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Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough

Weekly Calendar of Events

December 9 – December 15, 2019

An annotated list of interesting events happening in **Orange County** over the next week, prepared by Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.

MONDAY Dec 9

HOLIDAY AFTERNOON TEA

2 PM TO 4:30 PM

Crossroads Chapel Hill / 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (919) 933-2001

It is said that Anna Russell, 7th Duchess of Bedford, invented Afternoon Tea in 1840. This was to satisfy her peckishness during the long wait between lunch and dinner. We are proud to continue this custom. Prepared and served fresh each day, our menu faithfully follows the combination of sweet and savory treats and homemade scones with clotted cream and jam. Also visit website for other events and details about the 12 Days Decorations. www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

SOUTHERN VILLAGE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Southern Village / 400 Market Street Chapel Hill NC 27516

Holiday Tree Lighting featuring the school choruses from Mary Scroggs Elementary School and Culbreth Middle School, free hot chocolate by La Vita Dolce, Santa will light the tree. www.southernvillage.com/

TUESDAY Dec 10

NC SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS

7:30 PM

Memorial Hall / 114 East Cameron Ave Chapel Hill (919) 733-2750

Statewide Holiday Pops, Start your season out on the right note! Join the Symphony for a spectacular evening of featuring beloved traditional and popular music, including music from The Polar Express and The Nutcracker—plus a sing-along celebration of the season. www.ncsymphony.org/

RAGTIME

7:30 PM

PlayMakers Repertory Company / 120 Country Club Rd Chapel Hill NC (919) 962-7529

Tickets start at \$15. Nominated for thirteen Tony Awards® including Best Musical, this triumphant masterpiece bursts forth with show-stopping splendor and unbridled passion. Prepare to be swept away by the diverse rhythms of the turn of the 20th century as three intersecting narratives capture the rich complexity of the American experiment past, present, and future. Cultures clash, people change, and hope shines in the darkness. playmakersrep.org/

WEDNESDAY Dec 11

LOLLIPOP SERIES

10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

Carrboro Century Center / 100 North Greensboro Street Carrboro (919) 918-7364

Admission: \$3. Don't miss Dan Breeding. Dan loves animals and has dedicated his work to animals. He has made appearances on Good Morning America, Live with Regis and Kelly, Animal Planet, Jeff Corwin and more. He has also worked with Jack Hanna, Julie Scardin and Ginny Busch (Busch Gardens/SeaWorld), Jim Fowler, and Peter Gros with Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. carrbororec.org

THURSDAY Dec 12

KIDS, COOKIES AND CANDY CANES

10:30 AM TO NOON

Carrboro Century Center / 100 North Greensboro Street Carrboro (919) 918-7364

A Holiday Celebration For Children Of All Ages! Bring the family to the Carrboro Century Center to enjoy some holiday fun! Join us for cookies, crafts and a children's show. www.carrbororec.org

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS VISIT POLICE STATION

6 PM TO 8 PM

127 N Churton St Hillsborough (919) 296-9540

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the main station's lobby. Children from infants to 15 years old will be able to share their holiday wishes and receive a gift. www.hillsboroughnc.gov/

FRIDAY Dec 13

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY

4:30 PM

Orange County Public Library / 137 West Margaret Lane Hillsborough (919) 245-2525

Gingerbread House Decorating Party - Best for ages 4 and up with a caregiver. Join us to learn about how Habitat for Humanity helps build houses, hear a Christmas tale and then build a graham cracker house of your own. www.orangecountync.gov/156/Library

HAYRIDES WITH SANTA

5:30 PM

Maple View Farm / 3501 Dairyland Road Hillsborough (919) 942-6122

From the Agricultural Center, enjoy holiday story time, the scenic view of Maple View Farm in holiday lights, time with Santa & milk and cookies for the children. Times available for hayrides are 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30pm. Reservations required, please call (919) 942-6122 to reserve your slot. Final weekend Dec 13, 14 & 15. mapleviewfarm.com/

SANTA ROOFTOP RESCUE

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

140 West Franklin / 140 West Franklin St Chapel Hill

We've heard that Santa might find himself in a tricky situation in downtown Chapel Hill this Dec and you're invited to see how he makes out! Join us at 140 West Plaza for holiday music, hot cocoa, treats and keep your eyes peeled for Santa on a nearby rooftop. We'll call in the Chapel Hill Fire Department's brave firefighters to rescue Santa and bring him safely down to earth. Stick around after the rescue while Santa and the firefighters greet children and hand out candy canes. www.chapelhillarts.org/

CARR MILL BY CANDLELIGHT**6 PM TO 8 PM**

Carr Mill Mall / 200 N Greensboro St Carrboro

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/

CARRBORO HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & CHILDREN'S CHORUS**6 PM TO 8 PM**

Carrboro Town Hall / 301 W Main St Carrboro

Join the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for the annual holiday tree lighting and children's chorus. Hear children from Carrboro Elementary and McDougle Elementary sing holiday tunes!

www.townofcarrboro.org**2ND FRIDAY HOLIDAY ART WALK****6 PM TO 9 PM**

Downtown Chapel Hill & Carrboro / East & West Franklin & Main St Chapel Hill & Carrboro

The 2nd Friday ArtWalk is a great opportunity to experience the creative arts scene in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, explore venues, and socialize with other art lovers! Venues offer live music, food, activities, hands-on art demonstrations, discounts, and more. See holiday lights. www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

VOICES HOLIDAY CONCERT**7:30 PM**

East Chapel Hill High School / 500 Weaver Dairy Rd Chapel Hill

Admission: \$25, \$20 Senior(62+), \$10 Student, 12 & under free

Sing We Noël - Voices Holiday Concert with the NC Boys and Girls Choirs and Leonard Rowe, baritone.

Voices "sings in" the holidays with orchestra and special guests in presenting a concert filled with seasonal delights. Second concert Saturday, December 14 at 3 pm. www.voiceschapelhill.org/

FREEDOM AND FAITH PUBLIQUARTET**8 PM**

Hill Hall / 135 East Cameron Ave Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333

Admission: \$37. Known for their fresh, creative perspective, PUBLIQuartet's genre-bending programs range from 20th century masterworks to newly commissioned pieces. Featuring works by Jessie Montgomery, Meredith Monk, Caroline Shaw, Jihyun Kim & others, the program features music that captures the essence of resilience through oppression, time, and injustice. carolinaperformingarts.org/

SATURDAY Dec 14**ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA****8 AM TO NOON**

Maple View Ice Cream Country Store / 6900 Rock Ridge Road Hillsborough (919) 960-5535

Join us for Ice Cream for Breakfast with Santa at Maple View Farm Ice Cream! We love donuts, pancakes, and waffles with ice cream! Indulge with our special holiday breakfast menu or choice from our standard ice cream menu! Wear your pajamas and enjoy a special holiday treat! Santa will be joining us! www.facebook.com/MapleViewFarmIceCream/

BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH WITH SANTA**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

Carolina Inn / 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (919) 933-2001

A festive Carolina Inn breakfast (8:30-10:30am \$40, under 3 years free), brunch (10:30am-12:30pm \$50, under 3 free). Magicians and face painters on hand to entertain everyone. Children are welcome to sit on Santa's lap and share their Christmas wish list. Every child will leave with a holiday treat. Reservations required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

CHAPEL HILL CARRBORO HOLIDAY PARADE

10 AM TO NOON

Downtown Chapel Hill & Carrboro / East & West Franklin & Main St

A favorite holiday tradition, the annual parade begins at the old Post Office on E. Franklin Street ending around noon at the Carrboro Town Hall. www.chapelhillarts.org/calendar/chapel-hillidays/

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

11 AM & 3 PM

Kenan Memorial Stadium, UNC –Chapel Hill Campus

4A and 4AA Classifications championships. Visit www.nchsaa.org for teams and ticket information.

TRANSACTORS IMPROV HOLIDAY MUSICAL

8 PM TO 10 PM

ArtsCenter / 300-G East Main St Carrboro (919) 929-2787

Admission: \$15 (general), \$12 (senior), and \$10 (students/ArtsCenter Friends). This improvised, two-act play features songs and scenes made up on the spot from audience suggestions. Show revolves around a Secret Santa gift exchange in a university department. artscenterlive.org/

SUNDAY Dec 15

THE CAROLINA INN HOLIDAY MARKET

NOON TO 4 PM

Carolina Inn / 211 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill (919) 933-2001

Enjoy the holiday season at The Carolina Inn December 15th and 22nd with vendors from all over the state. Shop for hand crafted yuletide gifts from chocolates, to jewelry, to garlands and ornaments. We have an outstanding lineup of local food trucks and exceptional offerings from our own culinary team. Also visit website for more 12 days events this week. www.carolinainn.com/twelvedays-events/

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUNDAY

2 PM TO 5 PM

Ackland Art Museum / 101 South Columbia Street Chapel Hill (919) 966-5736

Family and Friends: Celebrations Around the World - We look closely at holiday traditions from around the world! Enjoy exploring the art on view with a themed scavenger hunt, Find hands-on art-making activities for all ages. Free and open to the public. ackland.org/

You can find a complete listing of all programs and events offered by our major attractions by visiting www.visitchapelhill.org and viewing individual websites listed by attraction.

