



2011 HOLIDAY EVENTS IN CHAPEL HILL
CARRBORO AND HILLSBOROUGH, NC

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November 17

Ladies Night Out. It's time again to hit the town. Downtown historic Hillsborough will light up with specials and with giveaways to kick off the holiday shopping season. **Bring the Season** and donate food items for local pantry 6pm-9pm.

<http://shop Hillsborough NC.wordpress.com/ladies-night-out/>

November 19-December 10

4th Annual Festival of Trees to benefit the Arc of Orange County. Festival trees and wreaths will be on display throughout University Mall in Chapel Hill at 201 S. Estes Drive. Festival Gala, December 10, dance to the music of Mick Mixon & The Franklin Street band while you enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Bid on decorated trees, wreaths and silent auction items.

www.arcofororange.org/festival_of_trees_2011

November 26

Storytelling Event: "Home for the Holidays" with John Claude Bemis, Stephen Demorest, Allan Gurganus, Daniel Wallace and Jill McCorkle. There will be a wine and cheese reception with music by a bluegrass trio at 7:30 and the show starting at 8 pm at Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough. Tickets \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201. www.orangenchistory.org

November 27

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at University Baptist Church Memorial Garden on the corner of South Columbia and West Franklin Streets at 6 pm. Music. Bring your camera and take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more details, visit the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at www.downtown Chapel Hill.com or call or call (919) 967-9440.

December 2

The **Orange Community Players** gather to present a look at colonial holidays, followed by the **Hillsborough Town Tree Lighting** on the lawn of the Old Courthouse downtown on at 6:30 pm. Afterwards, Matthew's Chocolates and the Rainbow Girls Club are hosting a **Gingerbread House Contest** at the Masonic Hall on W. King Street. The gingerbread houses will be on display through the weekend. www.Hillsboroughchamber.com

December 2, 9, 10, 16, 17

New Morehead Holiday Stars Concert Series each night at 7:30 pm. Dec 2 - Clef Hangers and the Loreleis of UNC; Dec 9 - The Sandbox Band; Dec 10 - Chelsea Chimes of St. Thomas More Catholic Church; Dec 16 - John Brown Jazz Orchestra; and Dec 17 - Julie Elkins and Jan Johannsson. Music under the stars in the GSK Fulldome Theater at the Morehead Planetarium & Science Center on the UNC Chapel Hill campus. For tickets visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org

December 3

The **Hillsborough Holiday Parade** begins at 10 am in downtown Hillsborough on Churton Street. For information, call the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce at (919) 732-8516. www.Hillsboroughchamber.com

December 3

Cider, cocoa, children's activities and crafts by Ebenezer Baptist Church at 10 am on the lawn of the Burwell School Historic Site. After the Hillsborough Parade, enjoy a **holiday music concert** by the choir at 12:30 pm in the school's south parlor. 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough (919) 732-7451, www.burwellschool.org.

December 3

ELFair - A Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair 11am -5pm. Handmade soaps, knit goods, jewelry, pillows, silk screened clothing, ceramic vessels, holiday cards, magnets, art and more. Snacks, old movies, beverages, Santa and music. Free. ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St, Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 <http://carrborocraftandbake.blogspot.com/>

December 3

Music from the Gathering Church: A Free Outdoor Holiday Concert. Enjoy music performed by members of Mandolin Orange, The Tomahawks, Skylar Gudasz, and Brett Harris. These local favorites will put a new take on traditional Christmas songs. The concert will be in the Memorial Garden at University Baptist Church; 100 S. Columbia Street; 6 pm. For more details, visit the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at www.downtown Chapel Hill.com or call (919) 967-9440.

December 3

Transactors Improv: Holiday Extravaganza. Celebrate with music, merriment and fun. The ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St - Carrboro; 8 pm; (919) 929-2787 www.artscenterlive.org

December 3-4

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "The Festival of the Society Tree" (FeST), a fundraising event 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. All proceeds of the FeST will continue to benefit Orange County outreach programs. Sat 10am-4 pm and Sun Noon to 4 p.m. www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December 3 at 2 pm and 8 pm & December 4 at 2 pm

Carolina Ballet Performs 'The Nutcracker.' A holiday season staple, Robert Weiss' 'Nutcracker' is a fantasy classic, capturing the irrepressible imagination of a child's world in which all things are possible. UNC Memorial Hall - East Cameron Ave - Chapel Hill (919) 843-3333 - www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December 3-31

The Carolina Inn's 12 Days of Christmas features cake walk, festive meals, breakfast and lunch with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday teas, display of wonderful gingerbread houses and more. Opens with a free **Community Open House on Sat.**

December 3 from Noon to 4 pm with holiday treats. The decorations will be on display daily from 8 am to 10 pm. For a complete schedule www.carolinainn.com (919) 918-2715.

December 4

33rd Annual Christmas Craft Show will be held from 9 am - 5 pm. This craft show features handmade items by regional crafters, including baskets, jewelry, holiday wreaths, candles, original art, stained glass, paintings and much more at the Big Barn Convention Center in Daniel Boone Village, sponsored by the Daniel Boone Merchants Association. For more information, visit www.theshopsatdanielboone.com

December 4

25th annual Historic Hillsborough Candlelight House Tour from noon to 6 pm. Beautifully decorated private homes, plus historic sites and churches. Live music, refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce, (919) 732-8156, www.hillsboroughchamber.com

December 8-9

10th year of Allan Gurganus' and Michael Malone's performance of Charles Dickens' timeless Victorian tale, "A Christmas Carol!" Performances Thur & Fri at 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 210 St. Mary's Rd., Hillsborough. Purchase Tickets \$15 each at the Burwell School Historic Site, the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, the Hillsborough Wine Company, the Purple Crow Bookstore, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Burwell School (919) 732-7451, www.burwellschool.org

December 9

Carrboro Tree Lighting and music at 6 pm on Town Hall lawn, 301 W. Main Street, www.townofcarrboro.org

December 9

Holiday Jazz Concert North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra, 8 pm., Hill Hall, UNC Campus. For tickets and information, (919) 843-3333. <http://music.unc.edu>

December 9-11 & 16-19

A special performance of Long Leaf's critically acclaimed holiday opera production, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti, comes to The ArtsCenter by popular request. A perennial favorite with children and adults, this show stars some of the state's finest singers. 7pm Fri-Sat and 3 pm Sat-Sun. For tickets, The ArtsCenter - 300-G East Main St - Carrboro, (919) 929-2787 www.artscenterlive.org

December 10

Christmas Holiday Shoppe is 9 am - 4 pm. 55 crafters and artisans from throughout North Carolina offering a wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items perfect for holiday gift-giving. Holiday music and refreshments. St. Thomas More School - 920 Carmichael Street - Chapel Hill, (919) 493-4157. Free. <http://school.st-thomasmore.org/>

December 10

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade begins at 10 am downtown Chapel Hill, www.chapelhilljaycees.org

December 10

Nutcracker on Ice at Triangle SportsPlex. A Holiday classic. Shows at Noon and 5 pm. \$10 adults, \$7 youth ages 12 and under. 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough. (919) 644-0339. www.trianglportsplex.com

December 10-11

2011 Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour is Dec 10 & 11 from 1-5 pm both days. The doors of Chapel Hill, NC's most beautiful homes in the historic Greenwood Road Neighborhood will be open for the public to explore. House tour tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 the weekend of the event. Call (919) 942-7818 for ticket information. www.chapelhillpreservation.com

December 10

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair at Nightlight Club is 2 pm - 6 pm. Find an amazing array of homemade items, crafts, records, vintage clothes, items, baked goods and plants. www.nightlightclub.com

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