



NOVEMBER

November 28: Menorah Lighting at The UNC Pit 12 pm – 1 pm. Rabbi Zalman will be leading a candle lighting ceremony in the pit to kick off Channukah. Hosted By: Chabad Student Group at UNC-CH Additional Information can be found at: <https://hellife.unc.edu/event/8098410>

November 29: Baroque and Beyond Concert. Festive concert in collaboration with Mallarmé Chamber Players. A cello concerto by Abel played on a 5-string instrument by Stephanie Vial, Bach's A minor violin concerto performed by Elizabeth Field, Corelli's Christmas concerto, Anna Bon's Aria "Astra coeli" and Scarlatti's "O di Betlemme altera povertà" sung by Kathryn Mueller. Former Artistic Director Beverly Biggs at the harpsichord! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 227 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$30. <https://baroqueandbeyond.org/tues-nov-29-730/>

DECEMBER

December 1 - December 24: Christmas in the Groves. Open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until Christmas Eve. Open Thursday and Friday 6 pm – 9 pm and Saturday 4 pm – 9 pm. Decorated Christmas Barn with Local Vendors Market. Visit Santa, Horse Carriage Rides, Live Nativity and Food Trucks. Santa will not be at Christmas in the Groves the below dates. The Grinch will be our special guest on these dates - November 25-26, December 3, December 16-17 and December 24. General Admission \$10 includes Visiting with Live Nativity Animals, Writing a Letter to Santa, Making a Christmas Ornament, and Visiting Santa. Enjoy horse carriage rides through our lighted Christmas Forest, available from 6 – 9 pm at \$15 per person. Carriage holds up to 6 people per ride, select time slot when purchasing ride ticket. 3510 NC 86 N. Hillsborough. <https://christmasinthegroves.com/>

December 1: Holiday Crafting Spectacular. Participants work their way through multiple DIY stations to make a variety of crafts. All materials provided. Ages 16+. Orange County Main Public Library, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. 137 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. <https://orangecountync.librarycalendar.com/event/holiday-crafting-spectacular>

December 2: Senior Holiday Tea at the Carrboro Century Center. 2 pm – 3:30 pm. Entertainment and light hors d'oeuvres for adults 50 and up. Call (919) 918-7364. Registration Website: <https://register1.vermontsystems.com/.../ncca.../splash.html>

December 2: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra featuring Dianne Reeves with Samara Joy: Big Band Holidays. National Endowment for the Arts "Jazz Master" and five-time Grammy Award-winning vocalist Dianne Reeves and emerging 22-year-old vocalist Samara Joy, winner of the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, join the JLCO to bring Yuletide cheer to Chapel Hill. Memorial Hall, 8 pm. Tickets \$10-\$124 <https://carolinaperformingarts.org/events/jlco-featuring-dianne-reeves/>

December 2 – 28: 2022 Deck the Walls Annual Holiday Show Opening reception is **December 2** from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm at the Eno Arts Mill Gallery at 437 Dimmocks Mill Rd., Hillsborough. Music, food trucks, mead, local brews and kid's activities. Find hand-made and spectacular items. View Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5 pm. <https://artsorange.org/enomill/monthly-mill-openings/>

December 2 – January 1: Home for the Holidays: A Hillsborough Gingerbread Tradition. Collaboration with Hillsborough Arts Council to bring gingerbread scenes to local shop windows in

historic, downtown Hillsborough to be enjoyed by the entire community throughout the winter season. <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/gingerbread>

December 3: 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 handcrafted pieces, homemade foods, baked goods, handcrafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 8:30 am – 3 pm www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December 3: Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show. 9 am – 4 pm. Shop 60 artisans and crafters from throughout North Carolina. Christmas music, hot lunch and raffle. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill. <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/christmas-holiday-shoppe>

December 3: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Community Holiday Parade. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm parade runs down Franklin Street beginning at Columbia Street in Chapel Hill to Carrboro Town Commons via Main Street. <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/chapel-hill-carrboro-holiday-parade/>

December 3: Makers at the Mill Holiday Bazaar. See Clay, Consumables, Digital Art, Drawing, Fiber/Leather, Furniture, Glass, Jewelry, Mixed Media (2D & 3D), Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture and Wood. 10 am – 5 pm. Eno Arts Mill Gallery at 437 Dimmocks Mill Rd, Hillsborough. <https://artsorange.org/makers/>

December 3 Holiday Arts Market at the Ackland from 11 am - 4 pm. Local vendors, hot drinks and good cheer at the Ackland Art Museum, 101 S. Columbia St, Chapel Hill. <https://triangleonthecheap.com/ackland-art-museum-arts-market/>

December 3: Southern Village Miracle on Market Street on the Southern Village Green beginning at 6 pm. See The Polar Express Movie, enjoy free hot chocolate, holiday music, tree lighting and Santa Claus. <https://www.southernvillage.com/>

December 3 - December 18: Annual Holiday Pottery & Woodturning Show. Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm, Sundays 12 pm – 4 pm. Preservation Chapel Hill's annual holiday craft sale features NC Potters Guild with woodturner friends at the historic Horace Williams House. Come find a one-of-a-kind handcrafted piece. Horace Williams House, 610 E. Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill. Free Parking. <https://www.preservationchapelhill.org/>

December 3, 10 & 21: The Gingerbread Build at The Carolina Inn. Begins with a story of Christmas magic. Each child can decorate and take home their own Gingerbread House complete with apron, chef's hat and all the holiday sweets and goodies that their imaginations can hold. Adult required with all orders. **Dec 3 & 10 at Noon, Dec 21 at 2 pm.** 211 Pittsboro Street, (919) 933-2001. <https://www.destinationhotels.com/carolina-inn/chapel-hill-event-calendar/myo-gingerbread-house>

December 3-24: Holidays at the Farm at the 1870 Farm on Saturday and Sundays. Enjoy access to the farm, transformed into a festive winter wonderland! Meet Santa, pet festive animals, take a candy cane from our peppermint forest, pet pony reindeers, enjoy s'mores, meet Frosty the Snowman and take a hayride into our animal pasture, made even better with blankets and hot apple cider. <https://www.1870farm.com/>

December 4: Craft Market at NCBG from 1 pm - 4 pm. Find holiday gifts at the North Carolina Botanical Garden outdoor craft market featuring local artisans. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill

December 4: Natural Ornaments - Family Workshop. For ages 5 & up with accompanying adult. Decorate for the holidays naturally with acorns, pine cones, milkweed pods, and more and craft your own unique ornament with materials that nature supplies. Enjoy cider or hot cocoa. All materials included. Fee: \$15 (\$13.50 Members) per child; no fee for accompanying adult 2:30 pm – 4 pm. 100

Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill. Register at link
https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0005-0014-bf39016263ba47c1b669f269e7bc057e

December 4: Running of the Elves in Downtown Hillsborough. The race starts 15 minutes before the Parade begins, and follows the same route. Experience the joy of running fast downhill in front of thousands of cheering people. Elf themed. Each participant has the option to select an Elf t-shirt, an Elf hat, and bells. Each participant is expected to wear these during the run. Or if you have a favorite Elf costume, feel free to wear that instead. Registration ends November 27.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Hillsborough/RunningoftheElves>

December 4: Light up the Night Hillsborough Holiday Parade begins at 4 pm in Downtown Hillsborough. The parade will travel south on Churton Street from Corbin Street to Margaret Lane, and end at the intersection of Margaret Lane and Cameron Street. UNC Basketball Great Phil Ford is the Grand Marshal. Tree Lighting and Community Sing immediately following the parade on the Old Courthouse Lawn. <https://www.hillsboroughchamber.com/light-up-the-night-holiday-parade/>

December 4: Chapel Hill Tree Lighting at University Baptist Church Plaza in downtown Chapel Hill from 6 – 6:30 pm. Music by The Tarpeggios. <https://www.facebook.com/events/695679591964621>

December 4, 11 & 18: Root Cellar Gingerbread Houses. Supplied one fully built house, candy and house-made piped icing. You bring the creativity and holiday spirit to 750 MLK Jr Blvd., Chapel Hill. (919) 967-3663. 4 pm – 6 pm. \$45 each. Sign up at <https://rootcellarchapelhill.com/gingerbread/>

December 4 & 18: The Carolina Inn presents Our Favorite Things - The Carolina Inn Holiday Market is a European style market with a nod of southern flare. Vendors from all over the state. Shop for hand crafted yuletide gifts from chocolates, to jewelry, to ornaments and more! Join us on our Front Porch on **November 27, December 4 or December 18** from 12pm- 4pm. 211 Pittsboro Street, (919) 933-2001 <https://www.destinationhotels.com/carolina-inn/chapel-hill-event-calendar/holiday-market>

December 4 & 18: The Carolina Inn presents Our Favorite Things - The Carolina Inn BIER GARTEN Join us under our festive tent in the Anne Hill Courtyard for an exceptional lineup of craft beers, mulled wine and signature cocktails. Feast on soft pretzels, corn dogs, brats and more! Your sweet tooth won't be disappointed either. **December 4 or December 18** from 12pm- 4pm. 211 Pittsboro Street, (919) 933-2001 <https://www.destinationhotels.com/carolina-inn/chapel-hill-event-calendar/1>

December 7: Columbia Marionette in Cinderella's Holiday Ball. The classic story of Cinderella unfolds against a magical winter holiday landscape. Join her as she attends the Prince's Holiday Ball with the help of her Fairy Godmother and a mysterious talking Clock Tower. 10:30-11:30am at Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St., Carrboro. \$3 per participant; Children 12 months and under admitted free. Registration Website: <https://register1.vermontsystems.com/.../ncca.../splash.html>

December 7 & 11: Winter Walk on the UNC Campus. Meander through the older parts of UNC and see mature specimens of broad-leaf evergreens, conifers, unusuals, and a few originals, storied hollies and cultivars. Geoffrey Neal will lead the walk. Pass through McCorkle Place, Polk Place and the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, and find plants introduced by W.C. Coker. \$18 (\$16 for members). Dec 7 – registration first link and Dec 11 registration second link.
https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0005-0014-02677b5a5feb481c960ca45801ccc8ef
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December 8, 16 & 22: Sundaes with Santa from 2:45 pm – 7:30 pm at Maple View Ice Cream Country Store, 6900 Rocky Ridge Road, Hillsborough. Visit with Santa and his Friends from the North Pole. Collecting diapers, baby wipes, pull-ups, gift cards for Sam's Wish Find at Kids Path of Hospice.
<https://www.facebook.com/MapleViewFarmIceCream/photos/a.512930585457451/5542103799206746/>

December 9: Beginner Woodworking Workshop at Kidzu Children's Museum, 5:30 pm – 7 pm. Learn how to safely use woodworking hand tools, while crafting a centerpiece-worthy napkin holder just in time for the holidays! This program is for ages 6+. A caregiver is required to attend with each child due to the use of hand tools throughout this workshop. 201 S. Estes Drive, University Place, Chapel Hill <https://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org/events/beginner-woodworking-workshop-2/>

December 9: Annual Carrboro Holiday Tree Lighting at 6 pm. All invited to join members of the Town Council along with local schoolchildren as we officially kick off the season with music and the lighting of the community tree. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main Street, Carrboro <http://www.carrboronc.gov/calendar.aspx?eid=6642>

December 9: Holiday Circle Show. This traditional holiday show is back, including all your favorite Circle musicians. We'll be filming the show live as part of a UNCW Documentary about the Circle shows. The ArtsCenter. 8 pm – 9:30 pm. Tickets \$25. 300-G East Main St. in Carrboro, or call (919) 929-2787 <https://artscenterlive.org/performance/holiday-circle-show-2022/>

December 9, 16 & 23: Fridays with Santa from 10 am – 12 pm. Santa is coming to Kidzu! He's made time in his busy schedule to be here with the Kidzu Crew and he wants to see you! Get your photo with Santa for just \$10.00 minimum donation per child. Donations accepted upon arrival. Kidzu Children's Museum in University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. <https://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org/>

December 9 – January 1 – Hillsborough Holiday Wreath Stroll 2022. Wreaths will be on display on businesses and homes. Get map at the Visitors Center at 175 E. King Street or go online to www.visithillsboroughnc.com

December 10: The Efland Christmas Parade begins at 10 am. The parade line-up will be at 9 am on the gravel drive next to the car wash (at the stop light). The parade will travel from this spot, down Forrest Ave, and end at the Ruritan Club building, 3009 Forrest Avenue, Efland. <http://eflandruritanclub.com/news-events>

December 10: Sunshine Lavender Farm Holiday Open House in Hurdle Mills in northern Orange County. Farm festivities for you! Nibble treats. Be a glassblower. Shop local for handmade gifts. Door prizes. Gift w/ purchase - a native NC tree! Visit www.sunshinelavenderfarm.co for tickets or to learn more. 4104 Millstone Road Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

December 10: Pictures with Santa at the Hillsborough Visitors Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 E King Street, Hillsborough. Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough from 11 am. to 3 pm. There will be costumed interpreters singing Victorian Christmas Carols and sharing the history of Saint Nicholas and the Christmas Tree. Then, starting at noon, Santa and Mrs. Claus will pose for pictures on the back porch. Guests are encouraged to take their own photographs and to leave letters for Santa in the North Pole mailbox. The gift shop will be open as well, offering a variety of local goods and books. This is a free event, but donations are appreciated. www.historichillsborough.org

December 11: Burwell School Historic Site Holiday Open House from 2pm – 4 pm. Enjoy a Victorian-style afternoon with food, drinks, crafts and a visit from Santa. 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/burwell-school-historic-site-holiday-open-house-tickets-465769498107>

December 11: Hanukkah Festival 2 pm – 5 pm. Kick off the Hanukkah season with our annual Hanukkah Festival. Enjoy a day of fun with the family, including: Six giant inflatables! Bounce houses, slides; Kids' Corner with arts and crafts, face painting, and more! PJ Library activities; Latkes and sufganiyot for sale at the J Café. Menorah lighting at 4:30PM. Judaica goods/crafts for sale, from our local synagogues. Jewish for Good at Levin JCC, 1937 Cornwallis Road, Durham. <https://www.jewishforgood.org/calendar>

Through December 12: Drop new unwrapped toys at the Hillsborough Police station — 127 N. Churton St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Last drop off at 4 pm Dec 12.

<https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/news/news/2022/11/17/1392/police-collecting-toys-for-santas-annual-visit.html>

December 14: Santa Claus Visit will take place 6 to 8 pm at the Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center, located in the Fairview neighborhood in Hillsborough. The community center, located at 501 Rainey Ave. Hillsborough will be transformed into a winter wonderland, with a light display from December 14 through January 1.

December 15: Kids, Cookies and Candy Canes from 10:30 am – Noon. Bring the family to enjoy some holiday fun! Join us for cookies, crafts, and a children's show. Free. Registration Website: <https://register1.vermontsystems.com/.../ncca.../splash.html>

December 15: Gingerbread Cookie Decorating at La Vita Dolce in Southern Village from 2:30 pm – 5 pm. We'll have everything you need: gingerbread cookies, icing, and candy — and even some holiday tunes. \$6.50 at 610 Market Street, Chapel Hill. <https://www.lavitadolcecafe.com/gingerbread-cookie-decorating-2022/>

December 16: Jingle Bell Express -a merry ride through Chapel Hill and Carrboro for our youngest riders (age 2-7) on a Chapel Hill Transit Bus. Story time, hot chocolate and more surprises. 10 am – Noon leaving from University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive. **REGISTRATION IS FULL** for everyone's safety and comfort we are closing registration. Standby riders are welcome, but not guaranteed. <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=600443158751211&set=a.528962492565945>

December 16-17: Nutcracker on Ice. Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at 11 am. Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$15 per person. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <https://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>

December 16-17: Voices The Chapel Hill Chorus December Concert. Sat at 7:30 pm and Sun at 3 pm. The concert will be held at Moeser Auditorium in Hill Hall, UNC Campus., December concert, Winter Joy, features the full company performing Kirk Mechem's Seven Joys of Christmas Our chamber ensemble, Cantari, will present a set of a cappella pieces. General Admission: \$20, Students: \$10, Kids 12 and under free. Purchase tickets online and at the door. <https://www.voiceschapelhill.org/>

December 17: Light-a-Luminary in Southern Village beginning at 5:30 pm. Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. Participants contribute \$20. 29th Annual Light a Luminary in Southern Village to benefit the Ronald McDonald House presented by UNC Hospitals. <https://www.southernvillage.com/>

December 17: Wild Mind Improv Holly Jolly Holiday Show is 6 pm - 7 pm at the West End Theater in The ArtsCenter. Delicious, Delightful, Nutritious entertainment for the kids, the grands and everyone in between! Join us for this very special Holiday improv celebration. Tickets \$8-12. <https://artscenterlive.org/performance/wild-mind-improv-holly-jolly-holiday-show/>

December 17 & December 22: Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop. Design your own winter wonderland at our Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop at Kidzu Children's Museum in University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive. We'll have all the materials (and sweets!) you'll need to decorate the perfect gingerbread house for the holidays. Hot cocoa bar included! All ages welcome! Drop-off available for ages 6+. December 17 is 3 pm – 4:30 pm and December 22 is 5:30 pm – 7 pm. \$25. Register online. <https://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org/events/gingerbread-workshop/>

Through December 18 on Saturday and Sunday: The Longest Night A Winter's Tale at the Morehead Planetarium & Science Center. Begins Saturday and Sunday from 3 pm – 4 pm. Continues through **December 18** and picks back up **January 7**. 250 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Visit <https://moreheadplanetarium.org/calendar/>

December 18: Skate with Santa. 1 pm – 3 pm. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <https://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>

December 18: - Colonial Inn's Storytime with Mrs. Claus at 4:30 pm. 153 W. King Street, Hillsborough. Reading The Gingerbread Man and crafts to follow.
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=616109216956771&set=a.546755247225502>

Through December 23: Winter Wonderland With Goats at Spring Haven Farm every Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm. Find your own freshly cut tree. Hop on the Polar Express Tractor Train while you sip on hot cocoa. Create one of a kind Christmas Tree Ornaments at Santa's Workshop. Tickets are \$13.50 each, kids under 3 are free. Ticket Includes visiting all of the animals, the Polar Express, the Wonderland Barn. Ornament making is \$5 - \$15 ea. Animal treat bags are \$1 ea. Spring Haven Farm 5306 Homer Ruffin Rd Chapel Hill (919) 407-1806 <https://www.springhaven.farm/>

December 21: Solstice Lantern Walk 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Each December, the Winter Solstice marks the beginning of the winter season in the Northern Hemisphere, and the longest night of the year. Individuals are asked to bring a handmade lantern that lights up the night, to guide all of us along the walk. Participants will gather at the Eno River Farmer's Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Lane and be led on a procession through River Park, to the River Walk, and ending back in downtown Hillsborough. This year will feature more local artists, live music, hot drinks, warm food, and more to be enjoyed before and after the walk at the first event Solstice Market! Registration is required to participate. Good place for viewing is the Eno River Parking Deck. The event is free, but we have a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. Visit for more information <https://www.hillsborougharts council.org/solstice>

December 24: Christmas Eve Skate. 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <https://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>

Through December 24: 2022 Holiday Art Show at FRANK Gallery. Wonderful artwork in various media from a wide array of local and regional artists!. 11 am – 5 pm, Tuesday – Saturday. University Place, 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill 919-636-4135. <https://www.frankisart.com/>

Through December 24: Deck the Halls Christmas Tree Market at 4915 Hillsborough Road Durham, 27705 in Orange County. Fresh cut Fraser Fir Christmas Trees wreaths, various Christmas goods.

Sunday December 18 – Monday, December 26: Hanukkah

December 18: Hanukkah 8K and 1 mile Family Fun Run. Now in its third year, our Hanukkah 8k offers something for competitive runners and casual walkers alike. Whether you run the entire 8k around campus or walk 1k – you get to enjoy donuts and Hanukkah gelt at the end! Register online. <https://jewishforgood.squarespace.com/calendar>

December 25: Mitzvah Day. Join us for our 17th annual day of service, when the Jewish community comes together to make a day off a "day on" supporting those in need. Choose from 25 projects that fit your needs and interests, on the Jewish for Good campus, on-site at our community partners' locations, or at home with friends and family. Volunteer registration opens in mid-November. <https://jewishforgood.squarespace.com/calendar>

Monday December 26 – Sunday January 1 is Kwanzaa

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