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Winter 2023 Event Guide

Your source for upcoming community happenings & places to go!



30th Anniversary Holiday Folk Show: Evening Performance

SARATOGA SPRINGS - It's that magical time of year again for Caffe Lena to get into the holiday spirit with some of our favorite folks ON Sunday, December 17 from 7 to 9pm.

Get into the holiday spirit with John Kirk, Trish Miller, David Kiphuth, Sara Milonovich, Addie & Olin (all ages). Every year folks from across the region come to Caffe Lena to enjoy a sweet, sentimental and silly solstice celebration complete with swanky décor, excellent instrumentation, audience participation, and loads of lovely songs. Harmony fiddles, guitar, mandolin, banjos, flute, concertina, horns and percussion will be played by talented folks who have been Caffe troubadours for three decades. After so many good years, these are the last shows for this "big ensemble." Selections are presented with peace and goodwill towards all!

Caffè Lena is located 47 Phila Street in Saratoga Springs.

25th Annual Saratoga Chowderfest

SARATOGA — Saratoga's Annual Chowderfest is one of the area's most highly anticipated events of the year. Family-friendly, fun and utterly delicious, Chowderfest features more than 80 vendors—including Saratoga County's best restaurants and caterers—who open their doors to the public and serve 4 oz. samples of chowder for \$2 to event goers.

Sponsored by the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau, Chowderfest will take place Saturday, February 10 from 11am to 4pm in downtown Saratoga Springs.



2nd Annual Fort Ann Fire Lighted Christmas Parade and Caroling

FORT ANN - Join us for our 2nd annual Fort Ann Fire Lighted Christmas Parade! Bring the whole family to watch all the local emergency services and of course SANTA! Parade begins at 4:30pm on December 10 at the Fort Ann School.

Any local fire, EMS or police agencies that would like to participate please email us at fachief26@gmail.com.

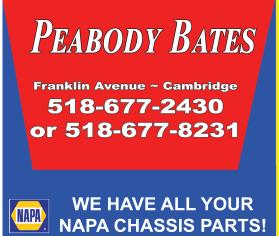
Parade Route: Fort Ann School, Catherine Street, Charles Street, George Street, Victoria Street and back to Fort Ann School.

Artisan Trails Holiday Market

HUDSON FALSL - Artisan Trails in Washington County Annual Holiday Market 2023 is coming to Sandy Hill Arts Center Hudson Falls on Sunday, December 3 from 9am to 4pm.

The market will be located on the 3rd floor in the main room. The high ceilings and abundant light in this vibrant space should make quite a location for us to show our wares. The gallery is located at 214 Main Street in Hudson Falls.







2023 Saratoga Festival of Trees



SARATOGA SPRINGS - Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties invites the local community to unwrap the magic of the holiday season at their 28th annual fundraiser – The Festival of Trees – on Wednesday, November 29, through Sunday, December 3, at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

The Festival returns with a showcase of beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and other holiday and gift items for purchase. Festival proceeds will benefit the programs of Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties.

The Festival of Trees event hours vary as follows:

- Festival of Trees Preview Reception, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6-8pm
- Festival of Trees, Thursday, Nov. 30, 4-9pm
- Festival of Trees, Friday, Dec. 1, 3-8pm
- Festival of Trees, Saturday, Dec. 2, 11-7pm
- Festival of Trees, Sunday, Dec 3, 11-2pm

Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for Seniors, \$5 for ages over 10

and free for anyone 10 and under, when accompanied by an adult. Special admission pricing set at \$5 will be offered on Thursday of Victorian Streetwalk Weekend after 4pm. Festival of Trees tickets can be purchased at the entrance to the Festival. Festival of Trees Preview Reception tickets can be purchased by calling 518-587-5000.

There are three Breakfasts with Santa times on Saturday, December 2: the first scheduled for 8:30-9:30, then 10-11 and 11:30-1. Sundaes with Santa follows from 11:30-1pm. Tickets are \$10 each. Children 2 and under are free. Adults must accompany children. Tickets include either the breakfast or sundae, a tour of the Festival of Trees, a chat with Santa, and access to a variety of children's activities for \$1 per ticket. Activities include cookie decorating, face painting, manicures, ornament making, picture frame creating and letters to Santa. There will also be a Holiday Shop with gifts for purchase. Breakfast with Santa and Sundaes with Santa admission tickets are sold in advance only

and can be purchased by calling 518-587-5000.

Breakfast with Santa



FORT EDWARD—A Community Breakfast to Benefit Fort Edward Fire Department will be held Saturday, December 16 from 8 to 11am. The menu will consist of: scrambled eggs, pancakes, toast, sausage, bacon and home fries. Bring the whole family! Tickets will be \$12, kids under 8 are free! Take out available. Buy your tickets at the door!

Santa will be ready to hear your Christmas Wishlist, and you can write a letter and send it back with him to the North Pole to be sure he won't forget!

All proceeds will benefit the Fort Edward Fire Department

2023 Jingle Bell Run

SARATOGA SPRINGS - Help keep the tradition going strong by jingling with your family and friends at the Arthritis Foundation's 2023 Jingle Bell Run on Sunday, December 3 starting at 9am at Skidmore College (815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs).

Wear your favorite holiday costume and spread good cheer for a great cause. We're raising awareness and funds to support arthritis research for better treatments and a cure. Register as an individual or as a team with family, friends, or even coworkers! We're also helping the Arthritis Foundation develop tools, resources and opportunities to connect with each other. Together, we're committed to conquering arthritis for good. Please join us!

For help or more information about Jingle Bell Run - Saratoga Springs, contact Rainbow Doemel at rdoemel@arthritis. org, or call 518-732-6219.



2023 Adirondack Snowman Tour



FORT ANN - The Adirondack Snowman Tour is a fantastic holiday shopping experience across multiple communities, including Fort Ann, Hudson Falls, and Queensbury. Local crafters and artisans will be opening their doors for visitors to come shop for unique gifts beginning Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3.

Look for the Snowman signs

where maps will be found.

See you all and have a fun

time shopping!

- Event Dates & Hours:
- Friday, December 1, 2023: 9:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday, December 2, 2023: 9:00am-5:00pm
- Sunday, December 3, 2023: 9:00am-3:00pm

For more information, call Rhonda Jarvis at 518-744-

To see the participant map, go to the Facebook event and click the "Discussion" link.

Make Your Own Holiday Greens Patio Pot

GRANVILLE - Don't neglect your front porch this holiday season! Create your own decorative patio "planting" with seasonal greens, berries, ribbon, and décor. Fresh greens and seasonal berries will keep your planter looking fresh and bright all season long.

Each ticket includes:

- Design tips & guidance
- A resin 14" frost-proof container
- Seasonal greenery & berries
- Bows & other decor

Reserve your spot at: mandysnursery.com. You can also book via phone or email. Call 518-642-3676 or email info@mandysnursery.com.

This event will take place Saturday, December 2 at 11am. Mandy's Spring Nursery is located at 1637 County Road 28 in Granville.

Fun Family Event

HEBRON - Family Program hosted by Pember Museum at the Pember Nature Preserve in Hebron on Saturday, December 2 from 10:30am to 3nm.

Explore our preserve - snowy or not! Learn about animals that live in snowy climates. Create your own snow mobile and play a snow game. Wear warm clothes and boots. FREE for all ages with adult supervision.

There will be three 1 hour program sessions:

- 10:30am 11:30am
- 12:30pm 1:30pm
- 2:30pm 3:30pm

The preserve is located at 6937 NYS Route 22 at Porter Schoolhouse in Hebron. For more information call 518-642-1515 or email pember@roadrunner.com.



2023 Ballston Spa Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

BALLSTON SPA - The Ballston Spa Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting is on December 1, 2023. The parade begins promptly at 6:30pm and starts from the intersection of South Street and Milton Ave and proceeds down Milton Ave up to West High Street.

Following the parade, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will arrive on the back of an Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Company truck to light the tree in Wiswall Park.

We are excited to announce the parade entries will be judged this year in the following categories: Best Emergency Vehicle Entry, Best Float Entry, Best Walking Entry, and the Brightest Light Award. The brighter and more festive the better.

The parade will once again spotlight the Toys for Tots campaign, in partnership with the Ballston Spa Community Emergency Corps, Saratoga County Sheriff Department and the U.S. Marine Corps. Volunteers from these organizations will be on hand to collect donations of new, unwrapped toys from spectators along the parade route as well as at the tree lighting.

7th Annual Pie Ride

SARATOGA SPRINGS - The last slow roll of 2023! Love riding bikes? Love eating pie? This annual celebration of friends, biking and pie will roll out from the Spirit of Life statue in Congress Park in Saratoga Springs at 10am sharp on Sunday, December 3.

We will ride at a casual social pace along an approximately 15-mile route (weather permitting) with 3 or 4 fun and pie-filled stops along the way. Ride participants are welcome to leave the ride at any time.

Dress warmly and make sure you have a well working bicycle.

Attendees should bring a pie to share (encouraged, but not required), a plate, cutlery and a drink that pairs well.

We will have a trailer to help transport pies & more.



The parade headlines a holiday themed "First Friday" in Ballston Spa. Home to unique shops, museums, and popular restaurants, Ballston Spa pulls out the stops for December's First Friday by filling the village with a merry atmosphere. Many businesses will be open with special

holiday activities and specials, while Ballston Spa High School singers and musicians as well as Union Fire Company band members perform carols on the street corners.

This event is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, and everyone is invited to attend.





Annual Holiday Pop-Up Market at Gather

GREENWICH - Join Gather in Greenwich for their Annual Holiday Pop-Up Market on Saturday, December 9 (11am to 5pm) for a delightful holiday shopping experience. Gather will be hosting over 30 local makers, artisans and small businesses, their biggest market to date and, for the first time ever, they'll be expanding the event to the 2nd floor at 103 Main Street!

Visit Gather's Facebook and Instagram pages @gather103 for Market Maker Highlights and updates. Shop small and support local business this holiday season!



Christmas in Cambridge Weekend

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:30pm: CVCC Holiday Window Unveiling at 55 West Main Street, refreshments will be served.

6:00pm: Village Tree Lighting and Visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, organized by the village. Santa will draw the winner for The Preserve Raffle.

6:00pm-8:00pm: Christmas Open House at the Cambridge Historical Society Museum, 12 Broad St. There will be refreshments, beautiful decorations, a sing-along of Christmas songs with live music.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar at Cambridge United Presbyterian Church

10:00am-3pm: Craft and Vendor Fair at the Cambridge Central School.

10:00am-3pm: Craft and Vendor Fair and Bake Sale at the Jacobs Well Church.

11:00am-3pm: Makers Market at Argyle Brewing.

11:00am-4pm: Cambridge Valley Art Tour at 6 art studios; for more info: cambridgevalleyart. org

12:00pm-5pm: Holiday Open House at Black Widow Gallery, refreshments will be served.

2:00pm-4:00pm: Ornament Making at The Cambridge and the Library

4:00pm-5:00pm: Sample soups, chilis, and chowders throughout the parade route



4:00pm-7:00pm: Country Gals Cafe Monthly Dinner

4:00pm-7:00pm: Shop local gifts at Battenkill Books, Cambridge Florist, Argyle Brewery, Deluge Designs, Over the Moon and Carroll's Trading Post

5:00pm: See the Holiday Parade from Academy Street to CCS

7:30pm: Shannon Tehya & The Troupe and member of the CCS Drama Club will perform a Holiday Concert & Community Celebration at Hubbard Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am-11:00am: Eat breakfast with American Legion

10:00am-1:00pm: Holiday Market with Makers and Crafts at the Cambridge Valley Farmers Market

11:00am-2:00pm: OPEN HOUSE My Shop Around The

Corner boutique & salon.

11:00am-4:00pm: Cambridge Valley Art Tour at 6 art studios for more info: cambridgevalleyart.

5:00pm: Green Food Bridge Holiday Window Unveiling

5:30pm: Lions Club will hold their annual Memorial Tree Lighting. The lighting of the memorial trees at the Cambridge Library lawn (Memorial Park) and Gaze-

Holiday Windows

December 1-24: Holiday Windows are lit every evening at 5pm from December 1st through the 24th. Look for the Cambridge Community Holiday Windows. Visit their Facebook or Instagram pages for more information: @ holidaywindows12816 or cambridgenychamber.com.



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Cambridge Valley Holiday Fine Art Tour

CAMBRIDGE - Welcome to our Holiday sale! Walk or drive around the village of Cambridge and visit artists studios in person during this year's Holiday Fine Art Tour on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3.

The Cambridge Valley Fine Art Holiday Tour and Sale will take place on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3 from 11 to 4 on both days. This is a self-guided tour where art lovers and the curious have the opportunity to visit each artist's home or studio to view and purchase their art work

This season there will be six participating painters who work in oils and watercolors using various techniques, styles and approaches. The six artists, Mark Tougias, Matt Chinian, Sara Kelly, Clarence King, Julie Duggan and George Van Hook all live in The village of Cambridge within a few blocks of one another, making a visit to all six easy and stress-free.

Visit Matt Chinian's bright airy studio and view his Prosaic Realism plein air paintings. Sara Kelly will have her studio open, displaying a selection of fanciful artwork and printed goods. At George Van Hook's there will be watercolors, figure drawings, and lots of oils in all sizes encompassing farmscapes, seascapes, rivers, lakes, mountains, figurative works and still lifes. Mark Tougias has a house full of rich and colorful landscapes, painted plein air and in the studio. Clarence King is an experienced regional painter and has exhibited in many fine galleries and shows. We welcome Julie Duggan to the tour, with her very recognizable scenes of the local landmarks and landscapes.

Please feel free to drop by either day between 11 and 4.

All artist accept either cash, checks, and some accept credit







Art Adventure for **Adults**

SALEM - Art Adventure for Adults with Gabi Moore is coming to the Historic Salem Courthouse in Salem on Saturday, December 9 at 10:30am.

Create your own decorative artwork on slate! Using a simple system of patterns you design, create your own artwork with strong house paint that will make your slate artwork suitable for a gift or for your own outdoor or indoor creation. The cost for this workshop is \$20.

The number of participants is limited, so please call the Courthouse at 518-854-7053 to reserve your spot!

All proceeds from this workshop will benefit the Historic Salem Courthouse.

Paint & Sip with Laura Leigh



GREENWCIH - Join Gather in Greenwich for Paint & Sip with local landscape artist, Laura Leigh!

Inspired by nature and the landscapes of the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River Valley, these classes are one part basic painting lesson and one part art therapy. Laura creates a calm environment for you to open the door to your inner creative world, while also learning basic painting techniques that work for

your individual skill set.

This is a class in creative confidence, and students will learn new ways of drawing and painting that resonate personally and allow you to open up and express yourself with the paint.

The class will be held Thursday, December 7 from 6-8pm at 103 Main Street in Greenwich.

Spots are limited! Preregistration and payment is required to confirm reservation.

Build Your Own Charcuterie Board

KINGSBURY - Interested in learning how to put together your own charcuterie board? Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 1 to 3pm. Plus, you will get a tour of Ideal Dairy Farms!

What is included? 91/2" x 9 1/4" cheese board with Argyle Cheese Farmer logo along with

a cheese spreader

Sampling of all hard cheeses, cheese curds, dips & spreads, meats, nuts, fruits, vegetables and chocolates

Items to assemble your own charcuterie board

Once the boards are assembled, you will get a tour of Ideal

Dairy Farms. Learn more about where the milk for our products come from!

For tickets visit Argyle Cheese Farmer webpage and scroll down to events for a link to reserve your spot today!

Ideal Dairy Farms is located at 239 Vaughn Road in Kingsbury.

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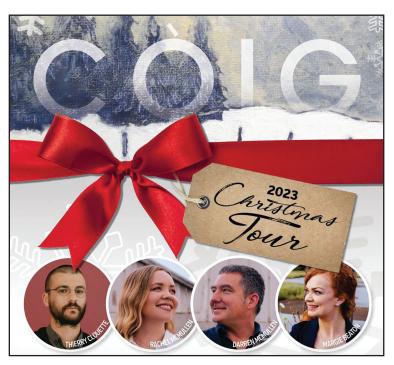
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Còig - Celtic Music Concert - 2023 Christmas Tour



CAMBRIDGE – A Holiday Concert Hosted by Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts and Education in Cambridge on Sunday, December 10 from 6 to 8pm at 25 East Main Street in Cambridge.

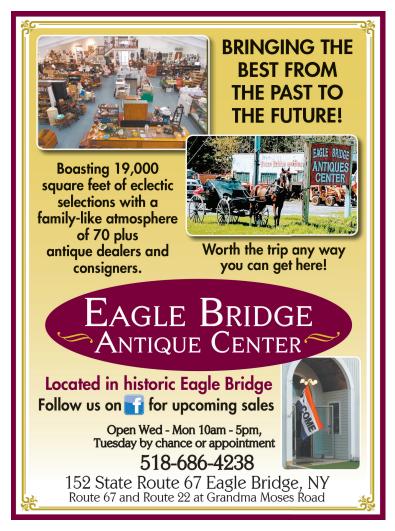
Còig, is one of Atlantic Canada's most exciting Celtic traditional groups made up of accomplished multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Crowley, Rachel Davis and Darren McMullen. With the fiery Celtic high-energy style as its musical core, Còig easily shifts between century-old tunes of past generations to original

and upbeat compositions, featuring the band's range of over a dozen instruments (vocals, fiddles, piano, guitars, banjo, mandolin, viola, bouzouki, whistles, and more). With driving tunes, haunting songs and infectious energy, Còig is an unparalleled music force.

Admission is: \$25 for adults and \$10 for students 21 and under.

To purchase tickets online visit Hubbard Hall website - Now Playing and click on the event to link to registration. 518-677-2495





Granville's 6th Annual Lighted Tractor Parade



GCS Holiday Craft Fair

GREENWICH - The Greenwich Central School Holiday Craft Fair is back with over 60 vendors attending! Come out to get in the holiday spirit and get some of the shopping done!

We are excited to welcome everyone back to the GCS Holiday Craft Fair. We have over 60 vendors attending and will be having a basket raffle, specialty item raffle, & concessions with homemade hot foods & baked goods!

Some of the products the vendors will be selling are:

- Goat soap, lotion & fudge
- Mixed Media Arts
- Primitive Country Decor
- Crocheted & Knitted Items
- Handmade Jewelry

- License Plate Art
- Vinyl Tumblers, Ornaments, etc.
- Natural soaps, lotions, & butters
- Wood burned items
- Abstract Art
- Herbal remedies
- Wreaths...and so much more!

We also have direct sales consultants from: Paparazzi, Pink Zebra, Color Street, Tastefully Simple, Bath Fitter, & Sengence with more entries coming in the mail!

Looking forward to seeing you there! Come to shop and spread some holiday cheer! The craft fair will be held Sunday, December 3 from 10am to 3pm.

GRANVILLE - Who's ready for another "lit" family-friendly event?! Decorated tractors, firetrucks, ATV's and more will take over the village of Granville, New York to ring in the holiday season on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

Granville's 6th Annual Lighted Tractor Parade will kick off from Telescope Casual Furniture (82 Church St., Granville, NY 12832) at 5:30 p.m. and finish at the same location around 7:30 p.m.

Similar to past years, event organizers expect to have 60+ participants and thousands of spectators. Use as many lights and be as creative as you can. The 1st place winner will take home a trophy and cash, while 2nd and 3rd place winners will take home cash and slate ornaments. Gift cards will also be awarded to honorable mentions. A trophy will be awarded to the "People's Choice" entry, which will be determined by social media votes following the event

Follow the Granville Lighted Tractor Parade on Facebook to stay up to date!

Visit facebook.com/Granvilllelightedtractorparade or email granvillelightedtractorparade@gmail.com for more information

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Holiday Lighted Nights



GREENWICH - The Holiday Lighted Nights at the Washington County Fairgrounds is back for a second year! We have expanded the route for even more lights for the same great price of \$25 per

This drive-thru holiday tradition will be fun for the whole family as you drive through over a mile and a half of holiday magic, taking in giant lighted displays featuring holiday favorites as well as community-created displays by Greenwich FFA, Washington County Cornell Cooperative Extension and the History Museum Commitee while listening to your favorite holiday

Tis The Season: A **Concert & Celebration**

SARATOGA SPRINGS Original Songs and Holiday Favorites...the Festive, Fabulous Atmosphere of Saratoga Arts... Tasty Treats, Comfy Community, and a Cheers to ending a Wonderful Year together.

Join us for fun, festivity, community connection, delicious vittles, and most importantly, MUSIC! Local songwriters and artists join forces to showcase a colorful, poignant, entertaining mix of their original songs, plus unique versions of holiday favorites you know and love.

VIP offers Early Entry at 6 pm for a wine and snacks reception in the vibrant art gallery and atrium, networking, artist meet n greet, with concert to follow at 7. A portion of your VIP ticket supports Saratoga Arts in providing rehearsal and creative space, classes, grants, and art shows to our creative community.

Join us on December 20 from 6-9pm at Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway in Saratoga Springs. General Admission: Doors 6:30 pm, Concert 7 pm. Visit evenbrite.com for tickets.

The concert takes place in the Dee Sarno Theatre.

music provided by IHEART Radio. The path and displays change each year, so each year is a new experience!

Don't forget to stop in the Holiday Square to visit the Fair Store, purchase snacks from Reggies Veggies and Barbie's Snack Shack, and more surprises this season!

Tickets can be purchased washingtoncountyfair. ticketspice.com or at the gate!

Help us Support the Comfort Food Community "Shine on Hunger" campaign. Please bring an unexpired soup can to donate to the Comfort Food Community.

Get your Holiday Shopping done while supporting local artisans. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nights visit our Holiday Bazaar for everyone on your list!

Visit Santa! Tell him what you want for Christmas, snap a picture, or drop off a letter for him to take back to the North Pole.

Washington County Fairgrounds is located at 392 Old Schuylerville Road in Greenwich.





Flurry Festival 2023: Winter Roots

SARATOGA - The 2023 Flurry Festival Winter Roots Event will take place over Presidents Day Weekend! Enjoy dances, workshops, and more during the

The 2024 Flurry Festival Winter Roots Event will take place over Presidents Day Weekend, February 16-18! Enjoy dances, workshops, and more during the

Dances and Workshops such ascontra, Irish, English country, swing, hip hop, Zydeco, European, Eastern Asian and more! Beginner to experienced sessions.

Come out to the Saratoga Springs City Center at 522 Broadway in Saratoga Springs to enjoy Flurry Festival.

Learn more at www.flurryfes-

Gingerbread House Build

WHITEHALL - This seasonal event is hosted by Cigar Brothers Brewing in Whitehall on Thursday, December 14 from 6 to 8pm. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes everything you need to build and decorate your house and a drink token.

There's been quite a bit of interest in the two holiday themed events we have upcoming. We are asking everyone to mark on the events page that you plan on attending and also come in to the tap house to pre pay for the event to reserve your spot. Please RSVP through our messenger app or give us a call at the tap house at 518-499-5176. We want to make sure we have enough houses for everyone.

Cigar Brothers Brewing is located at 196 Broadway in Whitehall.

Holiday Artisan Market

HUDSON FALLS - The Artists of the Washington County Artisan Trail are proud to present their first Holiday Market. This holiday event will take place at Sandy Hill Arts Center in Hudson Falls on December 2 from 9am to 4pm.

It's Holiday Season and the Artisans have worked hard to prepare lots of goodies and gifts for your friends and loved ones. Save the date and come visit us for a fun day of shopping.

Classes will be announced soon! Stay tuned!

A huge thank you to Sandy Hill Arts Center for hosting us and don't forget to check out all of the wonderful artist studios and shops located in the building. DeNatale's Restaurant will be open from 4-9 downstairs as well. So, come and make it a day with us.



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Holiday Wreath Making
EASTON - Sign up for a creative and productive afternoon of wreath making! This hands-on workshop will be led by Tiashoke owner, Jessica Ziehm, and will include all the supplies needed to make a gorgeous holiday wreath and decorate it to your liking. The class will take about two hours. Light beverages and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$50 with 15 spots per class.

Pre-Register for this December 2 class on The Farm Store at Tiashoke Facebook Event Page.

The Farm Store at Tiashoke is located at 11822 Route 40 in Easton. For more information call 518-527-3949.

It's a Jazzy Christmas
SARATOGA SPRINGS - "It's a Jazzy Christmas" is returning to UPH! When it's the most wonderful time of the year, "It's a Jazzy Christmas" has all your favorite holiday songs! This ensemble performs concert hall shows that feature the music of Vince Guaraldi from the Peanuts holiday specials and many other seasonal favorites. Wrapped in the theme of a radio drama, their concerts take the audience on a holiday ride through decades of great classic music and fun radio serial interludes. Audiences will even have a jolly laugh or two. It's a Jazzy Christmas is the perfect concert to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

"It's a Jazzy Christmas" will take place at Universal Preservation Hall at 25 Washington Street in Saratoga Springs on Friday, December 15 from 7:30 to 9:30pm. There will also be a performance on Saturday, December 16 at the GE Theatre in Proctors, Schenectady.

Slate Valley Museum **Festival of Trees**

GRANVILLE - The Slate Valley Museum will kick off the month of December and the winter holiday season with the return of its annual Slate Valley Festival of Trees.

This year, the opening celebration will take place on Friday, December 1 from 4-8pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the museum to greet children of all ages from 4-5:45pm. The evening will include drop-in holiday crafts for kids, cookies, and hot cocoa.

Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the museum's 2024 artist-in-residence, Serena Kovalosky, Kovalosky, an artist hailing from nearby Whitehall,



Previous Slate Valley Festival of Tree entries.

NY, will be on hand to chat and introduce her upcoming project, Moving Mountains: The Mustard Seed Project, which will explore the symbolism of the mustard seed for restoring faith in our ability as individuals and communities to achieve the impossible.

This year's Festival includes not only trees, but also table settings, centerpieces, gingerbread creations, and other original holiday décor created for the occasion.

The Festival of Trees display will remain on view to the public daily from Saturday, December 2 through Sunday, December 9 from 10am-4pm. Admission is free.

Group visits are encouraged. Schools, senior groups, or other community organizations can schedule their free group visit by contacting the museum at mail@ slatevalleymuseum.org or 518-642-1417.

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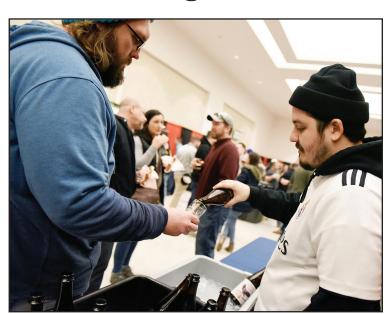
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2024 Saratoga Beer Week



SARATOGA SPRINGS - The 2024 Saratoga Beer Week is scheduled for February 24-28 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: saratogabeerweek.

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Melodies of Christmas



SCHENECTADY - CBS 6 Melodies of Christmas is returning to the mainstage at Proctors! In its 44th year this holiday extravaganza is sure to get you in the spirit featuring songs of the season performed by the ESYO Symphony Orchestra backed

by the Melodies Chorale along with many special guests!

The net proceeds from the CBS 6 Melodies of Christmas benefit the Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer & Blood Disorders at Albany Med, and to date has raised nearly 10 mil-

lion dollars.

Tickets are a charitable dona-

Concerts will be held Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17 at Proctors Theater, 432 State Street in Schenectady.

Lake George Winter Carnival

EACH DAY

Bonfire on the Beach

12pm to 3pm: Children's Activities

A variety of arts and crafts and games to occupy the kiddos! At Shepard Park, and additional locations to be announced.

12pm to 3pm: Pony Rides

Located in Shepard Park. There is a fee.

2:30pm: LG Dog's Got Talent Contest

Something for all the furry friends! Enter your dog in this LGWC crowd favorite. Prizes for those that get the most APAWS. Hosted by the Dog Cabin.

3pm: Polar Plunge

The LGWC is challenging you to plunge into the frigid waters of Lake George! Think you can handle it? If so, make sure to register, and don't forget your camera and towel. Plunge and registration held at the Souvenir Tent in Shepard Park, or online at: lgwc.ticketleap.com/2024polarplunge/

Horse-Drawn Carriage/Sleigh Rides With Time to Remember

On Canada Street. There is a fee. Call Tina for info at 518.321.5539.

SATURDAY EVENTS

9am - 2nd Annual Lake George Winter Carnival & 518 Jeepin Winter Duck Hunt. Participants will be given clues to places in Warren County, NY. Hunt down your locations and find those ducks! CA\$H Grand Prize! Multiple award categories. Hunt begins at 9am - 11am. Participants may participate in the Lake George Winter Carnival parade. Awards Ceremony to follow at 5pm. Location TBA

12pm: Opening Ceremonies Join the LGWC to commence their 62nd year! There will be a blessing and speech by local dignitaries. Held on the MacDonald Pier in Shepard Park.

1pm : CHILI COOK-OFF Competition - Shepard Park Amphitheater

Join us every week as our local chefs compete for the chance to be named the best. Held at the Shepard Park Amphitheater, there will be a fee. We advise you purchase tickets online in advance, as this event sells out every weekend. A limited number of "day of" sales will be available. TICKETS ON SALE 11/20: lgwc.ticketleap.com

2 pm: Outhouse Races on the

One of the continued, mustsee events! \$2,000 in prizes. Registration for racers at 9:30am at the Lagoon or online at lgwc. ticketleap.com (***** in the case of no ice - location may change*****)

2pm to 4pm: MYO Snow Tie-Dyed LGWC Tee-Shirts

A family favorite, and such a unique experience using tie-dye and Lake George snow. There is a fee \$. While supplies and snow last! At the Souvenir Tent in Shepard Park.

4pm: LGWC Annual Parade

The annual parade that helps to kick off February weekend celebrations! This event continues to grow each year. Interested in taking part? Email LGWC411@gmail.com.

5:30pm Until Gone: S'mores in the Park

Come and enjoy ooey-gooey s'mores while keeping warm by the fire! All are welcome. ***Free** at the Shepard Park Amphitheater.

5:30pm Until Gone: Hot Chocolate Bar

Co-sponsored by Fort William Henry Hotel. This has become

a LGWC must do. Not only do you get a LGWC souvenir mug, but you also get to put all your favorite toppings on your hot chocolate. There is a fee. There is a mug presale option online. Only a limited number of mugs will be available for sale the day of the event. tickets on sale 11/20 lgwc.ticketleap.com

7pm: Fireworks by Santore

An amazing and beautiful event - there is nothing more spectacular than watching fireworks over the ice of the Queen of Lakes.

SUNDAY EVENTS

12pm Until Gone: Sundae Fun-Day & Karaoke/Open Mic

There is nothing better than ice cream with all your favorite toppings on a Sunday afternoon and best of all, it's free. Thank you Stewart's Shops! While there, grab the mic and sing your heart out. At the Shepard Park Amphitheater. Donations are appreciated.

3:30pm: Woman's Skillet Toss Sponsored by Vera Bradley at the Lake George Outlets

Come join in the fun at the Fifth annual Women's Skillet Toss! Who needs a keg when you have an iron skillet? Gift to win! All ages welcome! Sign up at the info booth at Shepard Park Beach by 3:15pm.

4pm: Warm Up Keg Toss

Come and test your strength! Do you have what it takes to be crowned this weekend's winner? Sign up at the info booth near Shepard Park Beach by 3:45pm.

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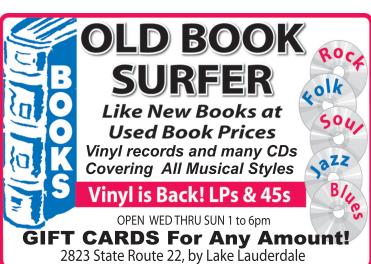
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Schenectady-Saratoga Symphony Orchestra - Poinsettia Pops

SARATOGA SPRINGS - Enjoy songs including "A Christmas Medley" and "Sleigh Ride" with selections from "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol." It's a holiday treat not to be missed on December 2 from 7 to 9pm at Universal Preservation Hall at 25 Washington Street in Saratoga Springs.

Join the SSSO at UPH to kick off the holiday season as

"Poinsettia Pops" returns for the fourth season! Enjoy all of your favorite holiday music with returning vocalist Jeanine Ouderkirk, and special guest vocalists Mowgli Giannitti and Elizabeth Sterling. Enjoy songs including "A Christmas Medley" and "Sleigh Ride" with selections from "The Nutcracker" and "A Christmas Carol." It's a holiday treat not to be missed!

Lake George Community Band's Holiday Concert

HUDSON FALLS - Lake George Community Band's Annual Holiday Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 at 1:00PM at the Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls.

The Lake George Community Band is a group of talented musicians of all ages and professions that represent all walks of life from the Lower Adirondack Area. The home venue for the band is the Lake

George Shepard Park Amphitheater and The Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls.

Tickets are available at the Strand Box Office, cash or check only. For more information or to make reservations, please call 518-832-3484. The Strand Theatre is located at 210 Main St, Hudson Falls, NY.

Visit the Lak George Community Band on Facebook to stay updated!

Saratoga Ugly Sweater 5k



SARATOGA SPRINGS - Join us as we celebrate the transition between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the Saratoga Ugly Sweater 5K on Saturday December 9. Choose between joining Team SANTA (Nice) or Team GRINCH on Saturday, December 9 from 1 to 4:30pm at Saratoga Spa Park in Saratoga Springs.

More information can be found on Run Sign Up.

Special Holiday Sip & Paint on Slate Event

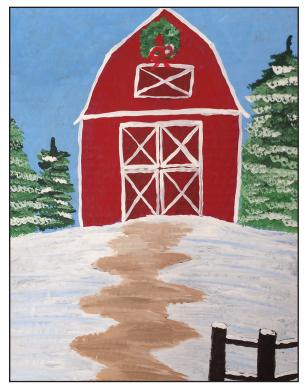
GRANVILLE - The Slate Valley Museum will host its next session of *Sip & Paint on Slate* on Monday, December 11 from 6:30-9pm. Instructor Darcie Parrott will lead attendees in painting a festive winter barn scene on a slate tile sourced locally from Slate Valley quarries.

This special Sip & Paint on Slate event will take place in conjunction with the Slate Valley Festival of Trees. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the holiday displays and decorations during their session. Art instruction will begin at 7pm, leaving 30 minutes at the beginning for people to explore the Festival.

Pre-registration for *Sip & Paint on Slate* is required. Tickets are \$40 per person and include all art materials, one beverage ticket, and a selection of snacks or finger foods. Non-alcoholic options will also be available. Anyone planning to consume alcoholic beverages should come prepared to show a valid ID.

Space is limited. Those interested in registering should contact the museum at 518-642-1417 or mail@slatevalleymuseum.org.

This event is the final of six unique, stand-alone sessions that the museum has offered this year.



Courtesy Darcie Parrott

Saratoga SantaCON 2023



SARATOGA SPRINGS - Santa is coming to Saratoga Springs, and is busting out all the stops for the 2023 Saratoga SantaCON.

What is Saratoga SantaCON?

It's the Capital District's largest pub crawl. We are a bunch of Festively Dress Pub Crawlers that make our way through Downtown Saratoga Springs

spreading cheer and Christmas spirit. Although Saratoga SantaCON is a fun time, our goal is to raise 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 (franklincommunitycenter).

Saratoga SantaCON 2023 is

coming to town on Saturday, December 16 and registration is at 1-3pm at The Soundbar (6 Caroline Street, Saratoga Springs) or Harvey's Bar & Restaurant (14 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs).

Purchase a ticket through our Eventbrite link (\$15.00). Check in at either registration location 100% of everything raised goes directly to the Franklin Community Center.

Please bring your printed ticket to help speed up registration.

Clothing is a must, some sort of festive/ holiday attire is strongly encouraged. It will be ok, everyone is doing it!

For more information contact Sipsaratogaevents@gmail.com or @saratogasanta on Facebook & Instagram.

No Business Like Snow Business

SALEM - A Fort Salem Theater tradition, "There's (Still, Definitely) No Business Like Snow Business," brings back your favorite Fort Salem Theater performers as they deck the halls with boughs and Broadway in this original holiday showtune sing-a-long! Fun for the whole family! This show will be held December 8, 9 and 10 from 7:30 to 9pm at the Fort Salem Theater, 11 E. Broadway in Salem.



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Wine Tasting & Lunch



GRANVILLE - Wine Tasting & Lunch at Dancing Ewe Farm on Saturday, December 2, noon - 3 pm. Take a tour of our Italian wines! Enjoy a delicious farm-made meal. featuring stuzzichini, a hearty soup or stew and a farm-made dessert, accompanied by a tasting of four of our unique wines!

Visit Dancing Ewe Farm webpage - Dining Events to pre-register for this event.

For more information call 518-642-8199 or email Jody@DancingEweFarm.com. Dancing Ewe Farm is located in Granville at 181 County Route 12.

Bluebillies Old-Time Christmas Revue

HUDSON FALLS - 13th Annual Bluebillies Old-Time-Christmas Revue on December 9 (7-10pm)!

Host band The Bluebillies will perform an eclectic and fun collection of acoustic holiday songs for the whole family to enjoy, followed by our extra special guests Across The Pond, Mark and Jill Sing the Blues, Brain Medicine, Kevin Harder and our emcee, award winning Cowboy Poet Mark Munzert! The concert will be held at the beautiful historic Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls. For more information call 518-832-3484.

General admission \$20 (\$12 seniors/students/veterans) available at The Strand Box Office.

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy Present: A Celtic Family Christmas



Join Natalie, Donnell, and the MacMaster-Leahy kids as they take to the stage for "A Celtic Family Christmas," their beloved show where they share their favorite holiday music and traditions. A Celtic Family Christmas will be held Friday, December 1 from 7:30 to 9:30pm Universal Preservation Hall (25 Washington Street in Saratoga Springs).

Award-winning virtuosos Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy celebrate the holidays with an unforgettable evening of music, dance, and storytelling for the young and the young at heart. To fans of fiddle music, MacMaster needs no introduction. Throughout a 25-year recording career, this Order of Canada recipient has released 11 albums. Donnell

is the former music leader of the internationally acclaimed family group Leahy, winners of three JUNO Awards. Widely

recognized as one of the best fiddlers in the world, his highenergy playing style makes him a highly popular performer.

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Holiday Concert & Community Celebration

CAMBRIDGE - The Hubbard Hall Holiday Concert and Community Celebration will feature performances by local band Shannon Teyha and The Troupe and members of the CCS Drama Club!

This event is part of the Christmas in Cambridge Weekend! Join us for a fun, festive evening of music and community celebration as we ring in the holiday season together. Snacks and drinks will be on sale by Coffee And before and during the performance.

Performances will be Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm on the Hubbard Hall Mainstage. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 students 18 and under. To purchase tickets online visit Hubbard Hall website - Now Playing and click on the event to link to registration.

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Winter Wonderland



WHITEHALL - Come one, come all — to the most magical event of the year, right here in Whitehall!

The 4th Annual Christmas Parade "Whitehall's Winter Wonderland" is coming to town Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 5pm.

Stick around after the parade for float awards, a performance from the High School Select Chorus, photos with Santa, and goodies galore!

This event, and holiday decorations in the village are made possible by the volunteers on the Christmas Cheer Committee. This team works year round to secure funding, and make the magic come to life each December. Please consider making a contribution to this event, and the decorations in the park.

