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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](mailto:chlightupfestival@gmail.com), (919) 619-6261 [www.chlightup.org](http://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](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com)

**February 15-18. 40<sup>th</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.ncbeermonth.com) or [www.visitchapelhill.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.ncsciencefestival.org) (919) 843-7959. Town of Chapel Hill is an event sponsor of the Expo in Chapel Hill. [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org) [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://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](mailto: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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:director@burwellschool.org). Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, [www.burwellschool.org](http://www.burwellschool.org)

## **May**

**May 6, 7 & 13** The [23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com/)

**Carrboro July 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.townofcarrboro.org)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Efland Parade** Lineup at 9:00 starts at 10:00. Starts at Lloyds Carwash and ends at Ruritan club. [www.eflandruritanclub.com](http://www.eflandruritanclub.com)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.preservationchapelhill.org)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.townofchapelhill.org)

## August

**August 4-September 4.** 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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. 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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/>

**September 29 -30. 24th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo.** Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Bullriding, bareback bronc riding/saddlebronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, girls break-away roping, calf roping, mechanical bull, pony rides, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$14, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Discount for Military members in uniform, showing a military ID active or retired not in uniform. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. [www.eflandruritanclub.com](http://www.eflandruritanclub.com) (DATES NOT CONFIRMED)

## 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.townofchapelhill.org/festifall](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/festifall)

**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](http://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](http://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: FREE for children 11 and under; \$12 for adults 12 and up



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.visitillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visitillsboroughnc.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.hillsboroughartsCouncil.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](http://www.carrbororec.org) (919) 918-7364.

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

## **November**

**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 10. Light Up Carrboro.** The public is invited to ring in the holidays, Carrboro-style from 6 pm – 8 pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Artwalk will be in full swing and local businesses will be open late for shopping and dining. 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 from Yesteryears Brewery, free hot cider and snacks. Raffle prizes. You don't want to miss this. Carr Mill Mall, 200 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1098264120294993/>

**November 14. 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/> (NOT CONFIRMED)

**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 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](mailto:info@orangenhistory.org) [www.orangenhistory.org](http://www.orangenhistory.org) (NOT CONFIRMED)

**November 26. 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](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays) (919) 967-9440.

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 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](http://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. 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. **(NOT CONFIRMED)**

**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.nchsa.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 Historic Hillsborough Holiday Home Tour**, Downtown Hillsborough. Tour beautiful homes in Hillsborough decorated for the holiday season. Live music and more. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way. Tour is 1 - 5 PM Tickets \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 day of. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156. [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) **(NOT CONFIRMED)**

**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 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 17. 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](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org) 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

**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](http://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](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com) or call (919) 732-7741.

#### **Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden**

**March - October**, 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](mailto: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](http://www.preservationchapelhill.org). To schedule a tour by appointment, please call 919-942-7818 or email [info@preservationchapelhill.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.carolinainn.com) (April 24 – Oct 13)

### **140 West Plaza Events**

Visit [www.140westfranklinplaza.com](http://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](http://www.southernvillage.com)

**Events** during university calendar year at Memorial Hall [www.carolinaperformingarts.org](http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org) and PlayMakers Repertory Company [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org)

### **Farmers Markets**

**Year Round Farmers Markets** – [www.orangecountyfarms.org](http://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](http://www.goheels.com)

**2017 Tar Heel Football home schedule at** [www.goheels.com](http://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 Time TBA**

*As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.*

**Again more details on** [www.visit Chapel Hill.org](http://www.visit Chapel Hill.org)

Contact Patty Griffin at [pgriffin@visit Chapel Hill.org](mailto:pgriffin@visit Chapel Hill.org)

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

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