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# Strawbery Banke's Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth

Once again, Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth is named one of the Top 100 Events in North America by the American Bus Association. The month long holiday festivities throughout December are presented by cultural anchors Strawberry Banke Museum and The Music Hall in the historic working seaport of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Now in its ninth year, Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth will once again offer the irresistible Candlelight Stroll that Strawberry Banke Museum has offered for 34 years, and the live holiday shows, opera broadcasts and films in The Music Hall's landmark Historic Theater and the intimate Music Hall Loft, in this elegant and delightful holiday downtown. Get ready to cuddle up with a free trolley ride through red-bricked Market Square, stroll through the snowflakes to the many eclectic shops, step back in time through living history at the festively decorated Strawberry Banke Museum, sample Portsmouth's famous culinary specialties, or enjoy a first-class show at The Music Hall. Back by popular demand - the free Vintage Christmas Trolley shuttles patrons around the historic seaport each Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening for the first three weekends in December.

New this year: In addition to being again named "One of the Top 100 Events in North America" by the American Bus Association, Vintage Christmas has added some wonderful new components to the mix.



Candlelight Stroll. Photo by David J. Murray

Strawbery Banke Museum's new restaurant, White Apron Café, will be open during Candlelight Stroll and will also be offering its menu at the Pitt Tavern on the grounds of the museum. Speaking of dining, The Music Hall's three bars will be featuring holiday specials on the menu, and the Gingerbread House Contest will move from his previous location at Strawberry Banke to Discover Portsmouth. (For more information on the contest, visit [www.portsmouthhistory.org](http://www.portsmouthhistory.org)) Vintage Christmas sponsor Pickwick's Mercantile will be featuring a Vintage Christmas cart - on the street and at The Music Hall - filled with all things magical and nostalgic. Specific Music Hall shows slated for December 2013 include the Leahy Family Christmas, Ragpickers Dream, and Messiah Sing "happening" with Seacoast choral groups, Creole Christmas with



Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Justin McKinney's Last Laugh 2013. Watch for announcements of films, HD broadcasts and the newly enhanced Historic Tours.

Portsmouth was just described by the Chicago Tribune as "one of the nation's most kid-friendly, walkable, food-centric, historic, livable and romantic cities. On any East Coast car trip, a charming little must." As a reporter from the venerable Yankee Magazine has said, "If another city does a better job of celebrating Christmas, I have yet to find it." ▶

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## Vintage Christmas 2013 Schedule

A month of shows + strolls. For more information [www.vintagechristmasnh.org](http://www.vintagechristmasnh.org). And, check [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org) for films programmed monthly and screening almost every night except Monday; and for updated information on Historic Tours.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30pm Writers on a New England Stage: Doris Kearns, Goodwin, Music Hall

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7pm 3rd Annual Home for the Holidays, Music Hall

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

2pm + 7pm Leahy Family Christmas, Music Hall

5pm Holiday Tree Lighting, Market Square

6pm Illuminated Holiday Parade (note: free trolley out of service during parade!)

5-9pm Candlelight Stroll, Strawberry Banke

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

4-8pm Candlelight Stroll, Strawberry Banke

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7pm An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker, Music Hall

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

10am, 2pm, 7pm, An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker, Music Hall

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

5-9pm Candlelight Stroll, Strawberry Banke

8pm Ragpickers Dream, Music Hall Loft

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:30am, 2:30pm An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker, Music Hall

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

4-8pm Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke

7pm Ragpickers Dream, Music Hall Loft

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30pm Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra, Family Holiday Pops

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30pm Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra, Family Holiday Pops

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30pm Messiah Sing, Music Hall

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

5-9pm Candlelight Stroll, Strawberry Banke

8pm Creole Christmas with Preservation Hall Jazz Band, The Music Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:30 Opera Connection: Falstaff, Music Hall Loft

12pm Met HD broadcast: Falstaff, Music Hall

1:30-10:30pm Vintage Christmas Trolley 15 min. Rt.

4-8pm Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

2pm Multi-media Historic Tour, The Music Hall

8pm Juston McKinney's Last Laugh 2013, The Music Hall

### DECEMBER 26-30

10am-2pm Guided Holiday House Tours, Strawberry Banke

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

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#### Shows

Tickets for all Music Hall holiday shows can be purchased at The Music Hall box office at the Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth), on the phone at 603.436.2400, or online at [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org)

#### Strolls

Ticket prices for the Strawberry Banke Candlelight Stroll are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$50 for families (2 adults and their children ages 17 and under). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.strawberrybanke.org](http://www.strawberrybanke.org) or by phone at 603.433.1107. Tickets may be used any night of the Stroll.

A handy calendar/map will be available to visitors to make it easy to get around town; they will be available at The Music Hall, Strawberry Banke Museum, the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center and Discover Portsmouth. Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth also has its own website to make it even easier for visitors to plan their trips. Visit: [www.vintagechristmasnh.org](http://www.vintagechristmasnh.org)

The free city trolley is wildly successful. Patrons use it to not only ferry themselves from free parking lots to the center of town, between The Music Hall and Strawberry Banke Museum, but also to give themselves a brief overview of what Portsmouth has to offer. The trolley's scheduled route – to run the first three weekends of December on Saturday and Sunday from 1:30-10:30pm – is a quick 15-minute loop with several stops to jump on/off for shopping, and to get a bite to eat and drink.

Strawberry Banke Museum visitors tour Portsmouth's oldest neighborhood. The holiday decorations, vignettes and role-players at Strawberry Banke Museum's Candlelight Stroll (Saturday and Sunday, December 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 5-9 pm on Saturdays and 4-8 pm on Sundays) are designed to carry visitors into holiday lives from the past as the 10-acre museum and its 40 historic buildings recreate December through the centuries in the Portsmouth neighborhood of Puddle Dock.

Vintage Christmas Updates

Website: [www.vintagechristmasnh.org](http://www.vintagechristmasnh.org)

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### With festive fun and trees galore, The Rocks Estate radiates holiday magic!



Farm opens for shopping November 2, for Christmas trees  
November 23

BETHEHEM, N.H. - There's a reason The Rocks Estate has been featured in media outlets from the Boston Globe and Martha Stewart's Living to WMUR's Chronicle and Good Morning America. This tree farm overlooking New Hampshire's Presidential mountains absolutely oozes Christmas spirit.

The Rocks offers visitors more than just a place to find their perfect tree. With its neat rows of Christmas trees, festive shops, and horse-drawn wagons moving through snowy fields, it provides a hearty dose of Christmas magic and adventure, too.

"We have families who have been coming to the farm to get their trees for generations," said Rocks Estate manager Nigel Manley. "We strive to help all our customers not only find a tree and other holiday items, but also have a really fun experience and create their own traditions."

The Rocks opens for the Christmas tree season Nov. 23 and will be open daily through Dec. 24. Visitors may choose and cut a tree from the fields or select a freshly cut tree from the retail lot at the farm. Manley said the Classic Victorian Christmas Tree, introduced at The Rocks last year, has become a customer favorite. The Victorian trees offer a more open branch stature, traditional in the Victorian era when decorated evergreens became a holiday tradition.

In addition to Christmas trees, The Rocks also offers an array of classic and whimsically decorated handmade wreaths, garland, ornaments, and Christmas tree accessories. The farm boasts two shops, brimming with unique gift items and holiday décor.

"We try to bring back customer favorites and add fun, new items to the shelves each year," said shop manager Carleen Quinn. "There really is something for everyone on your gift-giving list in our shops."

The Marketplace at The Rocks features New England-crafted and Fair Trade items, from pet goods and pottery to jewelry and home goods. New items this year include locally-made wooden snow people and soaps and candles crafted with balsam fir needles. Gifts for wildlife lovers include bird feeders, carved wooden bears, and a

line of playful bears in lighted trees, available in a variety of sizes.

Both shops at The Rocks will open for early holiday shoppers Nov. 2 and remain open daily through Dec. 24 (except Thanksgiving Day) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Rocks will be participating in New Hampshire Made's "New Hampshire Open Doors" Nov. 2-3.

Weekend visitors to The Rocks may enjoy a range of activities, from horse-drawn wagon rides through the historic and picturesque Estate to roasting marshmallows in the fire pit and noshing on freshly popped kettle corn. The Rocks' own Green Father Christmas will greet visitors young and old each Saturday, presenting children with fir tree seedlings to bring home.

The Rocks will also again participate in the national Trees For Troops program, which has donated over 100,000 farm fresh Christmas trees to military personnel and families serving at home and abroad.

The Rocks opens for the season Nov. 23. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered Nov. 23 and 29-30, Dec. 1, 7-8, and 14-15, and 21.

Can't make a trip to The Rocks this season? Don't fret; the shopper-friendly Rocks Estate online store offers a variety of Christmas trees and holiday wreaths, along with ornaments, garland, and tree accessories, as well as The Rocks' own maple syrup. All items include free shipping, and customers may create a holiday wish list and ship to multiple addresses with one order.

The Rocks Estate is the North Country Conservation and Education Center of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (HYPERLINK "<http://www.forestsociety.org/>" [www.forestsociety.org](http://www.forestsociety.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 HYPERLINK "<http://www.therocks.org/>" [www.therocks.org](http://www.therocks.org) For reservations and other inquiries e-mail HYPERLINK "<mailto:info@therocks.org>" [info@therocks.org](mailto:info@therocks.org) or call 603-444-6228.





# Pontine Theatre premieres A New England Christmas

12 - 15 December, Pontine Theatre premieres A New England Christmas at Pontine's West End Studio Theatre. The program, underwritten by Chris Dwyer & Michael Huxtable.

Co-Artistic Directors, Marguerite Mathews and Greg Gathers unveil original adaptations of two heart-warming Christmas stories set in New England: Captain Eli's Best Ear by Frank Stockton, a yarn about two salty, old sea captains who decide to keep Christmas together; and The Romance of a Christmas Card by Kate Douglas Wiggin, a story about far-flung families reunited by the lure of a Christmas with the "folks back home." These charming 19th century holiday stories— not to mention punch and cookies—are sure to



Pontine Co-Directors, Marguerite Mathews & Greg Gathers Premiere A NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS, 12-15 December Photo by: Carol Dostie

evoke the holiday spirit! The soundtrack includes traditional melodies, many of them played and recorded by Strafford, NH's Jeffrey Zohler. Perfor-

mances are Thursday and Friday at 7:30, Saturday at 4:00 and Sunday at 2:00. Tickets are \$24 and may be purchased in advance at -- [www.pontine.org](http://www.pontine.org).

Tickets may also be purchased at the door (cash & checks only) a half-hour prior to each performance, based on availability. Pontine's 2013-14 Season is supported by grants from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Pontine's West End Studio Theatre is located at 959 Islington Street in Portsmouth NH.

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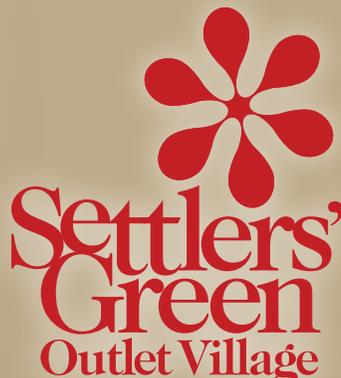
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## Most commonly asked questions about fresh cut Christmas trees

Is it okay to buy a tree that is losing its needles?

Some dropping of older, interior needles is natural and normal. However, if the overall color is faded, the bark of the outer twigs is wrinkled and the green, exterior needles easily fall off at a gentle touch or when the tree is bounced on a hard surface, it is excessively dry. Select a different one.

**Is a fresh cut really necessary before putting a tree in a water stand?**

Always make a fresh cut if possible. After time, generally 3 to 6 hours, the cut stump gets air in the plant tissue, which lessens a tree's water absorption capacity. A fresh cut will reopen the pores that take up water.

**How much should be cut off?**

Only one half inch is necessary, not one or two inches as is sometimes instructed.

**Will tapering the base or cutting it at an angle increase the area that takes up water?**

No. This reduces the surface area of plant tissue that absorbs water molecules. Once the water level falls below the exposed surface on a tapered trunk, drying will begin. An angle or "V" cut will require more water depth to cover the cut surface. It also makes the tree more difficult to hold upright in a stand and less stable.

**Should I add bleach, aspirin, fertilizer or other things to the water to make my tree last longer?**

No! Research has shown that plain tap water is best. Some commercial additives and home concoctions can actually be detrimental to a tree's moisture retention and increase needle loss. Water holding stands that are kept filled with plain water will extend the freshness of trees for weeks.

**How large should my water stand be?**

Choosing a large capacity stand is one of the most important steps to maintaining your tree's freshness. Avoid small "coffee cup" stands. Check the water

level frequently since trees can drink large amounts of water each day, particularly pre-cut trees during the first week of display. Generally, a tree can use up to one quart of water per day for each inch of stem diameter. Therefore, a stand that will hold a four-inch trunk should hold at least one gallon (4 quarts) of water with the tree in the stand.

**What kind of tree stand should I use?**

There are several different types and styles of tree stands to choose from. The most important characteristic is water capacity. You should also make sure the stand "fits" the tree -- if it is too big or too small it might cause the tree to tip over. Do NOT trim the sides of the trunk to fit it in a stand. Ask the retailer if you need advice.

**What if my tree doesn't seem to be absorbing water in the stand?**

If you've followed all the care tips there are a couple of things to consider. First, if you cut your own tree at a choose and cut farm, it will not absorb water right away since it has not had time to begin drying out. Second, the best indicator of dryness is the tree itself, not the water level in the stand. The rate of water absorption will fluctuate from day to day. This

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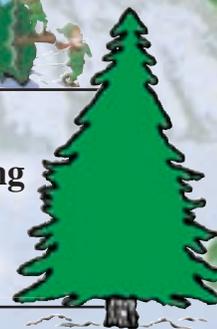
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**What if I forgot to make a fresh cut off the base of the tree before setting it up?**

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**Do Real Trees present the type of fire hazards we often hear about on the news?**

Less than 0.0004% of Real Christmas Trees used each year are ignited in home fires and NEVER has a Real Christmas Tree caused or started a fire. Even though the chance of a Christmas Tree fire is very slim, you can ensure that your Real Christmas Tree stays fresh and safe by following the NCTA recommended care tips.

**Should I be concerned about bugs being in a tree?**

Although extremely rare, a number of different insects and spiders have been found in Christmas trees after setup. Cleaning and shaking trees before setup are valuable preventive actions. If troublesome after setup, the first thing to do is to vacuum. If necessary, household insect sprays specifically labeled for use indoors on ornamental plants and evergreens may also be used, following label directions. It is important to turn off and unplug all tree lighting before any sprays are applied to your Christmas tree.

**What is the best species of Christmas tree?**

The best species is the one YOU like best. Read through the tree varieties section of our website and find the one that has the most characteristics you desire, then go to a tree lot or farm and have fun shopping for just the right tree!

**What type of tree smells the best?**

The sense of smell is very subjective. Different people smell things differently. If you go to tree varieties section of our website, you will get general

descriptions about the fragrance of the tree species.

**I can't seem to find the tree that I want. It is often referred to as a Charlie Brown Tree because of its sparse look with short needles. I love these trees and don't know what they are or who might have one for sale.**

The sparse look is dependent somewhat upon the genetics of the tree, but mostly through the shearing practices of the grower. The more open, less dense look is starting to become more popular among consumers, so the Christmas Tree farmers will be working to meet that demand; however, the average tree takes 7 to 10 years to get to 6 or 7 feet high and the majority of consumers still want a full, thick tree. Check with farms in your area and ask them if they have a "less sheared" tree or one that would be graded a "cull." The grower will understand what you are looking for.

**Isn't it bad for the environment to cut down a tree and use it for Christmas?**

It is much better environmentally to use a natural agricultural crop and recycle it after the holidays. Real Christmas Trees are a renewable, recyclable, natural product grown on farms throughout North America. Unfortunately many people have the misconception that Christmas Trees are cut down from the forest. Real Christmas Trees are grown as crops, just like corn or wheat, and raised on a farm. Once they are harvested, new seedlings are planted to replace harvested trees. These would NOT have been planted if trees hadn't been harvested the previous year. Fake Christmas Trees however are a non-renewable, non-biodegradable, plastic and metal product most often made in overseas factories.

**I thought I'd buy a living tree with its roots intact and plant it after Christmas. How do I do that?**

If you need landscape trees anyway, then a rooted tree may be a good option. Whether "balled &

burlapped" trees or potted, you can find care tips here for trees with its roots still intact.

**Where can I recycle my tree after Christmas?**

Successful tree recycling programs are coordinated on a local basis. In most communities, the news outlets (TV stations, newspapers and radio) will provide the info on drop off locations and dates for any curbside pick up programs.

**How do I get information on how to start my own tree farm?**

Many good books and guides have been published on how to start a tree farm; your local library or an Amazon.com search should yield plenty. One example is "Christmas Trees for Pleasure and Profit" by Robert Wray.

In addition, growing trees varies a great deal, depending on your climate, soil, terrain and what kind of tree species you're interested in growing. We recommend that you contact a county extension agent and the state association closest to you. Visit our list of state and regional association contacts for assistance. NCTA membership information can also be found here.

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## Your pets & your Christmas Tree

Although beautiful and cheerful in the home, your decorated Christmas tree is a waiting hazard for domestic pets both big and small. Items such as sparkly tinsel, dangly garlands, sharp glass ornaments and artificial snow, while lovely to admire, can be dangerous gateways for pet accidents. Make sure to place larger and less "tempting" ornaments near your tree base, while the smaller, more fragile items are a safe bet at the top. If ingested, your holiday decorations can choke your special critter causing air flow blockage and suffocation. Pay special attention to your smallest of pets when around such hanging and delicate tree decor.

Lights also pose a threat as well, as they can attract the eye of a curious cat or daring dog, leaving Sparky with a bad burn. To ensure light safety with animals present, make sure to unplug your twinkling lights when not in use in conjunction with the use of pet proof electrical cords. Animals can be highly injured by cords from chewing, so practice turning

lights off and using appropriate wiring to avoid burned mouths and electric shock, which can be fatal to your special pet.

Besides hanging and 3D ornamentation, your tree may be coated with harmful sprays such as fire retardant, fertilizer or insecticide. The needles and branches, which are most accessible to your pet, are toxic carriers of such coatings and can be quite harmful if ingested. For maximum safety, always make sure your pet is not chewing on branches or eating any fallen needles or leaves.

Other safety precautions for keeping your pets safe around your tree are simple and effective. Covering your tree base with a tree skirt, avoiding food based decorations and ensuring your tree is on a stable stand are all excellent measures to take when pets are running about the home. In addition to the helpful tips and precautions outlined above, always make sure your beloved pet is supervised when in a room with your Christmas tree, and you and your furry friend are sure to have a wonderful holiday.

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# Make a radio-controlled model sailboat this winter

New Hampshire Boat Museum

Wolfeboro, NH: Back Bay Skippers were established in 2008, with the assistance of the New Hampshire Boat Museum and the Laconia Model Yacht Club, to promote radio-controlled sailing in the Wolfeboro area. Their mission is to build and sail a fleet of sailboats, also known as 1 M Solings, while providing participants and spectators an avenue to enjoy this fun and engrossing hobby.

The NH Boat Museum is accepting applications for the winter Model Yacht Making Workshop. The schedule starts in January and runs for 6-7 weeks. Dates are determined by the group after all applications are received. The cost to participate is \$395.

During the course, you will build your own model sailboat with guidance from members of the Back Bay Skippers. The group meets once a week in the Museum's heated workshop for the work sessions. Everything you need, except paint and batteries, will be supplied, and our model-building experts will guide you every step of the way. Participants do not need any woodworking or model building experience. The Back Bay Skippers will provide all the tricks to help you build a top-notch yacht you can be proud of and get you sailing with the group come spring.

Arrangements may be made in advance for those snow birds wishing to participate. The



Photos: Build a radio-controlled model boat this winter with the NH Boat Museum's Back Bay Skippers.

workshop is also a perfect Christmas gift and the Museum can provide you with a gift certificate to give the recipient.

You can register and pay on-line at the Museum's website at [www.nhbm.org/model-sailboat-building/model-yacht-building](http://www.nhbm.org/model-sailboat-building/model-yacht-building) or call the Museum at 569-4554. Application forms may also be requested via email at [Allison@nhbm.org](mailto:Allison@nhbm.org).

The deadline to register for the course is November 30. For questions about the program, please call Mark Whitehead, Commodore of the Back Bay Skippers at 539-4973 or via email at [mwinossipee@gmail.com](mailto:mwinossipee@gmail.com).

The New Hampshire Boat Museum is closed for the 2013 season and will re-open Memorial Day weekend 2014. A not-for-profit institution, the Museum focuses on New Hampshire's fresh water boating heritage and lake life. The Museum is located at 399 Center Street, Wolfeboro Falls, 2 miles from downtown Wolfeboro, in the former Allen "A" Resort dance hall/theater building. For further information contact the Museum at 603-569-4554, [museum@nhbm.org](mailto:museum@nhbm.org), [www.nhbm.org](http://www.nhbm.org) or via Facebook.

## Nordic Warm Up

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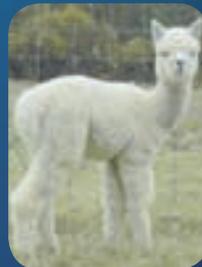
Event Fee: 3 Weeks: \$60, includes trail pass  
Single session: \$25, includes trail pass

It's been months since you've been on snow, but you can pick up right where you left off. Join Great Glen Trails Ski School Director and Olympian Sue Wemyss for the Nordic Warm Up. Every session from 9:00am-10:00am Sue will have an optional waxing clinic. Ski session to follow 10:00am-11:30am. 1 Mount Washington Auto Rd., Gorham, NH. 466-2333. Email: [sue@greatglentrails.com](mailto:sue@greatglentrails.com). Website: <http://greatglentrails.com/events/nordic-warm-up/>



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Shop exceptional handcrafts. Decorative & functional works in clay represent four potters, each with their own distinct style. Fiber artists will present weaving, fiber sculpture, upscale table linens, home accessories, folk art, original women's clothing and accessories. Glass craftsmen include artisans who create stained, dichroic, blown & lamp-worked glass. Bird carvings, Landing nets, cooking utensils, architectural bird houses & turned vessels showcase the talents of our woodworkers. Jewelry designs in silver, gold, precious & semi-precious stones, paper, wire, polymer clay & glass. Intricate papercuttings, whimsical paper mache', lamps, silhouettes and handmade botanical lamp shades. Two-dimensional works in embossing, mixed media, wood engraving, photography on paper, tile, canvas, and glass, printmaking, letterpress printing, watercolors, acrylics & calligraphy and are just part of this year's extensive selection.

Thursday & Friday, R.P. Hale will demonstrate letterpress printing & wood engraving using an antique iron hand press. Using only black paper and scissors, Carolyn Guest will cut silhouettes of both children & adults in her booth while you wait. She'll even cut a pet portrait if you bring a photo of your pet with his nose facing to the right.

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For more information call Suzanne at 603-934-6248, e-mail evergreen-fair@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.evergreenfair.net.



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On Christmas Eve, Scrooge (Adam MacDougall) begrudgingly dismisses Cratchitt (Todd Fernald), Fred (Jerard-James Craven) and the rest of his long-suffering employees, who are anxious to celebrate the joyous holiday season. Scrooge, alone with his bah-humbug self, receives a surprise visit by the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley (Greg Bell). Marley must convince Scrooge not to follow his path to a dreary destiny. Jacob promises Scrooge a chance at redemption as he sends him on a journey through time - meeting blissful and terrifying spirits along the way, who all help to teach Scrooge the true meaning of Christmas.



L to R: Tiny Tim (Analise Marin) and Scrooge (Adam MacDougall)

Purchase tickets online at RochesterOperaHouse.com or call/stop by the box office (603) 335-1992 on M/W/F from 10-5 or two hours before the show. The show is sponsored by TD Bank, Foster's Daily Democrat, Albany International, PSNH, Bank of NH

and WTSN 1270 AM. Rochester Opera House is located in City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH. The season continues with Strafford Wind Symphony Holiday Pops Concert 12/22 and Half Step: A Grateful Dead Tribute 1/11. Tickets: \$16/\$14.

## Christmas in Cape Breton comes to Plymouth

Plymouth, NH. At 7:30pm on Thursday, December 5th, Grammy winner Natalie Macmaster will return to the Flying Monkey. Natalie is known as one of the premiere fiddle players in the World, and her holiday show is praised for its fusion of Cape Breton and Celtic music, along with high energy step dancing. Tickets for this concert start at \$45.

The lively and spirited nature of Celtic music makes it the perfect soundtrack to a holiday event. The concert titled "Christmas in Cape Breton" will feature the celebrated Cape Breton fiddler taking a musical sleigh ride through Nova Scotia in this spirited holiday performance with traditional Celtic jigs, reels, strathspeys and waltzes. Her delightful holiday show also features Christmas carols, traditional

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