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2020 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

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

January

January 19-23. 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 TBA. 2020 LIGHT UP Chinese New Year Festival, 140 West Franklin Street and 200 West Franklin Street from 12:30 pm – 6 The Fourth Annual Festival is hosted by the Chinese School at Chapel Hill in partnership with the Town of Chapel Hill and Chinese American Friendship Association. The Festival features Asian Foods, Dragon & Lion Dances, Crafts, Games, Chinese Calligraphy and Twilight Lantern Parade. Free Admission, however donations accepted. chlightupfestival@gmail.com, www.chlightup.org

February 15. 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

February 20-22. 43rd Annual Carolina Jazz Festival, Locations on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Sponsor UNC Department of Music (919) 962-1039 <http://music.unc.edu/jazzfest>

March

March 14. 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 2A and 4A). \$10, \$9 in advance <http://www.nchsaa.org/>
Games at Smith Center: 12:00 pm – 2A Women; 2:30 pm - 2A Men; 5:00 pm - 4A Women; 7:30 pm - 4A Men. Opponents to be announced.

April

April is NC Beer Month. Visit www.ncbeermonth.com or www.visitchapelhill.org for details and upcoming events.

April 3-5. The Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau is the presenting sponsor for the second annual "Old North State Nationals" scheduled for April 3-5, 2020 at Orange County Speedway in Rougemont. The "Old North State Nationals" will be a multi-day Late Model Stock race, paying \$30,000 to the winner and \$1,250 to start the feature event. The event weekend will kick off with teams and fans traveling in for test day on Friday, April 3, 2020, followed by a great Saturday night of qualifying races, before fans are treated to 200 laps of racing action from the best short track drivers the region has to offer on Sunday afternoon, April 5. Information on tickets to come. <https://www.ocstrack.net/> <https://carsracingtour.com>

April 3-5. 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. Friday - Setup/ Preview Day: 10 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday Main Day: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Features various auctions and extended appraisal appointments throughout the day. Sunday - Grande Finale Day: 10:00 am - 5:00 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

April 4. Moorefields Ninth 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 or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

April 4. 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 (919) 843-7959. Town of Chapel Hill is an event sponsor of the Expo in Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org www.moreheadplanetarium.org

April 4. Carrboro Community Egg Hunt Celebration. The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department will sponsor a spring celebration for children ages 2-10 years. Free activities include a Giant Egg Hunt for three age groups. Fun for the whole family! Hank Anderson Community Park off of Hwy 54 West. Noon – 2 pm. Rain date April 5. <http://carrbororec.org>

April 4. Community Egg Hunt at River Park in Hillsborough. This giant egg hunt has three separate age group hunt areas: 2 to 4-years-old, 5 to 7-years-old, and 8 to 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. 4 pm – 7 pm. 140 E. Margaret Lane, <http://www.orangecountync.gov/870/Community-Egg-Hunt>

April 11. Easter Egg Hunt at the Burwell School. Please join from 1pm – 5 pm for the Burwell School's Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Easter Bunny will make an appearance, so don't forget your cameras. We'll host two hunts: children 7-12 will scour the front lawn for hidden loot, while kids 6 and under scavenge the garden for their sweet surprises. Please bring your own basket for gathering eggs. The event is FREE but RSVP. Call (919)732-7451 or rsvp to ronda@@burwellschool.org. Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, <https://www.burwellschool.org>

April 18. The 13th 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 18. 2020 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. Helen Kalevas, 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. Call (919) 732-4384 or email bjacobsfc@gmail.com or visit <https://moorefields.org/> Rain date April 19.

April 18. Art in the Heart of Hillsborough Art Fair. Alexander Dickson House Lawn, Hillsborough, (919) 643-2500. This juried arts show is free and open to the public. Enjoy dozens of art vendors, music, food, and drink. 10am - 4pm. Rain date April 19. <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/arts-and-crafts-show>

April 18. UNC's Spring Football Game. Game time and details to be announced. Visit www.goheels.com

April 19. Carrboro Open Streets. Noon – 4 pm. The event is held annually in April on Weaver Street. The community is invited to dance, do yoga, ride their bikes, climb a rock wall, make smoothies on a bike blender, and participate in many other activities in a public space that not many ever thought of as a place to partake in recreation. (919) 918-7392 <http://www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/745/Carrboro-Open-Streets>

April 19. Near & Far: A Local Celebration of Global Cultures! The event will be held from 1 pm - 5 pm on corner of Rosemary St and Columbia St in downtown Chapel Hill. 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. <https://www.nearandfarchapelhill.com/>

April 25. Historic Roads & Trails 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](#). 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 or visit <https://moorefields.org/> .

April 25-26. Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour. Saturday 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Tour seven gardens – rain or shine. Presented by: The Chapel Hill Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. <https://chapelhillgardenclub.net/2020-tour-home-page/>

April 25-26. Piedmont Farm Tour. Orange, Chatham, Person and Alamance counties; Tour various farms throughout the area from 2 pm – 6 pm, both days. Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (919) 542-2402. Cost: \$30 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased in advance, \$35 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased during the tour, and \$10 per car per farm the day of the tour. (All proceeds benefit CFSA) <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/>

April TBA. Town of Chapel Hill Community Egg Hunt Chapel Hill, 1 PM – 4 PM. Come to 140 West Plaza to be a part of the Downtown Plastic-free Eggstravaganza. This new event takes all of the fun of an annual egg hunt, adds STEAM activities, subtracts the plastic, and moves the whole thing downtown. The Eggstravaganza will transform an urban space into a Spring garden and will feature egg hunts starting every 15-20 minutes. The egg hunts will employ reusable wooden eggs, painted by UNC arts students. Kids between the ages of 2 and 8 will take turns hunting for the eggs in the plaza. Participants are asked to bring their own baskets. At the end of each hunt, egg hunters can swap their eggs for sweet treats and then enjoy a variety of egg-themed STEAM activities, games, arts, and crafts. (919) 968-2784. <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/16672/15>

April TBA. Funk Down on the Farm, Noon – 4 pm. Funk Down is all about doing it the old-school way. Minimal intervention. Wild yeasts. Spontaneous fermentation. Mixed Cultures. The festival will feature a

variety of styles from sours to farmhouse. The festival will take place rain or shine at Cedar Grove Blueberry Farm, the home of Botanist & Barrel Cidery. The farm will be in full bloom with a few million blueberry flowers! Enjoy more than 30+ beverage producers (beer, cider and wine) food vendors, music and fermented tasting bar. Tickets \$15 - \$55, must be 21 years old. Cedar Grove Blueberry Farm & Botanist & Barrel Winery and Cidery, 105 Persimmon Hill Lane, Cedar Grove

<https://shop.botanistandbarrel.com/event-archives/funk-down-on-the-farm/>

April TBA. The ArtsCenter 5th Annual Always Inspiring Gala. 6 pm at The North Carolina Botanical Garden. Evening will include appetizers, seated dinner and drinks, live and silent auction all to support The ArtsCenter and its programs. Individual Tickets \$95, full tables available. Info call (919) 929-2787. www.artscenterlive.org (location and times to come – above is based on 2019).

May

May 2. 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.

May 2. 19th Spring Gala & Auction at The Burwell School. Great food and drink in a lovely historic setting. Also live music and great auction items. Event is 5:30 pm – 10 pm. Expect auction items such as vacation retreats, jewelry, dinner parties, art, and some surprises. General Admission - \$50. Call (919)732-7451 or email director@burwellschool.org. Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, www.burwellschool.org

May 2-3. VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale 9 am – 5 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/>

May 2,3 & 9. The [26th Annual Art in the Garden Sculpture Exhibition](http://www.garden-art-gallery.com/) 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. 1902 Borland Road, Hillsborough. Saturday hours 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm. <http://garden-art-gallery.com/>

May 3. Spring Brunch in the Hedges at Moorefields , 11:30 am – 2 pm. Specially catered brunch on the Lawn, speaker and refreshments. Special speaker: Suzanne Adair, author. Award-winning novelist Suzanne Adair’s mysteries transport readers to the Southern theater of the American Revolution, where she brings historic towns, battles, and people to life. She fuels her creativity with Revolutionary War reenacting and visits to historic sites. \$60 per person. Moorefields, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit <https://moorefields.org/> for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

May 3. Arts on the Market. 12pm – 4 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/>

May 3. 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

May 9. Youth Fishing Rodeo (ages 3-15), 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. Site opens at 8:30 am, registration at 9 am and fishing begins at 9:30 am. <https://www.orangecountync.gov/874/Fishing-Rodeo>

May 10. UNC Spring Commencement, 9:30 am in Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Keynote address speaker TBA. UNC Office of Special Projects, (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

May 23-24. 2020 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 6. Orange County Local Roots Festival. Down-home festival highlighting Orange County's culture and traditions at Blackwood Park from 12-6pm. More details to come. www.orangecountync.gov

June TBA. Carolina Moonlight Garden Party. 6 pm – 9 pm. Join the North Carolina Botanical Garden for their biggest fundraiser of the year. Prepare to dance the night away as we celebrate a region of North Carolina with signature drinks, food, and fun. Enjoy a wonderful buffet of regional North Carolina delights. Smart Casual Attire. \$125 per person. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 <http://ncbg.unc.edu/gardenparty/> or <https://give.unc.edu/events/bot/moonlight>

June TBA. 6th Annual Cardinal Directions Beer Festival. 6-9pm on the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. A celebration of NC craft beer with proceeds benefitting [Farmer Foodshare](#)! 30+ NC craft breweries are bringing their best to downtown Carrboro, joining them is food trucks, local bands and craft vendors. Tickets are \$20 and include festival glass and 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, live music without a ticket. Coordinated by Steel String Brewery. <https://www.facebook.com/events/282370979379861/>

Either June 28 or July 4. Picnic in the Park in Downtown Hillsborough (11 am – 3 pm). Produced by The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and Music Maker Relief Foundation, the free concert features four musical acts, food trucks, community groups and vendors, kid's activities and more. It will take place at the Farmers Market Pavilion at River Park. Bring your own chairs and set up for a great day of live music. The Farmers' Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Ln. For more information, (919) 732-7741 or visit <https://visithillsboroughnc.com/>

July

Carrboro July 4th 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

July 4th Efland Parade Lineup at 9:00 starts at 10:00. Starts at Lloyds Carwash and ends at Ruritan club.
www.eflandruritanclub.com

July 4th Caldwell Parade and Picnic. 11 am. Caldwell Community Fire House, 7020 Guess Rd, Rougemont, NC. Hosted by VFW C.V. Cummings Chapel Hill Post 9100. Post 9100 leads the parade, joined by Knights of Columbus of the 4th Degree. Picnic to follow. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2464132537141485/>

Old Fashioned 4th 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

July 4th Fireworks. 6 – 9 pm at Southern Village Market Street and the Village Green open to the public. Feed the family and catch some live entertainment before the fireworks begin. [Merchants](#) will have food and drink for sale so you can dine in or grab a bite to go. Enjoy live music on stage. Activities and face painting in the Kids Zone, Show your Tar Heel pride in the UNC Athletics Zone. Southern Community Park's sports fields open to the public beginning at 7 pm. Bring a blanket or chair and relax with family and friends in the park before the show. No pets, please. **Then fireworks begin at 9:15 pm.** Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. <https://www.chapelhilljuly4fireworks.com/>

August

August 7-September 6, plus Labor Day in Chapel Hill, NC. 21st Annual Forest Theatre Summer Giant Puppet Pageant Festival. Paperhand Puppet Intervention <http://paperhand.org/> Shows Fri-Sun and Labor Day at 7 pm with 6:30 pm pre-show featuring different music acts. In addition Sunday 3 pm matinees with 2:30 pm pre-show on dates TBA. Rain makeup weekend (just in case) held for the Forest Theatre September 18-20. Outdoor Forest Theatre on the UNC Campus, 123 S. Boundary Street (919) 923-1857. Tickets at the door. \$20 adults and \$10 kids, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Paperhand Puppet Intervention annual puppet pageant includes giant puppets, rod puppets, mask and dance, shadow puppetry and stilt walking and paper-mache'characters. There is a band. Paperhand's yearly spectacle tells stories of the human heart, illuminates and incorporates myths from around the world, and inspires young and old alike.

August 2. Slushfest 2020 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 local sausages on the grill. Tickets \$21/adult, \$7/kids. Each ticket includes 5 slushies or snow cones.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/646698322459095/>

August 8. BikeFest 2020: The 24th 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

August TBA. Meet the Heels. Get ready for 2020 UNC Football Season with Coach Mack Brown, the team, Rameses and RJ. Open to the public and free and will feature activities including bounce houses, balloon

twisting, face painting, merchandise, concessions, photo opportunities, autographs and much more.
<https://goheels.com/>

Begins Late August. Sundays in Hillsborough. 1 pm – 4 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” a free concert series on the Old Courthouse Square in Downtown Hillsborough. The 2020 is a 10-week series featuring Bluegrass, Jazz, and Country bands. In addition, shops, restaurants, galleries and historic sites will be open so that visitors to enjoy. Look for Sundays in Hillsborough specials. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

September

September 12. 7th 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 for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941. Rain date 9/13.

September 13-December 6. Sculpture in the Garden. Preview party September 12. 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 18. Tar Heel Downtown. Friday 6 pm – 9 pm on the Friday night before the first home football game. A family-friendly event centered around West Franklin Street, highlighting the University and downtown business district. <http://tarheeldowntown.com/>. For information on Game Day, visit <https://carolinagameday.com/>

September 18-19. 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.

September 24. 9th 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. Tickets range from \$20 - \$70. All proceeds go right back to the market. These funds help support our programs, special events, market staff, and so much more. <https://www.facebook.com/events/723397401438127/>

September 26-27. 23rd Carrboro Music Festival. On Saturday, music from 3 bands begins at 2 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons lawn 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! All over town at various indoor and outdoor venues, all day long. Event features 29 venues throughout downtown Carrboro with over 200 musical acts as well as food, craft and non-profit vendors. Free shuttle bus from Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride from noon -9:00 PM. The event is a product of a coordinated effort by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department and the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee. (919) 918-7367.
www.carrboromusicfestival.com.

Weekends September 26 – November 1. 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. McKee Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <https://mckeecornfieldmaze.com/>

October

October 2-3. 27th 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, 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 \$15, 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 \$14 discount). Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. 3009 Forrest Ave, Efland. www.eflandruritanclub.com/rodeo

October 12. University Day. Celebrate the 227th 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

October 14-18. Film Fest 919. The Chapel Hill, NC based festival returns with an early look at some of the most anticipated films of awards season and the chance to meet the artists behind them. 2020's film lineup to be announced in the fall. Silverspot in University Place. <http://filmfest919.com/>

October 24. Festifall. Annual celebration that brings the community together around a diverse array of arts experiences. The Arts & Craft Market will have more than 50 local artists, artisans, and crafters offering everything from jewelry and pottery to musical instruments and fabrics. The Open Air Studio will have area artists working out in the open, showing off their techniques and artistry. The Kids Zone will have local arts organizations offering interactive crafts and activities for young artists and art lovers. Throughout the festival, attendees of all ages will have opportunities to create art alongside artists. **West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. Time TBA. Free.** www.chapelhillfestifall.com

October TBA. 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 TBA. River Park Concert. Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 8:00 pm. This year's amazing lineup TBA. Day ends with All-Star Jam. Bring your chairs and blankets. Food, beer and more. Visit <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/riverparkconcert>

October TBA. Tarheel Antiques Festival & Christmas Craft Show. Admission \$5. 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. Friday-Setup/ Preview Day for Vendors: 10 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday -Main Day: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm - Festival opens to the public featuring antique and craft vendors, auctions, appraisal and Christmas themed activities and entertainment. Sunday. Grande Finale Day: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Final day final day for wonderful deals and to take advantage of the collection of the finest antiques, vintage vendors and crafters in America. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 732-7322 <https://www.facebook.com/events/466262800585194/> or www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com

October 23-24 "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.

October 30. 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 (919) 918-7364.

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

November

November 7-8 & 14-15. 26th 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 TBA. Salt & Smoke Festival. Acme presents the eighth annual Salt & Smoke Festival at Rock Quarry Farm. Whole heritage hog BBQ and a heaping plate of southern sides, perfect raw oysters, the best local booze, live music all day long, and much more. Back-to-back live music shows and a DJ dance party! 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$85. 1700 NC HWY 54 W, Chapel Hill <https://saltandsmokefest.com/>

November TBA. 15th Annual Carrboro Film Festival. Three-day festival which this year focuses on the South, films shot in the South, about the South or with Southern characters. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Times and ticket costs TBA. <https://www.carrborofilm.org/>. Info to come at www.artscenterlive.org

December

December TBA. 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. After the parade, community sing and tree lighting. Details at www.hillsboroughchamber.com (919) 732-8156.

December TBA. 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 (919) 967-9440.

December 1-January 3. 23rd 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 5. 17th 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 5. The 14th 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 5. 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

December TBA. Preservation Chapel Hill's Holiday House Tour. The one-day event will feature homes in the West Chapel Hill and Cameron-McCauley Historic District. \$15-\$35. Tour is 1 pm – 5 pm. Guests are encouraged to end the tour at the historic Horace Williams House, located at 610 East Rosemary Street, where light refreshments will be served from 4:30-6pm. Visit <http://www.preservationchapelhill.org/> or call (919) 942-7818.

December 5: 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 lights, kids crafts, holiday music, food trucks and a craft market. And remember, the Garden Shop is the perfect place to find those special gifts on your shopping list! Photos with Santa Rameses Jr. will be available from 5-8 p.m. **Ticket Prices:** In advance: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. At the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Timed entry tickets for 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm or 8 pm. Select your preferred time. 100 Old Mason Farm Road. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/event/winter-in-the-garden/>

December 5-6 *The Nutcracker* - Carolina Ballet on **December 5** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 6** 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 13th time in as many seasons, Carolina Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* for a performance that has become a Chapel Hill holiday tradition. www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December TBA. 34th^d Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Tour is 1 pm – 7 pm. The tradition of opening a variety of private homes and historic sites continues, where visitors will find festive holiday decor, local musicians, and other holiday festivities. Tour Tickets available - includes access to all the homes and historic locations on the tour, miniature train, shuttle service near most locations, visits and picture-taking with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and live entertainment of many flavors. Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride**. Visit hillsboroughchamber.com as well as the chamber office 200 N. Churton. (919) 732-8156 for information as we get closer to the holidays. More information to come.

December 11 The **Carrboro Town Tree Lighting** at 6 pm with music by the children's chorus on the steps of Town Hall. Hear children from Carrboro Elementary and McDougle Elementary sing holiday tunes! 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 www.townofcarrboro.org

December 11. Carrboro Cheer - Carr Mill by Candlelight 6 pm – 8 pm. Come join us for an evening to kick off the holiday season in - the whole Mill will be staying up late together to share in the spirit of the holidays! www.facebook.com/events/2147318112241959/ . Additional the 2nd Friday Holiday Artwalk in 6 pm – 9 pm. www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

December 12. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade, Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro ending at Town Hall, 10 am. <http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>

December 12. North Carolina High School Football Championships, Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Times and classifications TBA. Visit site for teams and tickets information. <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

December 18-19. 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/>.

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

On-going Seasonal Events

Guided Tours

Free Walking Tours of Chapel Hill <http://www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com/>

A tour of the beautiful town of Chapel Hill, NC - learn about the history of the town and its relationship to the oldest state university in the USA. See the distinctive murals that decorate this slice of heaven. Get tips on where to dine, and hints on some of the hidden gems. Your guide is a native of Chapel Hill, and has lived here most of her life. Tours starting at Sundial at Morehead Planetarium at 250 E. Franklin Street. Click here for schedule as day and times differ <http://www.freewalkingtourschapelhill.com/schedule.php>

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 or call (919) 732-7741.

Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden

Year round free tours of the [Display Gardens](#) are offered **second 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 Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Walk This Way Tours (all tours \$5 per person) – check to see if these still offered

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. For more information or to schedule a private tour (must be 4 or more people) contact info@preservationchapelhill.org.

The Chapel Hill Historical Society is collaborating with Preservation Chapel Hill, presenting six **Heart of the Hill Tours** this each Fall and Spring. The tours are designed by the individual guide to share pieces of our collective story and town spirit through history, lore and personal experience. Tours last 60-90 minutes and are FREE — although the two groups invite new members and encourage donations to the organizations! Sign up at the website above.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Visit www.chapelhillarts.org for Chapel Hill events.

Meadowmont Music Series - selected Saturdays through late spring and summer.
www.meadowmont.net/events

Movies at River Park
orangecountync.gov and visithillsboroughnc.com - Summer and fall in Hillsborough.

Movies Under the Stars
downtownchapelhill.com/movies - Movies on McCorkle Place on UNC Campus.

Rodeo On Rosemary
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

Events during university calendar year at Memorial Hall www.carolinaperformingarts.org and PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org

Farmers Markets
Year Round Farmers Markets – 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

2020 Tar Heel Football home schedule at www.goheels.com

UNC Men's Basketball begins early November 2020

UNC Baseball opens mid-February 2020 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2020

Late Night with Roy -TBA. Doors open at 6 pm and event starts at 8 pm. Free.

As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.

Again more details on www.visit Chapel Hill.org

Contact Patty Griffin at pgriffin@visit Chapel Hill.org