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## 2019 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

*Check back often as events marked TBA are updated with dates, times and costs.*

### January

**January 20-24. Martin Luther King Jr Day Weeklong Celebration**, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Sponsor: UNC Diversity and Inclusion at <https://diversity.unc.edu/programs/mlk/> (919) 962-6962.

### February

**February 14-16. 42nd 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 16. 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 24. 2019 LIGHT UP Chinese New Year Festival**, 140 West Franklin Street and Carolina Square, Downtown Chapel Hill. 11 am – 6 pm. The Third 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, drumming and dragon dance performances, Peking Opera, games and prizes, exhibitions and workshop, silent auction, Asian food stands and trucks. When the twilight sets in, join your family, neighbors and friends in a thousand-lantern parade to usher in the New Year. Free Admission, however donations accepted. [chlightupfestival@gmail.com](mailto:chlightupfestival@gmail.com), [www.chlightup.org](http://www.chlightup.org)

### March

**March 16. 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/>

**Games at Smith Center:** 12:00 pm – 1A Women; 2:30 pm - 1A Men; 5:00 pm - 3A Women; 7:30 pm - 3A Men. Opponents to be announced.

**NEW EVENT IN 2019. March 29-31. Tarheel Antiques Festival.** The festival features antique vendors, auctions and appraisals. Located at the historic Barn at Lloyd's Dairy centrally located between the Triangle and Triad regions of North Carolina at the merge of Interstate 40 & 85. March 29 - Setup/ Preview Day: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm; March 30 Main Day: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm - Features various auctions and extended appraisal appointments throughout the day. March 31 Grande Finale Day: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Final day for wonderful deals and to take advantage of this once a year collection of the finest antiques and vintage vendors in America. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 923-3988 or (919) 732-7322  
[www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com](http://www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com)

### 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 6. 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 6. 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. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to [bjacobsfc@gmail.com](mailto:bjacobsfc@gmail.com) or visit <https://moorefields.org/>. Rain date 4/20

**April 7. 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>

**TBA. Near & Far: A Local Celebration of Global Cultures!** The event will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 pm on the plaza at 140 West Franklin Street. Celebrate the global culture within Chapel Hill at this fun and funky street party! Homegrown cultural groups will offer activities for all ages. Plus, celebrate our vibrant community with heritage music, dance troupes, and spontaneous art performances that will make this afternoon unforgettable. Taste international food offerings from our Tasting Tent. <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/parks-recreation/festivals-events>

**April 13. The 12th Annual Tar Heel 10 Miler and Fleet Feet 4 Mile Run.** Run takes you on a beautiful tour of Chapel Hill. Event starts at 7:15 AM on the UNC campus The Tar Heel 10 Miler benefits the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA's We Build People Campaign. <https://www.motivrunning.com/tar-heel-10-miler/>

**April 13. Town of Chapel Hill Community Egg Hunt Chapel Hill, 10 AM – 1 PM.** Rain date is Sunday, **April 14.** 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 awarded to those who find special numbered and golden eggs! Concessions available for purchase. Southern Community Park in Southern Village. (919) 968-2784. [www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents)

**April 13. Carrboro Community Egg Hunt Celebration.** Recreation & Parks Department sponsors a spring celebration for children ages 2-10. Free activities including a Gitan Egg Hunt for three age groups and fun for the whole family. Hank Anderson Community Park off of Hwy 54 West. Noon – 2 pm. <http://carrbororec.org>

**April 13. Community Egg Hunt at River Park in Hillsborough.** This giant egg hunt has three separate age group hunt areas: 2-4-years-old, 5-7-years-old, and 8-10-years-old. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone so please bring a basket to collect your eggs! The event also includes free crafts and a visit from

the Bunny. Inflatables, face painting, and concessions will be available for a small fee. Noon – 3 pm. No pre-registration required. River Park off of E. Margaret Lane, Downtown Hillsborough.

[http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/community\\_egg\\_hunt.php](http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/community_egg_hunt.php)

**April 13. Moorefields Eighth 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. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to [bjacobsfc@gmail.com](mailto:bjacobsfc@gmail.com) or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

**April 13. 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 27. Art in the Heart of Hillsborough Arts Show.** Alexander Dickson House Lawn, Hillsborough, (919) 643-2500. This juried arts show is free and open to the public. Guests will enjoy over 40 art vendors, music, food, and drink. 10am - 4pm. Rain date April 28. [www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/)

**TBA. Arts on the Market.** 2 pm – 5 pm. Arts on Market is a bi-annual celebration and shopping event featuring local and regional artists, artisans, bakers, and makers. Come to the Southern Village Green and enjoy an afternoon of art, entertainment, and shopping. Our vendors create Jewelry, Pottery, Paintings, Textiles, Accessories, Food, Home Accessories. Market Street, Chapel Hill.  
<http://www.southernvillage.com/>

**TBA. Farm Fare 2019: Food & Farm Expo,** 4-7 p.m., Come celebrate and experience our local farms, farm to fork restaurants, food artisans and farm related businesses at The Barn at Lloyd's Dairy, 226 North Lloyd's Dairy Road, Efland. Proceeds to benefit Orange County Schools [Virtual Enterprise International](#) programs. \$35 per person until 4 p.m., April 16<sup>th</sup>, then price will be \$45 per person. Children 12 and under \$10. <http://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/>

**April 27-28. 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/>

## **May**

**TBA. VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale** is Thursday-Friday, 2 pm – 6 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 8 am – 4 pm. 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. No tickets needed. 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/> Dates are tentative.

**May 3,4 & 11** The [25th 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 3. Saturday hours 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 6 pm.

**May 4. Hillsborough 2019 Spring Garden Tour**, Hillsborough. [Alliance for Historic Hillsborough](#), 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. Theme and ticket information TBA. 10 am – 4 pm. [www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com/gardentour/](http://www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com/gardentour/). Call (919) 732-7741. For more information please visit <https://visithillsboroughnc.com/event/hillsborough-garden-tour/2019-05-04/>

**May 4. 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.

**TBA. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Burwell School Fundraising Party and Auction.** The Burwell School's Spring Fling will feature food, live music and great auction items. *Event is 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm*. Join auctioneers 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. Ticket details to come. 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 5. 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 11. 2019 Wild Bird Walk with Helen Kalevas.** This fun hike from 8 am to 10 am of introductory Bird Identification for all ages will explore both woods and open fields, so bring binoculars and wear shoes appropriate to cover uneven terrain. Guided by Helen Kalevas, who has a Master of Science Degree in Biology with emphasis on Avian Ecology. She has over 20 years of experience in university level teaching and research in ornithology and bird ecology, including bird diet and endangered species, from Arizona to North Carolina. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or email [bjacobsfc@gmail.com](mailto:bjacobsfc@gmail.com) or visit <https://moorefields.org/> Rain date May 12.

**May 12. UNC Spring Commencement**, 9:30 am in Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Rye Barcott, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and co-founder of Carolina for Kibera will give the keynote address. [UNC Office of Special Projects](#), (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

**May 25-26. 2019 JawsFest.** The annual Chapel Hill [JawsFest](#) features Music Festival, Food Trucks, Vendors, Beer, Burlesque Show, Art and more Memorial Day Weekend off of West Franklin and Graham streets. Al's Burger Shack, Rumors, Beer Study, Local 506, The Baxter, Syd's Hair Shop and IP3 are all participating. <https://www.facebook.com/JAWSFestNC/>

## **June**

**June 1. Youth Fishing Rodeo** (ages 3-15), NEW LOCATION - Blackwood Farm Park 4215 NC 86, Hillsborough; Sponsored by the area's Parks & Recreation Departments and the Orange County 4-H; (919) 245-2660. 9am – Noon. The Fishing Rodeo is an annual community event intended to expose children to

the joy of fishing. Bring your own pole or borrow one of ours (limited availability). Bait worms will be provided. Live bait only. Prizes will be awarded and free hot dog lunch.

[http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/fishing\\_rodeo.php](http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/fishing_rodeo.php)

**TBA. Carolina Moonlight Garden Party.** 6 pm – 9 pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening at the Garden highlighting the North Carolina mountains. Dance the night away to the bluegrass tunes of Jackson Flats, and enjoy a wonderful buffet of regional North Carolina delights. Smart Casual Attire. \$100 per person. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 <http://ncbg.unc.edu/gardenparty/>

**June 2. Gala Brunch on the Lawn at Moorefields ,** Noon – 2 pm. Buffet brunch catered by LaPlace Restaurant of Hillsborough; champagne, wine & spirits, music by The JazzTones; House Tours & Grounds Tours, and Classic Lawn Games. \$50 per person. Moorefields, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit <https://moorefields.org/> for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

**TBA. 5th Annual Cardinal Directions Beer Festival.** 5-8pm on the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Welcoming over 30 of our best buddies in the NC brewing community to Carrboro to share their delicious brews with all of you! Tickets - \$15. Includes tasting glass, 5 (4oz) pours. Additional pours available for \$1 each. The event is open to public, family, and dog-friendly. Tickets are not required unless you plan on drinking alcohol. You may enjoy the food trucks, N/A beverage vendors, craft vendors and live music without a ticket. Coordinated by Steel String Brewery. <https://www.facebook.com/events/190261764866893/>

## July

**July 4. Picnic in the Park in Downtown Hillsborough** (11 am – 3 pm). Celebrate the birth of our nation with a community picnic and live music 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. 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 – 4 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 lawn 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 3-September 2, plus Labor Day in Chapel Hill, NC. 20th Annual Forest Theatre Summer Giant Puppet Pageant Festival.** Theme TBA. Paperhand Puppet Intervention <http://paperhand.org/> Shows Fri-Sun and Labor Day, Forest Theatre on the UNC Campus, 123 S. Boundary Street (919) 923-1857. Tickets at the door.

**August 3. Slushfest 2019** at Botanist & Barrel at 105 Persimmon Hill Lane, Cedar Grove 2 pm – 5 pm. SlushFest is all about the slushy and snow cones. Will have a dozen cider, beer and wine slushies. Yes, these are alcoholic (although we will have kiddie versions too). Plus another dozen topping flavors (think snow cones y'all) for endless flavor combinations. Enjoy wood fired pizzas (only 24 available) and the flat top with grilled local sausages. Tickets \$20/adult, \$7/kids. Each ticket includes 5 slushies or snow cones.

**August 3. Meet the Heels.** Get ready for 2019 UNC Football Season 3 pm – 6 pm at the Kenan Stadium Blue Zone. Meet The Heels, presented by Publix, is free to the public and will feature activities including interactive games and inflatables for kids, free Carolina football posters, and, of course, the chance to get autographs from the 2019 football team and head coach Mack Brown. Visit [www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com) for details.

**August 10. BikeFest 2019: The 23rd 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 – November 3. Sundays in Hillsborough. 2 pm – 5 pm.** The Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hillsborough Tourism Development Authority are pleased to announce the return of “[Sundays in Hillsborough](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com)” a free 10-week concert series on the Old Courthouse Square in Downtown Hillsborough. The 2019 series will also includes special treats and shopping deals. Check back for more details. Visit [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) for details as the dates get closer.

**September 6. Tar Heel Downtown.** Friday 6 pm – 9 pm on the Friday night before the first home football game. 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 in Polk Place on UNC Campus on gameday. Food, face painting, UNC band and cheerleaders, other live music. <http://tarheeldowntown.com/>

**September 7. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 8. 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. Rain date 9/8.

**TBA. Curds & Crafts Festival. 1 pm – 6 pm.** An artisanal cheese and beer festival with a focus on southern cheese-makers and NC breweries, featuring 16 cheese-makers, over 12 breweries, and other artisan food producers. Ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass, unlimited samples of cheese and beer, insulated bag to store cheese purchases, live music, and tasty treats from local artisans including charcuterie, handmade

bread, crackers, and small-batch jellies and pickles. Advance tickets only. Organized by Weaver Street Market. Event is at The Cloth Mill at Eno River. Information and ticket info to come.

**September 15-December 8. Sculpture in the Garden.** Preview party September 14. 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. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 <http://ncbg.unc.edu/>

**September 19. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner.** The Annual Harvest Dinner 6 pm – 9 pm at the Carrboro Farmers' Market has become a cherished tradition. It is a night that brings together chefs, market farmers, and our community for an incredibly delicious locally sourced meal in Town Commons. The event will feature hearty potluck-style dishes from many of the area's finest chefs. Ticket price TBA. All proceeds go right back to the market. These funds help support our programs, special events, market staff, and so much more. [www.carrborofarmersmarket.com](http://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com)

**September 20-21. Hog Day.** Friday 6 pm – 10 pm and Saturday 10 am – 6 pm. River Park, 114 E. Margaret Lane, Downtown Hillsborough. Live music, local handmade crafts and gifts; local food vendors, dessert contest, classic car show, children's area, 5K Run, Pigs on Parade Art Project and BBQ cookoff contest with lots of BBQ to enjoy. [www.hogday.org](http://www.hogday.org).

**TBA. LocalFest Orange County** (Blackwood Farm Park). Daylong county festival, 10am-6pm. Celebrating Orange County's local food, beer, cider, art, music, farming, etc. There will be kid's activities and demonstrations, cooking exhibitions and more. <http://www.orangecountylocalfest.com/>

**September 28-29. 22nd Carrboro Music Festival.** On Saturday, music from 3 bands begins at 2 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons with evening free ticketed performance at Cat's Cradle at 8:30 pm. On Sunday, there is free music beginning at 1:00 PM until midnight. All types of music! Event features 29 venues throughout downtown Carrboro with over 185 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).

**Weekends September 28 – November 3. Fall Corn Mazes at McKee Farms in Rougemont.** \$12 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. Also hayrides, pumpkins, corn hole, farm animals, barrel train and more. Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <http://www.mkeecornfieldmaze.com/>

## October

**October 4-5. 25th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo.** Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm both nights. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Cowgirls Break-Away Roping, Calf Roping, Cowgirl Barrel Racing and of course Bull Riding, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Military members in uniform are admitted for \$7 and those showing a military ID (active, reserve or retired receive a \$1 discount). Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. [www.eflandruritanclub.com](http://www.eflandruritanclub.com)

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



**October 12. University Day.** Celebrate the 226<sup>th</sup> 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 16-19 West End Poetry Festival.** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and all day Saturday. 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 16-19. 10th 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 Fall Fete on the Green on the lawn at Southern Village on Saturday from 1 pm – 4:30 pm. The Fete event 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 25-26 "Spirits of Hillsborough"** Hillsborough, the oldest town in the Triangle, is haunted! Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and The Orange Community Players for the 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. Route and theme to come. Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground. Tickets are timed and groups depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Friday tours every 20 min: 7:40 pm – 9 pm and Saturday every 20 minutes, 5 pm – 9 pm. Tickets: Adult – \$15, Senior/Student – \$12. Children 5-12 – \$5. Call (919) 732-7741 or  
[www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com).

**TBA. Halloween Carnival,** Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee will be sold at concessions (cash only). 6 pm – 8:30 pm. Free.  
[www.carrbororec.org](http://www.carrbororec.org) (919) 918-7364.

**TBA. River Park Concert.** Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 7:00 pm. Plus young Musicians Workshop at 11:30 am. Food Court, Beer, & Wine Garden, Community, Environmental, Art & Wellness Booths. Featuring performances by multiple bands including The Woods Brothers. For details, visit <https://www.hillsborougharts council.org/riverparkconcert>

**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 2-3 & 9-10. 25th Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour.** Orange County; Over 90 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, Sat 10 am – 5 pm and Sun 12 pm – 5 pm.  
<http://www.orangecountyartistsguild.com/>

**November 23-24. 14th Annual Carrboro Film Festival.** Two-day festival with workshop, films and free after party. Anticipate about 45 films. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Saturday, 10 am – 11 pm & Sunday, Nov.



18 – 12:00 pm – 7:30 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. <https://thecarrborofilmfestival.com/> Tickets sold [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org)

## **December**

**December 1. Hillsborough Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting & Light Up the Night** at 4:15 pm. The parade starts at Corbin Street, down Churton Street, left on Margaret Lane and north on Cameron. Food trucks on the Square beginning at 3 pm, Afterward the parade, community sing and tree lighting. Details at [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) (919) 732-8156.

**December 1. 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 1-January 2. 22nd Annual 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, holiday markets and much more. Some events free. The Carolina Inn. Please visit <https://www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/> or call (919) 918-2715.

**December 7. 16th 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 7. The 13th Annual Elf Fair Market,** a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro 10am-4:30pm. 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://artscenterlive.org/outreach/elf-market/>

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

**December 7-8. The Nutcracker - Carolina Ballet** on **December 7** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 8** at 2 pm at Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Tickets start at \$47, Children 12 and under 50% off). Returning for the 12th 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)

**TBA. 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)

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

**December 7: Winter in the Garden Holiday Festival.** Enjoy the peaceful holiday splendor of the North Carolina Botanical Garden from 5-9 p.m. Enjoy holiday splendor in the Garden as we celebrate the end of the year with luminaries, native plant greenery, holiday music, food and good cheer. And remember, the Garden Shop is the perfect place to find those special gifts on your shopping list! \$5 Suggested admission [ncbg.unc.edu/wig](http://ncbg.unc.edu/wig).

**December 8: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour** is 1 pm – 7 pm. See homes and historic sites with festive holiday décor, local musicians, and more. Enjoy musical performances scattered around 10 festively decorated locations including private homes and historical assets of the community. Enjoy a complimentary miniature train, circling the downtown historic district. Visits and picture-taking with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Visitor's Center. Caroling Hayrides to the West End. Gingerbread House exhibit. Tour ticket and horse carriage tickets info to come. Details at Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce office, 200 North Churton St., Hillsborough, NC. **(919) 732-8156**.  
<http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com/pages/home-tour>.

**TBA. Carrboro Cheer - Carr Mill by Candlelight and Light Up Carrboro.** 5 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 13-14. Nutcracker on Ice.** Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets \$10. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

**TBA. North Carolina High School Football Championships,** Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Game times and classifications TBA.  
<http://www.nchsaa.org/>

**December 15: 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 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. 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)

### **Special Anniversaries**

Morehead Planetarium Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Moon Landing and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of planetarium

### **On-going Seasonal Events**

### **Guided Tours**

**Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough** from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. \$6 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**

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

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

**Tours of the UNC Chapel Hill campus** – Visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/>. Phone: (919) 962-1630  
[uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu](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). For more information or to schedule a private tour (must be 4 or more people) contact [info@preservationchapelhill.org](mailto:info@preservationchapelhill.org).

**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 – November. 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 5 pm – 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)

#### **140 West Plaza Events – Live and Local**

Visit [www.140westfranklinplaza.com](http://www.140westfranklinplaza.com) to find out more about this spring and fall events.

**Meadowmont Music Series** - selected Saturdays through late spring and summer.

[www.meadowmont.net/events](http://www.meadowmont.net/events)

#### **Movies at River Park**

[orangecountync.gov](http://orangecountync.gov) and [visithillsboroughnc.com](http://visithillsboroughnc.com) - Summer and fall in Hillsborough.

#### **Movies Under the Stars**

[downtownchapelhill.com/movies](http://downtownchapelhill.com/movies) - Movies on Wallace Parking Deck in summer.

#### **Rodeo On Rosemary**

[downtownchapelhill.com](http://downtownchapelhill.com) - Food truck rodeos on East Rosemary St each spring and fall.

**Music on Sundays** on the Southern Village Lawn in the evenings spring through summer. Also Friday & Sat. night movies and some Friday music on the lawn beginning late May. [www.southernvillage.com](http://www.southernvillage.com)

**Sundays In Hillsborough** (see beginning September 2)

**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)

**2019 Tar Heel Football home schedule at** [www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com)

**UNC Men's Basketball** begins early November 2019

**UNC Baseball** opens mid-February 2019 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2019

**Late Night with Roy** - **October 11 7:30pm**

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

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

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