



## **NOVEMBER**

**November 11-December 30:** *The Longest Night: A Winter's Tale* is a one-of-a-kind fulldome planetarium show that captures its audience with a timeless fable of courage, generosity and renewal. Its story explores the concept that winter is a time for Earth to rest, waiting for new growth in the spring. Morehead collaborated with Paperhand Puppet Intervention to develop the story and visuals. Visit website for show days, times and cost. Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236. [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org)

**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 at Hillsborough Wine Company at 118 South Churton Street for a flyer listing all participating businesses and their specials, as well as a raffle ticket that you must get signed while visiting at least 5 participating businesses. 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 22-December 10:** *Dot* by Colman Domingo and Directed by Nicole A. Watson. This holiday season, the Shealys dare you not to laugh as they reconnect around their aging mother in the heart of a West Philly neighborhood, where they find that losing your memory and losing your mind are two completely different things. Tickets start at \$15. Box Office Phone 919-962-7529. *Due to language and adult situations, we recommend this show for ages 16 and older.* PlayMakers Repertory Company, 120 Country Club Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org)

**November 24: Hillsborough Holiday Art Walk** showcases the talents of local artists in walkable Hillsborough from 6 pm - 9 pm. Visit [www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org)

**November 24-December 23: Visit Santa at University Place.** Mondays - Saturdays from 11 am - 8 pm; Sundays 1 pm - 6 pm. Also take photos with Santa. University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. For more details, visit <https://www.universityplacenc.com/event/visit-santa-at-university-place/2145499624>

**November 25: Perch's Annual Holiday Handmade Market.** Perch is delighted to announce their annual indoor/outdoor Holiday Handmade Market. The event will showcase a diverse range of work by local makers including, terrariums, pottery, jewelry, knitted items, skin care products, clothes, and much more. Free. 9 am - 1 pm. Perch Coworking, 106 S. Greensboro Street, Suite E, Carrboro. (919) 260-5313. [www.perch-coworking.com](http://www.perch-coworking.com)

**November 25: Small Business Saturday.** Support the local economy and our small business by shopping on Small Business Saturday! Look for specials everywhere! Stay tuned to WCHL for details! <https://www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/shop-small/>

**November 25: Gingerbread House Class at Southern Season.** Will your roof be thatched or covered in snow? Will it look like a log cabin or a cottage? Bring the whole family, your closest friend, or come alone and enjoy holiday music & a glass of wine while you thoughtfully consider where to put that candy cane. Make this your holiday tradition! We will provide you with a blank house and a large assortment of candy. A light snack will be served. For all ages. Noon. Admission: \$45. Southern Season / 201 South Estes Drive, University Place, Chapel Hill (800) 253-3663. <http://www.southernseason.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. All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1980077905595158/> 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](mailto:info@orangenhistory.org) [www.orangenhistory.org](http://www.orangenhistory.org)

**November 25 - December 10: Hayrides with Santa** at the Maple View Agricultural Educational Center at 3501 Dairyland Road in the Hillsborough countryside. Rides are Nov 25-26, Dec 2-3; Dec 8-10. 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. [www.mapleviewfarm.com](http://www.mapleviewfarm.com) or [www.mapleviewagcenter.com](http://www.mapleviewagcenter.com)

**November 25 - December 17: Gingerbread Competition.** Exhibit at K's Closet, 200 N. Churton Street. See display of houses from adults and children. Sponsored by the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce. **Hours open** Tuesday through Friday, 10-7, Saturday, 10-5, Sunday 1-4  
<http://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/events/details/gingerbread-exhibit-opens-at-k-s-closet-1912>

**November 30 - December 22: Chapel Hill Woodturners Christmas Craft Exhibit & Sale** at the Horace Williams House, 610 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. Holiday hours Tues - Sat, Noon - 4 pm, Sun 2 - 5 pm.  
[www.preservationchapelhill.org](http://www.preservationchapelhill.org)

## DECEMBER

**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, new holiday market, holiday express, music events and more. [www.12dayevents.com](http://www.12dayevents.com) or call (919) 918-2777.

**December 1 - December 31: Holiday Tea** at The Carolina Inn. Daily 2 pm - 5 pm, except Christmas Day. Make Reservations at least 24 hours in advance by Calling 919.918.2777 or email [crossroads@carolinainn.com](mailto:crossroads@carolinainn.com). 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. Enjoy our festive holiday decorations and music while the Inn's staff serves perfectly steeped teas in vintage china cups and saucers, along with four assorted tea sandwiches, savories and delightful sweets per person. 211 Pittsboro St. Chapel Hill, Click here to see menu  
<http://www.carolinainn.com/crossroadschapelhill/chapel-hill-restaurant-menu#2470332>

**December 1: The Gibson Brothers: North Country Christmas w/ Newberry & Verch - 8 pm** - The Gibson Brothers truly need no introduction in the bluegrass world - the accolades of these "bluegrass superstars" (The New York Times) include the International Bluegrass Music Association's Entertainer of the Year; Song of the Year; Songwriter of the Year and Album of the Year. Born on a northern New York dairy farm, Eric and Leigh Gibson started playing banjo and guitar in middle school. From those beginnings, the brothers have joined forces with a loyal and virtuosic team of musicians to create their own distinctive mix of heritage and soaring harmony. Newberry & Verch open the evening. Tickets are \$37. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://www.artscenterlive.org/>

**December 2: 14th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show** 9 am - 4pm. 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. Free Admission. Proceeds benefit St. Thomas More Catholic School and the enrichment of its educational programs. Held in the elegant Friends and Family Hall of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill. For more information, please visit <http://www.stmcsnc.org> (919) 929-1546

**December 2: 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- 4 pm [www.stmatthewshillsborough.org](http://www.stmatthewshillsborough.org)

**December 2: Hyatt Place 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Open House** 11 am - 3 pm features Holiday Pop-up Shop with local artisans, crafters and vendors; Cookie decorating for kids of all ages (\$5 suggested donation to help support Super Cooper's Little Red Wagon Foundation's on fighting pediatric cancer); Special photo opportunity with UNC's mascot Rameses (noon - 2 pm). Enjoy refreshments served. Hyatt Place Chapel Hill/Southern Village, 1090 US Hwy 15-501 South, Chapel Hill. RSVP to [Kristi.Kaas@hyatt.com](mailto:Kristi.Kaas@hyatt.com).

**December 2: ELF Market** 11am -5pm. The 11th Annual Elf Market, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, 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. Free. Also East Main Square Open House ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://www.artscenterlive.org/>

**December 2: Pictures with Santa.** Come to the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located at 150 E. King St., for Pictures with Santa from 1 pm - 3 pm. This event is sponsored by Bill Whitmore, Churton Street Realty, and the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough. Pictures may be taken using your own camera or phone, or you may choose for our photographer to take a picture for you. Cost is \$5 per picture. [www.visitillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visitillsboroughnc.com)

**December 2: Holiday Market at The Carolina Inn.** 4 pm - 8 pm. Come and enjoy the holiday season with for three magical Saturdays between December 2nd and December 16th. Don your Santa hat, bundle up your kids, and get into the festive spirit because it is going to snow (with a snow machine) these Saturdays The Carolina Inn. With vendors from all over the state, The Carolina Inn Holiday Market will be 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. <http://www.carolinainn.com/holiday-market>

**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. Afterward the parade, enjoy the tree lighting on the courthouse lawn. [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) (919) 732-8156.

**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 \$25-\$79. 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 Daniel Boone Christmas Crafts Show.** This craft show features handmade items by regional crafters, including baskets, jewelry, holiday wreaths, candles, original art, stained glass, paintings and much more at the Big Barn Convention Center in Daniel Boone Village, sponsored by Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Holiday crafts for purchase. 9am - 5 pm. Santa & Mrs. Claus. (919) 732-8714.

**December 3: 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. 2:30pm. Reservations not required. Free. 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com)

**December 3: Holiday Bazaar.** Kick off the holiday season on Sunday, December 3rd at our Holiday Bazaar from 12-5 p.m. at the 140 West Franklin Street Plaza in Downtown Chapel Hill! Shop handmade crafts and creations from our 20+ talented local makers and awesome eats and drinks from [Yee Haw Doughnuts](#), [Merry Franksters](#), [Thai Box Zing Catering](#), [Napoli Wood-Fired Pizza](#), [Soul Cocina Triangle](#) and [Carrboro Coffee Roasters](#), all while you enjoy the vinyl spin of [Selector B Steady](#). The Bazaar is family-friendly and free! [www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays)

**December 3: Chapel Hill Community Tree Lighting.** Downtown Chapel Hill kicks off the holiday season in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church; 100 S. Columbia Street at 6 pm. Enjoy caroling. Bring your camera and meet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. [www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays) (919) 967-9440.

**December 7: Toasty Tales and Hot Cocoa:** Friends of the Library 25th Annual Winter Stories Program for Children of All Ages from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. Hear tales and music from around the world with Brian Sturm, associate professor at the UNC School of Information and Library Science (SILS), and a merry band of SILS students. Wilson Library, 200 South Rd Chapel Hill (919) 962-1053. [library.unc.edu/wilson/](http://library.unc.edu/wilson/)

**December 8: Holiday Tea.** 2 pm - 3:30pm. The ambiance of Carrboro's Century Hall will be perfect for this rather elegant afternoon among friends. There will be wonderful entertainment and light hors d'oeuvres. The Holiday Tea is programmed for older adults 50 and up. Registration Required. Call (919) 918-7364. Free. Century Center Center 100 N. Greensboro Street (919) 918-7364.

**December 8: The Carrboro Town Tree Lighting** at 6 pm with Children's Chorus on the steps of Town Hall at 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 [www.townofcarrboro.org](http://www.townofcarrboro.org)

**December 8: An Artrageous Holiday Event.** 6 pm - 8:30pm. Join the Historic Hillsborough Commission for a unique and enjoyable exhibition of art -- and each piece is for sale for \$99. This includes paintings, metalwork, jewelry, wearable art, photography, pottery and more! Tickets are \$35 through Eventbrite, and the evening will include great live music, food, and a festive holiday atmosphere -- and it's all to support the Burwell School's Elizabeth Keckly Bicentennial Events of 2018. <http://www.burwellschool.org>. Event is at Old Murphey School, 3717 Murphey School Rd, Durham, NC 27705; For information, contact The Burwell School Historic Site Hillsborough, <http://www.burwellschool.org> Tickets are \$35 admission. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artrageous-holiday-event-supporting-the-elizabeth-keckly-bicentennial-tickets-38210215784>

**December 8: Holiday Stroll - Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour.** The tour begins at 6 pm, with dessert party to follow at 9 pm ending at 10 pm. Guests will stroll on a candlelight tour of four distinctive landmark 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. Preservation Chapel Hill members can buy tickets for \$60.00 per person and non-members can buy tickets for \$75.00 per person. Call (919) 942-7818 <http://www.preservationchapelhill.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/>

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**December 9: Winter in the Garden Holiday Festival.** Enjoy the peaceful holiday splendor of the North Carolina Botanical Garden from 5-9 p.m. Decorated with luminaries, lights and native plant greenery, the Garden will be filled with holiday music, food for purchase and good cheer. Children will have an opportunity to make a holiday ornament, and Rameses Jr. will stop by for a visit. The Garden will collect non-perishable food donations to support the Carolina Cupboard, a food pantry for UNC students. And remember, the Garden Shop is the perfect place to find those special gifts on your shopping list! Tickets cost \$10 per person, \$5 for children age 12 and under. More information and tickets can be found at [ncbg.unc.edu/wig](http://ncbg.unc.edu/wig).

**December 9: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis: Big Band Holidays** 8 pm. Memorial Hall, UNC Campus. Tickets start at \$49, Students \$10. (919) 843-3333, [www.carolinaperformingarts.org](http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org).

**December 10-24: Breakfast with Santa** from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. Santa is coming to The Carolina Inn December 10, 16-17, 21-24. A festive Carolina Inn breakfast or brunch will undoubtedly usher in the Christmas magic for young and old alike. 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. \$35 Per Person, Complimentary for Children 3 and Under \$500 to reserve a table for up to 12 guests. 211 Pittsboro St. [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com)

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**December 10: Afternoon with The Sugar Plum Fairy.** 1:30 pm and 4 pm. Triangle Youth Ballet presents an Afternoon with the Sugar Plum Fairies. Ballerinas will dance as you sample treats from the land of sweets. Enjoy Nutcracker story time. See a magic show and get your picture taken with the Sugar Plum Fairy! It's the perfect holiday gathering. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult. \$30 children and adults, Ideal for children 12 and under. 211 Pittsboro St. [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com)

**December 10: 31st Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour: A Salute to Hillsborough Veterans.** Tour is 3 pm - 7 pm. In downtown Hillsborough enjoy approximately 10 stops, covering Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, & Vietnam War. Ticket prices are \$15 purchased in advance through December 3, 2017, \$20 after. Homes to be period correct, including the Christmas decorations, and in many cases a living history moment will be presented. Orange Community Players will provide Living History Moments at the stops. Classic cars will be on display at various tour stops. Participating merchants will theme their shops and restaurants with the varying time periods. Plus Merchant Window Decorating Contest, Downtown buildings added as stops on the historical tour and pictures with Santa at the Hillsborough Visitor's Center. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way. Also Carriage Rides with pick up at Old Orange County Court House. Tickets at Hillsborough Chamber office at 121 N. Churton Street. Proceeds from the Candlelight Tour ticket sales will go toward the Orange County Veterans Memorial. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156. <http://hillsboroughchamber.com/pages/home-tour>

**December 11: Southern Village Holiday Tree Lighting.** 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm on the Village Green featuring Mary Scroggs Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus & Culbreth Middle School Choir. Market Street, Chapel Hill, [www.southernvillage.com](http://www.southernvillage.com)

**December 12: 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 12-December 23: A Christmas Carol**, Adapted by William Leach and Directed by Michael Perlman. Longtime company member Ray Dooley embodies the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge for an evening of intimate storytelling. Bring the whole family to this witty and warm journey through a lifetime of Christmases as Scrooge finally finds redemption, charity, and love. Tickets start at \$15. Box Office Phone 919-962-7529. *Due to the length and style of the show, we recommend it for audiences 9 and older. Runs 80-90 minutes. There will be no intermission.* PlayMakers Repertory Company, 120 Country Club Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org)

**December 13: Wine Down Wednesday, Holiday Edition.** Sip and celebrate the holiday season with us! We're popping all the bottles and playing all the holiday tunes from 5 pm - 8 pm at Wine Down Wednesday. Enjoy all wine & bubbly by the bottle for 50% off and all wine by the glass for 30% off. Plus, we'll be serving up free samples of a very merry holiday cocktail, also available by the glass. Bring your friends, your kids (free gelato mini cones for them!), and your holiday song requests to join in the merriment! La Vita Dolce Espresso & Gelato Cafe, 610 Market Street Chapel Hill (919) 968-1635 [www.lavitadolcecafe.com/week-of-holiday-cheer/](http://www.lavitadolcecafe.com/week-of-holiday-cheer/)

**December 14: Gingerbread Cookie Decorating.** Get in the holiday spirit at our annual Gingerbread Cookie Decorating event from 3 pm - 6 pm. We'll supply the gingerbread cookies, candy, and icing – you bring your best cookie decorating ideas and seasonal cheer! We'll be playing holiday tunes and serving up seasonal drink specials (think S'mores Hot Chocolates and Gingerbread Lattes) and holiday treats (Biscoff Cookie Butter affogatos, gingerbread cookies, made-in-house specialty gelato flavors). Fun for all ages! Free to come by and feel the holiday cheer, \$4 for cookie & decorating supplies. La Vita Dolce Espresso & Gelato Cafe, 610 Market St Chapel Hill (919) 968-1635 [www.lavitadolcecafe.com/gingerbread-cookie-decorating-2017/](http://www.lavitadolcecafe.com/gingerbread-cookie-decorating-2017/)

**December 14: Santa Visit to the Hillsborough Police Station.** Between 6 pm - 8 pm, children 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. For information, contact Senior Cpl. Tereasa Matthews at (919) 296-9543.

**December 14: Carrboro Cheer - Carr Mill by Candlelight and Light Up Carrboro.** 6 pm - 9 pm. Experience the warmth of the Holidays as Carr Mill Mall, East Main Square and Downtown light up with luminaries! Come shop, dine, and stroll downtown Carrboro! <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/> <https://tbandc.com/calendar/>

**December 15: Gingerbread House Decorating Party.** 4 pm - 6:30 pm. Join us to learn about how Habitat for Humanity helps build houses, hear a Christmas tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree and then build a graham cracker house of your own from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. Call to register at (919) 245-2532 best for ages 4 and up with a caregiver. Orange County Public Library, 137 West Margaret Lane Hillsborough. [www.orangecountync.gov](http://www.orangecountync.gov)

**December 15: Voices Presents "On A Winter's Night."** 8 pm - 9:30 pm. The mercury is falling and the sleigh bells are ringing! Music for the season and a carol sing-along. Celebrate the holidays with VOICES, the Chapel Hill Chorus, at Moeser Auditorium in UNC's Hill Hall at 145 East Cameron Ave. Performing works by Dan Locklair, Michael John Trotta, Eric Whitacre, and Julian Wachner. Admission: Adult \$25; senior 62+ \$20; student 13+ \$10; children 12 and under free. [www.facebook.com/events/171421745551959](http://www.facebook.com/events/171421745551959)

**December 15: Transactors Improv Holiday Extravaganza** at 8 pm at the ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro. Admission: \$15 Public, \$12 Senior, \$10 Student. Transactors Improv celebrates the holidays in this show. The performance is based on audience suggestions and divided into five slice-of-life episodes with live musical accompaniment by pianist Glenn Mehrbach. [artscenterlive.org](http://artscenterlive.org) (919) 929-2787.

**December 15-16: 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, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

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**December 16: Holiday Market at The Carolina Inn.** 4 pm - 8 pm. Come and enjoy the holiday season at The Carolina Inn. Don your Santa hat, bundle up your kids, and get into the festive spirit because it is going to snow (with a snow machine) these Saturdays The Carolina Inn. With vendors from all over the state, The Carolina Inn Holiday Market will be 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. <http://www.carolinainn.com/holiday-market>

**December 16: 2nd Annual Holiday Circle Show.** A celebration of the best in classic American Folk and Bluegrass. The Circle Crew includes: Jan Johansson (fiddle), Julie Elkins (banjo/vocal), Hank Smith (banjo), Scott McBride (guitar/vocal), Danny Gotham (guitars/mando/vocal), LaNelle Davis (guitar/vocal), Bobb Head (bass/vocal), Jim Watson (guitar/mando/vocal), Mike Babyak (guitars/mando), Barry Gray (guitar/vocal), Rebecca Newton (guitar/mando/vocal), and FJ Ventre (bass). Special guests for this show include emcees Lee Smith and Hal Crowther; Triad-area singer-songwriter Laura Jane Vincent; Danville, VA based bluegrass legends Johnnie and Jeanette Williams; and Durham-based musical legend Jefferson Hart. 8 pm. Tickets \$25. The ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St. in Carrboro, or call (919) 929-2787 [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org)

**December 17: 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](http://www.oc-sportsplex.com)

**December 17: 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 [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com)

**December 17: Holiday Musical Tea at the Burwell School.** 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. The halls will be decked and our finest china will be set out for you for our holiday musical tea. We'll have sweet and savory nibbles and hot delicious tea perfect for the season. Listen to Celtic and holiday music by harpist Patrice Walker, who will also speak briefly on the harp in history and about her own beloved harp collection. Burwell School Historic Site, 319 North Churton Street, Hillsborough. (919) 732-7451. Tickets \$20. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/musical-holiday-tea-at-the-burwell-school-tickets-38781240735>

**December 20: 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 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](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org)

**December 22-23: Make Your Own Gingerbread House** at 2 pm. 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 [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com)

**December 31: Night Lights: A Family New Year's Eve** from 2 pm - 6 pm. Partnering with the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center is a day of New Year's Eve activities for kids of all ages. There will be games, shows in the GSK Fulldome Theater, Science LIVE! performances, and photo booth fun. Tickets for the star show are \$5. All other activities and games are free and open to the public. The day ends with a New Year's countdown. Night Lights offers local entertainment and food too. Kidzu Children's Museum brings the fun with science and craft activities, featuring Angry Birds and Legos, and Studio A DanceArts will perform a magical light and dance show. The popular food trucks Dusty Donuts and Chirba Chirba will be on site for snacking, or visitors can enjoy one of many nearby downtown restaurants for dinner; [www.downtownchapelhill.com/dining](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com/dining). Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236. [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org)

**December 31:** The ArtsCenter presents a New Year's Eve party with the Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Tickets are \$48 and can be purchased at [artscenterlive.org](http://artscenterlive.org) or from The ArtsCenter's Box Office at 300-G E. Main Street, Carrboro. The Dirty Dozen Brass Band grew out of a youth music program established by Danny Barker at New Orleans' Fairview Baptist Church. Several incarnations later, now performing as the "Original Sixth Ward Dirty Dozen," the band landed regular gigs at several New Orleans social clubs. The 1980's saw the group make their recording debut, tighten up their presentation, and play to audiences from Europe to New York. This led to major label attention, collaborations with artists from Elvis Costello to DJ Logic, and tours with The Black Crowes and Widespread Panic in the 90's.

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