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## 2017 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

### January

**January 15-21. Martin Luther King Jr Day Weeklong Celebration**, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Sponsor: UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at <http://diversity.unc.edu/> (919) 962-6962.

**January 28. Chapel Hill LIGHT UP Lantern Festival**, University Place, 11 am – 6 pm. The First Annual Festival is hosted by the Chinese School at Chapel Hill to celebrate cultural diversity and the Chinese New Year with all communities in Chapel Hill and the surrounding areas. The Festival features lantern decorating with local artists, highly interactive art and craft creations, a dragon dance workshop, Peking Opera, a Chinese orchestra and other live performances, old fashion Chinese games, and authentic Chinese foods throughout the day. The climax of the Festival occurs at dusk with a lantern light-up and a parade. [chlightupfestival@gmail.com](mailto:chlightupfestival@gmail.com), (919) 619-6261 [www.chlightup.org](http://www.chlightup.org)

### February

**February 11. Revolutionary War Living History Day**, Revolutionary War Reenactment at the historic Alexander Dickson House. Sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, 10 am – 4 pm. (919) 732-7741. [www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com)

**February 15-18. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Carolina Jazz Festival**, Locations on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Sponsor UNC Department of Music (919) 962-1039 <http://music.unc.edu/jazzfest>

**February 15-26. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival**, Largest comedy festival in the South. Comedy featuring improv, standup and sketch comedy. Sponsored by DSI Comedy Theater, 462 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, [www.nccomedyyarts.com](http://www.nccomedyyarts.com) (919) 338-8150.

### March

**March 11. North Carolina High School Basketball Championships**, Dean Smith Center and Carmichael Arena, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. NCHSAA state championship basketball games (both men and women). \$10, \$9 in advance <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

### April

**April is NC Beer Month. Visit [www.ncbeermonth.com](http://www.ncbeermonth.com) or [www.visitchapelhill.org](http://www.visitchapelhill.org) for details and upcoming events.**

**April 8. Annual Countywide Orange County Egg Hunt**, 10 AM – 1 PM. Rain date is Sunday, **April 9**. This free event is packed full of live entertainment, games, prizes, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The hunt includes over 25,000 eggs containing prizes and candy hidden throughout three locations for age groups: 2-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Come ready to hunt with your baskets in hand. Special prizes will be awarded to those who find special numbered and golden eggs! Concessions will be available for purchase. Southern Community Park. (919) 968-2784. [www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents)

**April 8. UNC Science Expo**, UNC Campus, Cameron Ave near Old Well. Chapel Hill, 10am - 3pm. Explore laboratories and try your hand at various activities. The UNC Science Expo will include demonstrations,

hands-on activities, lab tours, exhibits, and science talks from professors and students at UNC Chapel Hill. Bring your family, your friends, and your classmates to check out science on campus! Appropriate for all ages. The "Small Science" area provides a safe and interactive space for children ages 2 – 8 to explore, play, and build. [www.ncsciencefestival.org](http://www.ncsciencefestival.org) (919) 843-7959. Town of Chapel Hill is an event sponsor of the Expo in Chapel Hill. [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org)

**April 8. Moorefields Seventh Annual Spring Wildflower Hike, 10 am - Noon at Moorefields.** The hike will explore the ridges and bottomlands near Seven Mile Creek, one of Orange County's most significant and undisturbed natural areas. We will be led by Milo Pyne, an N.C. State-trained botanist, senior regional ecologist for NatureServe, and an expert on Piedmont wildflowers. Free. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to [barryj@earthlink.net](mailto:barryj@earthlink.net) or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

**April 8. UNC's Spring Football Game. 3 pm .** Admission is free and several events are planned for fans of all ages. A Carolina Football Spring Game Fan Fest will be held in the Blue Zone parking lot prior to the game opening at 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Fan Fest will include food trucks, interactive games for the kids, Chapel Hill Sportswear with all the latest Carolina gear, music and **the chance for kids to run onto the field** prior to the Spring Game! Visit [www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com) (NOT CONFIRMED YET)

**April 9. Carrboro Open Streets.** Noon – 4 pm. The event is held annually in April on Weaver Street. The community is invited to dance, do yoga, ride their bikes, climb a rock wall, make smoothies on a bike blender, and participate in many other activities in a public space that not many ever thought of as a place to partake in recreation. (919) 918-7392 <http://www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/745/Carrboro-Open-Streets>

**April 22. Free Historic Roads Hike with Tom Magnuson of TPA.** Join us for a hike in the woods surrounding Moorefields to see the traces of roadbeds from times gone by from 10 am – Noon. Our leader will be Tom Magnuson, of the Trading Path Association. The TPA is a non-profit located in Hillsborough, North Carolina, USA. Its purpose is to find, map, and protect landscape remnants of the contact and colonial era in southeastern North America, on England's first American frontier. Free. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to [barryj@earthlink.net](mailto:barryj@earthlink.net) or visit <https://moorefields.org/> (NEED TO CONFIRM)

**April 22 Hillsborough Downtown Arts and Crafts Show,** Alexander Dickson House Lawn, Hillsborough, (919) 643-2500. Also enjoy food, beer, wine, ice cream and music during the day. 10am - 4pm. [www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/)

**April 22. Tar Heel 10 Miler presented by CEP & Fleet Feet Sports 4 Mile Run.** Event starts at 7:30 AM on the UNC campus Proceeds benefit Lineberger Cancer Center and the Chapel Hill Carrboro YMCA. <http://tarheel10miler.com/>

**April 22-23 Piedmont Farm Tour.** Orange, Chatham, Person and Alamance counties; Tour various farms throughout the area from 2 pm – 6 pm, both days. Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (919) 542-2402. Cost: \$30 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased in advance, \$35 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased during the tour, and \$10 per car per farm the day of the tour. (All proceeds benefit CFSA) <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/>

**April 29 – May 1 VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale** is Saturday, April 29 through Monday, May 1 from 8 am - 4 pm daily. Closeout prices on a vast selection of discontinued, slightly flawed, and unique sample products handcrafted in Italy are up to 80% off retail. There is new product daily and daily specials. Early bird tickets are available. Located at 343 Elizabeth Brady Road in Hillsborough, NC, the VIETRI Outlet Store

can be reached by telephone at (919) 245-4181. Warehouse Sale Details:

<http://www.vietri.com/warehouse-sale/> (NOT CONFIRMED YET)

**April 29. Annual Pops in the Park Concert**, Cameron Park, downtown Hillsborough. Sponsor: Durham Symphony (919) 491-6576. Free. 3 pm. <http://www.durhamsymphony.org/>. Free.

**Late April/Early May TBA. 5th Annual Color the Hill 4K Fun Run** features 650 runners, 100s of spectators, 100s of volunteers, 3 local non-profits, 2 food trucks and more than 2 dozen sponsors. Event is at 9:30 am at UNC Cross Country Course at Finley Fields, Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill. Free campus shuttle from the Dean Smith Center to the Fields. All ages, skills, sizes and shapes are welcome. As you make your way through the course and encounter five color stations along the way: green, purple, yellow, pink, and blue, you are blitzed with non-toxic color by our volunteers. Color the Hill benefits three local non-profit organizations. Academy of Information Technology- CHCCS, Be Loud! Sophie Foundation and SKJAJA FUND. For information call (919) 636-1553, email [info@ColorTheHill.com](mailto:info@ColorTheHill.com) <http://www.colorthethehill.com/>

### **May**

**May 7. Gala Brunch at Moorefields** Noon – 3 pm. Buffet brunch, champagne, wine & spirits, music, House Tours & Grounds Tours, Door Prizes and Classic Lawn Games. \$60 per person. Moorefields Estate, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit <https://moorefields.org/> for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

**May 7. Carrboro Day**, 1-5 pm. Carrboro Town Commons. A day of music, art, games, poetry, food, and celebration! Enjoy old Carrboro stories and photos, poetry readings, music and dancing, interactive field games, crafts, family activities and more! Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department (919) 918-7364, [www.carrboroday.com](http://www.carrboroday.com)

**May 13. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Party & Auction.** Join The Historic Hillsborough Commission at the Burwell School Historic Site for event from **6:00 – 9:30 pm**. The event includes a silent auction, live auction, and raffles. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets will available for sale at the Burwell School Historic Site and are **TBA**. The auction is the organization's largest fundraising event and all proceeds support the Burwell School's year-round programming and operations. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to donate, please call (919)732-7451 or email [director@burwellschool.org](mailto:director@burwellschool.org). Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, [www.burwellschool.org](http://www.burwellschool.org) (NOT CONFIRMED YET)

**May 14. UNC Spring Commencement**, Chapel Hill. [UNC Office of Special Projects](http://commencement.unc.edu/), (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

**May 20-21. Hillsborough 2017 Spring Garden Tour**, Hillsborough. [Alliance for Historic Hillsborough](http://AllianceforHistoricHillsborough.org), and the Hillsborough Garden Club. Semi-annual event rain or shine features some of Hillsborough's most inspirational gardens, plus many displays of art and informative sessions. Tour theme is Town and Country held on Saturday, May 20, from 10 am – 4 pm and on Sunday, May 21, from Noon – 5 pm. Tickets \$20 until May 1; \$25 after May 1 available beginning January 1 at [www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com/gardentour](http://www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com/gardentour) and after April 1 at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located at 150 E. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Take I-40, exit 261 or I-85, exit 164 and follow the visitor information signs. Call (919) 732-7741. For more information please visit [www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com) or [www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com](http://www.hillsboroughgardenclubnc.com). Also a Plant Sale is Friday, May 19 from 1 pm – 5 pm and Saturday May 20 from 8 am – 5 pm.

### **June**

**June 2-4. 2017 Farm to Fork.** Picnic is on **June 4** from 4 - 7 pm at Breeze Farm. Join dozens of Piedmont Farms and Area Chefs & Cooks for an evening of food, live music, horse wagon rides, farm tours.

[www.farmtoforknc.com](http://www.farmtoforknc.com)

**June 3. Youth Fishing Rodeo** (ages 3-15), Strayhorns Pond, Chapel Hill; Sponsored by the area's Parks & Recreation Departments and the Orange County 4-H; (919) 245-2660. 9am – 12:30 pm.  
<http://www.orangecountync.gov/>

## **July**

**Carrboro July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**, Weaver Street Lawn (9:30 am – 11 am) and Carrboro Town Commons (10:30am – 3 pm); Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, (919) 918-7364. People's Parade at 10:50 am.  
[www.townofcarrboro.org](http://www.townofcarrboro.org)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Caldwell Parade.** 11 am. At about 10 a.m. we join the town marchers at the Caldwell Fire House. The parade starts moving at 10:50 with veterans leading the parade. We will stop at the NC 57 and Guess Rd. intersection to wait for the 11 a.m. official start. <http://myvfw.org/nc/post9100/postnews/july-4th-parade-caldwell/>.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Efland Parade** at 10 am – Noon. [www.eflandruritanclub.com](http://www.eflandruritanclub.com)

## **July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park in Downtown Hillsborough (11 am – 3 pm)**

The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough presents its 3rd Annual Picnic in the Park event at the beautiful River Park in the Historic District in downtown Hillsborough! Festivities begin with a community reading of the Declaration of Independence, followed by live music from several local bands. Families can set up their picnic blankets and enjoy lunch from one of many food trucks. There will also be an abundance of kids activities and crafts including colonial style games and crafts with the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is a FREE event and is open to the public! River Park is located at the Farmer's Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Ln. For more information, contact the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough at (919) 732-7741 or visit [www.visithillsboroughnc.com/july4th](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com/july4th)

**Old Fashioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.** From 1pm – 3pm on the lawns at the Horace Williams House, 610 E Rosemary St, Chapel Hill enjoy FREE ice cream, lemonade, flags and patriotic music performed by the Village Band (1:30-2:15). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, family and friends.  
[www.preservationchapelhill.org](http://www.preservationchapelhill.org)

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks.** Entertainment and fireworks in Kenan Stadium on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. 7 p.m. [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org)

**July 7-23. The 16th Annual 10 By 10 in the Triangle.** An international festival of new, ten-minute plays. 10 Actors, 10 Directors, 10 Minutes, 10 By 10! Tickets are \$14-\$18 depending on performance date. Evening performances at 8 pm and 3 pm matinees. Festival at The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main Street, Carrboro. [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org) or call (919) 929-2787.

## **August**

**August 4-September 4.** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Forest Theater Giant Puppet Pageant – The Beautiful Beast. Paperhand Puppet Intervention <http://paperhand.org/> Shows Fri-Sun and Labor Day, Forest Theatre on the UNC Campus, (919) 923-1857.

**August 5. Meet the Heels.** Eddie Smith Field House on UNC Campus. Get ready for 2016 UNC Football Season, get autographs, etc. 4 pm – 6 pm. [GoHeels](http://GoHeels) website. (NOT CONFIRMED- Assume will be Aug 5 or 12)

**August 12. BikeFest 2017: The 21st Annual Rural Heritage Tour.** The Tour with 850 riders begins at the Superior Courthouse in downtown Hillsborough, and offers a choice of several rides in rural Orange County: a 35-mile half metric, a 62-mile metric century, and a 100-mile English century. Rides split into age 17 and under and 18 and older). Also enjoy a 7-mile Family-oriented Historic District Fun Ride. Check-in opens at 6:30am and first ride at 7:30 am. Sponsor: Carolina Tarwheels Bicycle Club. (919) 383-9722.

[www.ncbikefest.org](http://www.ncbikefest.org)

## **September**

**September 9. Piedmont Living History Day. 11 am – 3 pm.** Discover the history of colonial Hillsborough with a day of living history activities. Bring the entire family for a day of free living history activities at the Alexander Dickson House (Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 E. King St), Burwell School Historic Site (319 N Churton St.); Orange County Historical Museum (201 N. Churton St.) and Ayr Mount, 376 St, Mary Road. Also at the Hillsborough Arts Council and Eagle Lodge. Learn crafts such as candle-making, butter-churning, quilt-making, and more at the Burwell School. Throughout the day there will also be demonstrations by craft activities by the Daughters of the American Revolution, 19th century games, tours of historic sites, and demonstrations by other piedmont area historic sites. Maps and schedules of events will be available at the Visitors Center beginning at 10am on the day of the event. Site manager of Alamance Battleground State Historic Site, Jeremiah DeGennaro, will also lead his popular Regulator Rebellion walking tour of Colonial-era sites in Hillsborough throughout the day. These tours are free, though \$5 donations per adult to Alamance Battleground are greatly appreciated. Reservations are encouraged. These tours will depart from the Visitors Center. For more information contact the Visitors Center at (919) 732-7741.

[www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com)

**September 9. Bluegrass at Moorefields. 2 pm – 7 pm** will take place on the lawn at Moorefields, an idyllic homestead on 70 beautiful acres in Hillsborough. Rain Date is Sunday Sept 10. Bring your chairs and blankets. Proceeds benefit Historic Moorefields. The event features five bands, food trucks, beer & wine. Moorefields Estate, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit [www.moorefields.org](http://www.moorefields.org) for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

**September 10 3rd Annual Farm Fare – A Culinary Expedition. 5 pm – 7:30 pm.** 6 local restaurants, food artisans and resident farmers will showcase their very best while leading you on a culinary expedition throughout the triangle. Live music provided by Joe Woodson & Sentimental Johnny. Proceeds benefit Orange County School Virtual Enterprise. Eno River Farmers Market, 114 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. Tickets \$35, Kids 12 & Under \$10. Ticket deadline is September 10. No tickets at the door. Sponsored by BB&T and Warren Hay. [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) (NOT CONFIRMED – DATE AND ENTERTAINMENT)

**September - Tar Heel Downtown.** Friday 6 pm – 9 pm a family-friendly event, centered around 140 West Plaza on West Franklin Street, highlighting the University and downtown business district. Tar Heel Town will still take place at Kenan Football Stadium on gameday. Food, face painting, UNC band and cheerleaders, other live music. <http://tarheeldowntown.com/> (NOT CONFIRMED –WILL BE FRIDAY BEFORE FIRST HOME GAME)

**September 15-16. Hog Day.** Friday 6 pm – 10 pm and Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. River Park, Downtown Hillsborough, W. Margaret Lane. Music, crafts, kids events, contests, and barbecue. New 5K Run and Pigs on Parade Art Project. [www.hogday.org](http://www.hogday.org).

**September 17-December 8. Sculpture in the Garden.** Preview party September 16. Exhibit on display up to two months. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Annual display of nearly 50 one-of-a kind

sculptures placed amid the native wildflowers and shrubs to delight garden visitors. (919) 962-0522.  
<http://www.ncbg.unc.edu/>

**September 23-24. Carrboro Music Festival.** On Saturday, music begins at 2 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons with evening performance at Cat's Cradle from 7 pm – 10 pm. On Sunday, September 25 there is free music beginning at 1:00 PM until midnight. All types of music! Event features two dozen venues throughout downtown Carrboro with over 180 musical acts as well as a children's area which includes two large inflatable play areas, participatory games, storytelling and music. Free shuttle bus from Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride from noon -8:00 PM. Sponsor, Carrboro Arts Commission; (919) 918-7367.  
[www.carrboromusicfestival.com](http://www.carrboromusicfestival.com).

**Late September - Late October - Fall Corn Mazes at McKee Farms in Rougemont.** \$11 corn maze admission. Age 2 and Under Free. Fridays 3-8pm, Saturday 10-8pm, Sunday 1-7pm. 2 mazes – 12 acre cornfield maze and 2 acre fun, interactive adventurous maze for children. Haunted Maze (\$12) from 6 pm – 10 pm. Regular maze closes at 6 pm on Haunted Nights. Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <http://www.mckeecornfieldmaze.com/> (DATES NOT CONFIRMED)

**Late September to Early October for 4 days. 8th Annual TerraVITA Food & Drink Festival** Chapel Hill. 4-day festival (Wed – Sat) dedicated to excellence and sustainability in the South, showcasing the very best in food and beverage. Multiple events and tastings and dinners leading up to the finale, *The Grand Tasting on the Green on the lawn at Southern Village on Saturday from 2 pm - 5 pm (early entry 1:30 pm)*. With more than 40 outstanding chefs and food artisans from the Triangle and North Carolina, you will not leave hungry! Grand tasting will feature more than 100 different beverages to choose from - wine, craft beer, coffee, specialty cocktails, and more! This event should not be missed by any serious foodie! Visit website for event calendar and ticket information.  
[www.terravitaevent.com](http://www.terravitaevent.com) . (DATES NOT CONFIRMED) – NEED TO KNOW FOOTBALL GAMES FIRST

**September 29 -30. 24th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo.** Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Bullriding, bareback bronc riding/saddlebronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, girls break-away roping, calf roping, mechanical bull, pony rides, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$14, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Discount for Military members in uniform, showing a military ID active or retired not in uniform. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate.  
[www.eflandruritanclub.com](http://www.eflandruritanclub.com) (NOT CONFIRMED)

**September 30. 11th Annual Celebration of the Automobile Racers Reunion and Car Show** on Saturday at the historic Occoneechee – Orange Speedway on 320 Elizabeth Brady Road. Free Admission. 7 am – 4 pm., hosted by the Historic Speedway Group. Proceeds from items at the show will be used to restore and preserve the Occoneechee-Orange Speedway. Event features Parade laps of classic race cars around the historic dirt track, VIPs include celebrated drivers, mechanics, crew members, family members, Classic Car Show, Food & Souvenirs, 50/50 Drawing, Autographs & More. Event is rain or shine. **Trading Paint/Occoneechee Banquet** that evening from 6pm - 10pm (after the Car Show) at The Big Barn - 388 Ja-Max Dr - Hillsborough, NC 27278. (919) 779-7820. For show information and banquet tickets visit <http://www.historicspeedwaygroup.org/2016-car-show.html> (NOT CONFIRMED)

## October

**October 1. Festifall** Street fair with music, arts and crafts, children's area and food. West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. Noon-6 pm. Free.  
[www.townofchapelhill.org/festifall](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/festifall)

**October 12. University Day.** Celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the oldest public university in the country. UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; UNC Office of Special Projects (919) 962-0045. [www.unc.edu](http://www.unc.edu)

**October 13-14 West End Poetry Festival.** Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill. An opening reception and readings by five poets. Saturday, noon to 8:30 pm at the Century Center in Carrboro. Poetry readings, Panel sessions, an open workshop, an open mic, evening reception, and a final reading. Sponsored by the Town of Carrboro. Free. Schedule on website.  
<http://www.westendpoetryfestival.org/schedule-of-events/> (919) 918-7364. **(NOT CONFIRMED)**

**October 27-28 "Spirits of Hillsborough"** will appear during the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's annual ghost walks through the historic district. This fun and dramatic tour will bring you face-to-face with Hillsborough's past. With help from the Orange Community Players, the spirits of fierce Elizabeth Scamp, William Hooper (a signer of the Declaration of Independence), and the Haint of Stillhouse Branch will rise from the grave to educate and entertain. Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground. Tickets are timed and groups depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Friday tours every 20 min: 8pm, 8:20pm, and 8:40 and Saturday tours every 20 min: 5 - 8:40. Tickets: \$5 for children 12 and under; \$12 for adults. Call (919) 732-7741 or [www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com).

**October 28. River Park Concert.** Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 7:30 pm. Food Court, Beer, & Wine Garden, Community, Environmental, Art & Wellness Booths. Featuring performances by 4 bands and a young musicians workshop. For details, visit <http://www.riverparkconcert.org/>

**October 31. Halloween Carnival,** Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee with be sold at concessions. 6 pm – 8:30 pm. [www.carrbororec.org](http://www.carrbororec.org) (919) 918-7364.

**October 31. Homegrown Halloween,** Chapel Hill. [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org) (919) 968-2760. (25,000 people in Halloween costumes flock to downtown Chapel Hill's Franklin Street.)

## **November**

**November 4-5 & 11-12. 23rd Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour.** Orange County; Over 70 artists invite you into their studios to see where and how they work. Sponsor: Orange County Artists Guild (919) 933-7880. First two weekends in November. <http://www.orangecountyartistsguild.com/>

**November 10. Light Up Carrboro.** The public is invited to ring in the holidays, Carrboro-style from 6 pm – 8 pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Artwalk will be in full swing and local businesses will be open late for shopping and dining. The centerpiece event is the annual Townsend, Bertram & Company Tree Lighting in front of Carr Mill Mall featuring live music from Ella Bertram at 7 pm. Enjoy free Beer from Yesteryears Brewery, free hot cider and snacks. Raffle prizes. You don't want to miss this. Carr Mill Mall, 200 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1098264120294993/>

**November 14. Ladies Night Out.** 5 pm – 9 pm. The downtown merchants of Hillsborough and the Orange/Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce welcome you for an evening of "Sipping 'n Strolling". Visit your favorite shops and restaurants and bring a friend or friends. Sample wine, beverages and more....get a jump on holiday shopping with specials offered all over downtown. Raffle prizes. All street parking is FREE.

Also FREE Parking available at the Weaver St. Market Parking Deck (just behind the market). FREE.  
<https://www.facebook.com/LNO.HB/> (NOT CONFIRMED)

**November 18-19. 12th Annual Carrboro Film Festival.** Two-day festival with workshop, films and free after party. Anticipate about 45 films. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Saturday, Nov. 19 – 11 am – 6 pm & Sunday, Nov. 20 – 11 am – 7 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for a 1-Day, All-Day Festival Pass (either All-Day Saturday OR All-Day Sunday), and \$20.00 for a 2-Day, All-Weekend Festival Pass. Kids 12 and under are FREE all weekend long, and do not require a ticket for entry. <http://www.carrborofilmfestival.com/>

**November 25. Storytelling Event: Home for the Holidays** in Hillsborough. Please join the Orange County Historical Museum for an evening of holiday storytelling from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. In addition to storytelling from local authors, there will be music and laughs. Wine and cheese reception begins at 6:30 pm and storytelling at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 day of. Tickets are on sale at the Orange County Historical Museum, Eno Gallery, and Leland Little Auctions. Event is at Leland Little Auction & Estate Sales, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough. All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201 or email [info@oranchistory.org](mailto:info@oranchistory.org) [www.oranchistory.org](http://www.oranchistory.org) (NOT CONFIRMED)

**November 26. Downtown Chapel Hill Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Join the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Chapel Hill in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet children and take pictures! Music. 6pm. [www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays) (919) 967-9440.

## **December**

**December 1-January 2. Twelve Days of Christmas.** The Carolina Inn will be festively adorned for the holidays with elaborate decorations based on the traditional song, The Twelve Days of Christmas. There will be self-guided tours and a number of holiday activities, including festive meals, breakfast with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday teas, horse-drawn carriage rides and a display of wonderful gingerbread houses. Some events free. The Carolina Inn. Please visit [www.12daysevents.com](http://www.12daysevents.com) or call (919) 918-2715.

**December 2. 14th Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show.** 9 am – 4 pm. Shoppers can enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout the state. A wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items await you. Christmas music, a bake sale and a delicious hot lunch will put you in a festive mood. St. Thomas More School. (919) 929-1546. [www.stmhsa.org/events](http://www.stmhsa.org/events)

**December 2. The 11th Annual Elf Fair,** a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro 11am-5pm. Featuring over 30 local artists offering jewelry, pottery, clothing, accessories, candles, toys, and lots of unique, affordable items for all ages. The bar will be open for holiday beverages, and festive foods will be available during the event. A kids' zone will feature hands-on art projects and classic holiday films. <http://www.artscenterlive.org/elf-fair-2015/>

**December 2. Hillsborough Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting & Light Up the Night** at 4:45 pm. The parade starts at Corbin Street and ends at East Margaret Lane. Afterwards enjoy the tree lighting after the parade & beginning of Hillsborough Light Up the Night. Come out to Downtown Hillsborough to celebrate the Holiday Season as we Light Up the Night! Details at [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com) (919) 732-8156.

**December 2-3:** St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "The Festival of the Society Tree" (FeST), a fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring fine handcrafts and creative arts, homemade foods and baked goods, beautifully hand crafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 9am-3 pm and Sun Noon to 3 pm

[www.stmatthewshillsborough.org](http://www.stmatthewshillsborough.org)

**December 2-3. *The Nutcracker* - Carolina Ballet** on **December 2** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 3** at 2 pm at Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Tickets start at \$49, Students \$10. Returning for the 10th time in as many seasons, Carolina Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* for a performance that has become a Chapel Hill holiday tradition. [www.carolinaperformingarts.org](http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org)

**December 3. 39th Annual Christmas Crafts Show;** Big Barn Convention Center, Sponsored by Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Free. Holiday crafts for purchase. 9am – 5 pm. See Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Bring a nonperishable food item for food drive for OCIM in memory of Donna Freeland. Event contact number. (919) 732-8714.

**December 8. The Carrboro Town Tree Lighting** at 6 pm with music on the steps of Town Hall at 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 [www.townofcarrboro.org](http://www.townofcarrboro.org)

**December 8. Holiday Stroll - Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour.** The tour begins at 6 pm, with dessert party to follow at 9 pm. This year's tour is a unique change from our normal tour. Guest will stroll on a candlelight tour of four distinctive private homes in the East Franklin-Rosemary Historic District enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres at each stop. The tour will culminate at the Horace Williams House at 610 E. Rosemary Street for a festive Dessert Party for all attendants. Tickets \$60 per Preservation Society Member, \$75 per general public. For more information visit <http://www.preservationchapelhill.org/> or call (919) 942-7818. (NOT CONFIRMED)

**December 8-9. North Carolina High School Football Championships,** Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Classifications TBA. Friday Dec 9 game at 7:35 pm Saturday Dec 10 game at 12:05 pm. <http://www.nchsaa.org/>

**December 9. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade,** Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro, 10 am. <http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>

**December 9.** All aboard for the **31st Annual Historic Hillsborough Tour**, Downtown Hillsborough. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way to enjoy decorated yards & porches, live entertainment, and a visit with Santa himself! Tour is 1 - 7 PM and will begin at the Town Hall Campus at 101 E Orange Street. Tickets \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 day of. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156. [www.hillsboroughchamber.com](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com)  
(NOT CONFIRMED)

**December 15-16. Nutcracker on Ice.** Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under and Adults 55 and older. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

**December 17. Ice Skate with Santa .** The young and the young at heart can celebrate the season with afternoon Skating with Santa and take a free photo with Jolly Old St Nick. Noon – 2:15 pm. Also Public ice skating sessions weekdays and weekends all throughout the holiday season! \$5.50 kids 12 and under, \$6:50 adults, \$3:50 skate rental. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

**December 17. Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk.** Walk along the Riverwalk with handmade lanterns which light up the night sky. About 2000 people participated last year. Park in the Eno Parking Deck behind the Weaver Street Market in downtown Hillsborough. Hillsborough Arts Council,

[www.hillsborougharts council.org](http://www.hillsborougharts council.org) 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

**December 31. Night Lights: Family-Friendly New Year's Eve.** Celebrate from 2 pm to 6 pm at Morehead Planetarium & Science Center. Family-friendly activities, performances, and a kids' countdown under the stars to ring in the new year! \$5, per person. For more information and to register (this sold out FAST last year!), visit [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org).

### **On-going Seasonal Events**

#### **Guided Tours**

**Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough** from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. \$5 leaves from Alexander Dickson House, 150 E. King Street. [www.visithillsboroughnc.com](http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com) or call (919) 732-7741 for details.

#### **Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden**

**March - October**, free tours of the [Display Gardens](#) are offered **every Saturday morning**. The 60-minute guided walk takes you through our habitat gardens and other displays that showcase the beauty of plants native to North Carolina. Meet inside the Education Center at 10 a.m.

**March - November**, free tours of [Coker Arboretum](#) are given the **third Saturday** of the month, **11 am**. The Arboretum is located on the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus, at the corner of Cameron Ave. and Raleigh St. Meet at the stone circle just inside the arboretum from the arbor.

**Tours of the UNC Chapel Hill campus** – Visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/>. Phone: (919) 962-1630 [uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu](mailto:uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu) Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

#### **Walk This Way Tours (all tours \$5 per person)**

**Three 90 minutes tours: \$5. Town and Gown on East Franklin Street**, - Departing Horace Williams House, explore beautiful and historic Franklin Street and learn about the historic homes, residents and connection to UNC. **Women on the Hill** - This tour departs from the Horace Williams House and explores the amazing women who lived our neighborhood from 1800 to the present day. **Old Chapel Hill Cemetery** - This tour departs from the gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and explores the final resting place of some of Chapel Hill's most interesting inhabitants. **Two 60 minutes tours: West End & Northside Community** – Between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, African Americans created a large community during Reconstruction. The community was home to many successful educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. During the Civil Rights Movement, this community played an important role in the desegregation of Chapel Hill. Departs from Hargraves Recreational Center. **Historic Downtown Carrboro** – Have you ever wondered how Carrboro came to be? Or the story behind the Carr Mill Mall? Take a tour of Carrboro's historic mills, businesses, and homes. Departs from Carrboro Town Hall (301 W. Main Street, Carrboro). Tours dates can be found on the website [www.preservationchapelhill.org](http://www.preservationchapelhill.org). To schedule a tour by appointment, please call 919-942-7818 or email [info@preservationchapelhill.org](mailto:info@preservationchapelhill.org). Also mobile phone guided tour available.

**Last Sunday Open House Tours of Moorefields House and Grounds**, from 1 pm – 5 pm, April – August. 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or visit [www.moorefields.org](http://www.moorefields.org).

## **Arts/Music Events**

### **2nd Friday Art Walk**

Held the second Friday of the month in various art galleries throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Most of the galleries have live music and other art related entertainment. 6 – 9 pm. [www.2ndfridayartwalk.com](http://www.2ndfridayartwalk.com)

### **Music on Lawn of Weaver Street Market.**

After Hours Thursdays evenings 6 pm – 8 pm 101 Weaver Street Carrboro early summer (May – June) and late summer (August – September). Sunday mornings Jazz Brunch 11 am – 1 pm in Carrboro (May through early October) and the Hillsborough Market at 228 S. Churton Street from May through August. Food, music and beer. [www.weaverstreetmarket.coop](http://www.weaverstreetmarket.coop)

### **Last Fridays**

Events on the evening of the last Friday of each month from April through early September from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in the downtown historic district of Hillsborough. A band is featured on the old courthouse lawn plus visual arts, dance, and literature. Businesses, galleries, studios, restaurants, and museums and historic sites remain open and offer special events. Artists, food vendors, musicians, and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks. 6:30- 9:30 pm. 919-643-2500. [www.lastfridays.org](http://www.lastfridays.org)

### **Last Fridays Art Walks**

Highlight gallery show openings in downtown Hillsborough from 6-9 pm., January – October. Special Holiday Art Walk December 2. Art Walk is part of Last Fridays from April – September. 919-643-2500. [www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org](http://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org)

### **Fridays on the Front Porch**

Every Friday evening 5pm – 8 pm late April through early-October enjoy live music, food trucks & beverage specials, and comfortable seating on the shady front porch and lawn of the beautiful, historic Carolina Inn. (919-918-2777). Also events continue on home football games. [www.carolinainn.com](http://www.carolinainn.com) (April 24 – Oct 23)

**August 13-October 29. Sundays in Hillsborough.** 1 pm – 5 pm. Concerts on the Courthouse Lawn, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Visit Art Galleries, Riverwalk, Historic Sites & Tours, Local Eateries and Craft Beer. [www.hillsboroughchamber.org](http://www.hillsboroughchamber.org) (NOT CONFIRMED)

### **140 West Plaza Events**

Visit [www.140westfranklinplaza.com](http://www.140westfranklinplaza.com) to find out more about this spring and fall events.

**Music on Sundays and selected Thursdays** on the Southern Village Lawn in the evenings spring through summer. Also Friday & Sat. night movies on the lawn beginning late May. [www.southernvillage.com](http://www.southernvillage.com)

**Events** during university calendar year at Memorial Hall [www.carolinaperformingarts.org](http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org) and PlayMakers Repertory Company [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org)

### **Farmers Markets**

**Year Round Farmers Markets** – [www.orangecountyfarms.org](http://www.orangecountyfarms.org)

**UNC ATHLETICS** - From late August - mid-May. Varsity teams compete in 13 men's and 15 women's sports. Schedule and Ticket Information at [www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com)

**2017 Tar Heel Football home schedule VIA** [www.goheels.com](http://www.goheels.com)

**UNC Men's Basketball** begins early November 2017

**UNC Baseball** opens mid-February 2017 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2017

**Late Night with Roy - Mid – October**

*As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.*

**Again more details on [www.visitchapelhill.org](http://www.visitchapelhill.org)**

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