



**2014 HOLIDAY EVENTS IN
CHAPEL HILL, CARRBORO AND
HILLSBOROUGH, NC**
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NOVEMBER

November 20

Ladies Night Out. Get ready for the Holidays as you head to Downtown Hillsborough's Ladies' Night Out! "BRING THE SEASON". BRING yourself, your girlfriends and your shopping spirit! Enjoy a lovely evening with our locally owned boutique shops and incredible restaurants. An evening filled with shopping specials designed entirely to "Bring The Season". Participating businesses and event details can be found at: www.ShopHillsboroughNC.com. 6 pm – 9 pm. Hillsborough Downtown, North Churton and King Streets, Nash Streets, Hillsborough. Sponsored by Downtown Merchants Association. www.visit Hillsborough NC.com

November 22

300 East Main Frozen Holiday Open House: Join the Hampton Inn and 300 East Main Street businesses for an afternoon open house centered around the Disney movie "Frozen". The film will be shown at 2pm with free popcorn, hot chocolate and coffee and characters from the movie will be on hand for photos. Children and their parents can participate in hands-on crafts and games and carolers will be strolling through the site. This is a benefit for TABLE so all patrons are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item. Frozen characters will be at the Carrboro Farmer's Market that morning!

November 29

A Hillsborough Tradition: "Home for the Holidays" The fifth annual Home for the Holidays will feature Michael Malone as Master of Ceremonies, Allan Gurganus, Nancy Demorest and Nathan Kotecki. Join in for a delightful evening of storytelling and fun at Leland Little's Auction Gallery (620 Cornerstone Court) on Saturday, November 29th at 7:30 pm. In addition to storytelling from local authors, there will be live string music, a raffle of local products and light refreshments. Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough. Proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201. www.orangenhistory.org

November 30

Chapel Hill Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Downtown Chapel Hill kicks off the holiday season with the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church; 100 S. Columbia Street, on Sunday, November 30 6-8 pm. Enjoy caroling by the church choir. Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt will be the guest tree lighter. Bring your camera; children can meet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and have their pictures taken! www.downtown Chapel Hill.com (919) 967-9440.

DECEMBER

December 1– January 2

Enchanting decorations inspired by the traditional holiday song, The **Twelve Days of Christmas** will be displayed throughout the Inn December 1st through January 2nd. Enjoy magnificently decorated trees, beautifully appointed holiday décor, an events to keep you and your little ones entertained. Click here for more www.carolinainn.com/about/chapel-hill-event-calendar or call 919.918.2715.

December 6

11th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout North Carolina and find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Christmas music, a bake sale and a delicious hot lunch will put you in a festive mood. Admission? It's free. A completed holiday shopping list? Priceless! All proceeds from Christmas Holiday Shoppe 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.stmhsa.org>

December 6

ELF Fair - A Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair 11am –5pm. The 8th Annual Elf Fair, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter 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 food will be available during the event. A kids' zone will feature hands-on art projects and classic holiday films. Free. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://artscenterlive.org/>

December 6

42nd Annual Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour 2014. 12 Noon to 7pm. The annual Holiday House Tour offers the opportunity to personally experience historic places in our community. This year, explore the beautiful Gimghoul-Battle Park Neighborhood as well as the Forest Theatre. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of for members, and \$30 in advance and \$35 day of for non-members. Call (919) 942-7818 information. www.preservation Chapel Hill.org

December 6

Hillsborough Holiday Parade and Lighting of the Town Tree Ceremony. Parade begins 4:45 pm at Corbin Street and ends at East Margaret Lane. The lighting of the tree will be at 8pm on the lawn of the Old Courthouse. Carols and stories presented by the Orange Community Players, followed by activities for ladies, gents, and kids throughout Historic Hillsborough. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

December 6

Downtown Holiday Concert: 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a free outdoor concert of holiday music performed by local musicians from the Gathering Church. They will perform new takes on traditional Christmas songs from the church's album Christmas Nights. The concert will be in the Memorial Garden at University Baptist Church; 100 S. Columbia Street. Free and open to all. Visit www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays

December 6-7

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "**The Festival of the Society Tree**" (FeST), a fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring fine handcrafts and creative arts, homemade foods and baked goods, beautifully hand crafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 9am-3 pm and Sun Noon to 3 pm www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December 6 at 2 pm and 8 pm & December 7 at 2 pm

Carolina Ballet Performs "**The Nutcracker**. A holiday season staple, Robert Weiss' 'Nutcracker' is a fantasy classic, capturing the irrepressible imagination of a child's world in which all things are possible. UNC Memorial Hall - East Cameron Ave - Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333. Single Tickets start at \$29 for GP -www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December 7

36th 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. Event contact number. (919) 732-8714.

December 7

28th Annual Hillsborough Holiday Homecomings Tour. –this year's theme is Salute to Hillsborough Veterans from Revolutionary War to Vietnam War highlight Hillsborough during past war times while saluting area veterans. **Noon to 6 pm.** Begins at the Hillsborough Visitors Center at 150 East King Street and includes a variety of beautiful homes in Hillsborough. There will be period living history moments and skits performed. Churches are also participating. For information call the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce at (919) 732-8156. Tour Tickets are \$20 day of, \$15 in advance and go on sale Thursday, November 6 online at www.hillsboroughchamber.com as well as the chamber office at 1000 Corporate Drive, Suite 301 and at the Hillsborough Visitors Center at 150 E. King Street.

December 8

Jazz for the Holidays Concert with special guest René Marie providing vocals and powerful interpretations of jazz, soul, blues and gospel. Distinct collection of holiday classics and jazz standards that is sure to add a little sparkle to the season. The NCJRO performs classic jazz and big band music from greats like Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie. **North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra, 7:30pm., Memorial Hall, UNC Campus. Tickets start at \$19 for GP.** (919) 843-3333. www.carolinaperformingarts.org.

December 12.

Carrboro Town Hall Tree Lighting, Carolers and holiday cheer. Join the festivities then take the 2nd Friday Artwalk that evening Carrboro Town Hall, Carrboro; (919) 918-7318. 6 -9 pm. www.townofcarrboro.org

December 13

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade. 10am – 12pm. The parade will begin at the Old Post Office at 179 E. Franklin St. and end at Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St. Start the holiday season with this favorite Chapel Hill tradition. Get there early to get a good spot!

December 18&19

Join the Burwell School Historic Site and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for the 13th year of Allan Gurganus' and Michael Malone's performance of Charles Dickens' timeless Victorian tale, **A Christmas Carol!** Two performances of this exciting Hillsborough holiday tradition will be held on **Thursday, December 18 and Friday, December 19 at 7:30pm.** Both performances will be at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 210 St. Mary's Rd., Hillsborough. Tickets are **\$15** each and can be purchased at the Burwell School Historic Site, the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, the Hillsborough Wine Company, the Purple Crow Bookstore, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. For more information, please call the Burwell School Historic Site at (919) 732-7451 or visit www.burwellschool.org.

December 19 &20

Nutcracker on Ice. This holiday tradition takes place on two days with the first show Friday December 19th at 6:00pm and then again on Saturday December 20th at 12:00pm. Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under and Seniors over 55. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

December 21. Skate with Santa. The young and the young at heart can celebrate the season with Santa and free candy canes from 12:00-2:00pm and 2:45- 4:45pm. 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 23

Jim Watson sings traditional Christmas songs 7:00 p.m. Jim Watson, one of the founding members of the popular Red Clay Ramblers will entertain with holiday favorites with a bluegrass spin, and then lead the audience in singing carols. The Whitted Building, 300 W. Tryon Street, Hillsborough. Tickets are \$10 before the show and \$15 at the door. \$5 for children under 5. For more info contact Annie O'Leary at 919-593-1231

December 31. Night Lights: Family-Friendly New Year's Eve. Celebrate from 3 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.