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Winter 2021 Event Guide

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FREE

25th Annual Capital Holiday Lights in the Park

ALBANY - The 25th Annual Price Chopper/Market 32 Capital Holiday Lights in the Park runs from November 26-January 2, 2022. Experience the magic of the holiday season in Albany NY!

The 2021 edition of the Price Chopper/Market 32 Capital Holiday Lights is an all-new, drive-through spectacular with more than 125 displays and scenes in Albany's Washington Park. NOTE: Saturday, December 11 is a "Walk-Only" night due to the Albany Last Run 5K.

Hours are Sundays 5:00pm-9:00pm, Mondays - Wednesdays 5:30pm-9:00pm, Thursdays 5:30pm-9:30pm, Fridays 5:30pm-10:00pm, and Saturdays 5:30pm-10:30pm at Washington Park in Albany.

Admission prices are: \$25.00 for passenger vehicles



(capacity max of 9), \$30.00 for passenger vehicles and recreational vehicles (capacity 10-18), \$50.00 for commercial vehicles and vans (capacity 19-28), \$100 for school buses and \$125 for commercial coaches.

Must purchase tickets in advance! Tickets are ONLY valid for the scheduled DATE and TIME on ticket. NO EXCEPTIONS! Guests may arrive at the gate to enter the queue no sooner than 20 minutes prior to their scheduled

reservation time. The gate will close 20 minutes after the last scheduled reservation time for the night.

For more information calls 518-435-0392 or visit albany-capitalholidaylights.com/ hours-pricing.

Local Events

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The Nutcracker - Saratoga Springs Youth Ballet

ALBANY – Saratoga Springs Youth Ballet presents its First Full Nutcracker production featuring 85 talented dancers ages 5- 18 years old, and special guests Sarah MacGregor, Aram Hengen, and James Alexander.

Performances will be held on Saturday, December 18th at 1 and 7 pm at University at Albany Performing Arts Center. All ticket proceeds directly support the Saratoga Springs Youth Ballet a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Don't miss your chance to see this exciting holiday classic!

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
COVID Safety Protocols

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Springs Youth Ballet are committed to your safety and will be following CDC, State and University at Albany guidelines regarding health and safety protocols. All audience members and visitors to the building will be required to comply with the rules in place at the time of their attendance.

All audience members and visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, must wear face coverings while inside the UAlbany Performing Arts Center and all University buildings. The Performing Arts Center University at Albany is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Suite 5 Albany.

Get Tickets on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Saratoga SantaCON 2021

SARATOGA SPRINGS – The Saratoga SantaCON is the Capital District's largest pub crawl and has been for over 5 years. SantaCON includes a bunch of Festively Dress Pub Crawlers that make their way through Downtown Saratoga Springs spreading cheer and Christmas spirit. Although Saratoga SantaCON is a fun time, its goal is to raise food and funds for the Franklin Community Center. Please check out the mission and the programs at the center, they are really an amazing group of individuals. www.franklin-communitycenter.org

The Saratoga SantaCON 2021 is taking place Saturday, December 18. Registration takes place at noon at The Soundbar (6 Caroline Street, Saratoga Springs)

The 10th Anniversary twist: A city wide Santa scav-

enger hunt that includes all the participating locations with photo tasks, trivia and hidden QR Codes. All the tasks will have point values and the Santa with the most points will be taking home \$1000 in cash. (you must have made both donations to qualify)

This year's SantaCON will be making an attempt to the break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Scavenger Hunt in the world (Currently held by Ottawa, Canada with 2,732 participants in 2017). At registration you will receive the login code to be able to participate in the Santa Scavenger Hunt.

To participate purchase a ticket through the Eventbrite link (\$10.00) Also bring 5 Non-perishable Food items as a donation that will be collected at the Soundbar Registration. Once both of those



are confirmed you will be given the Santa Scavenger Hunt passcode. 100% of everything raised (Food & Funds) go directly to the Franklin Community Center.

Please bring your printed ticket to help speed up registration.

Each location will Feature: \$4 Labatt blue, Blue Light, Blue light seltzer \$5 Tito's Cocktails for the time frame

of their stop.

Some sort of festive/holiday attire is strongly encouraged. It will be ok, everyone is doing it! For more information email Sipsaratogaevents@gmail.com or contact [@saratogasanta](https://www.facebook.com/saratogasanta) on Facebook & Instagram.

For full details, visit: [eventbrite.com/e/saratoga-santacon-2021-registration-213371980337](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saratoga-santacon-2021-registration-213371980337)



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Fort Salem Favorites Return For “Snow Business” Concert This Winter

SALEM – This winter, Fort Salem Theater invites you to join some of your favorite FST singers and dancers as they deck the halls with boughs and Broadway in There’s No Business Like Snow Business, the theater’s original holiday showtune sing-a-long! Performances are Friday, December 10 (7:30PM), Saturday, December 11 (7:30PM) and Sunday, December 12 (2:00PM). Tickets are now on sale at www.FortSalem.com.

“After such an exciting re-opening season at Fort Salem Theater, we thought the perfect way to close out the year was to invite back some of our favorite performers for this special hol-

a holiday celebration concert

STARRING:

				
Iris Rogers	Sam Luke	Courtne Harrington	Noah Casner	Kyra Fitzgerald
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iday concert.” Fort Salem Theater Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West said. “This show is perfect for the whole family and promises to keep your toes tapping as you sing along to your favorite holiday and Broadway tunes like ‘White Christmas,’ ‘Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,’ ‘My Favorite Things,’ and more!”

Taking the ‘Snow Business’ stage are stars from this season’s mainstage productions, including Iris Rogers (The Marvelous Wonderettes), Sam Luke (Next to Normal), Courtne Harrington (The Diary of Anne Frank), Noah Casner (Next to Normal), and Kyra Fitzgerald (The Diary of Anne Frank). Local favorites, the Susi Shoes Dancers will make a guest appearance, and 14-year-old soloist Alexandra Behmoiram will make

her Fort Salem Theater debut. Kyle West directs, with music direction by Maureen Cossey and stage management by Anna Threet.

To expand the celebration, the theater’s cabaret room will be transformed into a holiday shopping market, featuring local vendors with great gifts and winter treats. The holiday shopping market is open to patrons and free to the public two hours before each performance.

There’s No Business Like Snow Business performs Friday, December 10 (7:30PM), Saturday, December 11 (7:30PM), and Sunday, December 12 (2:00PM). All performances are on the Fort Salem Theater mainstage, located at 11 E Broadway, Salem NY 12090. Tickets range from \$15-\$30 and can be purchased at www.FortSalem.com.

Great gifts *for* holiday hosts



Hosting family and friends during the holiday season is a big responsibility, especially for those men and women welcoming overnight guests into their homes. Hosts anticipate opening their homes to loved ones during the holiday season and would never ask for anything in return. But guests who want to show their appreciation to their gracious hosts can consider these gift ideas this holiday season.

Decorative vase: The holiday season is colorful, and many people deck their halls with poinsettias or other plants and flowers during this time of year. A decorative holiday vase is a thoughtful gift that can be part of hosts' holiday decor for years to come.

Wine rack: Wine makes a perfect complement to holiday meals, and hosts might appreciate a place to store their collections. Guests unfamiliar with the layout of their hosts' homes may want to choose a countertop wine rack, which won't take up much space and can be a convenient place to store a bottle or two before dinner. Guests who want to go the extra mile can bring along a few bottles of wine so the wine rack is presented fully stocked.

A night out: While it might not be a gift in the traditional sense, paying for a night out is a great way to show hosts you recognize and appreciate all of their hard work. Call your host



in advance of your visit and insist on taking everyone out to dinner one night during your stay, even splitting the tab with other guests if a lot of people will be staying overnight.

Holiday photo frame or album: Men and women like to host family during the holidays because it's a great chance to make lasting memories and reconnect with loved ones. Help hosts commemorate those memories by giving them a photo frame in which they can place a picture of the whole family, or an album where they can place various photos of the family from this holiday season.

Spa day: Of course, gifts for holiday hosts need not tie in to hosting. A certificate for a day at a local spa can be just what exhausted hosts need to refresh once all of their guests have come and gone. If a day at the spa is beyond your budget, put together a home spa package with bubble bath, scented candles and a bottle of wine.

Holiday hosts deserve a little extra for inviting family and friends into their homes during this joyous time of year.



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CAMBRIDGE – Once again the residents of the village of Cambridge (and surrounding areas) will light up the night with creative window decorations. Windows in the Cambridge-area will be decorated and illuminated each evening throughout the month, beginning December 1. The aim is for each window to be a surprise as it is revealed. A mix of individual homes, businesses, and organizations are slated to participate and windows will stay lit through approximately January 15. The public is invited to take a drive or walk and enjoy the lights of Cambridge.

As the project heads into year three, many community members are looking forward to the tradition. **Each night, a new window will be re-**

Cambridge Community Holiday Windows 2021

Each location will light their Holiday Window on their date, all windows will remain on once lit, until January 15, 2022

Dates and Locations for Windows

- Dec. 1 Battenkill Books
13-15 East Main St
- Dec. 2 Sew Dot Calm
75 East Main Street
- Dec. 3 1 Avenue B
- Dec. 4 Cambridge Co-op
1 West Main St
- Dec. 5 The Footbridge
15 West Main St
- Dec. 6 Chamber of Commerce
55 West Main St
- Dec. 7 24 County Route 59A
- Dec. 8 Cambridge Library
21 West Main St
- Dec. 9 Shiny Sisters
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- Dec. 10 The Eagle
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- Dec. 11 106 West Main St
- Dec. 12 22 Content Farm Rd
- Dec. 13 170 Cnty Rt 59, Buskirk
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- Dec. 16 19 Spring St
- Dec. 17 130 East Main St
- Dec. 18 122 West Main St
- Dec. 19 43 West Main St
- Dec. 20 10 South Union St
- Dec. 21 The Bog
52 East Main St
- Dec. 22 11 Avenue A
- Dec. 23 32 South Union St
- Dec. 24 81 East Main St
United Presbyterian Church

Most windows will be illuminated at approximately 5pm unless noted.
Viewers are encouraged to following CDC guidelines.

**Village of Cambridge NY
and surrounding area**

About Holiday Windows
This project was launched locally in 2019 and is based on the Advent Windows tradition that is popular in England. Heading in to our third year, everyone is still excited to make this an annual tradition.
Head to the event's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/holidaywindows12816 or Instagram account: @holidaywindows12816 for more information.

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vealed at approximately 5pm. The public is invited to gather on the sidewalk to “ooh and ah” over the community’s holiday spirit and creativity. Some locations are even promising holiday treats! However, as COVID-19 cases continue to be a part of our lives, please remember to adhere to all CDC guidelines.

The window unveilings

will begin in the evening of Wednesday, December 1 (adding one window each day through Christmas Eve), so be sure to add a drive or stroll around Cambridge to your holiday activity list!

Head to the event’s Facebook page: facebook.com/holidaywindows12816 or Instagram account: @holidaywindows12816 for more information.

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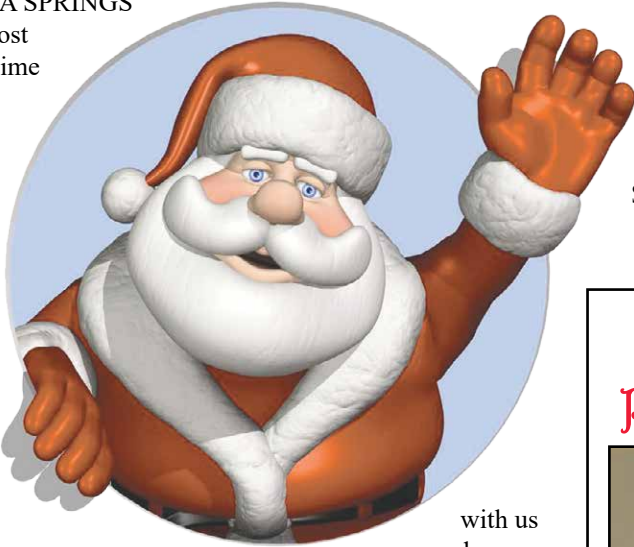
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- 10am seating you must arrive between 9:45am - 11:00am

- 12:30pm seating you must arrive between 12:15am - 2:00pm
Tickets:
Adults - \$29.99
12 and Under - \$14.99
3 and Under - Free

Pictures with Santa will be available throughout your visit, and we will have Jeff Brisbin on hand playing all of your favorite holiday music. Buffet will include all of the brunch favorites, as well as an omelette and carving station.

Family Friendly Paint Party - Christmas Gnomes



SCHENECTADY – Family friendly event with cookies and winter refreshments. Food and drink are included in the ticket price. Create a piece of art for yourself or a gift. Lots of room at this location - perfect afternoon event. The Christmas Gnomes paint party is hosted by artist Jennifer Claire at the ViaPort Rotterdam at the 93 West Campbell Road in Schenectady. The event will be held Saturday, December 11 from 11am to 1pm.

To buy tickets go to Eventbrite and search Jennifer Claire traveling paint n sip. You can also google Jennifer Claire's Traveling Paint n Sip to find ticket purchase page.

Live Music at The Depot

CAMBRIDGE – Visit Argyle Brewing in Cambridge for some great live music:

Shortwave Radio in Cambridge - December 4 @ 7-9pm, Cambridge Train Depot, 6 Broad Street

Christmas with the Wynotte Sisters - December 10 @ 7:30-9pm, Cambridge Train Depot, 6 Broad Street

Sydney Worthley - December 12 @ 4-6pm, Cambridge Train Depot, 6 Broad Street

Toss The Feathers @ The Depot - December 19 @ 3-5pm, Cambridge Train Depot, 6 Broad Street

Trapper Schoepp @ The Depot - March 11, 2022 @ 7-9pm, Cambridge Train Depot, 6 Broad Street

For more information about the events at Argyle Brewing visit argylebrewing.com.

Granville's 4th Annual Lighted Tractor Parade

GRANVILLE – Celebrate the holidays with Granville's 4th Annual Lighted Tractor Parade taking place Friday, December 10!

Decorated tractors, firetrucks, ATVs and more will step off from Telescope Casual Furniture (82 Church St., Granville, NY) at 6 p.m. The parade will end at the former Manchester Wood property (1159 County Route 24, Granville).

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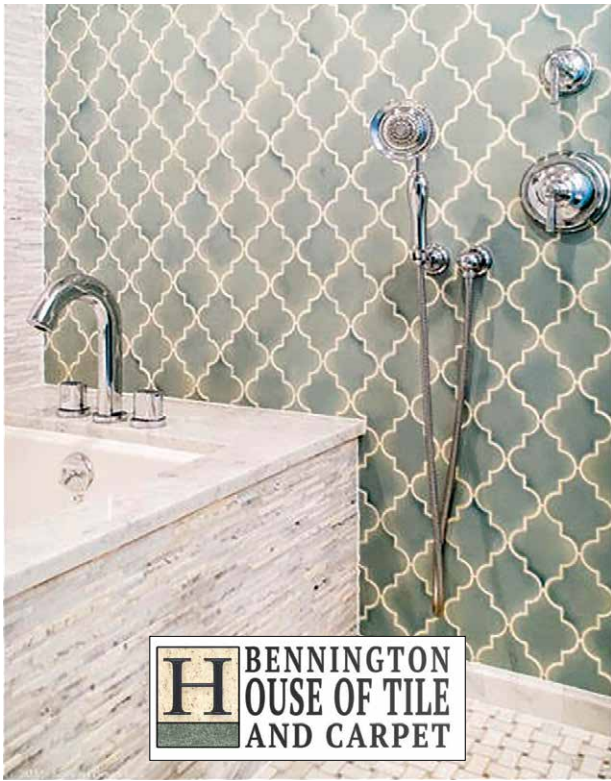
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2022 Adirondack Sports Expo

SARATOGA SPRINGS – The Adirondack Sports Expo is happening March 19-20 at the Saratoga City Center! A high-energy gathering of sports, health, fitness and travel exhibitors and attendees!

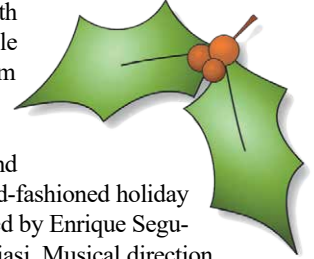
Running, biking, hiking, paddling, triathlon, skiing, health, fitness, recreation, and travel will all be represented. Talk with exhibitors to get info about upcoming events; purchase clothing, gear, and footwear; buy that kayak, canoe, or SUP you've had your eye on. Find a new destination for that getaway you've been thinking about. Whatever your reason for coming, you won't go away empty-handed.

Show Hours: March 19: 10am to 5pm and March 20: 10am to 4pm.

Jingle Jangle Jubilee

BENNINGTON – BPAC Youth Theater presents "Jingle Jangle Jubilee!" on December 18, 1 pm and 4 pm. This is the first performance for this young group.

The show is a variety of song and dance, skits, music and good old-fashioned holiday cheer. The production is directed by Enrique Segura, with assistance by Lauren Biasi. Musical direction is provided by Lynn Sweet and the show is choreographed by Kristi Segura. The cost is \$10 and free for kids under 10. For questions about upcoming programming, contact BPAC by phone 802.447.0564, email info@bpacvt.org, or visit our website bpacvt.org.



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Get Christmas *crafty* with homemade ornaments



Handmade gifts, trinkets and treats help make the holiday season special. Although cookies and other baked goods are some of the most popular homemade creations this time of year, gift-givers young and old can put their talents to use with various craft projects. Ornaments and decorations are one such idea. Here are some clever and, not-too-time-consuming craft projects to try this holiday season.

Mini sleighs: Create miniature replicas of Santa's famous sleigh. Paint several popsicle sticks to form the main body of the sleigh and glue them together. Put one at the top perpendicular to the others to serve as the steering rudder. Two silver-painted popsicle sticks placed on their thin sides act as the blades of a sled.

Popcorn garland: Garland made of popcorn is a classic handmade holiday project. For a new twist, toss the popcorn with food coloring and allow it to dry before stringing for some bright color

on the tree.

Photo ornaments: Print out several different photos that you love. Purchase round or square thin wood pieces from a craft store and attach the photos with Mod Podge®. When dry, drill a hole through the top and thread with twine.

Advent calendar: Make an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas by covering a foam board with fabric. Use paper tags or small ornaments and write a number on each for each day of the month. Hang these all from the board. As each day passes, move the tag or ornament to the tree.

Wooden snowflakes: Have children collect small twigs from outdoors, as well as holly leaves and some sprigs of ever-

green. Arrange similarly sized twigs in the shape of snowflakes and glue together, or tie with twine. Embellish with stickers, glitter, dried berries, and more.

Dough ornaments: Anyone can have fun molding their own ornaments, letting them dry and then painting them. Use cookie cutters to get perfect holiday shapes. Craft stores sell various types of modeling clays and lightweight modeling materials. Or, make your own salt dough.

Reindeer bottle topper: Put to use any wine corks you have lying around. Attach googly eyes and a small fuzzy nose to the front of a cork. Insert twisted, brown pipe cleaners to make the antlers up top. Add ribbons, small snippets of faux fur or any other extras you desire.

Sweet sentiments: Use old Scrabble® letter tiles to form a favorite holiday phrase, like "Joy to the World." Glue the tiles together and hang from the tree on a piece of ribbon.

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Soul Steps performs at BPAC on Dec. 11!

BENNINGTON – Soul Steps, from New York City, is thrilled to bring African American step dance to the Bennington Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Learn about the history of step and get a taste of high energy body percussion in this interactive, one-hour presentation. The evening will include a sneak peek of material from their new production in development, STEP SHOW: THE MUSICAL. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A with the artists, curated by Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion consultant, Mya Fisher from Yale University. This performance is a fundraiser for the development of this exciting new work by Soul Steps.

African American step dance is a rich art form that began at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and has connections to South Africa and other parts of the African Diaspora. We invite you to journey with the artists through this captivating history and clap along as they celebrate this electrifying dance.

Get tickets at bpacvt.org/tickets. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults and \$25 if

you want to Step It Up to help Soul Steps get their full musical ready for production.

Intro to Step Workshops on December 12

Then on Saturday, Dec. 12 join Soul Steps for a FREE Intro to Step workshop. There will be two sessions: one from 11 am–Noon and the second one from 1–2 pm. Soul Steps invites you to experience the stomps, claps, and dynamic rhythms of the rich African American cultural tradition known as step in this beginner workshop. Participants will use their bodies to create hip-hop infused rhythms through call and response patterns and foundational step choreography. They will also examine step's early roots in the mines of South Africa, through South African gumboot dance. No prior experience is required. All ages are welcome! This is a drop-in event, no ticket needed. Intro to Step Workshop, December 12, 11 am–Noon and 1–2 pm • FREE

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Gift-wrapping *tips and tricks*

Much of the focus of each holiday season is on gift-giving, but all those gifts will eventually need to be wrapped. Stacks of presents just waiting to be covered with paper and ribbon can overwhelm gift givers, prompting them to put off wrapping gifts until the last minute. Hesitant wrappers with a pile of gifts to wrap can use these tricks to make the process go smoothly.

Find inspiration

Instead of looking at wrapping as yet another chore, try to envision how the recipient will feel peeling open the paper and finding the gift inside. Wrapping can be the prelude to the gift itself, and intensify the anticipation. The wrapping paper or style also may draw on aspects of the gift itself. For example, a knit scarf can be placed in a crocheted stocking.

Handle oddly-shaped items

Wrapping rectangular boxes can be a snap, but what about something that's round or full of angles? Think about placing oddly-shaped items inside another item to make the shape more uniform. Shoe boxes, coffee cans and even paper towel rolls can hold items. Then place the wrapping on these containers.

Cover prices

To enable easy exchanges or returns, do not cut off the price tags of gifts. Instead, place a festive sticker over the dollar amount, but leave the scan bar visible. This way the gift recipient can return the gift with ease if necessary.

Keep supplies at the ready

Devote a bin or bins to wrapping supplies and tools. Having scissors, paper, tape, ribbon, and more in a designated spot will cut down on having to

hunt and peck when it comes time to wrap. Martha Stewart suggests getting a rotary cutter to cut long straight or decorative edges on wrapping paper. Rotary cutters may be easier to use than scissors, especially when paired with a ruler.

Wrap on a firm surface

Devote a table or counter to wrapping gifts. This will keep the paper taut and neat and make it easier to cut and position. You risk tearing the paper or puncturing it when working on carpeting or bedding.

Color- or pattern-code gifts

It's easy to visualize who gets what gift when each recipient has his or her own special wrapping paper. This is also a handy idea when wrapping gifts from Santa, as it will differentiate the Santa gifts from the ones being given by Mom and Dad.

With a few helpful pointers, wrapping gifts can be easy. And for those who prefer to skip the wrapping themselves, many malls and retailers offer complimentary wrapping for a small donation to charity.

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Norman Rockwell *Christmas*



Certain holiday images have been ingrained in the minds of the public. Coca-Cola's smiling bearded Santa Claus, in his now universally recognized red coat, helped create a model from which all other Santas evolved. And an early 20th century artist and illustrator helped to establish the feelings of the Christmas season for millions with portraits featured on the covers of The Saturday Evening Post.

Norman Rockwell was born in New York City in 1894 and dreamt of becoming an artist when he was young. Rockwell received his first commission at age 17 and illustrated for Boy's Life, the monthly magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1916, Rockwell was hired by The Saturday Evening Post. When Rockwell began working for the Post, his humorous and deadpan depictions of American life tugged at the heartstrings of the public — even if they weren't so adored by art critics.

Rockwell spent 47 years working for this iconic magazine. Rockwell produced paintings for the Post and other publications that depicted key images in American history, including Charles Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic, the Moon Land-

Norman Rockwell helped establish the ideal holiday image and inspired other artists along the way.

ing and World War II. However, some of Rockwell's most beloved work pertains to his holiday scenes.

Rockwell used real people as his models, and every detail in his reproduction paintings of photographs was fastidiously planned, say biographers. Over time, Rockwell's paintings helped define an idealized vision of American life and Christmas celebrations. Even now people seek to emulate the merriment and magic exemplified in Rockwell's imagery — from tired toy store clerks to a boy discovering Santa kissing his mom to the great holiday dinner. Rockwell produced 29 Christmas covers as well as greeting cards and other holiday scenes.

The holiday season would not be the same without the work of artist Norman Rockwell. His influential images helped reflect a glorified version of American life and have helped to make the holiday season even more special for millions of people.



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Try a different take on turkey

this holiday season

Turkey is a holiday dinner staple in many families. While many might scoff at the idea of altering their holiday turkey traditions, others may embrace changing things up, feeling that the joy of cooking often lies in experimentation. Those unafraid to try something new might want to cook up the following recipe for “Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney” from Laurey Masterton’s “The Fresh Honey Cookbook” (Storey).

Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney

Serves 6

- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 1 pound turkey meat from turkey breast and/or thigh meat, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup chicken stock
- ¼ cup Marsala
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Unbleached all-purpose flour, for the pastry
- ½ cup celery sliced on the diagonal
- ½ cup sliced button mushrooms
- ½ cup Cranberry Chutney (see below), plus more for serving

Fresh parsley sprigs for garnish

1. Following the instructions on the package, thaw the puff pastry. This will take 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the type of pastry. You should be able to unfold it without it breaking. Set aside.

2. Pulse the turkey in a food processor until it is the consistency of ground beef. Add 2 of the eggs, the chicken stock, the Marsala, and the butter. Pulse again briefly, until just combined.

3. Roll out the puff pastry on a floured surface until it is a 12- or 13-inch square. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper and place the pastry on top.

4. Form the minced turkey mixture into a log and position it down the center of the prepared puff pastry. Make an indentation down the length of the turkey and place the celery, mushrooms, and cranberry chutney along the indentation. Cover the indentation with the meat, forming a log once again.

5. Wrap the puff pastry around the turkey, neatly folding the ends and top together, rolling or tucking the edges together, and pinching to seal any gaps. Make the pastry-covered log as



round as possible, like a Yule log — try to avoid a flattened version, like a strudel.

6. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

7. Combine the remaining egg with 1 tablespoon water in a small bowl or cup. Stir well until completely mixed. Brush the roulade with the egg wash, being careful to brush every bit of the exposed pastry.

8. Bake for 10 minutes at 450 F, then reduce the heat to 375 F. Continue to bake for 30 to 45 minutes longer, until the pastry has risen and is a toasty, golden color and the turkey has reached an internal temperature of 165 F. Generally speaking, once the pastry has cooked, the meat will be cooked, too. Remove the roulade from the oven. Transfer it to a serving platter, using the parchment paper to help you. Allow to rest for about 10 minutes.

9. Slice and serve, garnishing with the parsley and accompanying with a bowl of extra cranberry chutney.

Cranberry Chutney

Makes 3 cups

- 1 1-pound bag fresh cranberries
 - 2 navel oranges, unpeeled, cut into 6 wedges and then into thin slices
 - 1 ½ cup golden raisins
 - ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - ½ teaspoon whole cloves
 - ½ teaspoon ground ginger
 - ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 - ½ cup apple cider
 - ½ cup honey, preferably cranberry honey
 - ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
1. Pour the cranberries into a 2-quart pot. Add the oranges, raisins, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt, apple cider, honey, and vinegar. Bring to a boil, and then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the chutney thickens, about 20 minutes.
2. Remove from the heat and serve warm or, if you prefer, chill and serve cold.

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Serve up warmth for the holidays

People often associate holiday imbibing with eggnog, but many other beverages can be enjoyed this time of year. Wassail is a hot, mulled cider that was traditionally consumed while wassailing, a ritual of Medieval English Christmas and Twelfth Night celebrations. A warm beverage and caroling go hand-in-hand.

Wassail can be made in many different ways, depending on one's tastes. But cider is an integral ingredient in most wassail recipes. Home cocktail creators can use this basic recipe and modify as they see fit.

Wassail Serves 8 to 10

- 1/2 gallon apple cider
- 2 cups orange juice or pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 8 whole cloves
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1 cup orange juice
- Whiskey, if desired

Add all ingredients to a large pot over medium heat. Allow to boil. Reduce and simmer for 30 to 45 minutes. Strain out the cloves and cinnamon sticks. For an alcoholic drink, add whiskey to desired taste.

Wassail is traditionally served out of a communal punch bowl, but can also be presented in individual mugs garnished with cinnamon sticks.

It's a Jazzy Christmas

SARATOGA SPRINGS – It's a Jazzy Christmas! A Christmas concert celebrating the holiday music of Vince Guaraldi hosted by Universal Preservation Hall on Saturday, December 18 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Hall is located at 25 Washington Street Saratoga Springs/

The cost: \$30 Adults; \$15 Children 17 & Under

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and It's a Jazzy Christmas has all your favorite holiday songs!

This show will feature the music of Vince Guaraldi made famous in the Peanuts holiday specials. Wrapped in the theme of a 1940's radio drama, the concert takes the audience on a holiday ride through the decades of great classic music and fun radio serial interludes. Get ready to have a jolly laugh or two. It's a Jazzy Christmas is the perfect concert to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

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Celebrate with safety

around your tree this holiday season

Christmas trees are a beloved staple of the holiday season. Whether you prefer a freshly cut tree or an artificial alternative, the day a Christmas tree is brought home or erected is when many people truly grow excited about the holiday season and begin to be overtaken by holiday cheer.

But as beautiful and inspiring as Christmas trees can be, it's important that men, women and children exercise caution around trees so no accidents occur. The following are some Christmas tree safety tips courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association.

Choose the right tree. The tree you choose can go a long way toward ensuring the tree will make it through the season accident-free. Artificial trees should be identified on their labels as fire retardant, which means they are less susceptible to fire, something that's especially important since so many people drape their trees in decorative lights. A freshly cut tree should have fresh, green needles that do not fall off when the tree is touched. This indicates that the tree is not dried out and less susceptible to catching on fire.

Do not place the tree near a heat source. Even freshly cut and flame retardant trees can catch fire, so it's important that trees are not placed in close proximity to any heat sources, including fireplaces, radiators, heating vents, baseboard heaters, and

candles. In addition, avoid placing the tree near lights or lamps that emit a lot of heat.

Keep the tree clear of exits. A Christmas tree should never be placed in a spot that bars an exit. Should an accident happen and the tree light on fire, all exits should be easily accessible so residents and guests can quickly get out of the home.

Add water to the tree stand every day. Water should be added to the tree's stand every day. That water will not only help the tree maintain its color and aesthetic appeal, but also helps to prevent the tree from drying out. A dry tree is a significant safety risk, so be sure to check if the tree needs water when you wake up each morning and again before going to bed. Many trees initially need water both in the morning and at night. As the holiday season wears on, the tree will likely consume less water, but it's still best to monitor the stand's water levels every day until the tree is discarded.

Inspect lights before decorating the tree. All Christmas lights should be inspected before they are hung on the tree. Replace any loose or burned out bulbs, and inspect cords to make sure they are not worn down or frayed. Follow manufacturer instructions carefully when stringing lights, as there may be specific guidelines as to how many strings of lights can be connected at one time.



Use appropriate lights. Many lights are exclusive to indoor or outdoor use, so be sure to use the appropriate lights for your indoor tree. The wrong lights could be a safety hazard. Do not hang lit candles on a Christmas tree.

Turn lights off before going to bed. Though a Christmas tree may look beautiful when it is illuminated in the middle of the night when no other lights are on, the lights on the tree should always be turned off before going to bed or leaving your home.

Properly discard the tree. Trees that have dried out pose a considerable fire risk, so it's best to discard a tree when it starts to drop needles. Do not place a discarded tree in the garage or lean it up against your home. If necessary, consult a local recycling company to determine the best way to discard your tree.

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Holiday Lighted Nights

GREENWICH – Holiday Lighted Nights is a new drive-thru Holiday Light Experience debuting at the Washington County Fairgrounds this November!

Tickets are sold per car. Make sure to order some snacks for the car ride - family size packaging available.

The Holiday Lighted Nights will take place on the following nights November 26, 27, 28 and December 2-5 and 9-23 from 4:30-9:30pm. The cost is \$25 per car.

Visit the fairs website to purchase tickets and snacks. Order Snacks before you arrive and have them waiting for you at our snack pavilion! Snacks are packaged to share the whole family or to have some leftover for the ride home!



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CP Holiday Train at Home

Although the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train won't be making any local appearances this year, Canadian Music Hall-of-Famer Steven Page and The Strumbellas will lead an all-star cast of performers aboard the CP Holiday Train for the 2021 "Holiday Train at Home" concert.

The concert will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube and this webpage on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. MT/8 p.m. ET. "With the 'Holiday Train at Home' concert, CP hopes to inspire support for food banks across North America," said CP President and CEO Keith Creel. "Though we are disappointed we again cannot bring an in-person show to communities along our rail lines, it fills us with joy to bring together such outstanding musicians for a performance that will help feed Canadians and Americans

in need. The CP family looks forward to bringing the Holiday Train back on tour as soon as it's safe."

CP's 2021 corporate donation will bring the total amount of money raised at CP Holiday Train stops to \$20.64 million since the train's inception in 1999. Food banks have also collected 4.9 million pounds of food donations at local Holiday Train events.



Howard Jones Acoustic Trio

SARATOGA SPRINGS – Howard Jones Acoustic Trio Tour will perform Saturday, Feb 12 from 7:30 to 9:30pm at the Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington Street Saratoga Springs.

Howard Jones Acoustic Trio is an intimate stripped-down trip through Howard's 30-year music career. Featuring Howard on electric piano, Robin Boulton (Roger Daltrey, Dave Stewart, Fish) on acoustic guitar and Nick Beggs (Kajagoogoo, Belinda Carlisle, John Paul Jones) on chapman stick, these shows deliver a fresh take on Howard's best-known hits. These shows also provide the opportunity for the audience to hear first-hand about the inspiration behind Howard's beloved material as well as stories from his touring career.



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Dos and don'ts of holiday safety

It's the most wonderful time of the year, as long as holiday happenings go as planned. Celebrants can ensure that this joyous time of year is not marred by injury, theft or accidents by always keeping safety in mind.

DO turn off Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving home. Lights left on can overheat and cause fires. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in two of every five home Christmas tree fires between 2011 and 2015, according to the National Fire Prevention Association.

DON'T locate a Christmas tree too close to a heating source, fireplace or lit candles, as trees can dry out and ignite.

DO extinguish candles before retiring for the night.

DON'T gift without doing research into whether or not toys are age-appropriate. Pay attention to toy recalls as well. The Consumer Product Safety Commission provides lists of recalled items.

DO roast rather than fry the holiday turkey. Burns, explosions and carbon

monoxide poisoning are some of the dangers associated with turkey fryers. The CPSC, which discourages the use of fryers, says there have been 168 turkey-fryer related incidents since 2002.

DON'T keep purchases in view of potential thieves. Resist putting presents under the tree until the night before Christmas. Hide large product boxes so they're not visible in the trash or recycling pickups, where thieves might look to see what's inside the

house. **DO** wait until after your holiday excursion to take to social media about it. Otherwise, you're simply advertising that you are not home and risking a break-in.

DON'T drive distracted or under the influence. This is a busy time of year when more people are out and about, so keep your eyes on the road at all times.

DO keep poisonous plants out of reach of pets and children. These can include Jerusalem cherry, mistletoe berries and holly berries.

DON'T locate breakable ornaments close to the bottom of the tree in reach of young children. Glass can shatter and cause serious injuries.

DO tie the Christmas tree to the car securely after purchasing it to avoid lift-off while taking it home from the lot. At home, secure the tree to the ceiling or a wall with a piece of invisible fishing line for extra security against tip overs.

DON'T underestimate the things that can and will go wrong when hosting for the holidays. Take a deep breath, assess the situation and stay calm through any hiccups.

Bakithi Kumalo & the Graceland Experience

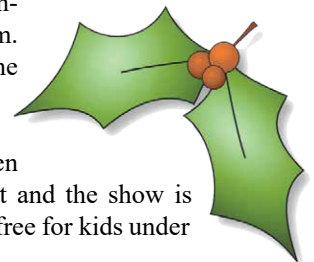
SARATOGA SPRINGS – Bakithi Kumalo is going on tour in 2021 performing with The Graceland Experience. This unique show will feature Bakithi performing the entire Graceland record, one of Paul Simon's biggest, along with a selection of world music as well.

The concert will be held at Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga Springs on February 5 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Jingle Jangle Jubilee

BENNINGTON – BPAC Youth Theater presents "Jingle Jangle Jubilee!" on December 18, 1 pm and 4 pm. This is the first performance for this young group. The show is a variety of song and dance, skits, music and good old-fashioned holiday cheer. The production is directed by Enrique Segura, with assistance by Lauren Biasi. Musical direction is provided by Lynn Sweet and the show is choreographed by Kristi Segura. The cost is \$10 and free for kids under 10.

For questions about upcoming programming, contact BPAC by phone 802.447.0564, email info@bpacvt.org, or visit our website bpacvt.org.



Celebrate and stay true to your budget this holiday season

The holiday season is a joyous time of year dominated by family reunions and seasonal soirées. And while kindness is a theme of the holiday season, this time of year can be especially unkind to personal budgets, many of which get stretched thin in the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Travel and shopping tend to do the most damage to budgets come the holiday season, when people hit the road to see family and friends, often with numerous gifts in tow. But the holiday season does not have to be so harsh on personal budgets, especially for those men and women who employ a few tricks of the trade to lighten their financial burdens during this festive time of year.

Set spending limits. Many families, especially those that are very large, establish spending limits with regard to how much each person can spend on gifts for their loved ones. Such limits still allow holiday celebrants to exchange gifts with their family members, but limits help celebrants reign in their holiday spending as well. No one wants to begin the new year with heaps of debt or an empty bank account, so don't be afraid to propose such spending limits to your relatives.

Share hosting duties. In addition to travel and shopping, hosting holiday parties requires a considerable financial commitment on the part of the host. Rather than forcing holiday hosts to shoulder that burden on their own, families can share the hosting duties, even if the party is still slated to take place at one person's home. Make the holiday dinner a potluck affair so holiday hosts don't have to assume the cost of the entire meal on their own. Request family members bring certain items, asking one person to provide beverages for the night while another takes care of dessert. Sharing such duties makes the cost of hosting a large holiday dinner much more manageable while freeing up time that holiday hosts can spend with their loved ones.

Make your own decorations. Holiday decorations go a long way toward feeding the festive atmosphere of the season. But store-bought decorations can be expensive. Instead of outsourcing your holiday decorating, make homemade decorations with materials purchased at a nearby arts and crafts store. Gather the family together for a crafts night and enjoy this time spent together during what's typically a hectic time of year. Homemade decorations also create lasting memories, as you and your family can enjoy reflecting on the fruits of your labors every holiday season for years to come.

Start shopping early. One way to stretch your holiday shopping budget is to start shopping early. Though many holiday shoppers have been given such advice, very few take it to heart. Shopping early affords you more time to find deals and comparison shop, and beginning your search for gifts early allows you to patiently wait for sales or other discounts that

might not be available once the holiday season hits full swing. If you plan to purchase any big-ticket items well in advance of the holiday season, first confirm the return policy, specifically how long you have to return the gift, as you don't want your loved one to end up with a gift they can't return if necessary.

The holiday season finds many people stretching their budgets. But men and women can employ several strategies to save money while still enjoying a memorable and festive holiday season.



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Potatoes perfect for the holiday breakfast table



Holiday dinners may get all the glory, but men and women who host friends and family each holiday season know that time spent with loved ones at the breakfast table can be just as enjoyable as breaking bread in the evening. A home-cooked meal first thing in the morning is a great way to start the day, and hosts who want to serve up something familiar with a little extra flavor can try the following recipe for “Skillet-Roasted Potatoes with Mushrooms and Pancetta” from Betty Rosbottom’s “Sunday Brunch” (Chronicle Books).

Skillet-Roasted Potatoes with Mushrooms and Pancetta

Serves 4

- 4 ounces pancetta, cut into 1/4-inch cubes (see note)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more if necessary

- 1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, unpeeled, scrubbed and quartered
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 10 ounces cremini or brown mushrooms, quartered
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled and halved crosswise
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- Several fresh thyme sprigs for garnish (optional)

1. Arrange a rack at center position and preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large, heavy, ovenproof frying pan (preferably cast iron) set over medium heat, sauté the pancetta until golden and crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to drain on paper towels.

3. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of the drippings from the pan. (If you don't have 2 tablespoons, add olive oil to make

this amount.) When hot, add the potatoes and sauté, stirring, until they start to take on a little color, 5 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and place the frying pan in the oven. Roast for 15 minutes.

4. Remove the frying pan from the oven and add the mushrooms, garlic and the 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Add the dried thyme and season with more salt and pepper. Toss to coat well.

5. Return the pan to the oven and roast until the potatoes are golden brown and tender and the mushrooms are softened, about 15 minutes more. Remove the frying pan from the oven and stir in the reserved pancetta. If desired, garnish the center of the pan with fresh thyme sprigs. Serve warm.

Note: If buying pancetta from a deli, ask for it to be cut thickly into 1/4-inch slices. Prepackaged pancetta is often thinly sliced.

2022 Saratoga Beer Week



SARATOGA SPRINGS – The 2022 Saratoga Beer Week is scheduled for February 22-26 in Saratoga Springs. This event features fun, food, and fantastic beer! With multiple beer-centered events, locals and visitors alike will enjoy top regional and national brews while seeing the best of what Saratoga has to offer, including restaurants, hops, and hotels.

Nothing goes down smoother with craft beer than great food! We're busy curating some awesome food options to keep your munchies satisfied. Check back closer to the

event date for a list of food that will be served at the event.

As if drinking weren't fun enough all on its own, we've got some awesome activities to test your skills while you sip the day away. Find a friend and partake in a bit of friendly competition over a game of Kan Jam, Ladder Golf, Corn Hole or Crown Hole (a cross between corn hole quarters)! Don't say we didn't warn ya', but luckily for those who lose, the drinks are already paid for.

Full Details: <https://americaontap.com/event/saratoga-beer-week>

Do-it-Yourself Decorating that Lasts All Season Long

(BPT) - As the holidays roll around, it's natural to want to spread good tidings and cheer with festive decorations like wreaths, candy canes and Santa Claus figurines. But this year, instead of digging out the same old holiday decorations, why not create some new looks that will last the entire winter season, even after you put away the gift wrap and ornaments?

Stimulate the senses

Nothing says winter like the fresh smell of pine and the soft, warm glow of candle light. Repurpose simple glass bottles into an outdoorsy candlescape with Krylon Natural Stone Textured Finish spray paint. Available in eight colors, like Olivine, it goes on easy and gives you the natural beauty of stone and an elegant, professional-looking appearance. Once dry, wrap artificial garland with pinecones around the bottle's neck or let the garland cascade down the bottle. Place pine tree-scented white taper candles in the bottle openings, light and enjoy for a fresh look and smell that will stimulate your senses well into 2022.

Color works wonders

Another easy way to excite the senses during a drab, gray winter is with pops of color. For a decorative display that lasts all season, avoid the red and green col-

or combination associated with Christmas and branch out with more contemporary choices like teals, blues, purples and pinks. Metallics like silver and gold are also a great way to glitz up the season without looking like the North Pole in overdrive. Try Krylon's ColorMaster Metallic in Gold to spice up old ornaments, vases, frames, centerpieces and more in no time at all. Group spray-painted ornaments or pine cones in a hurricane vase or glass bowl and display on the mantel for added ambiance to any living room.

Deck the halls

Looking for a way to display the abundance of holi-

day cards from friends and family? Repurpose an old window shutter to create a unique display. Start by spray painting it with a festive shade, such as green or burgundy, which adds a touch of holiday spirit. Once dry, hang the shutter in the kitchen or entryway and place holiday cards in the slats of the shutter for a creative way to stay organized. Once the holidays have passed, you can still use the shutter to display birthday cards, thank you notes, party invitations and more all year long.

Outdoor decor

The inside of the home isn't the only space you can be creative. Make a last-

ing statement before house guests even step inside your home by focusing decorative attention to the outside. Line walkways and driveways with lights or faux miniature pine trees, and place white flameless candlesticks on each windowsill to add a simple touch of holiday spirit without going overboard. Prop a vintage snow sled outside the front door to welcome guests.

So, this year instead of the same decorations, consider some fun and easy ways to re-beautify them into pieces that you'll be proud to display throughout the winter season. For more product or project ideas, visit www.krylon.com.



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