EXPLORE ORANGE COUNTY, NC

Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough Weekly Calendar of Events

December 11 – 17, 2017

An annotated list of interesting events happening in **Orange County** over the next week, prepared by Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.

MONDAY Dec 11

HOLIDAY DISPLAY 8 AM TO 10 PM

Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (800) 962-8519

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.12daysevents.com

HOLIDAY AFTERNOON TEA 2 PM TO 5 PM

Crossroads Chapel Hill, 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (800) 962-8519

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. The Holiday Teas are daily throughout December, except Christmas Day. CLASSIC HOLIDAY TEA \$35 Indulge in three assorted tea sandwiches, savories and sweets per person, house-made chocolate confections and scones. Royal Holiday Tea \$43 Add a special touch to your afternoon respite by treating yourself to a glass of sparkling wine with a tantalizing selection of sweets, tea sandwiches, scones and tea. Little Prince and Princess Holiday Tea \$22 Our Tea Hostess and Executive Pastry Chef Annika Loureiro will gladly adjust their menu to flatter the tastes of our young patrons. We welcome children to experience the grace and charm of our Afternoon Tea and partake in this cherished tradition. For children ages 4-12. Make Reservations at least 24 hours in advance by Calling 919.918.2777 or email crossroads@carolinainn.com. Limited Seating. www.12daysevents.com

ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

5:30 PM

Southern Village, 400 Market Street Chapel Hill

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Holidays on Market at Southern Village, featuring the Mary Scroggs Elementary School Chorus. www.southernvillage.com/

SONGWRITERS CIRCLE

6:30 PM

ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Whether an experienced or beginning songwriter, nothing is more valuable than the response of other songwriters. The Songwriters' Circle at The ArtsCenter provides an evening every other week for composers to share their work with each other and receive both encouragement and honest feedback. The bar will be open. This is a time for participating in a sharing community rather than performing. Come to The ArtsCenter Gallery on alternate Mondays to find a community of songwriters developing their craft together. Upright piano on site! artscenterlive.org/

TUESDAY Dec 12

TIKE HIKE

10 AM TO 11 AM

Eno River State Park, 6101 Cole Mill Rd Durham (919) 383-1686

Have you ever wanted to introduce your toddler to the woods and not known how to make it fun? Join Ranger Jack for a toddler and young kid program. Parents, come ready to learn ways to make hiking fun, educational and an adventure for your young ones. www.ncparks.gov/

KIDS, COOKIES AND CANDY CANES 10:30 AM TO NOON

Carrboro Century Center, 100 North Greensboro Street Carrboro (919) 918-7364

Admission: Free. A Holiday Celebration For Children Of All Ages! Bring the family to the Carrboro Century Center to enjoy some holiday fun! Join us for cookies, crafts and a children's show. www.carrbororec.org

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY

7:30 PM

Memorial Hall, 114 East Cameron Ave Chapel Hill (919) 733-2750

Admission: Tickets start @ \$18. A Classic Holiday Pops. Join the North Carolina Symphony for this spectacular holiday celebration filled with joyful symphonic arrangements of Christmas classics and beloved holiday melodies. www.ncsymphony.org/

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

7:30 PM

PlayMakers Repertory Company, 150 Country Club Rd Chapel Hill (919) 962-7529

Admission: Tickets start @\$15. 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. playmakersrep.org/

MUSIC AT LOCAL 506

8 PM

Local 506, 506 West Franklin Street Chapel Hill (919) 942-5506

Admission: \$12. Prawn, Slingshot Dakota, People Like You, Us and Us Only http://www.local506.com

WEDNESDAY Dec 13

BURWELL SCHOOL GUIDED TOUR

1 PM TO 2 PM

Burwell School Historic Site, 319 North Churton Street Hillsborough (919) 732-7451

Admission: Free (Suggested Voluntary Donation \$5). The site's docent-led tours highlight life at the Burwell School from 1837-1857 when it was home to the Burwell family, the enslaved members of the Burwell household and the students of the Burwell's landmark school for young women. www.burwellschool.org

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY, HOLIDAY EDITION

5 PM TO 8 PM

La Vita Dolce Expresso & Gelato Cafe, 610 Market Street Chapel Hill (919) 968-1635

Admission: Free. Sip and celebrate the holiday season with us! We're popping all the bottles and playing all the holiday tunes on December 13 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! holiday-cheer/

EVENT AT LOCAL 506

7 PM

Local 506, 506 W Franklin St Chapel Hill (919) 942-5506

Admission: Free. Nerd Nite 4: Seeing is Believing <u>www.local506.com</u>

DAR WILLIAMS

8 PM

ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$30 Public, \$50 VIP. The ArtsCenter presents Dar Williams in concert, including a reading and discussion from her new book, What I Found In A Thousand Towns. Dar Williams' growth over her almost two-decade-long career has gone hand-in-hand with her evolution as a singer-songwriter, touring along the way with artists like Joan Baez, Patty Griffin, Ani DiFranco, and Shawn Colvin. Williams has released ten studio albums and authored four books, including her latest, What I Found In A Thousand Towns. Known as much for her staunch progressive ideals as her raw acoustic energy, Dar Williams has been captivating audiences with her sheer elegance and honesty since the '90s. artscenterlive.org/

THURSDAY Dec 14

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING

3 PM TO 6 PM

La Vita Dolce Expresso & Gelato Cafe, 610 Market St Chapel Hill (919) 968-1635

Get in the holiday spirit at our annual Gingerbread Cookie Decorating event! 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. www.lavitadolcecafe.com/gingerbread-cookie-decorating-2017/

MEET THE AUTHOR TEA

3:30 PM TO 5 PM

Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Dr. Chapel Hill (919) 968-2777

Mimi Herman - The 2017 Piedmont Laureate for Poetry will read from her book Logophilia; The Art of Learning. chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS VISIT POLICE STATION 6 PM TO 8 PM

Hillsborough Police Station, 127 N Churton St Hillsborough (919) 732-2441 ext 26

The Hillsborough Police Department is collecting toys to help Santa and Mrs. Claus during their annual visit to the main station. The jolly elf and his wife will visit with kids at the station. All children in Hillsborough are welcome to visit and tell St. Nick their holiday wishes. Each child will receive a gift. The Police Department is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages — infants through teenagers. Donations of dolls, balls, games and toys for toddlers are needed especially. No toy weapons or candy should be donated. www.hillsboroughnc.gov/

CARRBORO CHEER, CARR MILL BY CANDLELIGHT & LIGHT UP CARRBORO 6 PM TO 9 PM

Carr Mill Mall, 200 N Greensboro St Carrboro

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! www.townofcarrboro.org/

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE BACK ROOM

8 PM

Cat's Cradle, 300 E Main St Carrboro (919) 967-9053

Admission: \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. Juanita Stein www.catscradle.com

MUSIC AT LOCAL 506

9 PM

Local 506, 506 West Franklin Street Chapel Hill (919) 942-5506

Admission: \$5. Dusty Slay www.local506.com/

FRIDAY Dec 15

THE LONGEST NIGHT

12:30 PM

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 East Franklin St Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236

"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. Its star, a young girl born into a family of nomadic storytellers, embarks on a simple quest that leads her to a dragon's nest. What will she discover there, and how will it help her save her village? Morehead collaborated with Paperhand Puppet Intervention to develop the story and visuals of "The Longest Night." moreheadplanetarium.org/

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY

4 PM TO 6:30 PM

Orange County Public Library, 137 West Margaret Lane Hillsborough (919) 245-2525

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. Call to register at (919) 245-2532 best for ages 4 and up with a caregiver. www.orangecountync.gov

FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES

5:30 PM

Il Palio Ristorante, 1505 East Franklin Street Chapel Hill (919) 918-2545

What is the Feast of the Seven Fishes? It's what Italians do when they say they're fasting. More precisely, the Feast is a meal served in Italian households on La Vigilia (Christmas Eve). In many parts of Italy, the night is traditionally a partial fast, during which no meat should be served. The fast morphed into course after course of luxurious seafood dishes, often as many as 7, 10, or even 13. No one is quite sure of the significance of the number. Some families do seven for the sacraments. Some do ten for the stations of the cross. And some even do 13 for the 12 apostles plus Jesus. Regardless of the religious symbolism, for most people the main point of the meal is to gather with family and friends and enjoy delicious seafood. Il Palio will be offering this feast as a tasting menu during normal dinner service hours. 7 course seafood menu for \$84.00. Ends Dec 16th at 10pm. www.ilpalio.com/

NUTCRACKER ON ICE

6 PM

Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 644-0339

Admission: \$10 per person. Nutcracker on Ice. Fun for the whole family. www.oc-sportsplex.com/

MUSIC AT LOCAL 506

6:30 PM

Local 506, 506 West Franklin Street Chapel Hill (919) 942-5506

Admission: \$15 in advance, \$17 day of show. Crank it Loud and Local 506 Present: The Number Twelve Looks Like You, Rolo Tomassi, Cryptodira, Guts Of The Oven. www.local506.com/

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE

8 PM

Cat's Cradle, 300 East Main Street Carrboro (919) 967-9053

Admission: \$10. Heartbroken: A Tom Petty Tribute to Benefit the Victims of the Las Vegas Shooting

www.catscradle.com/

VOICES PRESENTS "ON A WINTER'S NIGHT" 8 PM TO 9:30 PM

Hill Hall, 145 East Cameron Ave Chapel Hill (504) 994-5167

Admission: Adult \$25; senior 62+ \$20; student 13+ \$10; children 12 and under free

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. Performing works by Dan Locklair, Michael John Trotta, Eric Whitacre, and Julian Wachner.

www.facebook.com/events/1714217455551959

TRANSACTORS IMPROV PRESENTS HOLIDAY HOMECOMING MUSICAL 8 PM

ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$15, Seniors \$12, Students/ArtsCenter members \$10

Transactors Improv celebrates the season with Holiday Homecoming, a two-act show featuring improvised songs. The performance is based on audience suggestions and divided into five slice-of-life episodes with live musical accompaniment by pianist Glenn Mehrbach. The show is intended for audiences ages 12 and over. artscenterlive.org/

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE BACK ROOM

8:30 PM

8:30 AM

Cat's Cradle, 300 East Main Street Carrboro (919) 967-9053

Admission: \$15. Lydia Loveless (solo) – Seated Show, Caseymagic And Todd May www.catscradle.com

SATURDAY Dec 16

THE LONGEST NIGHT 1:30 PM

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 East Franklin St Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236

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BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (800) 962-8519

Santa is coming to The Carolina Inn! 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. For Breakfast with Santa: 8:30am - 10:30am \$35 Per Person, Complimentary for Children 3 and Under, \$500 to reserve a table for up to 12 guests. For Brunch with Santa: 10:30am - 12:30pm \$45 Per Person, Complimentary for Children 3 and Under, \$600 to reserve a table for up to 12 guests. Limited Seating. Reservations Required. Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult. www.12daysevents.com

TASTE CAROLINA GOURMET FOOD TOURS 11 AM

Open Eye Cafe, 101 S Greensboro St Carrboro (919) 237-2254

Admission: \$55. The 11am Culinary Carrboro and Chapel Hill Tour is a Taste Carolina original. This tour ties local ingredients to the restaurants that use them and typically includes food at four different restaurants, substantial tastings with farmers and vendors at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, and a beer tasting. www.tastecarolina.net/chapel-hill-carrboro/

STORY TIME, PUPPET SHOW AND ART ACTIVITY 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Orange County Public Library, 900 Old Fayetteville Road Chapel Hill (919) 969-3008

Story time, puppet show and art activity on Saturday, December 16th at the Carrboro Branch Library in Carrboro located inside McDougle Middle School at 900 Old Fayetteville Road Chapel Hill, NC. Puppetry program will be Gingy: The True Story of the Gingerbread Boy. Times 10:30-11:30 am. Recommended ages 4-9, but all ages welcome. Event is free. Puppetry Program is a partnership between Puppet Show Incorporated and the Carrboro Library. Questions call Library at (919) 969-3008 www.puppetshowinc.org/

NUTCRACKER ON ICE

NOON

Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 644-0339

Admission: \$10 per person. Nutcracker on Ice. Fun for the whole family. www.oc-sportsplex.com/

OCCONEECHEE GEOLOGY HIKE

2 PM

Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area, 625 Virginia Cates Road Hillsborough (919) 383-1686 Come and learn about Occoneechee Mountain's geologic wonders. Explore the pyrophyllite quarry with a real geologist. Children must be accompanied by an adult. It is strongly recommended that participants should wear closed-toe shoes that are appropriate for hiking. We also suggest bringing bug spray, a full water bottle, snack, and a rain jacket. www.ncparks.gov

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PINE CONE BIRD FEEDERS

3 PM TO 4 PM

Eno River State Park, 6101 Cole Mill Rd Durham (919) 383-1686

Join a Park Ranger and make pine cone bird feeders for our feathered friends! We still have birds in the area during the winter, come learn who they are, why they stay and what they do when it's cold. Then, you'll make a feeder for you to take home and hang outside as a holiday treat. www.ncparks.gov/

THE CAROLINA INN HOLIDAY MARKET 4 PM TO 8 PM

Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (800) 962-8519

Don your Santa hat, bundle up your kids, and get into the festive spirit because it is going to snow at the Holiday Market at The Carolina Inn. With vendors from all over the state, our 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. Whether you want to relax with a hot chocolate or opt for something a little stronger like a mulled wine or a craft beer, you won't want to miss the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of season...and who knows...with all that snow, we're sure Santa and Frosty just might must drop in for a visit. Admission and Parking are Complimentary. www.12daysevents.com

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE

7 PM

Cat's Cradle, 300 E Main St Carrboro (919) 967-9053 Admission: Free. Roller Races http://www.catscradle.com

MUSIC AT THE OASIS 7:30 PM TO 9 PM

Oasis, 200 N Greensboro St, Carr Mill Mall Carrboro (919) 904-7343 Samadhi LIVE!! FREE!! oasisincarrmill.com/

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CIRCLE SHOW

8 PM

ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$25. The ArtsCenter's annual Songs from the Circle shows are a celebration of the best in classic American Folk and Bluegrass. The Circle cast has added a second program to celebrate the holiday season. artscenterlive.org/

A VERY GET SAD Y'ALL CHRISTMAS

10 PM

Local 506, 506 West Franklin St Chapel Hill (919) 942-5506

Admission: \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. Raleigh's Emo Night treks up I-40 for the holidays for our biggest event yet. Featuring DJ sets from Craig Owens (Chiodos, bXc), Shane Crump (Alesana, The Ivory), and Zach Dawson (akissforjersey). www.local506.com

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2:30 PM

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BIRD WALK

9 AM

Little River Regional Park, 301 Little River Park Way Rougemont (919) 732-5505

Join us for a walk along the birding trail. We'll practice our birding skills and take an informal count of the species we encounter. Ages: 6-years-old and up. www.orangecountync.gov/

ICE SKATE WITH SANTA

1 PM TO 4:30 PM

Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 644-0339

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! www.oc-sportsplex.com

HOLIDAY EXPRESS AT THE CAROLINA INN

1:30 PM TO 3 PM

Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (800) 962-8519

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. www.12daysevents.com

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

2 PM

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UNC-CH WINTER COMMENCEMENT

2 PM

Dean E. Smith Center, 300 Skipper Bowles Dr Chapel Hill

Dr. Satish Gopal, Cancer Program Director for UNC Project-Malawi, will deliver the Winter Commencement address. Congratulations to all the UNC Graduates. commencement.unc.edu/

PUPPET SHOW: "GINGY" 2 PM TO 3 PM

Orange County Public Library, 137 West Margaret Lane Hillsborough (919) 245-2525

Puppet Show Inc. presents "Gingy" based on the story of The Gingerbread Boy. Join us for a puppet show and a make and take puppet craft. Best for ages 4 and up with a caregiver. www.orangecountync.gov/

HISTORIC HOLIDAY SIGN-A-LONG

2 PM TO 3 PM

Eno River State Park, 6101 Cole Mill Rd Durham (919) 383-1686

Join a Park Ranger at the historic Piper Cox House for some Cookies, Hot Chocolate and the chance to sing along with some of the historic corals sung over the years by the inhabitants of the Eno River Valley.

www.ncparks.gov/

MUSICAL HOLIDAY TEA

3 PM TO 4:30 PM

Burwell School Historic Site, 319 North Churton Street Hillsborough (919) 732-7451

Hear holiday and celtic music from harpist Patrice Walker, who will also talk about the harp in history and her own love of this storied instrument. Enjoy hot delicious seasonal tea, served with sweet and savory nibbles. Limited seating. Tickets are \$20. burwellschool.org/

MUSIC AT CAT'S CRADLE

7:30 PM

Cat's Cradle, 300 East Main Street Carrboro (919) 967-9053

Admission: \$25 in advance, \$28 day of show

Horton's Holiday Hayride Starring Reverend Horton Heat, Junior Brown, The Blasters And Big Sandy

www.catscradle.com/

You can find a complete listing of all programs and events offered by our major attractions by visiting www.visitchapelhill.org and viewing individual websites listed by attraction.

