

A Sampler of Holly Day Events

Thomas Nast and America's Christmas: An exhibit of the largest collection of Nast drawings including the thirty drawings, watercolors and painting of Santa Claus with antique toys and decorative arts. Through February 2009/ Macculloch Hall, Morristown/ 973.538.2404

www.maccullochhall.org

Christmas Festival: Activities, train rides, and visits with Santa on the weekends. November 28 through December 23/ Morristown Green, Morristown/ 973.455.1133

www.morristown-nj.org

A Winter's Tale celebrates the triumph of love, nobility and all things good and ends with the promise of rejuvenation, redemption and hope. December 3 through December 28, 2008/F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, Madison/ 973.408.5600

www.ShakespeareNJ.org

American Repertory Ballet: Graham Lustig's The Nutcracker: For 45 years, families have made American Repertory Ballet's The Nutcracker part of their holiday tradition. Come get swept off your feet by this magical production that's the perfect holiday treat for every member of the family. December 4 & 5/ Community Theatre, Morristown/ 973.539.8008 www.mayoarts.org

Holiday Crafts of Morristown: Contemporary work from 165 artists and crafts people from across the country. Jewelry, fashion and accessories, furniture, home décor and more/December 5, 6 & 7/Morristown Armory, Morristown/ 973.455.0338

www.craftsatmorristown.com

Christmas in Long Valley Historic House Tour: A self-guided tour of 7 historic homes and sites some dating from the 1700's. Location will be in Long Valley and Schooley's Mountain with a special focus on Pleasant Grove/ December 6/Washington Township Historical Society Museum, Long Valley/ 908.876.9696 info@wthsnj.org

Christmas Open House: Visit the beautifully decorated historic house. Raffle, Vendors, Holly Gifts and Bake Sale! Benefits Restoration Project/December 6/ Historic Cook Halfway House, E. Hanover

Gingerbread Wonderland: The smell of sugar greets guests as they open the doors to the Haggerty Education Center and enter a kingdom of imagination, creativity, and candy! December 6 through December 14/The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morris Township/ 973.326.7601 www.morrisparks.net

Holly Walk: Morristown's annual tour of historic museums continues with Acorn Hall, Macculloch Hall, Schuyler-Hamilton House, and Washington's Headquarters. Macculloch Hall will be decorated by the Garden Club of Morristown in traditional decorations focusing on the Museum's extensive collection of Chinese Export porcelain. December 6 & 7/ Morristown/ 973.538.2404 www.maccullochhall.org

A Dickensian Christmas at Historic Speedwell: Historic Speedwell re-creates Fezziwig's Christmas Ball, from Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Enjoy fiddle music, period dancing, and the Vail Home decorated in 1834 Christmas décor. Make Christmas crafts to bring home! December 6 & 7/Historic Speedwell, Morristown/ 973.285.6550 www.morrisparks.net

A Country Christmas: Experience Christmas of yesteryear! Typical holiday traditions and decorations are featured at The Willows, Cottage, and Farmhouse.
December 6 & 7 /Fosterfields Farm, Morris Township/ 973.326.7645 www.morrisparks.net

Holiday Wreath Workshop: Create your own unique wreath using natural branches, dried seedpods, flowers, fruits and pinecones. Led by horticulturist Carolyn Lydon. Registration required. /Cross Estate, Bernardsville/ 973.376.0348 www.crossestategardens.org

1915 Open House: Share in the Holiday Spirit of the Farms with period style decorations, treats, music and more! December 6,7,13 &14 /Craftsman Farms, Morris Plains/ 973.540.0311
www.stickleymuseum.org

Santa Claus Special 2008: Bring the Kids for a Fun-Filled Train Ride with Santa Claus. Trains depart from the Whippany Station at 1, 2, 3 & 4 PM, Rain, Snow or Shine. Family & Friends will enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas Train as it winds its way along the Historic Whippanong Trail.
December 6,7,13 &14/ Whippany Railway Museum, Whippany/ 973.887.8177
www.WhippanyRailwayMuseum.net

Holiday Tree Festival: The Morris Museum's Main Gallery will once again transform into a winter wonderland this December. The popular week-long festival will feature hundreds of holiday items, including wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and gift items available for purchase. The magnificent displays will also include elaborately decorated seven-foot community trees sponsored by local corporations. These stunning trees are not to be missed! December 7-13/Morris Museum, Morristown/ 973.971.3700 www.morrismuseum.org

Colonial & Victorian Christmas Customs Lecture: Decoration of holly and mistletoe, gingerbread and caroling, these are just a few of the Christmas customs that have been handed down from earlier times. Join Judith Krall-Russo, a food historian, to learn about the similarities and differences between a Colonial Christmas and a Victorian celebration. Discover what foods were prepared and enjoyed during holiday festivities. /December 10/Morris Museum, Morristown/ 973.971.3700 www.morrismuseum.org

Vienna Boys Choir: Celebrate the holiday season with sacred and secular works performed in soulful harmonic perfection by these ambassadors, ages 10-14, who carry on the rich traditions of one of Austria's oldest musical institutions. /December 11/The Community Theatre, Morristown/ 973.539.8008 www.mayoarts.org

A Christmas Carol: Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is made to see the light as he survives a merciless battery of revelations by the ghosts of his own Christmases Past, Present and Future in this full-scale musical stage production for the family based on the Charles Dickens classic. /December 13/The Community Theatre, Morristown/ 973.539.8008 www.mayoarts.org

Colonial Symphony - Holiday Light Classics: An annual favorite! Maestro Paul Hostetter and the Colonial Symphony play holiday music with a classical pedigree and a celebration fizz. 8 PM concert and pre-concert talk with Maestro Hostetter at 7 PM. /December 18/Community Theatre, Morristown/ 973.539.8008 www.colonialsymphony.org

Winter Solstice Celebration: Gather around the outdoor beach campfire to participate in the historical and ceremonial aspects of the solstice while enjoying hot cider and s'mores. /December 19/ Sunrise Lake, Morristown/ 973.635.6629

An Irish Christmas with Aideen O'Donnell: Spend a haunting and spirited holiday with this internationally known harpist/singer. This Chatham resident along with her musicians, 'Na Daoine', will perform traditional and classic holiday music. Add Irish step-dancers and the Cliona Singers, and you will melt into the holiday spirit with closed eyes, tapping feet and clapping hands. /December 20/Bickford Theatre, Morristown/ 973.971.3706 www.bickfordtheatre.org

Holiday Spectacular with the Morris Choral Society: The holiday tradition continues. Now in its fifth year! Join us in this popular holiday tradition again at the Bickford, featuring the wonderful sounds of the Morris Choral Society and their special guest stars. /December 21/Bickford Theatre, Morristown/ 973.971.3706 www.bickfordtheatre.org

First Night Morris County: Join us to ring in the New Year with first class performances of music, dance, theatre and comedy for all ages. This alcohol-free, family-friendly event takes place in venues throughout Downtown Morristown. With fireworks shows at 9:15 and midnight. Performances are indoors, and shuttle service is available. Rain, snow or shine! December 31/ Morristown/ 973.455.0708 www.firstnightmorris.com