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## 8 Fun Holiday Happenings in Clayton County

Jonesboro, Ga. - The holidays are around the corner and Clayton County is gearing up for them. There are a wide range of activities and events happening in November and December to draw in visitors and residents of all ages.

Arts Clayton Gallery in Jonesboro is bringing back a couple of their popular annual events this year; Mistletoe Market and Ornament Workshops. **Mistletoe Market** is a holiday shopping experience at the gallery with Georgia made gifts for you and everyone on your list. Stop by on November 14th and you're in for a special treat with their pop-up market, **Buy Design**. Mistletoe Market will be open for holiday shopping from November 7 through December 22. The Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Bring the kids into the Gallery for a fun day of ornament making. There are multiple days with different themes which they could do all four or choose their favorite: November 23 - Charlie Brown's Christmas; November 24 - Pete the Cat Saves Christmas; December 5 - Minions; December 12 - Inside Out. Each **Ornament Workshop** begins at 1:00 pm and costs \$12. Call 770-473-5826 to pre-register.

Stately Oaks Plantation in Jonesboro is featuring a special tour this holiday season. On December 4 and 5, enjoy a **Candlelight Tour** through the house decorated for its Victorian Christmas in all of its 1860s splendour. Tours begin every 20 minutes from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. As you wait for your tour to begin enjoy storytelling at the Bethel Schoolhouse on the Plantation grounds. Ticket pricing: Adults - \$10; Seniors - \$9; Children (5-11) - \$5. 770-473-0197.

On December 11, Reynolds Nature Preserve in Morrow brings back their **Yule Log Celebration**. Enjoy hot drinks while listening to music from a local school orchestra. Later take a stroll through the woods to a bonfire and go back in time to holidays past through Barry Mann's storytelling. The evening ends with a search for the fabled Yule Log on a wooded hillside. This is a free event and is from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Visit [www.reynoldsnaturepreserve.org](http://www.reynoldsnaturepreserve.org) for information.

The Front Porch Players, Clayton County's theatre group, is performing **Papa's Angels**, a heart-warming story that focuses on how the healing power of Christmas brings a close-knit Appalachian family, circa 1935, together after a tragic death. See the show November 13-15 and 20-22. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 pm and Sunday shows begin at 2:30 pm. Ticket pricing: Adults - \$15; Seniors - \$12; Children - \$10. Visit [www.thefrontporchplayers.com](http://www.thefrontporchplayers.com) for tickets.

The acoustically superior venue of Spivey Hall located in Morrow is in its 25th season this year bringing many internationally acclaimed artists to the stage. This holiday season brings a variety of **concerts** such as The King's Singers on November 22, Calmus: Christmas Carols of the World on December 5, Spivey Hall Children's Choir on December 11, 12 and 13 and Holiday Brass & Organ on December 12. Find out more about each performance and what else is coming up for Spivey Hall this fall and winter. Ticket prices vary per concert. Visit [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org) for tickets.

**Christmas Parades** bring city streets alive in Jonesboro and Forest Park this year. On November 30, Forest Park will host its parade down Main Street and end at Starr Park. Come watch the parade and then enjoy sleigh rides, storytelling, the Christmas tree lighting and a visit from Santa Claus. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm. December 12 will bring vendors to Main Street in Jonesboro for a day of shopping and Christmas parade watching. Vendors set up at noon and the parade begins at 4:30. Get into the festive spirit at these family fun parades.

"Have family and friends visiting over the holidays? Find something fun for everyone to do together in Clayton County. There are a lot of fun events happening," says Danielle Conroy, Director of Marketing and Communications at the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing agency for Clayton County. The CCCVB advertises and promotes the area to bring business to hotels, attractions, historical sites and meeting facilities within Clayton County and its neighboring communities. For more events visit [www.atlantastruesouth.com](http://www.atlantastruesouth.com).

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