



When you go out, please stay safe due to COVID 19. Any person age 5 or older must wear a face covering at all times while in public settings. Also wait six feet apart, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer. Stay safe while you experience Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and Orange County. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/masks>

November 25 – December 25, 10 am – 6 pm: Spring Haven Farms Winter Wonderland with Goats

Open every Wednesday - Sunday to Christmas. Arrival times are scheduled every hour on the hour and the last scheduled time is 4:00pm. Get your tickets now! Admission for \$13.50 each, kids under 3 are free and includes visiting with all of the animals, the Polar Express Tractor Train and the Wonderland Barn and a letter to Santa. Ornament making is \$5 - \$15 each. Animal treat bags are \$1 ea. and fresh cut Christmas Trees are priced as marked. 5306 Homer Ruffin Rd Chapel Hill (919) 407-1806 <https://www.springhaven.farm/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringHavenFarmandStables/events/>

November 28: Shop Small Business Saturday. Support the local economy & our small businesses!

November 28 & December 5, 9 am – 5 pm: Eno River Farm Official Winter Open House Days

Guests will be invited to walk through the green houses and see the berry fields and poinsettias. All of the strawberries are planted, and visitors can learn about their sub-straight, hydroponic farming methods. Get plants, vegetables and ice cream. 2127 St Marys Road, Hillsborough, NC <https://www.enoriverfarm.com/>

November 28 – December 20: Visit the Morehead Planetarium Science Center

During the holidays Morehead Planetarium is open from 1p-7p on Fridays, 10a-6p on Saturdays and 1p-5p on Sundays through 12/20. Although the Planetarium does not have a Holiday-themed show, they do have *The Longest Night*, which is a winter-based fable done in collaboration with Paperhand Puppet Intervention. 250 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, UNC Campus www.moreheadplanetarium.org

November 29-December, Noon – 4 pm: Holiday Craft Exhibit & Sale

Come see Woodturnings, Pottery & More at the Horace Williams House, 610 East Rosemary St, Chapel Hill. November 29 and then every Thursday – Sunday during December. <https://www.preservationchapelhill.org/>

December 1, 3:30 – 5:30 pm: Drive by Santa Event

Have a holly-jolly drive-by visit at the SECU Family House in Chapel Hill with Santa and his Elves! Come enjoy socially distanced pictures with Santa, take home surprises, live music and joy--all from the comfort of your car! <https://www.secufamilyhouse.org/>

December 2, 10:30 am – 11:30 am: Lollipop Series Puppet Show

Puppet Show Inc. entertains you with a double header puppet show. In the “The Shoemaker and the Elf”, a fractured fairy tale, a poor shoemaker shows kindness and is rewarded in return. “The Wish Tree” in this story a young boy sets out to find the Wish Tree and along the way discovers that wishes do come true in the most unexpected ways. \$3. Carrboro Century Center, at 100 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro www.carrbororec.org

December 2, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm: UNC Campus Holly Walk

Ken Moore, Botanist, NCBG Assistant Director, Emeritus highlights beautiful and distinctive hollies and other evergreens, shares “Bill Hunt stories” who was the founder of the NC Botanical Garden Foundation and describe the two period landscape styles of the past two hundred years that distinguish McCorkle Place, north of South Building and Polk Place to the south. Participants must wear a mask for the entirety of the walk. Meeting spot provided upon registration. \$12 (\$11 members). <https://ncbg.unc.edu/event/unc-campus-holly-walk/>

December 4, 2 pm – 3:30 pm: Carrboro Holiday Tea

There will be wonderful entertainment and light hors d'oeuvres. The Holiday Tea is a program for adults 50 and up. Registration Required. Call (919) 918-7364. Carrboro Century Center, at 100 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro www.carrbororec.org

December 5, 10 am – 2 pm: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, Festival of the Society Tree (FeST)

A fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring drive by pick up of preordered: Surprise Boxes, wreaths, and baked goods. Pick up on Saturday, December 5. sntmatthews@gmail.com 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. <https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/>

December 6 – 9: Virtual Arts on Market

Arts on Market will be a live virtual event. Shop for hand-crafted art and gifts made by regional artists, artisans, bakers, and makers. You can also speak with artists during live booth hours. Southern Village, Chapel Hill. Click to find times. <http://www.southernvillage.com/events/virtual-fall-arts-on-market/1129>

December 7, 14 & 21 at 2 – 5:30 pm: Santa Claus is Coming to Maple View Farm Ice Cream

Santa Claus will be visiting us at Maple View Farm Ice Cream during our Drive-Up Service. Santa will be on our porch area. Visitors will remain in their vehicles and Santa's friends from the North Pole will be working Drive-Up Service. 6900 Rocky Ridge Road, Hillsborough, NC <https://www.facebook.com/events/295132938506466/>

December 10-December 18: Hanukkah. The Levin Jewish Community Center (Jewish for Good) is not hosting its annual Hanukkah Festival this year, but is offering several ways to help celebrate Hanukkah.

<https://www.jewishforgood.org/> <https://www.jewishforgood.org/calendar>

December 11 & 18 at 4 – 7 pm: S'mores & Bonfire at the Honeysuckle Tea House

We will provide the s'mores kit (no outside goodies allowed) including the skewer and the fire. Come roast a mallow and enjoy some mulled mead or local cider! 8871 Pickards Meadow Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 (919) 903-9131 <https://www.facebook.com/events/392949442057910/>

December 12, 10 am – 5 pm & December 13, noon – 5 pm: 14th Annual Elf Market

Vendors gather to sell handmade goods such as clothing, body products, food items, fine art, children's toys, ceramic pieces, and jewelry. Elf Market is the place to shop local for your holiday gifts! This year's event will be held at University Place at 201 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. <https://artscenterlive.org/outreach/elf-market/>

December 14 – December 27: A Christmas Carol: An Audio Drama

Curl up with the whole family for an intimate evening of storytelling with PlayMakers Repertory Company legend Ray Dooley in Dickens' classic tale of redemption, charity, and love. PlayMakers Passholders and can stream this production unlimited times, on-demand between 12:00am December 14 through 11:59pm December 27. Single ticket buyers have 48 hours from the time of purchase to access and stream this production as much as they'd like or until 11:59pm December 27, whichever comes first. Due to the length and style of the show, recommended 8 and older. <http://playmakersrep.org/show/christmas-carol-2/>

December 18 at 7 – 9 pm: Holiday Circle Show Virtual

The Holiday Circle show is a Carrboro tradition that brings together the finest of North Carolina's folk and bluegrass musicians for a seasonal celebration. This year's event will be livestreamed from The ArtsCenter's Wynn Theatre. <https://artscenterlive.org/performances/category/performances/performance-season/>

December 26 – January 1: Kwanzaa

December 1 – January 3 – The Carolina Inn's 23rd Annual 12 Days of Christmas. Holiday events and enchanting decorations on display inspired by the traditional holiday song, The **Twelve Days of Christmas** will be held throughout The Carolina Inn at 211 Pittsboro St. Chapel Hill. See the decorations daily 10 am – 8 pm. Enjoy festive meals, gingerbread house making, Cookies, Santa and more. Make your reservation before the events below sell out. <https://store.carolinainn.com/collections/12-days-of-christmas> or call (919) 918-2777.

Brunch with Santa

December 6, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24 at 10:00 am and December 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23 at 12:30 pm

A festive Carolina Inn meal with Santa will undoubtedly usher in the Christmas magic for young and old alike along with plenty of entertainment for all! Our gatherings will be intimate experiences designed to make sure that you and your family members are able to enjoy holiday festivities in a safe environment.

Make Your Own Gingerbread House

December 12, 13, 19, 20, 22, 23 at 2:00 pm and December 21, 22 at 10:00 am

Just in time for the holidays - The Carolina Inn is hosting a children's Gingerbread House Making Class. Join us for a cozy afternoon that begins with a tale of Christmas magic. Each child will then be able to assemble and decorate their very own Gingerbread House complete with an apron, chef's hat and all the holiday sweets and goodies that their imaginations can hold. At the end of the class, children will take home a completed Gingerbread House and accessories.

Cookie Decorating

December 5 at 3 pm and December 20, 21, 22, 23 at 3:30 pm

Don't miss our Holiday Cookie Decorating Class that is sure to be sprinkled with fun! Enjoy the art of cookie decorating without making a mess at home. Load up a full baker's dozen of our classic holiday cutouts with lots of icing and goodies. Gobble them all up or share some with friends. Channel your inner elf this holiday season and while you are here enjoy a holiday story, Christmas tunes, and plenty of sugar!

Cookie Decorating To-Go

December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 at 3:00 pm

Want to decorate cookies with your kids but don't want to do all the work? The Carolina Inn offers a full baker's dozen holiday cookie decorating kit to include pre-baked sugar cookies, icing, and lots of goodies to put on top.

Teddy Bear Tea

December 9, 10, 17 at 2pm- 4pm. Reservations required. Seating Limited.

Little Prince and Princesses are invited into our Magical Kingdom where their dreams come true! Bring your favorite teddy bear or doll to enjoy delicious holiday food, specialty teas, and tasty pastries, as well as sparkling wine and mimosas for every adult ticket. Make sure to add the name of your teddy or doll to the notes!

Holiday Tea To-Go

Dec 5,6,12,13,19,20,22,23 Pick up 3-4pm day of order

You can enjoy our Classic Afternoon Tea in the comfort of your own home. Our delectable house-made accompaniments include savory tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, and fresh baked scones served with fresh lemon curd, English Devonshire cream and butter. Each box of goodies is hand prepared and packaged in true Carolina Inn elegance.

Christmas Brunch on December 25

Join us for a holiday feast! Our Executive Chef, Jeremy Blankenship has prepared a delicious traditional holiday bounty of family favorites to include roasted turkey, leg of lamb, stuffing, potatoes and of course finished off with pies, cakes, and sweets. Brunch is 11 am – 3:15 pm, \$85. There is also Christmas Brunch- To- Go. Place your order by December 19 for pick up by December 24. <https://www.destinationhotels.com/carolina-inn/crossroads-chapel-hill/christmas-brunch>

Hillsborough Hometown Holidays Festival is November 28 – December 21.

<https://www.hillsboroughchamber.com/hometown-holidays-festival/>

<https://visithillsboroughnc.com/events/>

Kick off the Hometown Holidays Festival in downtown for Shop Small Saturday on November 28th. Write a letter to Santa and drop it off at the Visitors Center at 150 E. King Street! Take a tour of the Historic Burwell School to see holiday and Christmas decorations from the 19th century! Walk around town on the Holiday Wreath Stroll and pay a visit to some of Hillsborough's great local businesses and homes, decorated for the season. Purchase a kit from the Hillsborough Arts Council's Gift Shop to make your own solstice lantern for the Solstice Lantern Walk Weekend. Purchase a Hillsborough Hometown Holiday gift box, curated packages for sale for the holidays from select businesses, and attractions.

December 3 at 7 pm: Virtual Open Hearth Cooking

Join a live-stream cooking show where Linda Ostrand will cook a 1690's Portugal Cake! Attendees will receive the recipe and be able to see the recorded show after the live-stream as well. Orange County Historical Museum. <https://www.orangehistorync.org/events>

December 6 at 4 pm: 2020 Virtual Holiday Parade

The Hillsborough Holiday parade will be available for live-stream on December 6th at 4:00 p.m.

December 6 at 6 pm: Holiday Tree Lighting

Attend in-person at the Orange County Courthouse Lawn in downtown (masked and socially distanced) or watch a live stream as elected officials and partners 'flip the switch' on our Holiday Tree!

December 11-13: Holiday Wreath Stroll Weekend

Go on the self-guided tour and see all the decorated wreaths in town while soaking in the historic architecture and holiday spirit. Maps of wreath locations will be available at website links at top of page.

December 19-21 – Solstice Lantern Walk Weekend

This year, for the safety of our community, the 5th annual Solstice Lantern Walk will be a Solstice Lantern Self-Guided Tour. Hillsborough residents are invited to create and hang lanterns from their front porches, trees or other visible outdoor spaces for walkers and drivers to enjoy during the weekend of December 19-21, in celebration of the winter solstice on December 21. The Hillsborough Arts Council invites participants to register and provide a street address for the Solstice Lantern Self-Guided Tour Map. Enjoy the light show from sidewalks and neighborhood streets and to keep at a safe distance from porches and property. Lantern kits will be available through Hillsborough Art's Council. The event is free and donations are encouraged.

<https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/solstice>

With your health and safety as a top priority, Orange County's holiday traditions have adapted for 2020. Celebrations, attractions, restaurants and shops are open and have taken important precautions as part of the [Orange County Stay Safe Pledge](#) to give you peace of mind as you experience the joy of the holiday season on Tobacco Road. Here are the most up-to-date [mask wearing and safety protocol requirements](#) in North Carolina as of November 23, 2020.

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Check back as more events are added or updated