2026

Holiday Gift Guide

Holiday Calendar of Events and Shop Local!

HOLIDAY Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 28

Holiday Artisan Market 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church, 198 Main Street , Cornwall. Handmade or handcrafted items. Open to all artists and artisans. cornwallhighlandsarts.org.

Parish Jubilee Advent Dinner & Parish Tree Lighting, 6 p.m. Church of the Infant Saviour, out 302, Pine Bush. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Msgr. James S. Conlan Council #5329, featuring a free pasta dinner and tree lighting.

A Holly Holy Holiday in Poughkeepise. 7:30 p.m. Living Water Church, 200 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. Featuring timeless music from all four of Neil Diamond's Christmas Albums, and other beloved classics from his legendary career. Tickets start at $15. scottmeinschock.com/tickets.

November 28 - 29

Holiday Craft Fair. Dutchess Community College Falcon and Drumlin halls, 53 Wendell Road, Poughkeepsie. Now in its 54th year, this juried event features over 200 artists offering ceramics, jewelry, woodwork, fiber arts, photography, candles, soaps, and more, creating a relaxed alternative to Black Friday shopping. Open Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. quailhollow.com or sunydutchess.edu/foundation.

Sunday, November 29

Cornwall-on-Hudson Tree Lighting: The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its annual Tree Lighting event at the bandstand at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29. All are welcome.

Village of Maybrook Tree Lighting. 7 p.m. Frederick Myers Veterans Memorial Park, Homestead Ave., Maybrook. The festivities take place at the Frederick Myers Veterans Memorial Park. Santa will arrive via one of Maybrook's Fire Trucks. Bring the kids and get their pictures with the Jolly Old Man!

Wednesday, December 2

A Holiday Sing-Along Gathering w/Judith Tulloch. 1 p.m. Desmond Center for Adult Enrichment. 6 Albany Post Rd, Newburgh. Judith celebrates this Month with your favorite Holiday(s) and seasonal songs! Res: $15/ Non-Res: $20

Friday, December 4

Kissing Ball, Wreath & Tabletop Tree Workshops. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County, 18 Seward Ave, Suite 3, Middletown. Want to brighten your home with festive greenery for the cooler days ahead? Join the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers as they guide you through a step-by-step demonstration on how to craft your own unique wreath, kissing ball or tabletop tree. Expert instruction, combined with all materials, allows you to create the perfect gift or display piece using live greens, colorful ribbons, and sparkling ornaments. This delightful activity has become an annual tradition for friends and family. All you need is your creativity and some clippers! $50 per attendee/session. 845-344-1234 x262.

Menorah Lighting. 5:30 p.m. Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Bandstand.

Town of Newburgh Annual Tree Lighting. 6 p.m., Chadwick Lake Park, Town of Newburgh. Hosted by the Town of Newburgh Recreation Department and sponsor Miss Cindy's Neighborhood Nursery School. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be







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there, sharing cookies, candy canes, hot chocolate and music for dancing.

Holiday Show. 6-8 p.m. 2 Alice's Coffee Lounge, 311 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson. Free - music and more. More details at cornwalltheatrearts.com.

Carol Sing with Live Nativity. 6:30 p.m. Fox Hill Community,, 89 Coleman Road, Walden. Join the Fox hill Community to celebrate the Christmas season.

December 4 - 5

The Nutcracker. Showtimes: Friday at 7 p.m. Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center, 231 Creamery Pond Road, Chester. The Sugar Loaf Arts Collective will present a full-length production of The Nutcracker at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center from December 4-6, bringing Tchaikovsky's iconic score to life with a live orchestra for the first time in over a decade. Under the artistic direction of Melissa Padham-Maass and baton of conductor Ryan Walther, this holiday tradition will unite professional dancers, community performers, and local students on one stage. The diverse cast highlights a collaborative effort across regional talent, combining featured guest artists with members ofthe Warwick Dance Collective, WCPA students, and dancers from the Northern Academy of the Arts.

Saturday, December 5

St. Gregory's Church Christmas Fair. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. St. Gregory's Orthodox Church, 1500 Rte. 376, Wappingers Falls. Christmas fair bake sale vendors gifts. In addition to baked goods, a variety of ethnic foods will be available for lunch (10:30-3) and take-out, including pierogi, nut rolls, and stuffed cabbage. There will also be vendors and gifts. Church tours at noon and 2pm; visit with Santa between noon-2pm. All proceeds to benefit the following local organizations: Dutchess Outreach, St. Basil's Academy, and St. Christopher's Inn.m

Hope United Methodist Church (198 Main St., Cornwall) will host a Christmas boutique, cookie walk and soup-to-go event . For more info, call 845-534-2794.

Christmas Vendor Fair. 10 a.m.-4 p.m Highland Falls Fire Department Auxiliary will host a Christmas Vendor Fair at the fire house (Mountain Ave., Highland Falls). Vendors are wanted - call 845-446-2187.

Holiday in the Park. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bear Mountain's Trailside Museums and Zoo celebrate the winter season with staff and animals! Enjoy making enrichment presents for the animals, learn about their winter adaptations, and make some holiday crafts. Activity stations are set up throughout the zoo.

Winter Wonderland Market and Tree Lighting. 11:30 a.m. New Windsor Town Hall Complex, 555 Union Ave., New Windsor. Enjoy festive fun at the Winter Wonderland Market & Tree Lighting on December 6 from 11:30-6 p.m. at the New Windsor Town Hall Complex, 555 Union Ave., New Windsor. The event features food trucks, local performers, artisan vendors, photos with Santa from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., and the annual tree lighting at 6 p.m. Admission: Free. More information at: nwrecisfun.com or recoffice@newwindsor-ny.gov.

City of Newburgh Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. 3 p.m.







Downtown Newburgh. The City-wide parade route will begin at 3pm from the Department of Public Works Headquarters and will end at lower Broadway in front of City Hall where the tree lighting will occur at approximately 6pm. The highly anticipated Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting will embark from the Department of Public Works Headquarters, 88 Pierce's Road, and make its way to South Street, Broadway, Dubois Street, and will travel throughout the East End and waterfront. Department vehicles and decorated floats from the Fire, Police, DPW, Water, and Recreation Departments will transport Santa and friends through the City's neighborhoods to spread cheer and joy this holiday season. The parade will conclude on lower Broadway in front of City Hall, where a DJ and hot chocolate station will entertain the crowd and accompany the tree lighting.

Holidays in the Hamlet. 3 - 6:30 p.m. Shawangunk Town Hall Complex, Wallkill. Kick off your holiday celebrations with an afternoon full of festive fun for the whole family. Pre-event activities are from 2:15 -3:15 pm sponsored in part by the Wallkill Public Library. The Main Event begins at 3 pm. Nosh, sip and be merry while shopping from our locally curated artisan vendors. Enjoy performances by students from the local school choral groups on the steps of the Shawangunk Town Hall. Santa arrives around 4:45 pm to help light the tree. Afterward, children will have the chance to meet Santa in person. They're encouraged to write a letter to him in advance – and include their mailing address so Santa can write back! Children can give their letters to Santa when they meet him. Don't forget to stop by the Vision of Wallkill table to check out a beautifully crafted, handmade winter quilt that is being raffled to support VOW and the Friends of the Wallkill Public Library, and the Holidays in the Hamlet collectible ornament, available for purchase. The evening ends with a beautiful fireworks finale near Garrison Park.

The Crawford Country Christmas Tractor Parade. 3 p.m. Main Street, Pine Bush. The Town of Crawford will host its annual Country Christmas and Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 5 featuring an afternoon of festive events throughout the hamlet.

Toys for Tots Drive Party. 6-10 pm. Maybrook VFW, 209 Main Street. The event includes snacks, games, and music by DJ Mike to keep

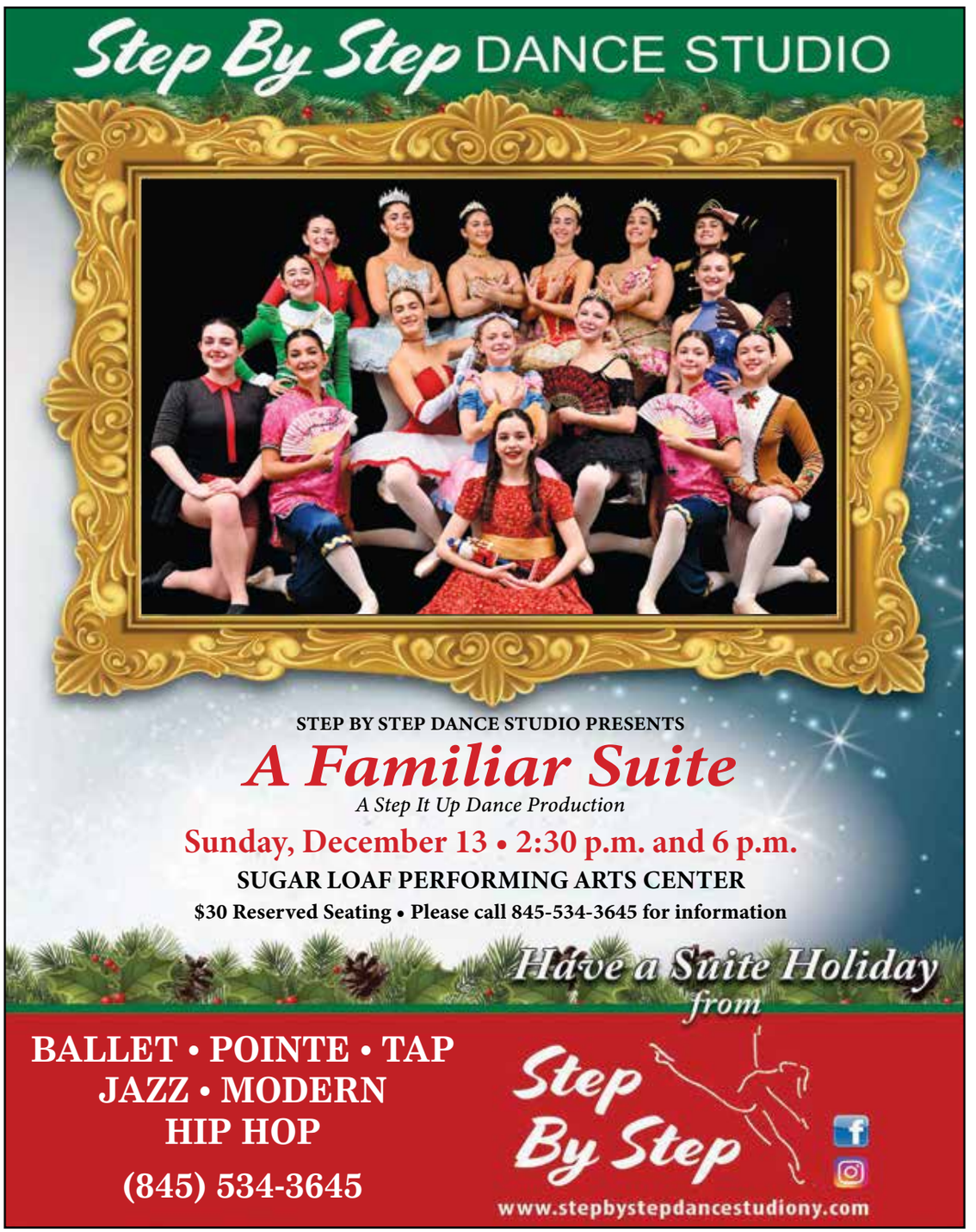


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December 5-6

Flavors of the World Christmas Market. Travel the globe at the Flavors of the World Christmas Market on December 5-6 at St. Augustine's School, 35 Philips Ave., Highland. Enjoy authentic cuisines from 18 countries, a dessert café, artisan vendors, kids' games, Santa visits, and toy-drive incentives. Open Saturday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. highlandny-festivals@gmail.com

West Point Band' Holiday Show. 2 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre, West Point. Enjoy wholesome family fun for all ages as we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and winters wonders with your favorite carols, songs and holiday hits. Best of all, it's free and open to everyone! Mark your calendars for the first weekend of December at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point– it's the perfect way to start your holiday season! Free. For more details, visit band.westpoint.edu.

Sunday, December 6

Advent Arts Festival- Craft Sale, & Concert. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 186 Fullerton Ave., Newburgh. Join us for an art exhibition and craft/bake sale fundraiser in our parish hall during a brunch reception, followed by a free instrumental and choral concert! 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.: Art Show, Craft/Bake Sale & Brunch Reception (downstairs). 1:00-2:00 P.M.: Advent Concert (upstairs, free!)

Mountain Laurel Waldorf School Winter Fair. 11 a.m. Mountain Laurel Waldorf School, 16 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz. Whether you're seeking the perfect gift, looking for a meaningful family outing, or simply want to soak in the warmth of community spirit, the Winter Gift Making Fair offers something for everyone. Create handmade treasures in our craft rooms, discover the artistry of local makers, and fill your afternoon with puppet magic, joyful music, and the deep satisfaction of gifts shaped by loving hands. Admission to the Fair and the Vendors is free. Tickets for craft activities can be purchased in advance (at a discount!) online at mountainlaurel.org/winterfair or day-of at the event.

Latkes & Vodkas! 1:30 p.m. Newburgh JCC. 290 North St., Newburgh. Celebrate Hanukkah with us at our annual Latkes & Vodkas! Spend the afternoon enjoying holiday favorites, festive drinks, and time together with friends, family, and the Newburgh JCC community. It's a celebration for all ages, so bring the whole family and come make some holiday memories!

Tuesday, December 8

Menorah Lighting. 6 p.m. Crawford Square. 88 Main St., Pine Bush. Chabat of Orange County hosts the Menorah Lighting.

Thursday, December 10

Maybrook Wind Ensemble Annual Holiday Concert and Tricky Tray. 7 p.m. Maybrook Senior Center, 111 Schipps Lane, Maybrook

Friday, December 11

Middletown Concert Chorale's "Star of Wonder" Concert. 7 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 60 South St., Warwick. The Middletown Concert Chorale is continuing its mission to provide a stage for the community's passion for music. David Crone and Sue Conklin are director and accompanist. Please join us as we proudly present our winter concert, "Star of Wonder", featuring Vivaldi's "Magnificat" with a string quartet, as well as contemporary seasonal favorites. middletownconcertchorale.org

Saturday, December 12

Old Fashioned Holiday. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Village of Montgomery. This family-friendly celebration will feature a festive array of craft vendors, holiday-themed activities, a historic walking tour, and a lighted tractor parade, plus a tree-lighting ceremony. The event offers numerous activities throughout the day, including a selection of food trucks and vendors, photos with Santa, crafts for kids and more. Toys for Tots will also be on site, collecting new and unused toys.

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra presents Glory All Around. Shows at 2 and 6 p.m. Aquinas Hall, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh. All your favorite holiday music and more. (Snow date: Dec. 13).

Holiday concert, featuring the Evergreen Chorus. 4:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 98 West St., Marlboro. The Evergreen Chorus, an acapella group, will be featured. Susan and Will Brown along with Gabriela Mikova Johnson will offer their musical talents as well as the Olive Quartet, and Andrzej Lisiecki. Light refreshments will be served immediately afterward. Tickets are $20 and children under 12 are free.

Sunday, December 13

Christmas on the Farm. 12- 5 p.m. The Sanctuary at Pine Meadow Farm, 79 Rock Cut Road, Newburgh. Pony Rides, photos with Santa, crafts, refreshments, Photo Booth, raffles, pet and feed the animals and more. For





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more info call 845-728-8163.

Newburgh Historical Society's Annual Candlelight Tour. 12-5 p.m. Join us for the Annual Candlelight Tour on Sunday, December 13 , beginning at the beautiful Crawford House in Newburgh.Tour a curated selection of historic homes and buildings – with some historic houses elegantly decorated – and wander through the architectural beauty and holiday charm of Newburgh and New Windsor. Tickets: $35 in advance or $40 day-of More info: newburghhistoricalsociety.org or call (845) 561-2585. Proceeds support the Society's programs and preservation efforts

Cookies and cocoa with Santa. 1-3 p.m. Maybrook Fire Department, 204 Wallace Ave., Maybrook.

Newburgh Actor studio 18th annual Christmas show. 2 p.m. The Silk Factory, 209 Washington St., Newburgh. The Newburgh Actor studio has been producing a Christmas show since 2008. The show features some of the most talented entertainers in the Hudson Valley! MaryKay Messenger, Debbie Major, Tony DePaolo, Kierstin Martin, Mia Grace, Mark Gamma, and Mark Etri as Santa! We've never raised the price of our tickets. They are still $20 and children 10 and under are free. For tickets call 845-541-1065.

Friday, December 18

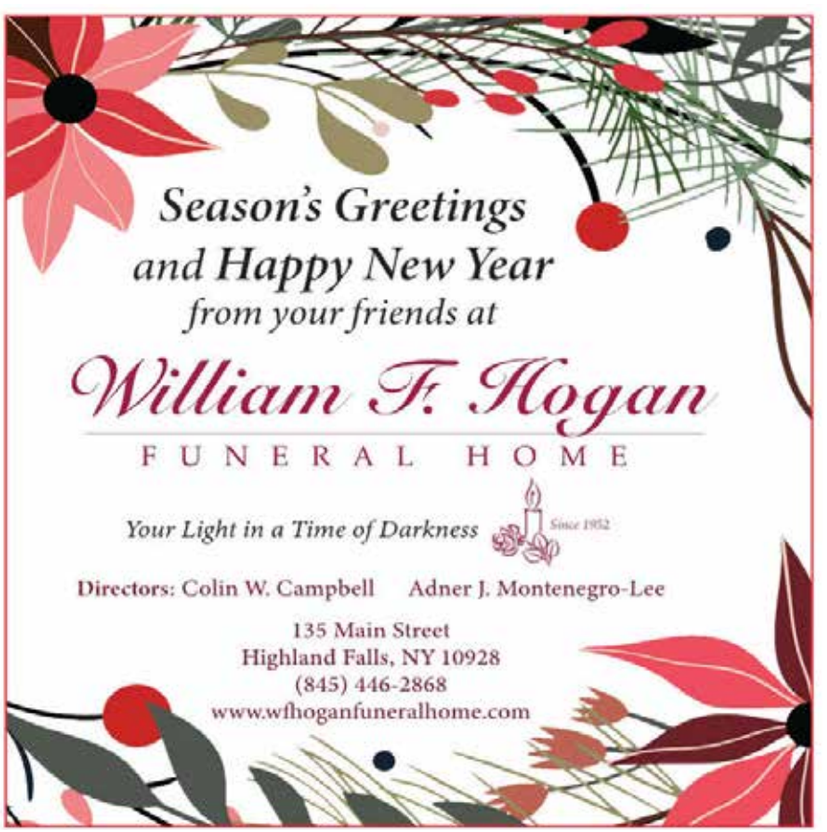
Messiah sing-along. 6:30 p.m. Fox Hill Community, 89 Coleman Road, Walden. Join the Fox hill Community to celebrate the Christmas season

Holiday Parade. 7 p.m. The Highlands United Youth will host the Town of Highlands fourth annual Holiday Parade at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, from Thayer Gate to Memorial Park.

Thursday, December 31

New Year's at Noon Celebration at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum. 10:30 a.m. Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 North Water St., Poughkeepsie







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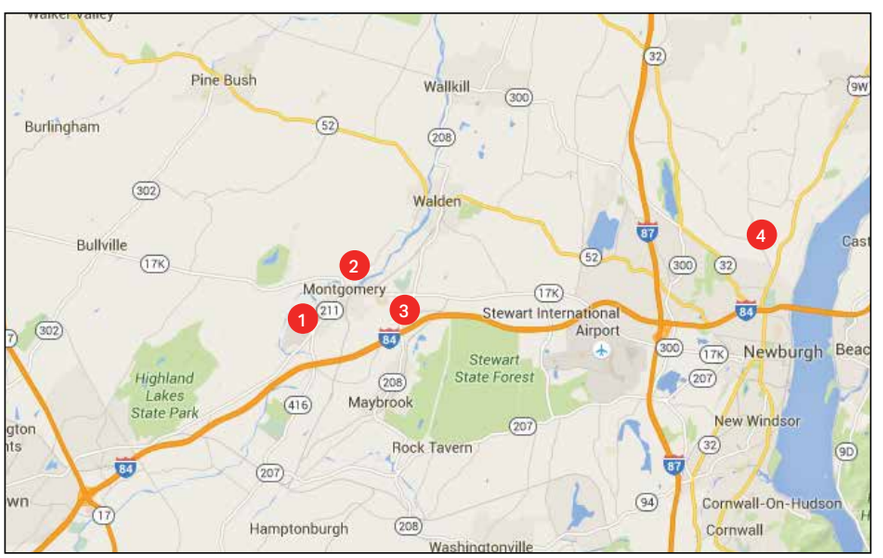
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