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## Holiday Happenings Around The City!



*Your Guide to Holiday Fun!*





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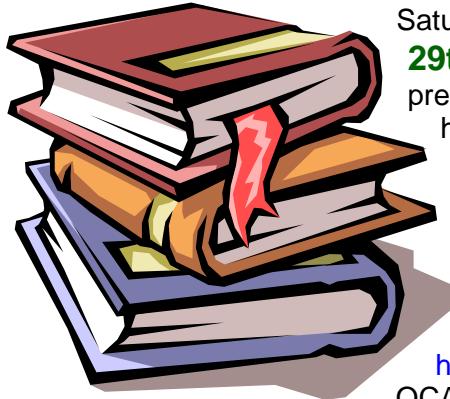
## Free and Low-Cost Events

For TTC information call 416-393-4636 (INFO) or visit the TTC website

## Art, Bake & Craft Sales

Now until December 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday from Noon to 5:00 pm.

**The 20th Annual Festival of Smalls.** If you're looking to give fine art (or to buy something for yourself) but don't have a huge budget, why not try The Festival of Smalls. Artwork in a variety of styles and mediums is up for sale. You can browse all available works in their preview here: [www.artinteriors.ca/artwork/festival2013](http://www.artinteriors.ca/artwork/festival2013). For more information visit: <http://www.artinteriors.ca/artwork/festival2013>, email: [info@artinteriors.ca](mailto:info@artinteriors.ca), or call: 416 488-3157. Art Interiors, 446 Spadina Road. **Free Admission**



Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **OCAD University's 29th Annual Book Arts Fair.** OCAD University's printmaking department presents the 29th annual Book Arts Fair. Come and browse the uniquely handmade and crafted works by many book artists, printmakers, artists, small publishers, students, professional artists, papermakers and printmaking suppliers. OCADU Book arts Fair will also include live performances, poetry readings, and kid friendly crafting throughout the day. This event is a fundraiser too. The money raised by donation and raffle tickets goes to the upcoming year's student awards and initiatives in the OCAD Printmaking Department. For more information email: [bookartsfair@gmail.com](mailto:bookartsfair@gmail.com) or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/252534708232344/>. The Great Hall at OCAD University, 100 McCaul Street. **Suggested donation of \$5.00 minimum**

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**5th Annual LucSculpture Art & Craft Show.** Uniquely crafted, original artwork and handmade crafts make great holiday gifts and they are great for adding to your art collection. Find pottery, jewellery, photographs, paintings, sculptures, knitting items, post cards, crafts, and more! For more information call: 416 461-7936. LucSculpture School & Studios, 663 Greenwood Avenue at Danforth. **Free Admission**

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Woodlawn Pottery Studio Annual Show and Sale.** The perfect venue and weekend for gift and home decor purchases. The Woodlawn Studio is a women's co-operative which began as an adult education program of the YWCA. For more information visit: [www.woodlawnpottery.ca](http://www.woodlawnpottery.ca). The Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West (near Queen and Dufferin). **Free Admission**



Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Beauties of the World**

**Holiday Sale/Exhibit.** Two dates only in Toronto! Archeological reproductions: meaningful pieces from Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Maya, one-of-a-kind hand-tooled elegant jewellery, exquisite cards with inspiring inscriptions, philosophical books. Gifts for various budgets. For more information visit: [www.newacropolis.ca](http://www.newacropolis.ca), or call: 416 486-7198, or email: [toronto@newacropolis.ca](mailto:toronto@newacropolis.ca). New Acropolis Toronto, 2498 Yonge Street, Suite 319. **Free Admission**

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Toronto School of Art presents: **TSA tinyArt Sale** - A showcase of small works and handmade items. TSA Artists feature unique and intimate small-scale artworks (10"x10" or smaller) including: painting, mixed media, ceramics, fibers, collage and assemblage. Visit Toronto School of Art's new location on Dufferin & Bloor during this two-day event and learn more about the 12-week winter courses starting the week of January 13, 2014.

**Free Admission**



Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. **VanDuzer Holiday Art Show & Sale.** It's that time of year...warm up the holiday season by participating in the VanDuzer Holiday Art Show & Sale. For more information contact Tamara Wilen by phone: 647 280-4931. VanDuzer Art Studio, 196 Beverley Street. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **North York General's 8th Annual Art and Craft Show and Sale** is back! Each year, the Mental Health Program and Participants' Council co-host the annual Mental Health Art and Craft Show and Sale. The event celebrates the resilience, passion and creative spirit of people living with and recovering from mental illness and/or addiction. Participation in the art show and sale is for individuals that identify as a current or former patient/client in the mental health program at North York General. Participation from all mental health programs is welcomed. Join us for paintings, photography, jewelry, crafts and more! For more information visit: <http://www.nygh.on.ca> or call Theresa at: 416 633-9420. When you hear the tape recorded greeting, press 1 and then extension 6967. North York General, 4001 Leslie Street in the Academic Centre (main floor). **Free Admission**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Toronto Public Library Arts and Crafts Fair for United Way.** North York Central Library will host an arts and crafts fair with proceeds going to The United Way. For more information contact Samantha by phone: 416 393-7723 or visit: [www.tpl.ca](http://www.tpl.ca). Toronto Public Library, North York Central Library Branch, in the lobby, 5120 Yonge Street. **Free Admission**



Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5:00 pm. **Inspirations Studio Sale.** Biannual Studio Sale of stoneware pottery made by the members of Inspirations Studio. The pottery and textiles of Inspirations are also available from the display cases upstairs at Sistering, and in the community at Wise Daughters in the Junction, Wonderworks, Alternative Grounds and online at: [www.Waseya.com](http://www.Waseya.com). For more information email: [inspirations@sistering.org](mailto:inspirations@sistering.org) or call: 416 367-2728. 2480 Dundas Street West. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. **Winter Craft Event.** Craft vendors and artisans will offer their unique gift items for sale. Shop for Christmas - buy for someone else or buy for yourself. Lots to choose from – including jewellery, knitting, seasonal goodies, bath products and much more. Over 25 vendors. Homemade frozen tourtières and a snack bar. For more information contact Kathleen Bull by email: [herlihybull@rogers.com](mailto:herlihybull@rogers.com). Royal York Road United Church, 851 Royal York Road. All Ages. **Free Admission**





Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. **Christmas Bake & Crafter's Sale.** Not enough hours in the day? Let us do your Christmas baking for you. Purchase that last minute gift from one of the crafters. Rest in our café before you continue your day. For more information contact Barb Wallace by email: blwallac@live.ca. Mimico Presbyterian Church, 119 Mimico Avenue. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Movies and Makers Art and Craft Show.** Movies and Makers is an Art and Craft show featuring 32 of Toronto's finest makers of craft, design, fashion, jewelry and art. This year's show takes place a few weeks before Christmas at the Fox Theatre in the lovely Beach Neighbourhood of Toronto. A great place to find all of your holiday needs! Movies and Makers is presented by: [www.girlcancreate.com](http://www.girlcancreate.com) and [www.foxtheatre.ca](http://www.foxtheatre.ca). For more information visit: [moviesandmakers.com](http://moviesandmakers.com). Movies and Makers, Fox Theatre, 2236 Queen St East. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Gifts Of My Hands Holiday Craft Market.** Our second annual holiday show will be at the Sorauren Park Fieldhouse. Buy locally made gifts for the whole family while supporting our artisan community. For more information contact Nici Shipway by email: [giftsofmyhands@gmail.com](mailto:giftsofmyhands@gmail.com) or by phone: 647 992-6316. Sorauren Park Fieldhouse, 50 Wabash Avenue. All Ages. **Free Admission**



**Free Admission**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. **The 19th Annual CBC Employees Charity Craft Sale.** In support of CBC Toronto's Sounds of the Season, join us at the CBC Barbara Frum Atrium to finish all of your holiday shopping! You'll not only be supporting Local Area Food Banks but also buying local and handmade! We have vendors selling everything from handmade jewellery to ornaments, to aprons to clothing, to toys to cookies! There is something for everyone! Feel free to bring a non perishable food item with you as we will be accepting donations on site. Every donation helps a family in need. See you there. For more information visit: [www.cbccharitycraftsale.ca](http://www.cbccharitycraftsale.ca). CBC Barbara Frum Atrium, 250 Front Street W.

## torontopotters **Winter 2013 Show and Sale**

**ARTA GALLERY  
in the Distillery Historic District**

**Friday, Dec 13, 3 - 9 pm  
Saturday, Dec 14, 10 am - 8 pm  
Sunday, Dec 15, 10 am - 8 pm**

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. **Toronto Potters Winter Show and Sale.** Toronto Potters will hold its annual Winter Show and Sale at ARTA Gallery in the Distillery Historic District during the Toronto Christmas Market. Toronto Potters will be exhibiting one of a kind, functional pottery and sculptural works. Choose the perfect holiday gift or a piece for yourself created by hand by these talented local artists. Many of the participating potters will be present throughout the sale to meet and converse about their work and techniques. A portion of the proceeds from this sale will be donated to Red Door; a family shelter in Toronto that assists families, refugees and women who are fleeing from violence. For more information visit: [www.torontopotters.com/home/](http://www.torontopotters.com/home/) or email: [torontopotters@gmail.com](mailto:torontopotters@gmail.com). ARTA Gallery, 14 Distillery Lane. **Free Admission**

**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness." - Helen Keller**



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Toronto's only 100% handmade Native Arts & Crafts Christmas Sale!** Come out to our biggest craft sale of the year! 20+ local artisans including moccasins, beadwork, dreamcatchers, and more! Indian tacos, refreshments, raffles and a 50/50 draw. For more info visit: <http://ncct.on.ca/>. Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Road. **Free Admission**

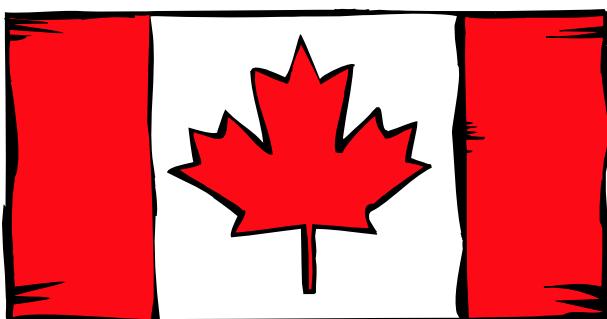
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. **Toronto Etsy Street Team 1st Annual Christmas.**

The Toronto Etsy Street Team (TEST) is hosting its 1st Annual Christmas Marketplace, in the heart of Kensington Market. This cozy handmade show will be filled with holiday magic. Along with our handmade vendors, you can enjoy live music, take part in one of a series of free craft workshops and even expect a visit from Old Saint Nick himself! The Marketplace will include a bake sale of tasty goodies and a charity raffle. The show features 16+ TEST hand makers and includes; one of a kind jewelry, art, fashions, toys, hand-bound books, handmade body care items and one of a kind Christmas ornaments, cards and gift wrap. Live music and workshops throughout the day. For more information visit: [www.torontoetsyteam.blogspot.ca/p/blog-page.html](http://www.torontoetsyteam.blogspot.ca/p/blog-page.html) or email: [TorontoEtsyST@gmail.com](mailto:TorontoEtsyST@gmail.com). Church of Saint Stephens-in-the-Fields, 103 Bellevue Avenue, Spadina Avenue and College Street. **Free Admission**



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**City of Craft, Craft Sale.** City of Craft is a highly curated juried craft sale is back for its 7th year at The Theatre Centre. High quality wares by established and/or promising local crafters and artisans will be on sale amid installations and workshops. A gift from this sale is sure to make an impression. Stay tuned to their website for an upcoming vendor list and schedule. For more information visit: <http://cityofcraft.com/>. The Theatre Centre, 1087 & 1095 Queen Street West. **Adults, \$2 and Kids Under 12, Free Admission**



Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**Made in Canada Show.** Visit Toronto's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Made in Canada Show at Artscape Wychwood Barns, an exciting exhibition of what Canadians have to offer – fashion, food, crafts, jewellery, accessories, art, innovation, and music. Listen to musicians, experience cuisine, try on fashion and experience unique Canadian products and designs. For more information visit: <http://www.madeincanadashow.net/>. Artscape Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie Street south of St. Clair West and west of Bathurst Street. **Free Admission**

“This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!” - *D.M. Dellinger*

# Bazaars, Fairs, & Markets



Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday December 15. Monday to Friday from Noon to 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. **Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery District.** This holiday season Toronto will once again celebrate the romance and magic of a traditional Christmas at Lowe's Toronto Christmas Market. Inspired by the Old World and influenced by the New, this free annual event captures all of the tradition, heritage and charm of a European Christmas Market, while showcasing hundreds of unique and local handcrafted products. Family friendly entertainment includes musicians, carollers and children's choirs. For more information email: [info@torontochristmasmarket.com](mailto:info@torontochristmasmarket.com), or visit: <http://torontochristmasmarket.com/>, or call: 416 364-1177. The Distillery District, 55 Mill Street. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**St. Demetrios Annual Christmas Bazaar.** This Annual Christmas Community Bazaar features Traditional Ukrainian Cuisine for dining in or purchase to take away, presented by: St. Demetrios the Great Martyr Ukrainian Catholic Church. Christmas Gifts, Crafts, Decor, Treasures of Christmas Past and Jewelry. An amazing bake sale featuring home made apple pies and other delights. A deli counter with fresh European prepared meats. Honey and Beeswax products and handcrafted Chocolate treats. A variety of ethnic, religious and art items available to purchase. In addition there is a great 14 prize raffle, silent auction and games for the entire family and folks of all ages to enjoy! For more information call: 416 244-5333, visit the website: <http://www.stdemetrios.org/organizations.000.0000.htm#BAZAAR>, or email: [st.demetrius@sympatico.ca](mailto:st.demetrius@sympatico.ca).

St. Demetrios the Great Martyr Catholic Church Hall, 135 La Rose Avenue Eglinton Avenue West and Scarlet Road. **Free Admission**

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Mondo Bazaar** is pleased to present a 2-day holiday craft market for your shopping pleasure! Mondo Bazaar features over 60 booths of locally-crafted and fair-trade arts, crafts and one-of-a-kind curiosities from Toronto-based artisans and entrepreneurs. Our vendors have something for everyone, including clothing, body-care, children's items, jewelry, paper goods and more! There will be gift draws all weekend long. For more information visit: <http://mondobazaar.wordpress.com/>. The Gladstone Hotel in the Ballroom (1st floor). **Free Admission**

Weekends starting November 30<sup>th</sup> through to December 22<sup>nd</sup> from Noon to

6:00 pm. **The Artisans' Gift Fair 2013.** Four weekends of December up until Christmas. This annual Christmas craft show has over forty different vendors each weekend up until Christmas. Browse through a maze of hand-made, high quality gift items from the best of our local artists and crafters or sit in our cozy lounge and enjoy free live music. There is something for everyone from baby to Grandpa. For more information visit: [www.artisansgiftfair.com](http://www.artisansgiftfair.com) or email: [artisan\\_shows@yahoo.ca](mailto:artisan_shows@yahoo.ca). The Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Avenue, Bathurst and Bloor. **Free Admission**



Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Jingle Jangle.** Celebrate the holiday season at the school's first-ever Jingle Jangle event. Craft workshops, vendor tables, bake sale, cookie decorating, silent auction, a visit from Santa and more. Food and toy drive for Women's Habitat and Jean Tweed. To become a vendor, donate to the silent auction, or for more information, contact Erin Sullivan by email at: [erinsullivan81@gmail.com](mailto:erinsullivan81@gmail.com) or call: 416 394-7800. Lanor Junior Middle School, 450 Lanor Avenue. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Holiday Gift Fair.** Think globally, shop locally at our holiday gift fair. Fabulous gift items, unique crafts, snowflake cafe, holiday treasures, silent auction, door prizes, bake table and more. For more information contact Nancy Lyon by email: [info@centraleglinton.com](mailto:info@centraleglinton.com), or visit: <http://www.centreleglinton.com>, or call: 416 392-0511. Central Eglinton Community Centre, 160 Eglinton Avenue East. All Ages. **Free Admission**



Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Community Centre 55 Christmas Bazaar.** Community Centre 55 Christmas Bazaar has vendors, children's crafts, Christmas goodies and raffles. Breakfast with Hamper and Santa will take place at the same day, with Hamper the Reindeer visits taking place at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Santa arrives at 10:00 am. For more information or to become a vendor, contact Lainey at: 416 691-1113, ext. 223. Community Centre 55, 97 Main Street. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **11th Annual Xmas Gifts and Crafts Fair.** Our sale features: a silent auction and more than 40 vendors with lots of new or handcrafted items suitable as Christmas gifts or for your holiday decorating or entertaining needs. For example: crochet, knit and sewn goods, Avon, Ezee Cleaning Cloths, Scentsy, chocolate sleighs, gingerbread houses, epicure spice blends, Tupperware, baked goods, Spencer's jams, Mary Kay, hand made crafts and lots more treasures! Unique, one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted items for the person who has everything! Enjoy lunch at our snack bar and a few more surprises! Parking available on site. For more information email: [legionbr31@yahoo.com](mailto:legionbr31@yahoo.com), or visit: <http://www.facebook.com/mountdennislegion>, or call: 416 767-0231. Mount Dennis Legion, 1050 Weston Rd. All Ages. **Free Admission**

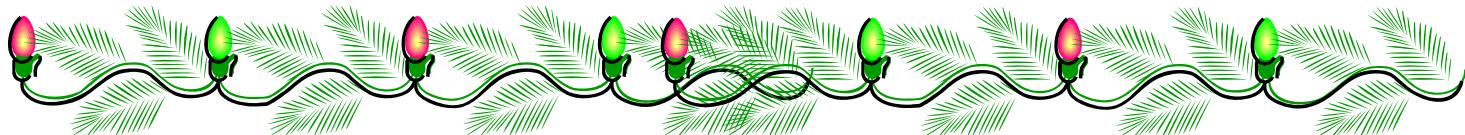


Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Candy Cane Tea and Bazaar.** Come to do your shopping and stay for fancy sandwiches, desserts, tea/coffee. Bring a friend! Bring the whole family! We have renowned baked goods, lots of crafts and great Christmas ideas. Don't miss it! For more information contact the office administrator by email: [presteignwoodbineunitedchu@bellnet.ca](mailto:presteignwoodbineunitedchu@bellnet.ca), or call: 416 755-8352, or visit: <http://www.presteignwoodbineuc.com>. Presteign-Woodbine United Church, 2538 St. Clair Avenue East. All Ages. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Really Really Free Market**

**Toronto.** No money, no trade, no barter. Bring clean and usable items no later than 3:00 pm so others can see them, but take stuff up to 4:00 pm. For more information visit: <http://rrfmarket.blogspot.ca/> or email: [rrfmarket@gmail.com](mailto:rrfmarket@gmail.com). The market is at Campbell Park in the West End, indoors, 195 Campbell Avenue. **Free**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. **Holiday Bazaar.** This holiday Bazaar is in Support of Pegasus Community Project for Adults with Special Needs. Shopping that gives back! Come check out hundreds of gift-worthy items, including: quality handmade gifts made by Pegasus participants, staff and volunteers, vintage tea towels, curated items from the Pegasus Thrift Store, homemade chocolates & baked goods, limited edition artwork, craft supplies for children and adults, beads for jewelry-making and much more!! Bonus: Your shopping will support adults with disabilities and their families. For more information visit: <http://pegasustoronto.ca/newsletter.html> or call: 416 691-6835. Beaches Recreation Centre, 6 Williamson Rd. **Free Admission**



Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. **The Holiday Edition of the Firsthand Craft Fair.** The show is curated by last year's craft fair friends, the Nacho Mama's (Check out last year's event at: <http://www.nachomamascraft.com/>). It's a full day event with food, arts, crafts and music. There's an awesome charity component and raffle supporting sketch.ca. For more information visit: [www.firsthandfair.com](http://www.firsthandfair.com). Sneaky Dee's, 431 College St. **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Maker's Cartel.** Maker's Cartel is a pop-up craft market that showcases the works of independent creatives in Toronto. The Cartel aims to act as launching pad for new talent and a support for establishing makers. It provides a venue where makers and admirers can meet, greet and support. We promote local independent talent that create high quality hand-made goods. For more information visit: <http://www.makerscartel.com/>. The Foundry, 376 Bathurst Street (Bathurst & Dundas). **Free Admission**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. **Toronto Indie Arts Market Small Press & Literary Festival.** Toronto has a thriving DIY publishing scene, but few places for those writers and publishers to sell their work. Join us for a celebration of everything small press as we bring together authors, zines, indie magazines, comics and more as Toronto Indie Arts Market hosts their first Small Press & Literary Festival. This will also be the official launch of the first issue of Beer and Butter Tarts, a Canadian literary food journal. For more information visit: <http://www.torontoindieartsmarket.com/>. Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen W. **\$5 with partial proceeds to Parkdale Project Read**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **IGGH Annual**

**Christmas Bazaar & Craft Market.** Have a candy with Santa while shopping amongst unique vendors, buy fresh baked goods, have a family photo session, buy a ticket for our 50/50 draw or try to win a quilt. Enjoy live music while you get all of your shopping done and maybe something just for you. For more information email: [igghfamilycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:igghfamilycouncil@gmail.com). Ina Grafton Gage Home, 40 Bell Estate Road. All Ages. **Free Admission**



## CAMH Events

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:30. **Christmas Lunch and Party by the Greek Orthodox Church.** CAMH Queen Street Site Community Mall, 1001 Queen Street West. All are welcome. **Free**

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Client Holiday Party.** CAMH Queen Street Site, 1001 Queen Street West. **Free**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. **CAMH Holiday Art and Craft Sale.** There will be a Craft sale in The Mall for one day. For more info contact Bharati Singh by phone: 416 535-8501 x36718, or by email: [bharati.singh@camh.ca](mailto:bharati.singh@camh.ca). In the CAMH Queen Street Community Mall, 1001 Queen Street West. **Free Admission**

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. **Christmas Candlelight Service.** CAMH Queen Street Site, Bell Gateway Building, 100 Stokes Street in the Sacred Space. Refreshments to follow. **Free**

# Carolling

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. **The 5th Annual City Carol Sing.** Yorkminster Baptist Church in collaboration with City TV, with special guests Cynthia Dale, R.H. Thompson, Gord Martineau, The True North Brass, Viva! Youth Singers, The Larkin Singers and the choirs of both Yorkminster Baptist and Christ Church Deer Park. The concert will be broadcast nationally by CITY TV in support of Food Banks across Canada. For more information call: 416 922-1167. A collection will be taken for the Churches-on-the Hill Food Bank. 1585 Yonge Street. **Free Admission**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. **Silent Night, Shining Night – Community Carol Sing.** A Christmas Concert, narrated by Lloyd Robertson. Featuring the church choirs of St. Clement's Anglican, Glenview Presbyterian, Eglinton St. George's United Church with The North York Temple Brass Ensemble. For more information visit: [http://esgunitied.org/eandi\\_happening.html](http://esgunitied.org/eandi_happening.html). Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd., at Duplex. **A Free will offering will be collected to benefit the "Out of the Cold" program.**

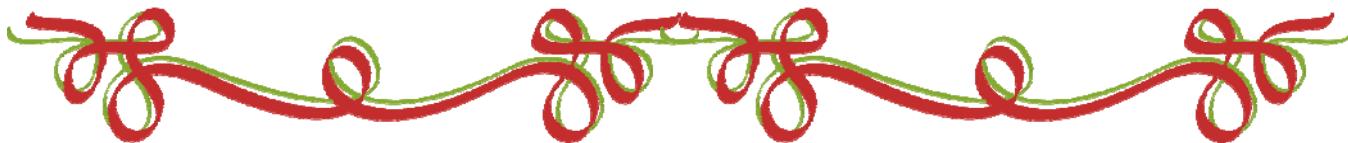


Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. **Community Carol Sing.** A Community Carol Sing will be held at St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church. Come sing-a-long with our Senior Choir as they celebrate the season with a variety of carols and traditional Christmas songs. The free will offering will be donated to West Hill Community Services. Refreshments will be served following the carol sing. This event is co-sponsored by St. Dunstan's and the Centennial Community Recreation Association. For information contact Laurie by phone: 416 283-1844, or by email: [Laurie@stdunstan.ca](mailto:Laurie@stdunstan.ca), or visit: <http://www.stdunstan.ca>. St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church, 56 Lawson Road. All Ages. **Free**

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. **Carolling in the Park.** Caroling in the Park takes place at Glen Stewart Park, just south of the wooden bridge at the park, which is on Glen Manor Drive, just north of Queen Street East. Christmas carols and contemporary holiday-themed songs with accompaniment by the Salvation Army band. Song sheets will be available. There will be hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Donations to the Sally Ann will be accepted. For more information contact David Breech at: 416 759-9997. Glen Stewart Park Glen Manor Drive. All Ages. **Free**

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 11:10 am. **Family Carolling in the Morning.** Join us for holiday songs and rhymes. Drop In. For more information call: 416 393-7727. Pape-Danforth Public Library, 701 Pape Avenue. All Ages. **Free**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. **The Wychwood Clarinet Choir and Wychwood Clarinet Youth Choir presents: Lessons and Carols.** Join us as we help the congregation of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels celebrate the coming holiday season. Choir artistic director is Michele Jacot. For more information visit: [www.wychwoodclarinetchoir.com](http://www.wychwoodclarinetchoir.com) or call: 647-668-8943. Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 611 St. Clair Avenue West. **Free**



# Christmas in the Park

Now through January 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesdays to Sundays from Noon to 4:00 pm, closed Mondays, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. **Christmas in the Park.** Discover the magic of Christmas in the winter wonderland surroundings of High Park and enjoy a tour of Colborne Lodge, the picturesque home of the founders of High Park, which is decorated for a Victorian Christmas. You will discover festive traditions, decorations and foods enjoyed during the 19th-century in Toronto. Toast the season with a glass of hot mulled cider by the wood stove and nibble on special holiday treats. For more information email: [clodge@toronto.ca](mailto:clodge@toronto.ca). Colborne Lodge at High Park, 11 Colborne Lodge Drive. All Ages. **Holiday admission prices apply: Adults, \$7.08 Seniors/Youths/Children, \$4.42 (plus tax)**



# Christmas Movies

Saturdays, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. **Christmas Movies at Cineplex Odeon**

**Cinemas.** Saturday mornings participating theatres across the city will show Christmas flicks. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be The Polar Express in 2D, December 14<sup>th</sup> is Arthur Christmas and December 21<sup>st</sup> will show Dr. Seuss How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Here is the list of participating theatres:



- SilverCity Fairview Mall - 1800 Sheppard Avenue East, Unit Y007, Toronto
- SilverCity Yorkdale Cinemas - Yorkdale Shopping Centre, 3401 Dufferin Street, Toronto
- Cineplex Odeon Eglinton Town Centre - 22 Lebovic Avenue, Scarborough
- Coliseum Scarborough - Scarborough Town Centre, 300 Borough Drive, Unit 765 , Scarborough
- Cineplex Odeon Morningside Cinemas - 785 Milner Avenue, Scarborough
- Cineplex Odeon Queensway - 1025 The Queensway, Etobicoke

For more details visit: [www.cineplex.com/Events/familyfavourites/ParticipatingTheatres.aspx](http://www.cineplex.com/Events/familyfavourites/ParticipatingTheatres.aspx).  
**\$2.50 including tax, per person**

# Concerts & Musicals

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. **Ensemble Polaris: The Russian Expedition. Nutcracker**

**Nouveau.** Music from CD Nutcracker Nouveau, and other seasonal works. For more information call: 416 588-4301. Edward Day Gallery, 952 Queen Street West. **\$5**

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. **Sounds of the Season.** Arts and Entertainment program of the University of Toronto Scarborough. Classical and contemporary works, UTSC Concert Band & others. For more information call: 416 208-2931. Academic Resource Centre, U of T Scarborough, 1265 Military Trail. **Free**

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. **Cavalcade of Lights presented by Great Gulf.** The official start to the holiday season in Toronto with the celebration of the 47th annual Cavalcade of Lights presented by Great Gulf. The evening will begin with performances by pop favourite Tyler Shaw, rising star Cold Specks, award winning R&B singer Divine Brown and Grammy Award winner Carvin Winans. The first lighting of the official Christmas tree sponsored by Great Gulf and a breathtaking fireworks display follow at 8:00 pm. The celebration continues at 8:15 pm with a live concert sponsored by Keurig® featuring electro-pop artist Diamond Rings followed by a skating party with DJ Dopey. The Nathan Phillips Square ice rink will be open for skating (weather permitting) and skate rentals are available on site. For more info visit: [www.toronto.ca/cavalcade](http://www.toronto.ca/cavalcade). Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen Street West and Bay Street. **Free**

Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. **Retro Radio Hour: Holiday Special.** Come on out and enjoy some great oldies music and vintage radio plays, to get in the holiday spirit! Plus, buy your loved ones a handmade stocking and some awesome stocking stuffers at our Christmas sale! And try your luck at our free raffle! Performers include: Rebecca Russell, Leete Stetson, Geoff Kolomayz, Reg Matson, Maja Rakocevic, Nicole Byblow, Olivia Lloyd, Ivan Lopez, Peter Grant Mackechnie, Emily Dix and Matt McGrath. For more information visit: <http://bygonetheatre.wordpress.com/> or email: [info@bygonetheatre.com](mailto:info@bygonetheatre.com). The Winchester Kitchen and Bar, 51A Winchester Street. **\$5 cash at the door - this doubles as a raffle ticket!**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm. **PAX. Choral Works On Peace** by Vivaldi, Mendelssohn, Chilcott, A.R. Rahman and others. For more information call: 416 978-2452. Great Hall, Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle. Food donations to U of T Foodbank welcome. **Free**

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. **Captain Frank J. Merlo, CD**

**Memorial Christmas Music and Art Fest.** This free concert will feature the Governor General's Horseguards Band with performances by the James McGuigan C.H.S. Concert Band, Junior Band and Jazz Band, Epiphany of Our Lord C.S. and St. Aidan C.S. Strings and a Variety of Student Art will be on display. For more information call: 416 393-5527. James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School, 1440 Finch Avenue West. All Ages. **Free**



Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon. **22nd Annual Christmas Tuba Festival and Choir Sing-a-long.** Low brass players are invited to join in this 22nd Annual Christmas Tuba Festival and Choir Sing-a-long where Christmas carols and seasonal music will be performed outdoors. This event is sponsored by: The

Coalition for Music Education in Canada. This annual event attracts over 200 performers in Nathan Phillips Square. Participants are encouraged to decorate their instruments and singers are invited to wear colourful seasonal attire. Orin Isaacs is the Master of Ceremonies. Professional and amateur school musicians join together for this celebration of the power and influence of music in our lives. Music can be freely downloaded from our website. Instrumentalist should come with a music stand, wind clips, and a cushion on which to sit. We will wish to set up between 10:30 am and 11:45 am. For more information visit: [www.musicmakesus.ca/celebrate/tubafest](http://www.musicmakesus.ca/celebrate/tubafest) or call: 416 298-2871. Nathan Phillips Square, located in front of the Toronto City Hall at Bay Street and Queen Street West. **Free**

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon. **Music at Midday: A French Baroque Christmas.** For more information call: 416 447-6846. Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive. **Free**

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. **Winter Concert.** The UTSC Music Society is hosting a winter concert for the end of the term featuring the UTSC Alumni and Community Concert Band and Choir, the Harmonie Wind Octet, and the Breaking Brass. It's a "pay what you can" concert and the funds go to supporting the music programs and initiatives at UTSC. For more information visit: <http://www.utscmusic.com/events/event/ums-winter-concert/>. University of Toronto Scarborough, 1265 Military Trail, Room AC 223. **Pay What You Can**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. **The Christmas Story.** The Holiday Season fast approaches and that means soon it will be time for THE CHRISTMAS STORY at the Church of the Holy Trinity (right beside the Eaton Centre). Our cast of Angels, Shepherds, Kings and Singers - even an infant Baby Jesus! - are ready to remind you of the most important message of Christmas. For more information on the dates and times or to reserve tickets, please visit: [www.holytrinitytoronto.org](http://www.holytrinitytoronto.org) or visit: [www.thechristmasstory.ca](http://www.thechristmasstory.ca). Church of the Holy Trinity, 10 Trinity Square. All Ages. **Pay-What-You-Can at the Door**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Vocem Resurgentis. **Journey into a Medieval Christmas.** Piae Cantiones, music of von Birgen and more. For more information call: 416 890-1710. Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Avenue. **By Donation**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. **Sunday Concert Series at Westview Presbyterian.** Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", with special guest: Jennifer Valentyne from CITY-TV. A reading of the classic tale with carols sung by the Westview choir. For more information contact Cathy Callon by email: [westview233@gmail.com](mailto:westview233@gmail.com) or by phone: 416-759-8531 or visit: <http://www.wvchurch.wordpress.ca>. Westview Presbyterian Church, 233 Westview Avenue (just off Bermondsey). All Ages. **Free**

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Chanukah concert/ A Yontev a Sheyner.** The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir celebrates the holiday season with songs for Chanukah and an assortment of other favourites, with Alexander Veprinsky conducting and Lina Zemelman at the piano. Songs in Yiddish, Hebrew, English and more. For more information call: 416 395-5440. Barbara Frum Library, Toronto Public Library, 20 Covington Road. All Ages. **Free**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and at 7:00 pm, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

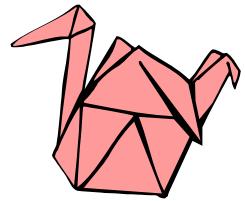
**Crazy Christmas Musical.** The biggest musical of the year: Crazy Christmas Extravaganza - a larger than life musical adventure. General seating - please buy tickets online if possible. You may also purchase tickets in person Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday after service at Church on the Queensway. Cash only please. For more information contact the Christian Performing Arts Centre by email: [info@cpacentre.org](mailto:info@cpacentre.org), or visit: <http://www.cpacentre.org/>, or call: 416 255-6750. Christian Performing Arts Centre, 1536 The Queensway. All Ages. **\$5**

Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 1:00 pm. **Cool Yule. Cadence.** Famous for their infectious energy and uncanny verve Canada's premier a cappella vocal ensemble had been wowing audiences across the country and around the world for nearly 15 years. For more information call: 416 363-8231. Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West at University. **Free**



# Crafts for Adults

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. **Holiday Origami for Adults.** Themed origami that you can use to help you get into the spirit of the holiday season. Materials are provided. For more information call: 416 393-7723. Toronto Public Library, Queen/Saulter Branch, 765 Queen Street East. **Free**



Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. **Cake Decoration.** Patricia Albi from CakeMom.ca demonstrates a few cake decorating tricks to create stunning Christmas celebration cookies and cakes. For more information call: 416 396-8916. Toronto Public Library, Cliffcrest Branch, 3017 Kingston Road. **Free**

# Health & Exercise



Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Holiday Karma Yoga At Shops At Don Mills.** Take a deep breath this holiday season with a candle lit Karma Yoga class courtesy of Titika in the Holiday Studio. People of all ages and skill levels can bring their mat to the Holiday Studio in Town Square for free yoga sessions and a moment of inner peace during the busy holiday season. For more

information please visit: [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) or call: 416 447-6087 ext 244. Visit: [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) to register. Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio, 25 Karl Fraser Road. In lieu of an admission fee, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Toronto Fire Fighters' Toy Drive. **Free**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon. **Holistic Health Fair.** Come to learn more about how to keep your body, mind and emotions in balance and healthy through these though times and therefore keeping your family and kids healthy and happy as well. This Fair will feature: family well being talks by professional guests speakers from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm, holistic health spa by professional therapists in the alternative and holistic health area (affordable sessions on site), yoga and health demonstrations from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm, environmentally friendly and natural products market place by local vendors and artisans, Teach 2 Learn youth students live performance 4:30 pm, children's zone (face painting, art making, and other fun!) and much more! For more information visit: [www.lunaeh healingarts.blogspot.com](http://www.lunaeh healingarts.blogspot.com) or call: 647 522-6612. Metro Hall, 55 John Street.

**Free Admission**

# Kids' Events

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. **December Storybreak.** Hear some stories and make a holiday decoration. For more info call: 416 393-7727. Drop in at the Pape-Danforth Public Library, 701 Pape Avenue. For Children Ages 4+. **Free**

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. **Christmas With Markus: Children's Cushion Concert.** The Kingsway Conservatory of Music presents award-winning children's entertainer Markus in a "cushion concert" brimming with snappy songs and Christmas cheer. A special surprise guest and a sack of takeaway treats will be part of the festive fun - all to the delight of young children! Limited capacity. Please reserve tickets in advance. For more information or to buy your tickets call: 416 234-0121 ext. 222 or visit: [www.kingswayconservatory.ca](http://www.kingswayconservatory.ca). The Great Room, Kingsway Conservatory of Music, 2848 Bloor Street West. For Children. **\$5 Per Person**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. **Puppet shows based on Christmas stories and children's books.** Check with the library branch to see if tickets are required. If so, tickets are free and can be picked up 30 minutes before the show. For more information call: 416 395-5710. Shows are at the Toronto Public Library, 10:30 am at the S. Walter Stewart Branch 170 Memorial Pk Ave, 416 396-3975 and 11:00 am at the Don Mills Branch, 888 Lawrence Avenue East. **Free**



Now through to December 17<sup>th</sup>. **Write A Letter To Santa.** You can write to Santa in any language, including Braille, and he'll write back in the same language! Send a regular letter or an email! Write a letter to Santa at the address below. Make sure to include your return address so that Santa can write back!

Santa Claus  
North Pole H0H 0H0  
Canada

Letters to Santa do not require postage (Santa would NEVER refuse a letter because it didn't have a stamp on it) and the response from Santa is also delivered for free. We're honoured to help Santa respond to his mail and proud to help teach children valuable literacy skills. More than 21.8 million letters have been received at Santa's North Pole Post Office since 1982! According to Santa's CPE (Chief Postal Elf), Holly T. Elf, there are three golden rules in sending a letter to Santa: Make sure you include your return address! While Santa knows where you live, his postal elves need your address to deliver Santa's letter to your home. Letters must be mailed by December 17 to allow enough time for travel to the North Pole and back! The Santa Letter-writing Program is an employee-led volunteer initiative with current and retired employees donating more than 226,000 hours of time. The program, a classroom tradition with teachers, encourages children to read, write letters, and learn about the mail system. For more information visit: <https://www.canadapost.ca/santa>. **Free**

## New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 pm. **Citytv's New Year's Eve Bash.** This New Year's Eve party brought to you by Citytv, is one of Toronto's most popular New Year's Eve events. Best of all, it's absolutely family friendly. Kids are welcome as this is also an alcohol free event. Taking place at Nathan Phillips Square, the celebration is hosted by Citytv personalities and will feature an outdoor concert and dazzling midnight fireworks. Come out and join in on the fun this New Year's Eve. Toronto will be rocking! For more information and for a full list of performers visit: <http://newyearsbash.citytv.com/performers.php>. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen Street West. **Free**

## PARC Events

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. **Winter Solstice.** Come celebrate the shortest day and the longest night of the year with friends and community at PARC drop-in. Lunch at 1:00 pm and dinner at 5:00 pm. PARC, 1499 Queen Street West. **Free**

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Holiday Dinner.** This dinner has been donated by our friends at Ve`ahafta. For more information call: 416 537-2262 ext. 230. PARC, 1499 Queen Street West. **Free**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. **Holiday Gift Giveaway.** Including games, music and more! For more information call: 416 537-2262 ext. 230. PARC, 1499 Queen Street West. **Free**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm to Midnight. **It's Fricken' New Years!** Come celebrate the last night of the Gregorian calendar year, PARC style. PARC, 1499 Queen Street West. **Free**

## Parties & Open Houses

Now through Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday to Friday, Noon to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 5:00 pm.

**A Victorian Christmas at Mackenzie House.** This festive season take a step back in time to Victorian Toronto and experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 row-house. Escape from the hustle and bustle while you enjoy a sample of mulled cider and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover the story of how families celebrated Christmas in 19th-century Toronto as you tour the Mackenzie home which is dressed in greenery for the holidays. Mackenzie House 82 Bond Street. All Ages.

**Adults: \$7.08; Seniors /Youth/Children: \$4.42 (plus tax)**



Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Christmas Open House.** Please join Ted Opitz, M.P. for his Annual Christmas Open House, to be held at Applewood Shaver House. In the spirit of giving at Christmas, please bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Drive. Refreshments and baked goods will be served. For more information contact Diane by email: [ted.opitz.c1b@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ted.opitz.c1b@parl.gc.ca) or by phone: 416 249-7322. Applewood/The Shaver Homestead, 450 The West Mall. All Ages. **Free**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. **Habitat for Humanity**

**Toronto's 11th annual Gingerbread Build.** Help families in need build a home. Get involved by joining the Gingerbread Build Party with prizes, music, Santa and more at the Habitat Toronto Gingerbread Build Factory at 10:30 am; Noon; 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm. For more information call: 416 755-7353. Habitat Toronto Gingerbread Build Factory, 19 Waterman Avenue, Unit 4. All Ages. **Free**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4:00 pm. **Krasman Centre Holiday Turkey Luncheon.** 10121 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill. For info, call 905 780-0491. **Free**

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Gerstein Centre Christmas Open House.** We will have a turkey dinner and Christmas gifts. Everyone is welcome. 100 Charles Street East. **Free**

## Polar Bear Dip



Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon. **Polar Bear Dip.** By participating in the Polar Bear Dip, you can give "a hand up not a hand out" to families in need. Habitat for Humanity Toronto works in partnership with families who are working to escape sub-standard, poverty housing. With the help of generous donors and energetic volunteers, Habitat has built more than 100 homes in Toronto. Since 2005 the Toronto Polar Bear Dip has raised in excess of \$130,000 - funds that have gone directly to build projects in Toronto. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st! For more information or to sign up visit: <http://www.torontopolarbear.com/#intro>. Sunnyside Beach.

# Santa Sightings



Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Pooch Pics with Santa.** Bring your pooch out to Shops at Don Mills for Pooch Pics with Santa and have their picture taken with Santa in the Holiday Studio! Dogs can put their best paw forward and pose with Santa before being spoiled with treats from the Treat Bar. Pictures will be emailed directly to guests. For more information visit [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) or call 416 447-6087 ext. 244. Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio, 25 Karl Fraser Road. In lieu of admission fee, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Toronto Fire Fighters' Toy Drive. **Free**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **The Weston Santa Claus Parade.** Rogers will be televising the event again so we want to put on a great show this year. We will be having a contest for best float and best walking group. For more information email: Marion O'Sullivan at [admin@westonvillagebia.com](mailto:admin@westonvillagebia.com). Weston Road and Church Street. All Ages. **Free**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. **Etobicoke-Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade.**

This year's Etobicoke-Lakeshore Santa Claus parade is sponsored by Lakeshore BIAs (Business Improvement Associations) and put on for the community. Many volunteers are needed to put on this magnificent event and the organizers are asking for volunteers to help with float work and cleanup which takes place in the evenings and on the weekends leading up to parade day. The parade also needs 200 volunteers to wear its costumes and to carry the banners of parade sponsors. High School students can also use the hours to meet their ministry-required 40 hours of community service. For more information or if you would like to get involved, please contact Carlos Guerreiro by phone: 416 910-5203 or Angelo Cundari at: 416 562-258 or by email: [info@lakeshoresantaclausparade.com](mailto:info@lakeshoresantaclausparade.com). All Ages. **Free**



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Pet Pics with Santa!** Paws on the Shore and Global Pet Foods Queensway will be hosting TWO days of Pet Pics with Santa! Get a cute pic with Santa and your whole family and/or just your furry family member's pic with Santa! Photos will be done by Jasmine Wang Photography! All proceeds will go to Southern Ontario Animal Rescue (SOAR): [www.soardogrescue.ca](http://www.soardogrescue.ca). Toronto Pet Food Drive will be accepting donations of pet food, pet supplies and Canadian Tire money. For more information visit: [www.pawsontheshore.ca](http://www.pawsontheshore.ca). Global Pet Foods Queensway, 1278 The Queensway. All Ages. **Minimum \$5.00 Donation**

# Skating

City of Toronto Skating Rinks. **The City of Toronto has 50+ outdoor skating rinks!** So lace up those skates, pull out the woolies and grab the hot cocoa. Most rinks open between the last week of November and the first week of December, weather permitting. In addition to pleasure skating, many rinks host shinny for different age groups, women and girl groups and parent/child groups. For more information please visit: <http://cityrinks.ca> for schedules and maps. **Free**

Opening Saturday, November 16 at Noon. **Natrel® Rink opens for Winter 2013.** Open daily starting Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, tucked away behind York Quay Centre and set against the beautiful shore of Lake Ontario, the city's most scenic rink awaits. The Natrel® Rink has been an unparalleled skating destination in Toronto for 30 years. It has a heated indoor change room with lockers and washrooms. Regular rink hours are Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 11:00 pm, Sunday to Thursday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. For more information call: 416 973-4000 or visit: [www.harbourfrontcentre.com/venues/natrelrink/](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/venues/natrelrink/). York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. All Ages. **Free**



Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. **1 Love T.O. Holiday Skating Party.** Celebrate knowledge, culture, identity, love and life at the with DJ Dlux and Lissa Moneton at Harbourfront Centre's Natrel® Rink during Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront presented by the Toronto Port Authority. 1 Love T.O. is a movement that bridges the gaps between cultures, neighbourhoods, interests and generations. For more information visit: [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com). Harbourfront Centre - Natrel Rink, 235 Queens Quay West. **Free**

# Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. **Light Up Riverside.** It's that time of the year again! Join the Historic Riverside District's holiday festivities and late night shopping at Mustard Seed 791 Queen Street East (Queen & Degrassi). Get treated to tasty delights and hot beverages. Experience the musical performances by Toronto Beach Choral and celebrate the light up of our holiday tree. Afterwards, indulge in late night shopping with considerable in-store specials in our unique and local shops. The Historic Riverside District, 791 Queen Street East, from the DVP to Empire Avenue.

**Free Admission**



Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. **Old Town Toronto**

**Cavalcade of Lights.** Old Town Toronto lights up the holiday season with our annual Cavalcade of Lights celebration in Berczy Park (Front and Scott Street) and St. James Park (King and Jarvis) at 5:30 pm and then at 6:15 pm. This magical event features seasonal lights, Victorian Carolers and 1812 re-enactors, hot chocolate and hot apple cider. It's guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit! Presented by: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA. For more information visit: [www.oldtowntoronto.ca](http://www.oldtowntoronto.ca), email: [info@stlawrencemarketbia.ca](mailto:info@stlawrencemarketbia.ca), or call: 416 410-9242. This event takes place in multiple locations: Berczy Park (Front and Scott Street) and St. James Park (King and Jarvis). **Free**



Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. **Mimico by the**

**Lake's 10th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Come out and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas carolling, hot chocolate, a visit from Santa himself and help us light the trees of Mimico Square. Don't forget your homemade decoration and your camera for pictures with Santa! For more information contact Alison Juda by email: [mimicobythelakebia@hotmail.ca](mailto:mimicobythelakebia@hotmail.ca) or by phone: 416-452-5682. Amos Waites Park, 2445 Lakeshore Boulevard West. All Ages. **Free**

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. **Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The tree will be lit, then we will come indoors and enjoy some fantastic entertainment and refreshments sponsored by the Thistletown Lions Club. For more information contact: Kerrie McAlister by email: [kmcalist@toronto.ca](mailto:kmcalist@toronto.ca) or by phone: 416 394-8717. Thistletown Community Centre, 925 Albion Rd. All Ages. **Free**

## Workshops



Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. **The Holiday Floral Workshop.** Breakfast Television's Frankie Flowers will stop by Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio to teach guests how to create their holiday outdoor containers and window boxes. Appetizers will be served and each guest will receive a welcome gift. The Holiday Floral Workshop is sponsored by McEwan, who will be providing florals for the arrangements and appetizer platters. For additional information, please visit [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) or call 416-447-6087 ext 244. Please visit: [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) to register for this event. Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio, 25 Karl Fraser Road. **In lieu of admission fee, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Toronto Fire Fighters' Toy Drive.**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. **Holiday Table Setting**

**Workshop.** Learn how to create an amazing holiday table from designer Roula Thalassinos from RT Designs in Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio. Appetizers will be available and each guest will receive a welcome gift. For additional information, please visit [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) or call 416 447-6087 ext 244. Please register at: [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca). Shops at Don Mills' Holiday Studio, 25 Karl Fraser Road. **In lieu of admission fee, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Toronto Fire Fighters' Toy Drive.**



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Gingerbread Cookie**

**Decorations.** Drop by Queen's Quay Terminal during Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront presented by the Toronto Port Authority and decorate your own gingerbread cookie for free. All it takes is a little imagination to create the ultimate one-of-a-kind holiday treat. Drop off a donated gift in the collection bin in the office lobby. All donations going to the Salvation Army. For more information visit: [www.queenquayterminal.com](http://www.queenquayterminal.com). Located in the mall in front of Sobey's, Queen's Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay West. **Guests are encouraged to bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped toy to the annual Snowball Express Toy Drive in Queen's Quay Terminal.**



Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon and 2:00 pm. **Dog Sledding**

**Demos.** A perfect addition to Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront presented by the Toronto Port Authority, PawsWay presents Dog Sledding Demos with Tanya Hawley in Ann Tindal Park. This is your chance to meet and have your picture taken with a real dog sledding team! Each 30 minute demo will showcase the kick sled, harnesses, lines, leashes and items used in dog sledding and visitors will be able to have a quick 'pat and chat' with Tanya and her authentic sled dogs! For more information visit: [www.pawsway.ca](http://www.pawsway.ca). Ann Tindal Park, Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. **Free**

**The C/S Info Centre would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!**

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