of the tour. (All proceeds benefit CFSA)
<http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/>

April 29. 5th Annual Color the Hill 4K Fun Run features 650 runners, 100s of spectators, 100s of volunteers, 3 local non-profits, 2 food trucks and more than 2 dozen sponsors. Event is at 9:30 am at UNC Cross Country Course at Finley Fields, Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill. Free campus shuttle from the Dean Smith Center to the Fields. All ages, skills, sizes and shapes are welcome. As you make your way through the course and encounter five color stations along the way: green, purple, yellow, pink, and blue, you are blitzed with non-toxic color by our volunteers. Color the Hill benefits three local non-profit organizations. Academy of Information Technology- CHCCS, Be Loud! Sophie Foundation and SKAJA FUND. For information call (919) 636-1553, email info@ColorTheHill.com <http://www.colorthehill.com/>

April 29. Annual Pops in the Park Concert, Cameron Park, downtown Hillsborough. Sponsor: Durham Symphony. William Henry Curry, Conductor leads the popular Spring 'Pops in the Park' concert series celebrating our enduring tradition of bringing classical, Broadway, and Hollywood themed music to our communities. We share our love of music with this entertaining program of selections that represent "a bit of Americana". (919) 491-6576. Free. 3 pm. <http://www.durhamsymphony.org/>. Free.

April 29. 14th Annual Burwell School Fundraising Party and Auction. Tickets are on sale now for the Burwell School celebrating great American music and food, including delicious New Orleans cuisine from LaPlace Restaurant in Hillsborough and music from three jazz ensembles -- including *The Jazztones*. *Even is 5 pm – 9 pm*. Join auctioneers, **Jeff Gravley** (WRAL anchor-reporter) and **John Egger**, who'll lead the bidding on vacation retreats, jewelry, dinner parties, art, and some surprises. There will be many "silent auction" items sure to include a treasure you'll want to carry home with you. You are welcome to come dressed for the Jazz Age! Individual tickets are \$40, table for 8 \$400. Call (919)732-7451 or email director@burwellschool.org. Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, www.burwellschool.org

May

May 6, 7 & 13 The [23rd Annual Art in the Garden Sculpture Exhibition](#) is a unique once yearly event and one of the finest outdoor sculpture exhibitions in the triangle region of North Carolina. The event is held at the private residence of artists Tinka Jordy and Mark Donley just six miles away from downtown Hillsborough. Opening reception is May 6. Saturday hours 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm.

May 6-8. VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale is Saturday, May 6 through Monday, May 8 from 8 am - 4 pm daily. Closeout prices on a vast selection of discontinued, slightly flawed, and unique sample products handcrafted in Italy are up to 80% off retail. There is new product daily and daily specials. Early bird tickets are available. Located at 343 Elizabeth Brady Road in Hillsborough, NC, the VIETRI Outlet Store can be reached by telephone at (919) 245-4181. Warehouse Sale Details: <http://www.vietri.com/warehouse-sale/>

May 7. Gala Brunch at Moorefields Noon – 3 pm. Buffet brunch, champagne, wine & spirits, music, House Tours & Grounds Tours, Door Prizes and Classic Lawn Games. \$60 per person. Moorefields Estate, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit <https://moorefields.org/> for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

May 7. Carrboro Day, 1-5 pm. Carrboro Town Commons. A day of music, art, games, poetry, food, and celebration! Enjoy old Carrboro stories and photos, poetry readings, music and dancing, interactive field games, crafts, family activities and more! Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department (919) 918-7364, www.carrboroday.com

May 14. UNC Spring Commencement, 9:30 am in Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Speaker Brooke Baldwin, CNN news anchor and UNC graduate. [UNC Office of Special Projects](http://commencement.unc.edu/), (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

May 20-21. Hillsborough 2017 Spring Garden Tour, Hillsborough. [Alliance for Historic Hillsborough](http://www.allianceforhistorichillsborough.com), and the Hillsborough Garden Club. Biennial event rain or shine features some of Hillsborough's most inspirational gardens, plus many displays of art and informative sessions. Tour theme is Town and Country held on Saturday, May 20, from 10 am – 4 pm and on Sunday, May 21, from Noon – 5 pm. Tickets \$20 until May 1; \$25 after May 1 available beginning January 1 at www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com/gardentour/ and after April 1 at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located at 150 E. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Call (919) 732-7741. For more information please visit www.visithillsboroughnc.com. Also a Plant Sale is Friday, May 19 from 1 pm – 5 pm and Saturday May 20 from 8 am – 5 pm.

June

June 2-4. 2017 Farm to Fork. Picnic is on **June 4** from 4 - 7 pm. Join dozens of Piedmont Farms and Area Chefs & Cooks for an evening of food, live music and more. www.farmtoforknc.com New location.

June 3. Youth Fishing Rodeo (ages 3-15), Strayhorns Pond, Chapel Hill; Sponsored by the area's Parks & Recreation Departments and the Orange County 4-H; (919) 245-2660. 9am – 12:30 pm. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/>

July

Picnic in the Park in Downtown Hillsborough (11 am – 3 pm). Celebrate the birth of our nation (event takes place on **July 2**) with a community picnic and live music from Music Makers Relief Foundation at this year's annual Picnic in the Park event at the Eno River Farmers' Market Pavilion in downtown Hillsborough. Food Trucks, Yard Games and Crafts, Live Music, Community Reading of Declaration of Independence, Nonprofit booths. 11 am – The Glorifying Vines Sisters, Noon – Harvey Dalton Arnold, 1 pm Thomas Rhyant's Sam Cooke Revue and 2 pm Cool John Ferguson. This is a FREE event and is open to the public! The Farmers' Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Ln. For more information, contact the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough at (919) 732-7741 or visit www.visithillsboroughnc.com/

Carrboro July 4th Celebration, Weaver Street Lawn (9:30 am – 11 am) and Carrboro Town Commons (10:30am – 3 pm); Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, (919) 918-7364. People's Parade at 10:50 am. www.townofcarrboro.org

July 4th Efland Parade Lineup at 9:00 starts at 10:00. Starts at Lloyds Carwash and ends at Ruritan club. www.eflandruritanclub.com

July 4th Caldwell Parade. 11 am. At about 10 a.m. we join the town marchers at the Caldwell Fire House. The parade starts moving at 10:50 with veterans leading the parade. We will stop at the NC 57 and Guess Rd. intersection to wait for the 11 a.m. official start. <http://myvfw.org/nc/post9100/postnews/july-4th-parade-caldwell/>.

Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. From 1pm – 3pm on the lawns at the Horace Williams House, 610 E Rosemary St, Chapel Hill enjoy FREE ice cream, lemonade, flags and patriotic music performed by the Village Band (1:30-2:15). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, family and friends. www.preservationchapelhill.org

July 4th Fireworks. Entertainment and fireworks in Kenan Stadium on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. 7 p.m. www.townofchapelhill.org

August

August 4-September 4. 18th Annual Forest Theater Giant Puppet Pageant. Paperhand Puppet Intervention <http://paperhand.org/> Shows Fri-Sun and Labor Day, Forest Theatre on the UNC Campus, (919) 923-1857.

August 5. Meet the Heels. For the 2017, event will be held at 140 West Franklin Street Plaza from 4 pm – 6 pm.on, get autographs, etc. 4 pm – 6 pm. [GoHeels](http://GoHeels.com) website. Enjoy interactive inflatables for kids; balloon twisters, face painters, and a walk-around magician; free Carolina football posters and schedule cards; unveiling of new Jordan Brand Carolina Football uniforms and Chapel Hill Sportswear with all the newest Jordan Brand football gear. The autograph session featuring the 2017 Carolina football team and head coach Larry Fedora will run from 4:30-6 p.m. For parking information visit www.parkonthehill.com. Also Tar Heel Express services will be provided from select lots. Please check GoHeels.com in the coming days for additional parking information.

August 12. BikeFest 2017: The 21st Annual Rural Heritage Tour. The Tour with 850 riders begins at the Superior Courthouse in downtown Hillsborough, and offers a choice of several rides in rural Orange County: a 35-mile half metric, a 62-mile metric century, and a 100-mile English century. Rides split into age 17 and under and 18 and older). Also enjoy a 7-mile Family-oriented Historic District Fun Ride. Check-in opens at 6:30am and first ride at 7:30 am. Sponsor: Carolina Tarwheels Bicycle Club. (919) 383-9722. www.ncbikefest.org

September

September 1 - Tar Heel Downtown. Friday 6 pm – 9 pm a family-friendly event, centered around 140 West Plaza on West Franklin Street, highlighting the University and downtown business district. Tar Heel Town will still take place at Kenan Football Stadium on gameday. Food, face painting, UNC band and cheerleaders, other live music. <http://tarheeldowntown.com/>

September 9. Bluegrass at Moorefields. 2 pm – 7 pm will take place on the lawn at Moorefields, an idyllic homestead on 70 beautiful acres in Hillsborough. Rain Date is Sunday Sept 10. Bring your chairs and blankets. Proceeds benefit Historic Moorefields. The event features five bands, food trucks, beer & wine. Moorefields Estate, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit www.moorefields.org for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

September 15-16. Hog Day. Friday 6 pm – 10 pm and Saturday 10 am – 6 pm. River Park, Downtown Hillborough, W. Margaret Lane. Music, crafts, kids events, contests, and barbecue. 5K Run and Pigs on Parade Art Project. www.hogday.org.

September 17-December 8. Sculpture in the Garden. Preview party September 16. Exhibit on display up to two months. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Annual display of nearly 50 one-of-a kind sculptures placed amid the native wildflowers and shrubs to delight garden visitors. (919) 962-0522. <http://ncbg.unc.edu/>

September 23-24. 20th Carrboro Music Festival. On Saturday, music begins at 2 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons with evening performance at Cat's Cradle from 7 pm – 10 pm. On Sunday, September 24 there is free music beginning at 1:00 PM until midnight. All types of music! Event features two dozen venues throughout downtown Carrboro with over 180 musical acts as well as food, craft and non-profit vendors.

Free shuttle bus from Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride from noon -9:00 PM. Sponsor, Carrboro Arts Commission; (919) 918-7367. www.carrboromusicfestival.com.

September 23- October 29. Fall Corn Mazes at McKee Farms in Rougemont. \$11 corn maze admission. Age 2 and Under Free. Fridays 3-8pm, Saturday 10-8pm, Sunday 1-7pm. 2 mazes – 12 acre cornfield maze and 2 acre fun, interactive adventurous maze for children. Haunted Maze (\$12) from 6 pm – 10 pm. Regular maze closes at 6 pm on Haunted Nights. Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <http://www.mckeecornfieldmaze.com/>

October

October 1. Festifall Street fair with music, arts and crafts, children's area and food. West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. Noon-6 pm. Free. www.chapelhillfestifall.com

October 5-6. 24th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo. Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm both nights. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Cowgirls Break-Away Roping, Calf Roping, Cowgirl Barrel Racing and of course Bull Riding, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Military members in uniform are admitted for \$7 and those showing a military ID (active, reserve or retired receive a \$1 discount). Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. www.eflandruritanclub.com

October 12. University Day. Celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the oldest public university in the country. UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; UNC Office of Special Projects (919) 962-0045. www.unc.edu

October 18-21 West End Poetry Festival. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Detailed schedule to come. Event will feature receptions, Poetry readings, Panel sessions, workshops, an open mic and more. Sponsored by the Town of Carrboro and planned by the Carrboro Poets Council. Free. <http://www.westendpoetryfestival.org/schedule-of-events/> (919) 918-7364.

October 18-21. 8th Annual TerraVITA Food & Drink Festival Chapel Hill. 4-day festival (Wed – Sat) dedicated to excellence and sustainability in the South, showcasing the very best in food and beverage. Multiple events and tastings and dinners leading up to the finale, The Grand Tasting on the Green on the lawn at Southern Village on Saturday from 1 pm – 4:30 pm. The Grand Tasting offers edibles from more than 40 exceptional chefs & artisans from across the state and features more than 80 sustainably-produced beverages from around the globe, including microbrews and spirits, craft sodas, organic coffees, and biodynamic, organically-grown and natural wines. This event should not be missed by any serious foodie! Visit website for event calendar and ticket information. www.terravitafest.com

October 27-28 "Spirits of Hillsborough" Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's annual Haunted Tour through the historic district to encounter these ghostly residents! This fun and dramatic tour will bring you face-to-face with Hillsborough's past. With help from the Orange Community Players, the spirits of fierce Elizabeth Scamp, the family of Charles Courtney Tew, the ghosts of the Regulators, The Nash/Witherspoon sisters, and the Haint of Stillhouse Branch will rise from the grave to educate and entertain. Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground. Tickets are timed and groups

depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Friday tours every 20 min: 8pm, 8:20pm, and 8:40 and 9 pm and Saturday tours every 20 min: 5:20 – 9 pm. Tickets: FREE for children 11 & under; \$12 for adults 12 & up. Call (919) 732-7741 or www.visithillsboroughnc.com.

October 28. River Park Concert. Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 7:30 pm. Food Court, Beer, & Wine Garden, Community, Environmental, Art & Wellness Booths. Featuring performances by multiple bands and a young musicians workshop. For details, visit <https://www.hillsboroughartsandcouncil.org/riverparkconcert>

October 31. Halloween Carnival, Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee with be sold at concessions. 6 pm – 8:30 pm. www.carrbororec.org (919) 918-7364.

October 31. Homegrown Halloween, Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org (919) 968-2760. (25,000 people in Halloween costumes flock to downtown Chapel Hill's Franklin Street.)

November

November 3. 2017 Tree Lighting Party. 6 pm – 8 pm. Join Townsend Bertram and Company for a magical night of lights, music, and a raffle with incredible prizes from outdoor brands and local businesses you love. 100% of the raffle ticket sales will go to protecting the Post Oak as the tree is in duress. Come at 6pm for music by Ella Bertram and help us bring light to our community by bringing yourself and the people you love to this event focused on nature, connection and finding the joy in the holiday season ahead. Carr Mill Mall, 200 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro. <https://tbandc.com/calendar/2017/11/3/tree-lighting>

November 4-5 & 11-12. 23rd Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour. Orange County; Over 70 artists invite you into their studios to see where and how they work. Sponsor: Orange County Artists Guild (919) 933-7880. First two weekends in November. <http://www.orangecountyartistsguild.com/>

November 14. Ladies Night Out. 6 pm – 9:30 pm. Hillsborough Merchants present: Ladies Night Out: Hats & Wraps! Come to Downtown and West Hillsborough to enjoy a night out with shopping and restaurant deals, specials and prizes. Check-in when you first arrive in Downtown at Hillsborough Wine Company at 118 South Churton Street for a flyer listing all participating businesses and the specials they are offering, as well as a raffle ticket that you must get signed while visiting at least 5 businesses participating in Ladies Night Out. Also, the first 200 women to check-in will receive a free "sparkling" gift to wear. Around 9 p.m., head over to Hot Tin Roof at 115 West Margaret Lane in Downtown to turn in your raffle ticket, and prepare for a Hat Judging Contest and the raffle drawing for a gift basket full of Hillsborough Merchants gifts at 9:30 p.m. <http://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/events/details/ladies-night-out-hats-wraps-1867>

November 18-19. 12th Annual Carrboro Film Festival. Two-day festival with workshop, films and free after party. Anticipate about 45 films. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Saturday, Nov. 18 – 11 am – 6 pm & Sunday, Nov. 19 – 11 am – 7 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for a 1-Day, All-Day Festival Pass (either All-Day Saturday **OR** All-Day Sunday), and \$20.00 for a 2-Day, All-Weekend Festival Pass. Kids 12 and under are FREE all weekend long, and do not require a ticket for entry. <http://www.carrborofilmfestival.com/>

November 25. Storytelling Event: Home for the Holidays in Hillsborough. Please join the Orange County Historical Museum for an evening of holiday storytelling from 7 pm – 9:30 pm. In addition to storytelling

from local authors, there will be music, reception and laughs. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 day of. Event at Merry Hill Farm, 2004 Ben Johnson Road, Mebane. All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201 or email info@orangenhistory.org www.orangenhistory.org

December

December 1-January 2. Twelve Days of Christmas. The Carolina Inn will be festively adorned for the holidays with elaborate decorations based on the traditional song, The Twelve Days of Christmas. There will be self-guided tours and a number of holiday activities, including festive meals, breakfast with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday teas, horse-drawn carriage rides and a display of wonderful gingerbread houses. Some events free. The Carolina Inn. Please visit www.12daysevents.com or call (919) 918-2715.

December 2. 14th Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show. 9 am – 4 pm. Shoppers can enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout the state. A wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items await you. Christmas music, a bake sale and a delicious hot lunch will put you in a festive mood. St. Thomas More School. (919) 929-1546. <http://www.stmcsnc.org>.

December 2. The **11th Annual Elf Fair**, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro 11am-5pm. Featuring over 30 local artists offering jewelry, pottery, clothing, accessories, candles, toys, and lots of unique, affordable items for all ages. The bar will be open for holiday beverages, and festive foods will be available during the event. A kids' zone will feature hands-on art projects and classic holiday films. <http://www.artscenterlive.org/elf-fair-2015/>

December 2. Hillsborough Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting & Light Up the Night at 4:45 pm. The parade starts at Corbin Street and ends at East Margaret Lane. Afterwards enjoy the tree lighting after the parade & beginning of Hillsborough Light Up the Night. Come out to Downtown Hillsborough to celebrate the Holiday Season as we Light Up the Night! Details at www.hillsboroughchamber.com (919) 732-8156.

December 2-3: 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 2-3. The Nutcracker - Carolina Ballet on **December 2** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 3** at 2 pm at Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Tickets start at \$49, Students \$10. Returning for the 10th time in as many seasons, Carolina Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* for a performance that has become a Chapel Hill holiday tradition. www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December 3. 39th Annual Christmas Crafts Show; Big Barn Convention Center, Sponsored by Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Free. Holiday crafts for purchase. 9am – 5 pm. See Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Bring a nonperishable food item for food drive for OCIM in memory of Donna Freeland. Event contact number. (919) 732-8714.

December 3. Downtown Chapel Hill Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Chapel Hill in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet children and take pictures! Music. 6pm. www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays (919) 967-9440.

December 8. 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 8. Holiday Stroll - Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour. The tour begins at 6 pm, with dessert party to follow at 9 pm. Guests 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.

December 9. North Carolina High School Football Championships, Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Two games will be played. Classifications and times TBA. <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

December 9. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade, Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro, 10 am. <http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>

December 10. 31st Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour: A Salute to Hillsborough Veterans
Downtown Hillsborough. Tour homes decorated for the holidays representing times from Revolutionary War through Vietnam War periods. Downtown buildings from different periods on Hillsborough's history will also be stops on the tour. Participating Downtown Merchants and Restaurants will also have windows decorated for the holidays from various historical periods, classic cars will be on display at various stops and around town, and living history moments will be re-enacted at various points on the tour route. Pictures with Santa will also be available at the Hillsborough Visitors Center. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way. Proceeds from the Candlelight Tour ticket sales will go toward the Hillsborough Veterans Memorial. Tour is 3 pm – 7 pm. Ticket costs TBA. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156.
<http://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/events/details/hillsborough-candlelight-tour-a-salute-to-hillsborough-veterans-1879>

December 15-16. 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 16. Carr Mill by Candlelight. More information to come. <https://tbandc.com/calendar/>

December 17. 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 21. Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk. Walk along the Riverwalk with handmade lanterns which light up the night sky. The color theme for the lanterns again this year is all white. Please do not incorporate other colors into your lantern. This event is free and open to the public but all participants must register in advance and bring a handmade, white lantern with a LED light. No flames allowed. It is not mandatory for participation, but folks are encouraged to purchase a bell (\$1) (new addition this year) to help add a quiet twinkle to our otherwise silent walk. Beginning at 5:30 pm, all participants must enter the Riverwalk from the Farmer's Market Pavilion only, 144 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. The 30-minute walk will begin at 5:45 pm. 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. Hillsborough Arts Council, www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

December 31. Night Lights: Family-Friendly New Year's Eve. Celebrate from 2 pm to 6 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.

On-going Seasonal Events

Guided Tours

Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. \$5 leaves from Alexander Dickson House, 150 E. King Street. www.visithillsboroughnc.com or call (919) 732-7741.

Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden

Year round free tours of the [Display Gardens](#) are offered **first Saturday of every month**. The 60-minute guided walk takes you through our habitat gardens and other displays that showcase the beauty of plants native to North Carolina. Meet inside the Education Center at 10 a.m.

March - November, free tours of [Coker Arboretum](#) are given the **third Saturday** of the month, **11 am**. The Arboretum is located on the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus, at the corner of Cameron Ave. and Raleigh St. Meet at the stone circle just inside the arboretum from the arbor.

Tours of the UNC Chapel Hill campus – Visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/>. Phone: (919) 962-1630 uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Walk This Way Tours (all tours \$5 per person)

Three 90 minutes tours: \$5. Town and Gown on East Franklin Street, - Departing Horace Williams House, explore beautiful and historic Franklin Street and learn about the historic homes, residents and connection to UNC. **Women on the Hill** - This tour departs from the Horace Williams House and explores the amazing women who lived our neighborhood from 1800 to the present day. **Old Chapel Hill Cemetery** - This tour departs from the gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and explores the final resting place of some of Chapel Hill's most interesting inhabitants. **Two 60 minutes tours: West End & Northside Community** – Between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, African Americans created a large community during Reconstruction. The community was home to many successful educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. During the Civil Rights Movement, this community played an important role in the desegregation of Chapel Hill. Departs from Hargraves Recreational Center. **Historic Downtown Carrboro** – Have you ever wondered how Carrboro came to be? Or the story behind the Carr Mill Mall? Take a tour of Carrboro's historic mills, businesses, and homes. Departs from Carrboro Town Hall (301 W. Main Street, Carrboro). Tours dates can be found on the website www.preservationchapelhill.org. To schedule a tour by appointment, please call 919-942-7818 or email info@preservationchapelhill.org. Also mobile phone guided tour available.

Last Sunday Open House Tours of Moorefields House and Grounds, from 1 pm – 5 pm, April – August. 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For information, call (919) 732-4384 or visit www.moorefields.org.

Arts/Music Events

2nd Friday Art Walk

Held the second Friday of the month in various art galleries throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Most of the galleries have live music and other art related entertainment. 6 – 9 pm. www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

Music on Lawn of Weaver Street Market.

After Hours Thursdays evenings 6 pm – 8 pm 101 Weaver Street Carrboro early summer (May – June) and late summer (August – September). Sunday mornings Jazz Brunch 11 am – 1 pm in Carrboro (May through early October) and the Hillsborough Market at 228 S. Churton Street from May through August. Food, music and beer. www.weaverstreetmarket.coop

Last Fridays

Events on the evening of the last Friday of each month from April through early September from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in the downtown historic district of Hillsborough. A band is featured on the old courthouse lawn plus visual arts, dance, and literature. Businesses, galleries, studios, restaurants, and museums and historic sites remain open and offer special events. Artists, food vendors, musicians, and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks. 6:30- 9:30 pm. 919-643-2500. www.lastfridays.org

Last Fridays Art Walks

Highlight gallery show openings in downtown Hillsborough from 6-9 pm., January – October. Special Holiday Art Walk December 2. Art Walk is part of Last Fridays from April – September. 919-643-2500. www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

Fridays on the Front Porch

Every Friday evening 5pm – 8 pm late April through mid-October enjoy live music, food trucks & beverage specials, and comfortable seating on the shady front porch and lawn of the beautiful, historic Carolina Inn. (919-918-2777). Also events continue on home football games. www.carolinainn.com (April 24 – Oct 13)

140 West Plaza Events

Visit www.140westfranklinplaza.com to find out more about this spring and fall events.

Music on Sundays and selected Thursdays on the Southern Village Lawn in the evenings spring through summer. Also Friday & Sat. night movies on the lawn beginning late May. www.southernvillage.com

Sundays In Hillsborough is sponsored by the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce with funding from the Town of Hillsborough Tourism Development Authority. Adding outdoor concerts to our lively arts and culture scene, was designed to make an irresistible appeal to visit our charming town to shop, eat, and enjoy the town for the day - or longer. The 2017 series begins Sunday, September 24th and runs weekly through November 19th. A range of genres will be featured including Bluegrass, Jazz, and Country bands who will perform on the Old Courthouse Square from 2:30 to 5:30 PM.

Events during university calendar year at Memorial Hall www.carolinaperformingarts.org and PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org

Farmers Markets

Year Round Farmers Markets – www.orangecountyfarms.org

UNC ATHLETICS - From late August - mid-May. Varsity teams compete in 13 men's and 15 women's sports. Schedule and Ticket Information at www.goheels.com

2017 Tar Heel Football home schedule at www.goheels.com

UNC Men's Basketball begins early November 2017

UNC Baseball opens mid-February 2018 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2018
Late Night with Roy - October 13 7:30pm

As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.

Again more details on www.visitchapelhill.org

Contact Patty Griffin at pgriffin@visitchapelhill.org

Check back often as events marked Not Confirmed are updated with days, times and costs.

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