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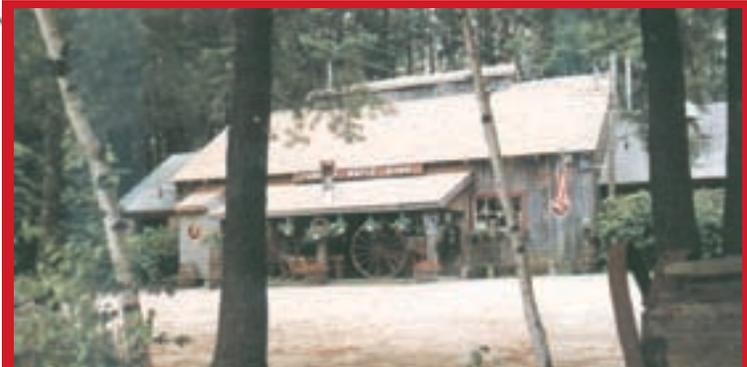


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Inn to Inn Cookie and Candy Tour

The popular Mt Washington Valley, NH inn to inn holiday cookie tour will offer holiday decorating ideas & trees, recipe cards, collectors ornaments, prizes plus plenty of sweet treats. "C" is not only for Christmas but also for cookies, candy, collectors' ornaments and cards with recipes this holiday season in Mt. Washington Valley. When innkeepers from the Country Inns in the White Mountains wish their guests sweet dreams on the second weekend in December they can guarantee that visions of sugar plums, holiday cookies and beautifully decorated trees will dance in their heads. December 10-11, 2011 is the weekend the Country Inns in the White Mountains assure holiday revelers the ultimate in sweet dreams at the 15th Annual Inn to Inn Holiday Cookie and Candy Tour® held from 11 am to 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Participants will not only tour inns decked in all their holiday finery offering signature decorations, holiday cookies and candies, but this year they will also view beautifully decorated trees created by local businesses in honor of their favorite nonprofit organization. With a "Let It Snow" theme, collector's brass snowflake ornaments and recipe collections from each inn will round out the opportunities for tour goers. To celebrate the 15th anniversary of this event, a cookbook collection



of recipes from all 15 years of cookie tours will be given to overnight guests taking advantage of the Cookie Tour package. Chosen by editors of New Hampshire Magazine as "The Best Sugar High", here's one chance to participate in the ultimate cookie walk.

Each of the twelve inns on the 15th Annual Inn to Inn Cookie & Candy Tour will feature original holiday cookies and candies, along with exquisite decorations offering tour goers the bonus of taking home holiday decorating ideas as well as scrumptious cookie and candy recipes for themselves. This year, local businesses will be recruited to create and sponsor decorated trees. Participating businesses will either internally create the themed trees or recruit artists or school groups to create them. Tour goers will then vote for their favorite, and the winning tree will receive \$300, \$200 or \$100 donations for the non-profit organization to which the tree is dedicated.

The tour stretches from Harts Location, to Chocorua, NH, with twelve inns opening their doors to those in search

of fabulous holiday treats, recipes and decorating ideas. No inn is more than fifteen minutes from the next, with many much closer. Additionally, this year two businesses have joined in the tour. Enjoy samples of cookies and candy from Grammy Gordon's Bakery and White Mountain Café.

Each participating inn will offer a Cookie Tour package. Packages will include:

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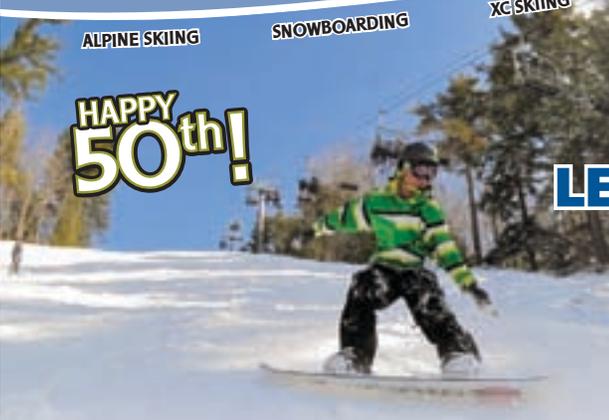
Tour tickets are available in advance by reserving a lodging package from participating inns and this is the best way to secure a ticket for a weekend of cookie, candy and holiday tree fun. Those not wishing to reserve an overnight package may purchase tickets December 1-6, 2011 for \$27 per person by calling 800-338-1356 or 603-356-2642. Tickets reserved by phone will be available for pick up at designated pick up locations. Tickets are limited. Any unreserved tickets will be sold for \$27 per person on the day of the event at the 1785 Inn, Notchland Inn and Riverbend Inn. 800-338-1356 or 603-356-2642.

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Events

Christmas at Canterbury Shaker Village

Come ring in the season at Canterbury Shaker Village on Dec. 3 starting at 3 p.m. Stroll across the Village grounds amid hundreds of luminaries; enjoy horse drawn sleigh and wagon rides, a 19th Century Magic Show, and a Puppet Show; Musical Performances Showcase, enjoy hot cider while listening to musical entertainment; and shop at the Museum Store for unique, handmade gifts! Craft demonstrations, food sampling, and crafts for sale. Children's crafts & activities and candy demonstrations. We are also hosting our Annual Gingerbread Showcase! Toy drive to benefit our local community. Sponsored by Merrimack County Savings Bank along with the NH State Council on the Arts, Lincoln Financial and Laconia Savings Bank. Event Fee: Adults: \$17; Youth 6-17: \$8; 5 and under: free. 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH. Phone: 603-783-9511. Email: mberthelette@shakers.org, Website: http://www.shakers.org

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Santa's Holiday Express

Santa will be on board the train with a small gift in his bag for every good little boy and girl. Joining him will be mischievous elves who will share their hot chocolate and

cookies with everyone on the train.

They'll take your picture, too, if you ask nicely, so be sure to bring your camera. Train departures at 11:00 & 12:00. Dec. 3, 2011 starting at 10:30 a.m. Event Fee: \$10.50 & up based on age and seating choice. Children under 4 are free in Coach. 38 Norcross Circle, North Conway, NH. Phone: 800-232-5251. Email: info@conwayscenic.com, Website: www.conwayscenic.com.

Christmas Festival

Christmas is the most magical time of the year; the holiday itself centers on the most wondrous story ever told. This story has inspired countless other stories of holiday miracles. Long before the advent of motion pictures and television, the magic of Christmas was shared with the world through the written word of such classics as O.

Henry's Gift of the Magi and Dickens' A Christmas Carol. In the spirit of those classic Christmas tales, Northern Forest Heritage Park proudly presents Dickens' Christmas as told by the players of Theatre North on Dec. 10 starting at 4 p.m.

We hope that this play brightens your holiday and helps you to rediscover the spirit of Christmas... when miracles happen and dreams come true. Price of admission includes, the Dickens Presentation, music of the period and a Cultural Christmas Dinner. Event Fee: TBD- Contact for details.

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Storytellers to perform at Indian Museum's Winter Celebration

Native Americans consider winter to be the proper time for telling stories. The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is pleased to announce that four storytellers, including Native American Music Award winners Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising, will share their tales with visitors of all ages during our Winter Celebration. The day's events will include powwow-style drumming, crafts, games and a sale at the Dream Catcher gift shop.

- The festivities begin at 10am with crafts and games that will continue throughout the day.
- At 11am Abenaki storyteller Willow Greene will share stories passed down by her family members and generations of Abenaki storytellers.
- The stories continue at noon with Hears Crow, a Narragansett storyteller and poet who keeps alive the ceremonies, songs and stories of the 'old ones.'



Plains-style tipi. Photo by Richard Senor 2008.

- Mountain Spirit Drum will perform at 1pm led by New Hampshire Intertribal Native American Council Chief and Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Trustee, Peter Newell
- Abenaki storytellers Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising will share their stories at 2pm. Ken and Deb believe that "Storytelling should be a means of teaching, teaching us all how to be better people." Recordings of their stories have won two Native American Music Awards for Best Spoken Word Recordings and they have also been nominated Best Male Artist and Best Female Artist.

Winter Celebration is held in the museum Saturday December 10, 10am-4pm at 18 Highlawn Road on Mt. Kearsarge in Warner. Visitors can stroll through the arboretum, walk the trails in the Medicine Woods, play in the teepee and tour the museum itself, in addition to all the festival activities. Admission is FREE for members and \$5 for non-members. Non-members who choose to become members that day will receive free admission. Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum was founded in 1990 by Charles "Bud" and Nancy Thompson as an educational and cultural center to connect visitors with Native American culture, past and present, and to encourage respect for our environment. The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum seeks to challenge all of us to improve the quality of our lives and our world. The museum is open daily May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on weekends in November through December 10. See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: www.indianmuseum.org

Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center

■ Family Wreathmaking and Natural Creations,

December 2, 7-8:30 pm, December 3, 10 am-12 pm

A family program to make a beautiful seasonal wreath. Participants will use all natural materials to make a fragrant, long lasting, and truly unique wreath, as well as other fun decorations to 'spruce up' our homes. Cost: \$15 per wreath. Advance registration with payment required.



■ **Wild Winter Treats** - December 14, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm. A preschool program to make gifts for our wild friends. Children will help the birds and other small animal friends through the winter season by creating tasty natural garlands and edible decorations to hang outside. Cost: \$5 per family. Advance registration with payment required.

Events

■ Zip! Zap! Pop! - December 16, 7-8 pm

A family program about fast moving and fascinating electricity. Families will explore static and current electricity, discover what materials conduct and insulate, and find out ways to save money and energy this winter. Cost: \$5 per family. Advance registration with payment required.

■ Fishways Open House - December 28, 11 am -3 pm

An Open House for the whole family. School is out, and the festivities continue at the Fishways! Participants will party with us and enjoy our annual thank you "Open House", featuring live animal shows: "The Year of the Turtle" and "Fabulous Frogs". Kids will make fun crafts to take home, eat yummy treats, and have a chance to win door prizes! This is a FREE event for all ages. No pre-registration necessary. Call 626-3474 for more information. www.amoskeagfishways.org

Strawbery Banke Museum celebrates 31st Annual Candlelight Stroll

With nearly 7,000 visitors in attendance at last year's event, Strawbery Banke Museum is gearing up to make its 31st annual Candlelight Stroll the best ever. The Stroll takes place December 4-5, 11-12, & 18-19 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Saturdays and 4:00 to 8:00pm on Sundays. The Stroll showcases 350 years of seasonal and holiday traditions against the backdrop of the Museum's furnished historic houses. On these weekend evenings, the Museum grounds glow with hundreds of luminaria, the houses are adorned in period-appropriate holiday finery of live greens and dried flowers, and the scents and sounds of the season abound. As visitors stroll from house to historic house, costumed role players demonstrate the traditions of times past, inviting guests to indulge their senses and sensibilities in a visit to simpler times. Music of all kinds, past and present, will heighten the holiday mood throughout the museum. Visitors can stroll the candlelit Museum grounds on foot, or travel in style in a horse-drawn carriage. A toasty bonfire crackles throughout the event to warm frosty fingers and toes. Complimentary refreshments and hot apple cider are offered at the Cider Shed. Pitt Tavern will serve savory hot soups and fresh baked goods throughout the evening. Traditional hearth cooking demonstrations, crafts demonstrations, and winter crafts for kids provide interactive fun for young and old alike. Now an annual holiday tradition for many families, the Candlelight Stroll provides a charming, intergenerational return to the roots of America's most treasured holiday activities and customs.

■ New this Year

The theme for this year's Candlelight Stroll is "December in the Portsmouth Neighborhood of Puddle Dock" and visitors will experience a variety of holiday preparations across cultures and across time. During the Stroll, costumed role players in each of the historic homes invite visitors to participate in their respective celebratory activities, which span from pre-Colonial to WW2 and the 1950s.

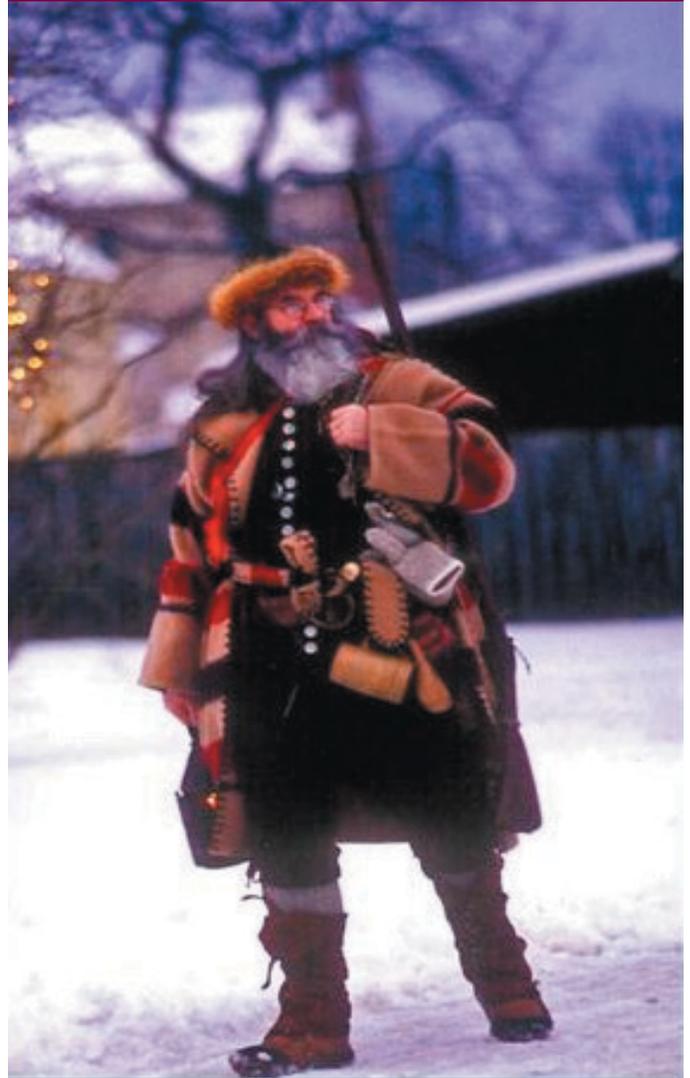
■ Candlelight "Can't Miss" Activities

The amazing gingerbread house display at the Visitors Center; Live music, cookies & hot cider at the Cider Shed; Horse drawn carriage rides - bundle up on Puddle Dock and enjoy this age-old tradition, Hand-crafted winter decorations; Watch wreath-making and decorating demonstrations, taste roasted chestnuts and use natural materials to make a holiday craft to take home at the Jones House; Savor 18th century holiday hearth cooking & talk to our tinsmith as he makes handmade lanterns and tin star ornaments (available for purchase) at the Wheelwright House; Pontine Theatre's performance of a toy theater "A Christmas Carol" in the Rowland Gallery.

■ Tickets and Other Information

Tickets can be purchased in advance in person at the Strawbery Banke Visitors Center at 14 Hancock Street up to the date of the event. Advance tickets may also be purchased online at www.strawberybanke.org starting November 1st. For more information on scheduled activities and participating hotels, visit www.VintageChristmasNH.org. Candlelight Stroll is generously supported by the New Hampshire State Council for the Arts, Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, Lincoln Financial Group, Amica, the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, Darrell's Music Hall, Bruce Mast & Associates, Inc., Northeast Credit Union, and Wentworth Greenhouses.

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Events

Cookies & Snow - A Taste of the Holidays at Waterville Valley Resort

Winter comes to Waterville Valley Resort in New Hampshire's White Mountains with the Cookies & Snow Celebration on Saturday December 10th.

Cookies baked fresh by local restaurants are distributed throughout the businesses in Town Square. Guests can stroll through the decorated shops and sample one of each cookie creation with their purchase of a "Cookie Coupon Book".

And, cookies are not the only treat. Curious George story time is at 11:00 a.m. A free Holiday ice-skating party is scheduled from 1-2 pm with free skating and rentals at Waterville Valley's indoor ice arena! Kids can decorate a candy cottage at the annual Candy Cottage workshop hosted by the Recreation Department. Candy cottages will be displayed throughout the afternoon with a prize for first and second place.

Santa Claus will make an appearance at the ice arena, stroll through the Town Square courtyard around 2 pm, and then cozy up in the Bookmonger to read a children's story. Other festivities include a coffee tasting, and an artisan's fair the Rey Center.



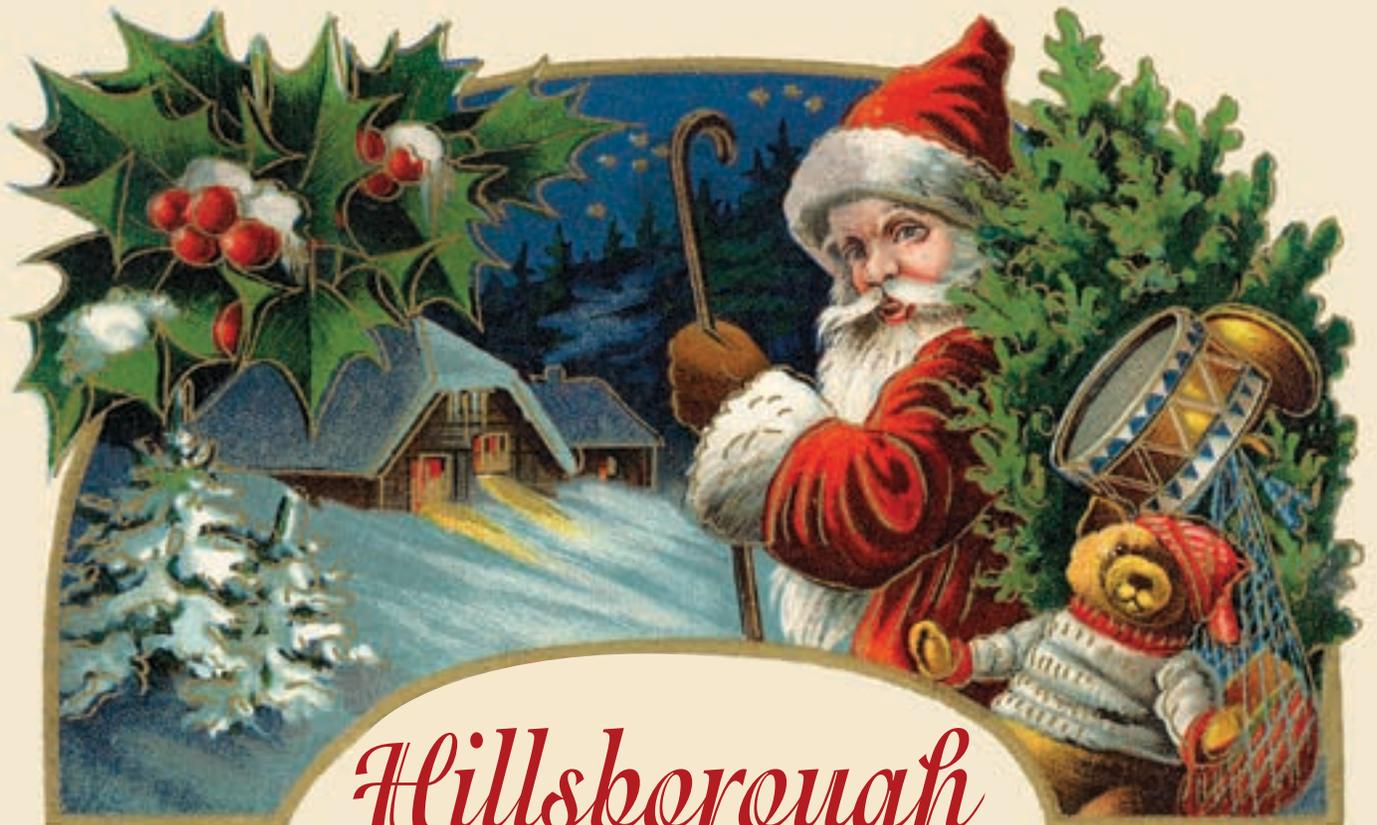
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Pontine Theatre presents A Toy Theatre Christmas Carol

December 9 - 11, Pontine Theatre's Co-Artistic Directors, Marguerite Mathews and Greg Gathers, presents its original Toy Theatre adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol. The program also includes an original staging of Jimmy Scarecrow's Christmas adapted from a short story by 19th century Massachusetts writer, Mary Wilkins Freeman. Seacoast musician, Barbara London, will provide a wide selection of holiday songs, and the audience will enjoy egg nog and Christmas cookies.

Toy Theatre is an antique parlor entertainment, performed on a miniature table-top, two-dimensional stage, with cut-out scenery and actors. It reached the height of popularity in England, during the Victorian era. This historic theatrical style is ideally suited to a rendition of Dickens' endearing story.

Performances are scheduled at Pontine's West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington Street, Portsmouth NH, for Friday 9 December at 8pm, Saturday 10 December at 4pm and at 8pm, and Sunday 11 December at 2pm. Tickets are \$24 and may be purchased in advance at Pontine's website: www.pontine.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door a half-hour prior to performances (cash & checks only) based on availability. Information: info@pontine.org / 603-436-6660.



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- 9am-2pm: White Elephant Sale, St. Mary's Church, Church St.
- 9am-2pm: Christmas Fair, United Methodist Church, Main St.
- 9am-2pm: PTO Craft Fair, HDES Gym, Hillcat Drive
- 9am-2pm: Artisan's Holiday Sale, Moose Club, School St.
- 9am-4pm: Christmas Tree Sales, Hillsboro Lions Club, Main St.
- 10:30am: Puppet Show, Fuller Public Library, School St.
- 12pm-1pm: Christmas Luncheon, United Methodist Church, Main St.
- 2pm-4pm: Free Photos w/Santa, Valley Bible Chapel, Main St.
- 2pm-4pm: Girl Scouts, Kid's Crafts, Valley Bible Chapel, Main St.
- 4:30-5pm: Carols, Butler Park, Main St.
- 5pm-6pm: Free Hot Cider & Donuts, Butler Park, Main St.
- 5pm: Santa's Parade & Tree Lighting, Butler Park, Main St.

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History of the Christmas Tree

1510—The first written record of a decorated Christmas Tree comes from Riga, Latvia. Men of the local merchants' guild decorated a tree with artificial roses, danced around it in the marketplace and then set fire to it. The rose was used for many year and is considered to be a symbol for the Virgin Mary.

1530—There is record from Alsace, France (then Germany territory) that trees were sold in the marketplace and brought home and set up undecorated. Laws limited the size to "8 shoe lengths" (slightly over 4 feet).

1600s—By the 17th century, it was common in Germany to decorate Christmas Trees with apples. This practice was a holdover from the 14th and 15th centuries when evergreen boughs hung with apples were the only prop used in the "miracle plays" that were performed at the churches on December 24. December 24 was Adam & Eve's Day in the early Christian calendar, and the plays were used as ways of teaching the Bible to a largely illiterate population.

1700s—In parts of Austria and Germany, evergreen tips were brought into the home and hung top down from

the ceiling. They were often decorated with apples, gilded nuts and red paper strips. Edible ornaments became so popular on Christmas Trees that they were often called "sugartrees." The first accounts of using lighted candles as decorations on Christmas Trees come from France in the 18th century.

1800s—The Christmas Tree was introduced in the United States by German settlers. It rapidly grew from tabletop size to floor-to-ceiling.

1851—Christmas Trees began to be sold commercially in the United States. They were taken at random from the forests.

1853—Franklin Pierce is credited with bringing the first Christmas Tree to the White House.

Late 1800s—The first glass ornaments were introduced into the United States, again from Germany. The first ones were mostly balls, but later chains of balls, toys and figures became more common.

Around 1883—Sears, Roebuck & Company began offering the first artificial Christmas trees — 33 limbs for \$.50 and 55 limbs for \$1.00.

1900s—Due to overharvesting, the natural supply

of evergreens began to be decimated. Conservationists became alarmed, and many magazines began to encourage people to substitute an artificial "snow" covered tree, consisting of a branch of a deciduous tree wrapped in cotton.

1901—The first Christmas Tree farm was started in 1901 when W.V. McGilliard planted 25,000 Norway spruce on his farm in New Jersey. Also in 1901, Theodore Roosevelt tried to stop the practice of having Christmas Trees out of concern about the destruction of forests. His two sons didn't agree and enlisted the help of conservationist Gifford Pinchot to persuade the president that, done properly, the practice was not harmful to the forests.

1930s—President Franklin D. Roosevelt started a Christmas Tree farm on his estate in Hyde Park, New York.

1966—The National Christmas Tree Association began its time-honored tradition of having the Grand Champion grower present a Christmas Tree to the First Lady for display in the Blue Room of the White House. That year, Howard Pierce of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, presented a tree to President Lyndon Johnson and First Lady Lady Bird Johnson.

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The Blue Room Christmas Tree

Since 1966, members of the National Christmas Tree Association have presented the Christmas Tree that is displayed in the Blue Room of the White House. The honor each year to present a tree to the First Lady goes to the Grand Champion grower. Growers also often contribute Christmas Trees for display in the Oval Office and private residences. Click here for more information on the Blue Room Christmas Tree.

Tree Trivia:

The Blue Room Christmas Tree must be 18 ½ feet tall and fit through a doorway approximately 58 inches wide. The Blue Room has always been used as a reception room except for a brief period during the administration of John Adams, when it served as the south entrance hall. The tradition of the “blue room” began in 1837 when Martin Van Buren redecorated.

The National Christmas Tree

This tree is lit each year at the start of the annual “Christmas Pageant of Peace” ceremonies. The growing tree, which is a Colorado blue spruce, was transplanted

from York, Pennsylvania, and planted on the ellipse in 1978. Click here for more information on the National Christmas Tree.

Tree Trivia:

The first live tree was planted on this site in 1973. However, it blew over in a storm and its replacement succumbed to transplant shock after a few years. The origin of the National Christmas Tree dates back to 1913 during the reign of President Woodrow Wilson, but the celebration was not resurrected for 10 more years until 1923, when First Lady Grace Coolidge gave permission to erect a tree on the Ellipse.

The Capitol Holiday Tree

The Capitol Holiday Tree has been harvested from one of the country’s national forests each year since 1969 and is displayed on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol grounds. Click here for more information on the Capitol Holiday Tree.

Tree Trivia:

The first tree was a live 24-foot Douglas fir that was purchased for \$700 from Buddies Nurseries of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. The tallest Capitol Holiday Tree was 75 feet. It came from Manti-LaSal National Forest in Utah and was placed on the grounds in 1996.

Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree tradition began in 1933, when a tree was adorned with 700 lights and placed in front of the RCA building. Over the years, the annual lighting ceremony has become a television special viewed from coast to coast. Click here for more information on the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

Tree Trivia:

The first tree from outside the United States was erected in 1966. Canada gave it to Rockefeller Center in honor of the centennial of its confederation. Desired dimensions are a minimum of 65 feet tall and 35 feet wide, but trees 75 to 90 feet tall are preferred.

Not a tree exactly, but ...

Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery

Each December, members of the armed forces, civil air patrol, veterans and volunteer citizens have gathered to lay more than 5,000 wreaths on gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery. The project, which first began in 1992, was the idea of Merrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. That year, Worcester had a wreath surplus and thought back to his youth. At age 12, he’d won a trip to Washington, D.C., and Arlington National Cemetery was one of the most memorable places he visited. His first thought was to bring the extra 4,000 wreaths there. Since then, he’s driven to Arlington every year with volunteers and a truck full of decorations.

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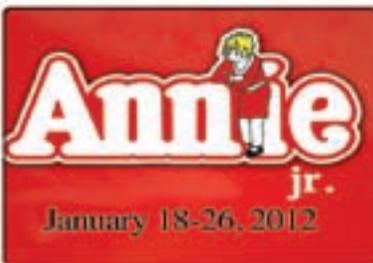
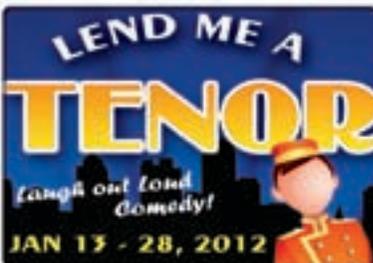
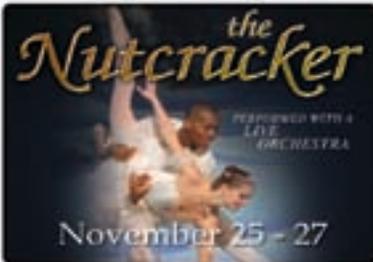


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Winter Glass Expo

Five local glass artists will host their annual open house this December 3rd and 4th.

Five independent local artists are working together to host the Winter Glass Expo, a cooperative open house. From the glass art and live glassblowing demonstrations to the homemade food, it is truly a hand-made and homespun show.

"I think there are two main attractions to the show," said Jeff Lamy. "There is the glass, of course. We bring together all the work that the five of us have been doing in our separate shops and display it in one place, a sort of group open house. The work really varies from intricate sculpture to Christmas ornaments, jewelry, marbles, and all sorts.

"The other main attraction is the demonstrations. We all work glass at the torch so we will be taking turns working molten glass throughout the day and trying to educate people a little about our process. It's really fun to watch the glassblowing, people will stay and watch for a long time, it's great!... And then there's the free food, that doesn't hurt..."

The Winter Glass Expo is free to attend, all artists have work for sale. Come enjoy the show and get to know your local glass artists.

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■ **Where:**

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Seeking the Holiday Spirit in White Mountains

The White Mountains of New Hampshire have long been a popular destination in summer and winter, but what used to be a quieter time of year is now hopping with holiday spirit. "Not too long ago the Christmas season here was overlooked as a time to take a vacation or weekend getaway," said Jayne O'Connor, president of White Mountains Attractions, an organization that markets the region. "But as people began looking for ways to make the holidays rich in memories, they found this area, and it is now a tradition to head to the White Mountains to find the perfect Christmas tree, to visit Santa Claus, to make a shopping weekend, and just take in the holiday landscape."

Although it is a busy time of year for everybody, O'Connor said lodges and attractions have combined to make it economical for families to get together – offering overnight packages that include tickets to attractions and activities like Santa's Village in Jefferson, the Polar Express in North Conway and Lincoln, and The Rocks Estate Christmas Tree Farm in Bethlehem. These partnerships also help the businesses extend their season, and keep hundreds of people employed in what had been an off-season.

"What we see are several generations of families who come to the White Mountains and spend part of the day at a Christmas tree farm and time shopping in North Conway,



before taking the children on a train ride to meet Santa or to see thousands of lights at Santa's Village."

Santa Trains, offered by the Conway Scenic Railroad, the Hobo Railroad in Lincoln and the Mount Washington Cog Railway, are very popular, as well as the Polar Express experience in North Conway and Lincoln.

While the ski areas prepare for the upcoming season, there are still ways to enjoy the outdoors. Alpine Adventures in North Woodstock and the Bretton Woods Canopy Tours are great ways to get a view from above, while the verse 'over the river and through the woods' is a reality at Farm by the River Stables in North Conway, which offers horse and wagon rides every weekend. Cranmore's

Mountain Adventure Park will be opening for the season starting the day after Thanksgiving.

Post-Thanksgiving, a walk in the woods works off a big dinner on trails like Lincoln Woods, Sabbaday Falls and Rocky Gorge - all off the Kancamagus Highway between Conway and Lincoln, as well as Diana's Bath in North Conway, Glen Ellis Falls in Pinkham Notch and the Basin and Artists Bluff in Franconia Notch. The Appalachian Mountain Club also offers guided hikes up the Elephant Head or to Arethusa Falls, both in Crawford Notch. Of course, the views of snow-capped mountains from the road is also a treat this time of year. "The scenery, especially along The White Mountains Trail, is always open up here," O'Connor said, "with the leaves off the trees, the views are even more extensive if you are taking a scenic drive.

For those filling holiday lists, tax free shopping is also part of a weekend excursion for many people, with the outlet centers in North Conway a must-do for many.

"A lot of our visitors also enjoy spending time on the Main Streets of our small towns, finding unique and meaningful gifts that will be opened on Christmas Day," she said. Littleton's Main Street, home of Chutter's General Store (and its world record candy counter) and the Littleton Grist Mill, is worth a holiday stroll and amid some spectacular scenery, there are treasures to be found in smaller shops in smaller towns, like Fadden's General Store in North Woodstock, Harman's Cheese Shop in Sugar Hill and Windy Ridge Orchard in Haverhill.

For more information and a listing of things to do in the White Mountains during the holiday season, visit www.VisitWhiteMountains.com or call 1-800-FIND-MTS.

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Music

Bo Bice comes to ROH

Bo Bice appears in concert during the Holiday Series at the Rochester Opera House on Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 PM. Bice introduced himself as the long-haired Southern Rocker during the fourth season of American Idol, where he came in second to Carrie Underwood. His first release The Real Thing produced his first gold record Inside Your Heaven. But, today Bice lives in Nashville with his wife and three young sons and country values now influence his music. "My next album will reflect my love of country, my family, my faith and the emotional journey I'm on." The songs on his latest work Album 3, written or co-written by Bice, feature an array of influences from Jim Croce and Van Morrison to the Black Crowes and Lenny Kravitz. Reserve tickets online at www.rochesteroperahouse.com or call/stop by the box office (603) 335-1992, M/W/F from 10-5 and two hours before the show. The Rochester Opera House is located in City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH.



Nowell Sing We Clear

The Monadnock Folklore Society presents Nowell Sing We Clear on Friday, December 9 at 8p.m. at the Dublin Community Church. \$15/\$12(senior, youth & advance internet sales). This will be the thirty-seventh touring season of Nowell Sing We Clear with its unusual songs, carols, stories, and customs. Drawn mostly from English-language folk traditions, the songs tell both a version of the events and characters involved in the Christmas story and detail the customs which make up the twelve magical days following the return of the light at the winter solstice. Many of these ancient customs are the basis of the today's holiday traditions, such as visiting and feasting, gift-giving, carol singing from door-to-door and the adorning of houses and churches with garlands of evergreen.



Nowell Sing We Clear celebrates Christmas as it was known for centuries in Britain and North America and as it continues in many places to the present. The songs come from an age when the midwinter season was a time for joyous celebration and vigorous expression of older, perhaps pagan, religious ideas. While much of the singing is done in unaccompanied style, the pageant is also stamped with the energetic dance band sound of fiddle,

button accordion, electric piano, drums, and concertina. The audience will be supplied with songsheets and encouraged to sing along, though after three decades of touring in New England, a whole generation of young people have grown up with these songs and carols and sing along with as much as they can.

Leahy Family Christmas

Don't let holiday stress get you down when December hits. There's no better way to swing into the true spirit of the season than to take the whole family to see the eight remarkable Leahy siblings in their unique musical performance of Celtic melodies and Christmas favorites. The Music Hall welcomes Leahy Family Christmas the evening of Saturday, December 3 and the afternoon of Sunday, December 4. Since 2008, the eight Canadian-based Leahy siblings - Agnes, Angus, Donnell, Doug, Erin, Frank, Maria and Siobheann - have entertained packed theaters across the United States with their energetic and engaging Leahy Family Christmas. Reflecting the family's love for a diverse range of music and their singular creativity, the program takes audiences on a unique holiday journey of song, dance, and stories; mixing Christmas favorites with original Leahy material.

Leahy Family Christmas will perform at The Music Hall's Historic Theater on Saturday, December 3, at 8pm and Sunday, December 4 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$38; \$30 and can be purchased at The Music Hall box office at 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, by phone at 603-436-2400, or online at www.themusic hall.org.

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Rochester Follies: Show of Shows

Prepare for non-stop holiday entertainment at the Rochester Opera House on Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3 at 8:00 PM as the Follies returns with skits, dance,



song and merriment. Members of the community become stars of the show as they step on stage for this fantastic fundraiser. Some of Rochester's "leading" men, including Mayor T.J. Jean, join in the holiday hijinks, which are just pure fun. Peg Johnson reprises her hilarious, ever-popular It's Raining Men with quite a surprising supporting cast. Gregg Sargent returns with his guitar and bevy of ladies with a delightful doo-wop medley.

Come together for an evening of laughs and entertainment, while supporting the arts at the Rochester Opera House. In addition, ROH will donate a portion of the proceeds from the Friday, December 2nd performance to benefit the Rochester Christmas Parade A Christmas Carol, produced annually by the Greater Rochester Chamber of

Commerce. The parade, one of the best in the Seacoast, kicks off on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00.

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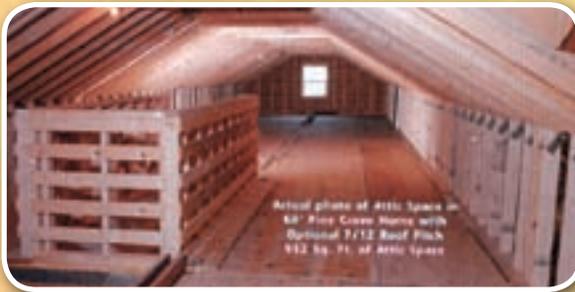
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BETHLEHEM, N.H. - Holiday magic and modern technology will mingle at The Rocks Estate this year to create wonderful Christmas memories. The Christmas tree farm, long a favorite holiday destination, strives to add creative twists to its repertoire each season.

The Rocks offers choose-and-cut Christmas trees, as well as a selection of freshly cut trees in its retail log, handmade wreaths, and a variety of holiday ornaments and gifts. This year The Rocks will introduce a Mobi Tag tour of its historic 1,400-acre property, which serves as the North Country Conservation and Education Center of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

"We continue to honor the strong traditions of the holiday season, with our Christmas shop, horse-drawn wagon rides, and roasted marshmallows," said Rocks Estate manager Nigel Manley. "But we always try to keep things fresh, too, and our Mobi Tag tour is a fun new way to explore the farm." Using their smart phones, visitors will be able to scan the Tags placed around the farm to find information about the captivating history of The Rocks and learn about the different species of Christmas trees growing there. There will also be a Tag at the entrance to the gift shop, which will convey information about featured items

and special sales.

Another new item available at The Rocks this year is the Tree Saver, a sensor placed into the base of a Christmas tree. If the water level in the Christmas tree stand gets too low, an alarm sounds, letting the tree owners know it's time to water the tree.

A returning favorite at The Rocks is the Green Santa, who will be spreading Christmas cheer on Saturdays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Children are invited to have their picture taken with the Green Santa, who will give each child a fir tree seedling to take home and plant.

Each Saturday afternoon, and Sundays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., employees from the Bethlehem post office will be at The Rocks to stamp Christmas card envelopes with the town's special holiday cancellation stamp. Created in many years ago, the stamp features a group of Christmas trees reaching toward a bright star.

Kingdom Kernels Kettlecorn Company will also be at The Rocks this holiday season, popping their famous maple kettle corn, along with other mouth-watering flavors.

The Rocks continues its involvement in the national Trees for Troops program. Trees for Troops donates and delivers farm-grown Christmas trees to members of the United States military and their families, both in the



United States and on military bases around the world. This year the program will deliver its 100,000th Christmas tree, helping to spread the joy of the holidays.

The Rocks donates 20 trees to Trees for Troops each year and secures sponsorships from local businesses for an additional 100 trees. Visitors may make a donation to Trees for Troops at the farm. The Rocks will also offer Trees for Troops teddy bears, sold by the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, which come complete with individual dog tags.

There are several other holiday events in and around Bethlehem. Please visit www.bethlehemwhitemtns.com for more information.

The Rocks is the North Country Conservation and Education Center of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (www.forestociety.org). The Forest Society is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1901 to protect the state's most important landscapes and promote wise use of its natural resources.

The landmark 1,400-acre Rocks Estate includes numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offers Agri- and Eco-tourism opportunities throughout the year. For more information please visit www.therocks.org For reservations and other inquiries e-mail info@therocks.org or call 603-444-6228.

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Additional participants pay \$5 each. If a family wants to decorate an additional gingerbread house, there is a \$20 additional fee. Registration begins on November 1 by calling (603) 742-2002. Event Fee: \$30 per family for museum members, \$40 per family for non-members. Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington Street, Dover, NH, phone: 603-742-2002, email: questions@childrens-museum.org, website: www.childrens-museum.org

Evergreen Fair 2011 presentation set

Evergreen Fair, a presentation of carefully selected New England artists and craftsmen, will be held at the Memorial Union Building, UNH, 83 Main Street, Durham, NH on December 1-2-3, 2011. Show hours are Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Friday from 10 to 4 pm & Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. There is no admission charge.

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Both Thursday and Friday will feature live music by R.P. Hale. R.P. is an artist, historian and musician who will perform on hammer dulcimer and harpsichord. In 1999, he was recognized by the Smithsonian Institute as one of the top musical instrument makers in the United States. On Saturday, the New England Irish Harp Orchestra will perform throughout the day, including selections from their new CD "The First Star".

The Memorial Union Building is located at 83 Main Street, Durham. For more information, call 603-934-6248 or e-mail evergreenfair@hotmail.com. 50 of New England's most talented artists and craftsmen participate in Evergreen Fair. Make it part of your holiday tradition! Event Fee: No Admission Charge.

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Holiday Vacation at the Seacoast Science Center

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Seaside Safari Holiday Vacation Camp, for children grades K-5, is offered Monday-Friday, December 26-30

from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Extended care is available. Cost is \$50 a day for SSC members; \$55 for non-members or \$225 a week for SSC members; \$250 for non-members; For a complete schedule and a registration form visit www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs/day_camp. For more information and availability, contact Henry at 603-436-8043, ext. 16 or h.burke@seacentr.org.

Holiday Treks 4 Tots

Treks 4 Tots is a half day program for our youngest campers. Each day, Tots will explore a different habitat and learn about how the animals that live there survive the long cold winter. We will search for signs of deer, fox and

turkeys in the marsh, see what the tide left behind on the beach, hike through the woodlands and take photographs and even tide pool (indoors)!

Treks 4 Tots Holiday Vacation Camp, for ages 3 1/2 to 5 years, is offered Monday-Friday, December 26-30 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 a day for SSC members; \$35 for non-members or \$125 a week for SSC members; \$150 for non-members; For a complete schedule and a registration form visit www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/programs/early_learners. For more information and availability, contact Marilyn at 603-436-8043, ext. 18 or m.gilmour@seacentr.org.

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Things To Do

Holiday Magic: The Cog, The Rocks, Santa's Village

This holiday season, visitors to the White Mountains can mix them all together in one weekend trip for a Christmas to remember.

BRETTON WOODS, NH - Three of the greatest ingredients of a Christmas memory are a train, Santa Claus and picking out the perfect tree. This holiday season, visitors to the White Mountains can mix them all together in one weekend trip for a Christmas to remember.

The Mount Washington Cog Railway, The Rocks Estate in Bethlehem and Santa's Village in Jefferson are just a few minutes apart from each other and families looking for Christmas tradition and holiday cheer will find it, beginning on Nov. 19.

The Cog's Santa Trains run at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, concluding Dec. 4 (The Cog also operates during the week, while Santa is overseeing North Pole operations). Departing the Marshfield Station, the train, joined by Santa Claus himself, climbs halfway up Mount Washington, to Kroflite Kamp, where passengers can get off the train and see the sweeping mountain panorama and, Santa will tell you, almost right up to the North Pole. Back down in the valley, **The Rocks Estate** in Bethlehem continues its holiday traditions, where families can



fan out in search of the perfect Christmas tree and children can visit with the Green Santa, who gives out seedlings for them to take home. Horse-drawn wagon rides, a fire to roast marshmallows and the merriment of the season make this a popular destination at Christmastime. When the sun goes down behind the mountains, it's time to head over to **Santa's Village**, where hundreds of thousands of colored lights twinkle in the twilight. The park is open and Santa Claus, on a break from the North Pole, listens

to every child's Christmas wish list. Many of the rides are open, including the Skyway Sleigh, which circles the park high above the holiday lights and just below the first stars coming out for the evening.

Visitors should dress warmly for this unique Christmas adventure and be sure bring a camera. Advanced reservations are recommended for The Cog's Santa Trains and can be made online at www.TheCog.com or by calling 603-278-5404. For a full schedule of events at The Rocks Estate, visit www.TheRocks.org and more information about Santa's Village is available at www.SantasVillage.com. The websites also have lodging and holiday package information available.

Holiday Tree Festival at Settlers' Green

Settlers' Green Outlet Village invites the community to its Holiday Tree Festival, Saturday, December 3 from 11 am until 3 pm. It's a traditional holiday event with something for everyone in the family, including a visit from Santa Claus and a mini-snow tube ride courtesy of Mt. Cranmore Ski Area.

Weather permitting, the ski area will be trucking tons of snow to Settlers' Green and creating a free tube ride in the gazebo area of the shopping center. First to ride down the tube will be Santa Claus who officially starts the festival at 11 am after arriving on a horse drawn hay wagon from Illusion Farms. The tubing park will be supervised by Cranmore's famous penguin mascot C'More

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PURGATORY CHASM the new mystery by car racing aficionado Steve Ulfelder featuring a gritty razor sharp new voice in crime fiction with a local setting, namely New Ipswich and Greenville. And for kids:

SWIRL BY SWIRL: SPIRALS IN NATURE Winner of the 2009 Caldecott Medal for *House In The Night* (now also available in a board book edition) Beth Krommes lives in Peterborough and has illustrated this new picture book for children by Joyce Sidman that celebrates the beauty and value of spirals. The spiral, a shape that curls around a center point, occurs over in over in nature because it works so well in many ways from a snail's shell to the fiddleheads of growing ferns. Also new this year from Beth is a Pop Up Advent Calendar *Winter's Night*. The Christmas count-down calendar includes a sticker under each window to decorate the wintry Christmas Eve scene.

STREGA NONA'S GIFT Two of TOMIE DEPAOLA'S best loved characters star in the new book. Strega Nona surprises everyone with a special gift during the celebrations of the holiday season and Big Anthony lands in another silly predicament. Fans young and old will be delighted!



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Things To Do

and kids can ride for free throughout the event! Pick up free discount coupons and information about all the great winter activities at Mt. Cranmore Ski Area, Tubing Park and Fitness Center.

A big part of this event is the opportunity to view the dozens of Christmas trees decorated for the season. Each year 90 freshly cut, petite Christmas trees from Weston's Farm in Fryeburg, Maine are placed around the shopping center and adopted by area businesses, associations, artists, non-profit groups, schools and individuals. The trees are uniquely decorated with hand-made and unusual ornaments each representing the spirit of the season. Cash and merchandise prizes are awarded to the best and most unusually decorated trees.

The Holiday Tree Festival has become a great community event that gives everyone a chance to show off their seasonal spirit. And, you can get great ideas for decorating your own holiday tree!

Da Capo will present a program of traditional holiday caroling during the afternoon and there's free hot chocolate, candy canes and wagon rides from 11 am until 3 pm.

The Holiday Trees will be on display until January 2. Settlers' Green gift certificates are available in the customer service office through-out the holiday shopping season at Settlers' Green. For more information about the event or Settlers' Green Outlet Village, please call 603-356-7031 or go to settlersgreen.com.



First Night Wolfeboro

First Night Wolfeboro is a community-wide, alcohol-free celebration of the performing arts on Dec. 31. Entertainment at various venues around town (all indoors). Childrens entertainment and face painting starting at 2pm. Enjoy our parade and fireworks at 5:30pm, and fireworks again at midnight. Come join us. Event Fee: Buttons are \$5 before December 25th, and \$10 after that. 32 Central Avenue, Wolfeboro, NH, phone: 603-569-2200, email:

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