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2024 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

January

January 14-19 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

Black History Month – Carrboro Events
<https://www.carrboronc.gov/2978/Black-History-Month>

Black History Month – Orange County Events
<https://orangecountync.gov/3307/2024-Black-History-Month>

February 15-17. 47th 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. 3rd annual Chapel Hill Black Film Festival at the Silverspot Theater.
<https://chapelhillfilmfest.com/> <https://argylerebelfilms.com/>

March

March 10. Carrboro Kite Fly, Hank Anderson Park in Carrboro, off Hwy 54 West. Free 1 pm – 3 pm. Welcome spring and bring your own kite. If raining, event will be cancelled.
<http://carrbororec.org/calendar.aspx?eid=7593>

March 16. The ArtsCenter's 2024 Golden Horizon Gala. For information, please contact Wendy Smith 984-500-4523 / wsmith@artscenterlive.org 5:30 pm www.artscenterlive.org
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/yKx/>

March 17. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is family-friendly and free. Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main St.
<https://www.facebook.com/thebazaarus>

March 23. Community Egg Hunt at Central Recreation Center Field in Hillsborough. This giant egg hunt has three separate age group hunt areas: 0-4-years-old – 11:45 am; 5-8-years-old – 12:15 pm; and 9-12-years-old – 12:45 pm. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone so please bring a basket to collect your eggs! The event also includes Bunny Photos at 1 pm plus inflatables, crafts and face painting. 11 am – 2 pm. Pre-registration required by Saturday, March 16. Field behind Central Recreation Center, 302 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough. \$10 per household. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/recreation>

March 23. Carrboro Community Egg Hunt Celebration. Recreation & Parks Department sponsors a spring celebration for children ages 2-10. Free activities including a GIANT 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/calendar.aspx?eid=7594>

March 23. EASTER EGGstravagnaza at Chapel Hill Community Center pool from 3 pm – 5 pm. Come dive for Easter Eggs. At the end of the event, trade the eggs in for a special Easter themed prize. Registration is \$10-\$15 per person. Take a photo with the Easter Bunny. 120 S. Estes Drive. (919) 968-2784.
www.chapelhillparks.org

March 23. EGG-STREME Hunt at Chapel Hill Community Center. 8 pm – 9 pm. Gather your friends, bring a flashlight and search for eggs and prizes in the dark at 120 S. Estes Drive. Ages 6-13. Costs \$15 - \$18. (919) 968-2784. www.chapelhillparks.org

March 23. Historic Grounds Hike at Moorefields. Walk the grounds of historic Moorefields at 10 am with Board Members Rich Shaw and Paul Noe. Explore the ways the landscape and its uses have changed over the past 250+ years to meet the needs of the people who lived there. No registration required. Rain date March 24 at 10 am. 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/>

March 23. Spring Equinox sponsored by the Hillsborough Arts Council. Event is from **6-9 p.m.**, at the beautiful home of local author and photographer couple, Jill McCorkle and Tom Rankin, for an evening of spring surprises you won't want to miss. **Highlights include:** Live jazz with Alison Wiener & Company of MahaloArts, Festive food & drink, second annual Equinox Auction, showcasing a curated selection of local artists, distinctly Hillsborough pieces, and unique experiences, surprise entertainment and more. For tickets visit <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/equinox>

March 30. Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt from 10 – 10:45 am and 11 – 11:45 am at Oakwood Park in Chapel Hill. Hunt for kids with different abilities and special needs.

March 30. Carrboro Flashlight Egg Hunt. Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department event for youth ages 11 – 14. Bring your own flashlight, bag or basket and hunt for special golden eggs in the dark. Prizes. Wilson Park. Registration at 7:45 pm; Rules & info at 8:10 pm and hunt begins at 8:20 pm.
<http://carrbororec.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=7595&month=2&year=2024&day=26&calType=0>

April

April 6. UNC Science Expo, UNC Campus at Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, Chapel Hill, 11am - 4pm. Morehead Planetarium, in partnership with the students and faculty at UNC, celebrate science with our community — as a part of the [North Carolina Science Festival](https://www.ncsciencefestival.org). This annual celebration of science features more than 100 hands-on activities and science demonstrations lead by STEM students, researchers, and practitioners from UNC-Chapel Hill. www.ncsciencefestival.org (919) 843-7959.
<https://moreheadplanetarium.org/program/expo/>

April 6. Revolutionary War Living History Day. With live reenactors, dancers, historic tours, interactive activities, and collaborative events throughout town, Revolutionary War Living History Day focuses on Hillsborough's unique role in the American Revolution, recalling the occupation of Hillsborough by British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and his 1,900-man army on February 20th, 1781. Activities are at Visitors Center, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the Orange County Historical Museum, the

Burwell School Historic Site, and Eagle Lodge. Sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, 10 am – 4 pm. (919) 732-7741. <https://www.historichillsborough.org/revolutionary-war-living-history-day>

April 6-7. 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. \$7 weekend pass. April 6 Main Day: 9 am – 5 pm - Festival opens to the public featuring antique and craft vendors, auctions, appraisal and Christmas themed activities and entertainment. April 7 Grande Finale Day: 9 am – 5 pm. Second day of antiques, crafters and vintage vendors. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 923-3988 or (919) 732-7322 www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com

April 14. 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 14. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is family-friendly and free. Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main St. <https://www.facebook.com/thebazaarus>

April 19 - Fridays on the Front Porch at The Carolina Inn begins for 2024. Every Friday evening 5 pm – 8 pm April 19 through October 18. 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). www.carolinainn.com

April 20. The 17th Annual Tar Heel 10 Miler and Fleet Feet 4 Mile Run. Run takes you on a beautiful tour of Chapel Hill. Event starts at 7:45 AM on the UNC campus Start Line: 199 South Rd Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, near the UNC Bell Tower and Finish Line: 104 Stadium Drive near Kenan Stadium Gate 2. <https://tarheel10miler.com/>

April 20. River Park Concert. The event opens at 12pm, music will begin at 12:30 and wrap up around 8:00pm. www.riverparkconcert.com. Entrance to the park at the River Arch is 228 S. Churton Street. There will be 4 bands, local beer, food, art vendors, live mural painting, and community mural. It is completely free to attend. More information to come.

April 20. Fields of Funk Beer Festival. Coordinated by Steel String Brewery at Pluck Farm at 6901 NC Hwy 54 West, Mebane in western Orange County. 3 pm. More details to come. <https://www.facebook.com/events/707692361349471>

April 20-21. 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) <https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/piedmont-farm-tour/>

April 21. 33rd Bi-annual Carrboro CD and Record Show. 42 tables of new and used CDs, vinyl records and music memorabilia. Free admission. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro. Contact 919-260-0661 gerrycw51@gmail.com and www.musicalroots.net (second show in Fall)

April 21. Arts on the Market. 12pm – 4 pm. Arts on Market is a bi-annual celebration and shopping event featuring hand-crafted art and gifts made by regional artists, artisans, bakers, and makers. Market Street, Chapel Hill. (Second show in the Fall) <https://www.southernvillage.com/arts-on-market>

April 27-28, 2024. Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour with the theme Tucked Away Treasures. Mark your calendar. More information soon. <https://chapelhillgardenclub.net/>

TBA. UNC's Spring Football Game at 3 pm. Admission is free and several events are planned for fans of all ages. The Spring Game features a Fan Fest around the Bell Tower. The Fan Fest will start at 1 p.m. and remain open until 2:30 p.m. It included interactive games for kids, the Bell Tower climb, music and more! Public Parking Bell Tower Deck (ADA Parking), Bowles Lot, Cardinal Deck, Craige Deck, Jackson Deck and Manning Lot. Visit www.goheels.com

TBA. Masquerade Gala. The Annual Burwell School Gala and Auction returns. Details to come. Celebrate 61 years of the Historic Hillsborough Commission. Ticket details to come. Call (919)732-7451 or email director@burwellschool.org. Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, www.burwellschool.org

May

May 3-5. VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale. 9 am – 4 pm. The VIETRI Warehouse Sale is a semi-annual sale at our Outlet Store in Hillsborough, NC. Additional discounts are offered on discontinued, slightly flawed, and one-of-a-kind Italian handcrafted dinnerware, glassware, flatware, home décor, and more! Located at 343 Elizabeth Brady Road in Hillsborough, NC, Phone at (919) 245-4181. Warehouse Sale Details: <https://www.vietri.com/pages/warehouse-sale> Also a Fall Version.

May 3 – June 21. Freight Train Blues Concert Series. Each spring the Music Makers and the Town of Carrboro present eight free root music concerts at the Carrboro Town Commons on Fridays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Beer and food available for purchase. <https://musicmaker.org/freight-train-blues-concert-series/>

May 4. Movies Under the Stars at 7 pm at Carolina Square. Star Wars Trivia, contests and Star Wars A New Hope begins. <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/movies-under-the-stars-6/>

May 4-5, 11. 29th 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. Saturday hours 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm. <https://garden-art-gallery.com/>

May 5. Wild Bird Walk with Tom Driscoll. This fun hike, an introductory Bird Identification for all ages will explore both woods and open fields, so bring binoculars and wear shoes appropriate to cover uneven terrain. 8 am. 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/>

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

May 11. Moorefields Annual Spring Wildflower and Creek Surrounds Hike. 10 am. 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, retired senior regional ecologist for NatureServe, and an expert on Piedmont wildflowers and Laura Cotterman. 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/>

May 11. UNC Spring Commencement Class of 2024. 7 pm in Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Keynote speaker is NASA astronaut Zena Cardman, who earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and Master of Science in marine sciences from UNC in 2010 and 2014, respectively. Selected as a NASA astronaut in 2017, Cardman is now the commander of NASA's Crew-9 mission, a four-person crew that will launch to the International Space Station later this year. The group will join an international crew and will conduct a range of operational and research activities during their stay. UNC Office of Special Projects, (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

May 12. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is family-friendly and free. Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main St. <https://www.facebook.com/thebazaarus>

May 18. Youth Fishing Rodeo (ages 3-15), Blackwood Farm Park 4215 NC 86, Hillsborough from 9:30 a. - 11 am. Sponsored by the area's Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation; Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department and Orange County Cooperative Extension. Pre-registration required by May 15. 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. Rain date May 19 from 2 pm – 4 pm. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/recreation>

May 18. Historic Hillsborough Excursion Day from 10 am – 4 pm. The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, together with Hillsborough's local historic sites, is hosting the return of Historic Hillsborough Excursion Day. The Alexander Dickson House, the Burwell School, the Orange County Historical Museum, Ayr Mount, the Occaneechi Village, and more, are coming together to showcase Hillsborough's historic significance. This will be a day full of reenactments, exhibits, tours, and family-friendly fun. More details to come. <https://historichillsborough.org/>

May 28-July Lavender Oaks Farm Lavender season. Our lavender begins blooming in late May. June is peak for the best blooms and opening day and u-pick begins May 28, 2024. \$25 for 25 stems of lavender that you cut. Pre-cut bundles are available to purchase in their boutique. Visit the website for Lavendar lunches, wine dinners and other events planned. The boutique is open year-round Tuesday – Friday 11 am – 3 pm 3833 Millard Whitley Road Chapel Hill, NC 27516. <https://lavenderoaks.farm/>

TBA. Carolina Moonlight Garden Party. 6 pm – 9 pm. Dress in your best floral attire and join us for live music, an opening reception, dinner on-site amongst the native wildflowers, and a spirited fundraiser benefitting the Garden's plant conservation work. North Carolina Botanical Garden 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. <https://ncbg.unc.edu/event/carolina-moonlight-garden-party/>

TBA Ixtapa Fest. Free Two-Day Concert under the Sycamore Tree at Hillsborough's El Restaurante Ixtapa 162 Exchange Park Lane. Restaurant's food available. Four acts on Saturday begin at 12:30 pm, with six acts playing on Sunday starting at Noon. Rain Date is http://ixtapa.homestead.com/Ixtapa-Fest-23.html?_af1682184326421. Read more in The News of Orange https://www.newsfororange.com/arts_and_entertainment/article_53aee378-f46d-11ed-a3ff-

[57209408a533.html](https://www.hillsboroughartsandcouncil.org/57209408a533.html)

June

June 1. Hillsborough Handmade Market at the River Park in downtown Hillsborough from 12 pm – 6 pm. features original, handmade work from 50+ local artists! This curated, community art show is taking place within the Weekend of Art, Friday & Saturday, **May 31-June 1**. After an evening of festivities for May's Last Friday & the Art Walk, Saturday will be jam-packed with art and fun!

<https://www.hillsboroughartsandcouncil.org/handmade-parade>

June 1. Hillsborough Handmade Parade in downtown Hillsborough is a biannual, community tradition and a grassroots, Mardi Gras-style walking parade featuring costumes, painted faces, puppets, stilt walkers, marching bands, dancers, and so much more! This legendary spectacle of imagination is an opportunity to dance together in the streets of Hillsborough, NC, in celebration of art, fun, and creativity! Line-up at the Burwell School at 3 pm and parade heads down Churton Street at 4 pm. Part of the Weekend of Art in Hillsborough <https://www.hillsboroughartsandcouncil.org/handmade-parade>

June. Small Town Pride Events

Pride Month in Carrboro <https://www.carrboronc.gov/2706/Pride-Month>

June 1. Pride Promenade is a march from Peace & Justice Plaza to 140 West Franklin Street for music, food and more begins at 12 pm. <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/pride-promenade/>

June 16. Juneteenth Celebration Come be a part of the Chapel Hill Juneteenth Celebration at 2 pm with food, music and more. Juneteenth, officially observed on June 19, is also known as Emancipation Day, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. Hargraves Community Center, 216 N. Roberson St, Chapel Hill www.chapelhillarts.org

TBA. North Carolina Symphony on the Southern Village Green is part of the Concerts in Your Community Series. Concert is free. Bring a blanket or chair. 7:30 pm.

<https://www.ncsymphony.org/events/580/concerts-in-your-community/>

Returning in 2025 at a new location and new name. The Efland Seafood Festival will be Hillsborough Clam and Jam featuring seafood, music and vendors. The event raises money for NC Veterans and provides a hospitality fair with seafood provided by Performance Foods, organized in part through the Hillsborough Sports Fishing Club. Food, music, and entertainment including carnival rides, games, face painting, cornhole tournament, balloon animals, fire performers. Admission is \$5 or \$20 for three day package. Friday 3 pm – 10, Saturday 10 am – 10 pm, Sunday 1 pm – 9 pm.

<https://eflandseafoodfestival.com/> <https://clamandjam.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. 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.

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. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, family and friends. www.preservationchapelhill.org

July 4th Fireworks. Fireworks in Southern Village Community Park. Shuttles begin from Jackson Deck near UNC Hospital at 6 pm and parking lot at Southern Village opens at 7 pm with fireworks at 9 pm. Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture. (919) 968-2828. <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/fireworks/>

Look out for 2025 Dates. Uproar Festival of Public Art. The Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC) announces Uproar Festival of Public Art which will showcase 60 large-scale, bold works of art throughout the downtown areas of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. Cash prizes will be awarded to Southeastern artists chosen by both the public and a jury panel of experts. <https://uproarfestnc.com/>
<https://artsorange.org/new-uproar-festival-of-public-art-first-experience-of-its-kind-in-north-carolina-to-feature-60-large-scale-works-in-chapel-hill-carrboro-and-hillsborough/>

August

August 2 –September 13 in Chapel Hill, NC. 24th Annual Forest Theatre Summer Giant Puppet Show. 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. Ticket sales begin June 1.

September

September 15. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is family-friendly and free. Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main St.
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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, 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 28. Outlandish Hillsborough Scottish Festival from 10 am – 4 pm at 150 E. King Street, Hillsborough and events at Ayr Mount Historic Site on St Marys Road. Mark your calendar with more information to come. <https://www.facebook.com/events/734585715317608/>

September 28 – November 1. Fall Corn Mazes at McKee Farms in Rougemont. \$15 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, farm animals, play area, games, picnic area, barrel train rides and more. Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <https://mkeecornfieldmaze.com/corn-maze-1>

September 29. 27th Carrboro Music Festival. All types of music! Event features numerous venues throughout downtown Carrboro with dozens of musical acts as well as food, craft and non-profit vendors. Free shuttle bus from Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride. Coordinated effort by the Carrboro Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Resources Department and the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee.; (919) 918-7364. www.carrboromusicfestival.com.

TBA. Live at Legion Community Concert. 1714 Legion Road, Chapel Hill, 3 pm – 6 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs and join us for the Live at Legion community concert. The event is free and all ages. Check back for the lineup of musical acts. Food and drink beverages will be available for purchase.

<https://www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/live-at-legion/>

TBA. 36th Annual Sculpture in the Garden. Preview party then Exhibit on display up to two months. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Annual display of works of 50 North Carolina artists displaying their 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**

<https://ncbg.unc.edu/visit/exhibits/sculpture-in-the-garden/>

October

October 4-5. Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo. Time: Ticket booth and gates open at 5:30PM. Rodeo starts at 7:30PM. Admission - \$15 - Adults, \$14 - Adults with military ID (active, reserve, retired), \$7 - Military in uniform, \$7 - Children aged 5 - 12. *There is an ATM at the Efland Supermarket, if needed. 3009 Forrest Ave, Efland, NC 27243 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. Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. www.eflandruritanclub.com

TBA. BikeFest 2024: 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 or <http://tarwheels.net/wp/bikefest/>

October 12. 9th Annual Bluegrass at Moorefields. 1 pm – 6 pm will take place on the lawn at Moorefields, an idyllic homestead on 70 beautiful acres in Hillsborough. 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 to see when tickets available for purchase. Lawn seating tickets are \$15 per person. Teens 13-17 are \$10 and kids 12 and under are free. Free parking. Call (919) 732-4941.

October 12. University Day. Celebrate the 230th 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 12, 19 & 26. Festifall Arts Markets & More. Chapel Hill's annual arts festival returns in October spanning multiple days, and featuring dozens of local artisans, diverse performances, and interactive arts experiences. Highlights include 30+ art vendors, savory and sweet food trucks, drink vendors, live music, community mural making, commemorative screen printing, dancing, poetry, painting, drumming and more. 1 pm – 6 pm. <https://www.chapelhillarts.org/festifall-arts-market-more/>

October 13. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is

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TBA. Live Action with Carolina Basketball. The men's and women's basketball teams are kicking off another exciting season of Tar Heel basketball at the Dean Smith Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm and event begins at 7 pm. More details to come including player and staff introductions, a combined three-point shooting contest and intra-squad scrimmages by both teams.
<https://goheels.com/news/2023/9/12/mens-basketball-live-action-with-carolina-basketball-set-for-oct-13.aspx>

October 17-19. West End Poetry Festival. Event Poetry readings and workshops. Sponsored by the Town of Carrboro and planned by the Carrboro Poets Council. The theme for this year's festival is "Community." The festival kicks off at 6 p.m. Thursday with a featured reading and open mic at Luna on Main Street. Events continue Friday at The ArtsCenter and all day Saturday at the Carrboro Century Center. Free. (919) 918-7364 <http://www.westendpoetryfestival.org>

TBA. Tarheel Antiques Festival. This Fall 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. \$7 weekend pass. Saturday Main Day: 9 am – 5 pm - Festival opens to the public featuring antique and craft vendors, auctions, appraisal and Christmas themed activities and entertainment. Sunday - Finale Day: 9 am – 5 pm. Second day of antiques, crafters and vendors. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 923-3988 or (919) 732-7322
www.tarheelantiquesfestival.com

TBA. Halloween Carnival, Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee with be sold at concessions (cash only). 5:30 pm – 8 pm. Free. No registration required. (919) 918-7364. <http://www.carrboronc.gov/calendar.aspx?eid=7201>

TBA. Orange County Feargrounds. Haunted barn and hayride. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 732-7322 <https://www.facebook.com/OCfeargrounds/>

TBA. Hillsborough Spirits Tours 2024. 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. Tours start every 20 minutes. Friday 6 pm – 8 pm and Saturday 5 pm – 8 pm. Tickets are timed and groups depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Tickets: Adult – \$18, Senior/Student – \$15. Children 5-12 – \$8. Call (919) 732-7741 or visit <https://historichillsborough.org/event/hillsborough-halloween-spirits-tours/>

TBA. Salt & Smoke Festival from 2 pm to 8 pm at The Barn at Sonark Media at 913 Borland Road, Hillsborough. It's a full afternoon and evening of live music, whole hog barbecue, and raw oysters & roasted clams from our friends at Shooting Point Oyster Co. Delicious Southern sides and plenty of the beverages to wash it all down - local beer, wine, and cocktails. Magicians and yard games. Tickets are \$125 + service fees and VIP parking is extra. <https://saltandsmokefest.com/>. Ticket details at <https://www.exploretock.com/acmefoodandbeverage/event/416130/2023-salt-smoke-festival>

TBA. 6th Annual Film Fest 919. The Chapel Hill, NC based festival returns presenting feature films of the highest calibre from around the world, many at the beginning of their journey to the Oscars. Movies and

Silverspot in University Place and The Lumina in Southern Village <http://filmfest919.com/>

More Fall and Halloween Events to Come.

November

November 2-3 & 9-10. 30th 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.
<https://www.ocagnc.org/tour/>

November 10. The Bazaar Craft & Art Market from 12 pm - 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main Street. Shop handmade crafts and creations from 20+ talented local makers, and enjoy awesome eats and drinks including food trucks, craft beer, coffee & kombucha. Face painting and more. The Bazaar is family-friendly and free. Carrboro Town Commons at 301 W. Main St.
<https://www.facebook.com/thebazaarus>

TBA. Fool's Faire 2024 Renaissance Festival at Pluck Farm. Steel String Brewery, Beer Study, and Honeygirl Meadery have come together to host Fool's Faire from 1 pm - 7 pm at Pluck Farm at 6901 NC Hwy 54 West, Mebane in western Orange County. This renaissance festival offers fantastical beverages, craft vendors & artisans, medieval food vendors, feats of strength, cosplay contest, and more.
<https://www.facebook.com/PluckFarmNC/>

TBA. Thanks + Giving Food Truck Rodeo and Non-Profit Showcase from 11 am – 3 pm. 1714 Legion Road.
www.chapelhillarts.org

TBA. 19th Annual Carrboro Film Festival. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Carrboro Film Fest has an established history as a dynamic event that brings filmmakers and audiences together for a heartfelt celebration of independent cinema. In recent years, the South has produced numerous independent films that challenge and expand our understanding of Southern culture. Schedule and Tickets to come.
<https://www.carrborofilm.org/>

TBA. Arts on the Market. Shop for hand-crafted art and gifts made by regional artists, artisans, bakers, and makers on Southern Village Green. Live music and free admission. Noon – 4 pm
<https://www.southernvillage.com/arts-on-market>

CANCELLED . Will update when new 2024 date is selected. November 3-5. Tarheel Balloon Festival. Takes place rain or shine on the grounds Lloyd's Dairy centrally located between the Triangle and Triad regions of North Carolina at the merge of Interstate 40 & 85. The festival will feature hot air balloon rides, tethered balloon rides, morning and evening glow events, antique aircraft displays, paraglide airshow and all types of arts/ craft and food vendors. Ticket sales will open one month prior to the event. 226 N. Lloyds Dairy Rd, Efland (919) 732-7322 <https://www.tarheelballoonfestival.com/>

WILL HAVE A SEPARATE HOLIDAY ONLY EVENTS LIST TO SHARE. BELOW ARE A HANDFUL OF ANNUAL EVENTS.

TBA. Christmas in the Groves. 6 pm – 9 pm. Free General Admission includes visiting the decorated Christmas Barn with Local Vendors Market selling holiday gifts, goodies and crafts, visiting Santa and seeing Live Nativity Animals. Enjoy food trucks. Tractor Hayride through the Lighted Christmas Forest \$10 per person. Visit The Grinch in the Who-ville Maze Wonderland, write a letter to Santa, make an ornament,

make a s'more – all \$5 each. Children under five free. Purchase tickets on website. 3510 NC 86 N. Hillsborough. <https://christmasinthegroves.com/>

The Carolina Inn's Favorite Things Holiday Events

TBA. North Carolina High School Football Championships, Kenan Stadium, UNC campus hosts the two games. 3A Football Championships. (919) 240-7401. NCHSAA state championship basketball games (both men and women). Tickets to be announced. <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC1661> ; <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC1661> Games are Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 11 am

Holiday Events – Special holiday only events list to come

Menorah Lighting at The UNC Pit Hosted By: Chabad Student Group at UNC-CH

2024 Deck the Walls Annual Holiday Show. At the Eno Arts Mill Gallery at 437 Dimmocks Mill Rd., Hillsborough. Find something hand-made and spectacular just in time for your holiday shopping. The exhibit will be on view at Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5pm. <https://artsorange.org/enomill/monthly-mill-openings/>

Homes for the Holidays Gingerbread House Display. Downtown Hillsborough businesses will host displays of gingerbread homes to celebrate the creative arts and bring joy to our community this holiday season. All aspiring gingerbread artists and architects are invited to participate and have fun showcasing your creative streak and holiday spirit! <https://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/events/details/gingerbread-house-displays-2023-20389>

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 10 am – 2 pm. www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

TBA. Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show. 9 am – 4 pm. 19th year at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Shop 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout North Carolina and find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list! Handmade gifts, specialty items including pottery, hand knitted garments and accessories, soaps, wreaths, dog and cat toys, holiday ornaments and decorations, jewelry, garden art and more. Holiday music, a raffle, bake sale and food trucks add festive flair. Free admission. 940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill. <https://www.facebook.com/events/269134312789954/>

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

Light up the Night Hillsborough Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting begins at 4 pm in Downtown Hillsborough. Holiday Parade theme and Grand Marshal to come. The parade travels south on Churton Street from Corbin Street to Margaret Lane and ends at the intersection of Margaret Lane and Cameron Street. Tree Lighting immediately following parade on the Old Courthouse Lawn. <https://www.hillsboroughchamber.com/light-up-the-night-holiday-parade/>

Chapel Hill Tree Lighting at University Baptist Church Plaza in downtown Chapel Hill at 6 pm. Community sing-a-long featuring the Tarpeggios, remarks by community leaders, holiday treats and surprises. www.downtownchapelhill.com

Sundaes with Santa from 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.

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

Ho-Ho-Home by Transactors improve Theater. Family-themed but not guaranteed to be family-friendly, this show will be filled with all the tensions and tenderness of the ties that bind us. Center Theater at 300-G East Main Street, Carrboro plays host to this completely improvised show featuring spontaneous songs and based on audience suggestions. 8 pm. General admission \$20, student \$15, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ho-ho-home-tickets-761226518007?aff=oddtcreator>

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.

Hanukkah Festival. 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>

TBA. Hillsborough on Ice Holiday Show. Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at 10:30 am. Tickets for the show are \$15 per person. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <https://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>

TBA. Elfland Christmas Festival features Elfland Christmas Village, Santa's workshop with arts, crafts, children's and holiday gifts, Hayrides, Interactive holiday scenes from your favorite holiday memories (A Christmas Story, Charlie Brown Christmas, The Grinch and more for amazing photo opts), Outdoor lights, entertainment, field of Christmas trees and much more. \$10 age 13 and older, \$5 4-12 and Free 3 years and under. Hosted at The Barn at Lloyds Dairy, 227 North Lloyds Dairy Road, Efland, NC 27243 and Efland United Methodist Church from 6 pm – 9 pm. www.elflandfestival.com Lloydsdairy@gmail.com

TBA. Voices The Chapel Hill Chorus December Concerts. Sat at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Held at Moeser Auditorium in Hill Hall, UNC Campus., Tickets \$10-\$20. Purchase tickets online and at the door. <https://www.voiceschapelhill.org/>

December 21: Solstice Lantern Walk 5 pm – 8:30 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. Enjoy Solstice Market with local artists, live music, hot drinks, warm food, and more to be enjoyed before and after the walk Registration is required to attend the event. Event is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/solstice>

Wednesday, December 25 – Thursday, January 2: Hanukkah

Thursday, December 26 – Tuesday January 1: Kwanzaa

On-going Seasonal Events

Guided Tours

Free Walking Tours of Chapel Hill. 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>

Hometown Ambassador Tours leaving the Welcome Center at 308 West Franklin Street resume spring and fall <https://heartofthehilltours.com/> **2024 tours run March – May and September - October on Saturdays 11 am (new day and time).** Visit the website to register for a tour March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 18

Triangle Walking Tours. Each Friday you can take three guided tours leaving from Rougarou (Imbibe) at 108 Henderson Street. The 3 pm tour is a Chapel Hill History Guided Walking Tour, the 5 pm is the Chapel Hill True Crime Tour and at 7 pm find the Chapel Hill Ghost Tour. Tickets are \$10 and the guide is Andrew Nason, founder of Triangle Walking tours, a local historian and UNC Graduate. You must register online in advance. <https://www.trianglewalkingtours.com/book-online>

Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. March – October 10:30 am – Noon, \$10 and age 10 and under free. Leaves from Alexander Dickson House, 150 E. King Street. www.visithillsboroughnc.com or call (919) 732-7741.

Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden

From **March to November**, join skilled volunteer Garden Guides on the **Second Saturday** of the month for a guided tour of the North Carolina Botanical Garden. Each month offers a glimpse into what's happening in the unique native plant gardens – from spring wildflowers to fall color – and what makes the NCBG one of the premier conservation gardens in the US. Tours are one (1) hour and space is limited! Please register each member of your party separately. 10 am start time.

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. This walking tour with a Coker Arboretum curator will explore the 5-acres that make up the Arboretum, allowing time for observation and discussion. Each tour differs as the gardens change through the seasons.

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

Last Sunday Open House Tours of Moorefields House and Grounds, from 1 pm – 4 pm, May – August. 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For information, call (919) 732-4384 or visit www.moorefields.org. From 1 pm to 4 pm.

Haunted Hillsborough Tours - Historic Ghost Walks in Hillsborough. Visit www.HauntedHillsborough.com for dates, times and registration.

Arts/Music Events

2nd Fridays - Held the second Friday of the month in various galleries and other locations throughout Carrboro featuring live music, poetry and other art related entertainment. 6 – 9 pm. Follow current events on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/2ndfridayartwalk/>

Fridays on the Front Porch at The Carolina Inn - Every Friday evening 5 pm – 8 pm **April – October timeframe** 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

Movies and Music at Southern Village spring to fall. www.southernvillage.com

The last Friday of every month, from March to November, 2024, rain or shine, Downtown Hillsborough showcases its art scene with the [Last Fridays Art Walk](#) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Explore art galleries, artist studios, fine jewelers, boutique shops and award winning restaurants. There will also be live music, circus performers, spoken word poetry and more. At the **Last Friday** events from May to October, there's an additional feature. Last Fridays Makers Market take place on the Old Courthouse Lawn. They feature 20+ vendors and live music, which is generally a 1-2 hour outdoor concert. www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

Events during university calendar year at Memorial Hall www.carolinaperformingarts.org and PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org. Additional events at Morehead Planetarium & Science Center <https://moreheadplanetarium.org/> and Ackland Art Museum. <https://ackland.org/>

Downtown Chapel Hill. www.downtownchapelhill.com

Year Round Farmers Markets

Carrboro Farmers Market <http://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com/>

Chapel Hill Farmers Market <https://www.thechapelhillfarmersmarket.com/>

Eno River Farmers Market <http://www.enoriverfarmersmarket.com/>

UNC ATHLETICS - From late August - mid-May. Men's and Women's sports www.goheels.com

As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.

Check back often as events marked TBA are updated with days, times and costs and additional events are added. Again more details on www.visitchapelhill.org

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