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A Guide to Holiday Celebrations in Ontario

## OCTOBER 2007 - JANUARY 2008







### HOLIDAY GUIDE FEATURE 2007 & 2008

## The Map

Ontario is presented in seven easy-to-follow regions. The colour coding, throughout the listings and in the index on page 31, allows you to see at a glance the events in the area you are visiting. No matter what your interests or budget, where you live or what time of year it is, there is a great choice of festivals and events close by.

Once you choose your festival or event you can also quickly find out what else there is to see and do in the vicinity. There is often so much so close in the form of attractions, shopping and other activities that allow you to turn your festival or event trip into a mini holiday. Plan your vacation in Ontario by calling 1 - 800 - Ontario or go to www.ontariotravel.net.



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Please share your thoughts with us on how we could improve the guide and make it more useful to you. As well, visit Festivals & Events Ontario website **www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca** and Ontario Travel website **www.ontariotravel.net** for further event listings throughout the year.

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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Oct 2 - 8, Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario

A 166 year old fair that celebrates agriculture in over 2000 educational displays and competitions. Free grandstand entertainment nightly. **T:** 519-426-7280

W: www.norfolkcountyfair.com & 🛛 🛨

#### Oct 5 - 8, Thanksgiving Images Studio Tour Barrie/Orillia. Central Ontario

A free, self-guided tour featuring original artwork by 47 artisans at 23 studio locations. Meet the artists; explore their fascinating studio settings and enjoy one-of-a-kind shopping! **T:** 705-835-6213

W: www.images-studio-tour.com

### Oct 5 - 8, Brigden Fall Fair

Brigden, Southwestern Ontario

This annual fall fair includes livestock shows and competitions, homecraft display buildings, fruit/vegetable vendors, midway with rides, 4-H shows, food and beverage. T: 1-800-265-0316 ₩: www.brigdenfair.ca & 2 ★

### Oct 5 - 8, Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival Jordan, Niagara Falls and Region

A family festival features 150 quality juried artisans, hand-made items, fine art, great Xmas gifts, specialty foods, live entertainment, children's stage and activities, heritage demos in park setting.

**T:** 905-788-3135

W: www.conservation-niagara.on.ca 🗄 🕄 ★

### Oct 5 - 13, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Kitchener-Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's Great Bavarian Festival offers something for everyone with 17 exciting festhallen in various locations; over 30 Family and Cultural Events. Canada's largest Thanksgiving Day parade is Monday, October 8th. T: 1-888-294-4267 ₩: www.oktoberfest.ca & 2 ★

### Oct 5 - 30, Spooky Wagon Ride

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

A fund-raising event for 2 local high school bands which includes a haunted ride, 7 themed houses in Spooky Village, a Fog Maze, a Dark Maze, a terrifying Haunted House and a Kid's Spooky House. **T**: 613-448-3633

W: www.spookywagonride.com & 3

### Oct 5 - 8, Rockton World's Fair

Rockton, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy old fashioned country fun including horse shows, Clydesdale horse show, 6-horse hitch, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, demo derby, midway, and much more!

**T:** 1-866-985-2002

W: www.rocktonworldsfair.com & 🛛

### Oct 6, Dorset Thanksgiving Arts & Craft Show Dorset, Central Ontario

Join local artisans who will be displaying their work at the Dorset Recreation Centre. A great opportunity to get in some early Christmas shopping. **T**: 705-766-9968 (5) (3)

#### Oct 6, Okto-BEAR-fest Teddy Bear Show & Sale at Doon Heritage Crossroads Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

A showcase of over 30 of Ontario's premier Teddy Bear artists, displaying and selling unique Teddy Bears. **T:** 519-748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 🗄 2 ★

# Oct 6, TASTE! A Celebration of Regional Cuisine

Picton, Eastern Ontario

Join us at the historic crystal palace for a fabulous feast. Featuring celebrity chefs, wonderful winemakers, gifted growers and the best beer, cider and cuisine Prince Edward County has to offer. **T**: 1-866-845-6644

W: www.thecounty.ca/taste 🖯 🗡

### Oct. 6 - 7, Studios of Brampton

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Tour various professional artists studios throughout Brampton and see how they work. 10am-5pm. **T:** 905-874-2919 **W:** www.studiosofbrampton.com

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### Oct 6 - 7, Thanksgiving Harvest Festival

Midland, Central Ontario

Celebrate the Fall season with harvest activities, the history of corn, native foods and more. The event also includes the popular Arts and Crafts Show and Sale with over 40 quality artisans.

**T**: 705-526-7838 & 🗄 🕘 ★

W: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

### Oct 6 - 7, Thanksgiving Weekend at Upper Canada Village

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

Join in celebration of the Harvest season, with old fashioned family games and farm activities, fall specials at the Village store, horse and carriage rides and traditional turkey dinner on site.

**T:** 1-800-437-2233

W: www.uppercanadavillage.com 🗄 🕒

### Oct 6 - 7, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario

From Pumpkins to Cars, this is one unique festival. Come experience "Family Fun Second to None" at the 21st Annual Port Elgin Pumpkinfest! **T:** 1-800-387-3456

W: www.pumpkinfest.org 🗄 🕝 ★

### Oct 6 - 7, Mnjikaning Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Rama, Central Ontario

Come out and enjoy our celebration in Native Tradition, featuring the finest in native crafts, arts, food and contemporary pow-wow style dancing and singing.

**T:** 705-325-3611 **W:** www.orillia.com & ④

## Oct 6 - 8, Crown & Pumpkin Studio Tour

Almonte, Eastern Ontario

This tour is one of the most artistically diverse art tours in eastern Ontario and is now in its 11th year. The tour takes place over the Thanksgiving weekend in Lanark County. **T:** 613-256-3647

W: www.crownandpumpkin.ca 🗄 🜀 ★

#### Oct 6 - 8, Buckhorn Harvest Craft Show Buckhorn, Central Ontario

120 Artisans exhibiting woodworking, designer clothing, florals, jewelry, gourmet foods, leather goods, children's toys, dolls, clothing, candles, home decor and seasonal items.

**T:** 705-657-9933

W: www.kawartha.net/bait1 🗄 🕗 ★

### Oct 6 - 8, Woodbridge Fall Fair

Woodbridge, Greater Toronto Area

Join us as we celebrate the 160th Woodbridge Fall Fair! Rides, games, music, food, crafts and animals are all part of the fun. Thanksgiving weekend. Kipling Avenue just north of Hwy. 7. **T:** 905-265-1782

W: www.woodbridgefair.com 🗄 🚺

### Oct 6 - Oct. 28, Pumpkinfest at Blossom Hill Fun Farm

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

Wagon rides through the corn and pumpkin patches to the haunted forest. Walk through the haunted house. Pick your own pumpkin, corn maze, straw jumping, play-barn, glow in the dark bone bin and Petting Zoo. Weekends: 10am-5pm. Admission. **T:** 519-763-8118 **W:** www.funfarm.ca **2** 

### Oct 8, Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Join over 300,000 Fest-goers as they line King Street on Thanksgiving morning, eagerly awaiting the colourful floats, clowns and award winning marching bands from Canada and the United States. Parade begins in downtown Waterloo at 8:30am. **T:** 1-888-294-4267

W: www.oktoberfest.ca 🗄 🙆 ★

### Oct 8, Apple Harvest Day at Doon Heritage Crossroads

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

In celebration of the apple, the villagers and farmers at Doon Heritage Crossroads will be busy making apple butter, pressing cider and making apple schnitz.

T: 519-748-1914 ₩: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon & 2 ★

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### Oct 8, Unionville Little Oktoberfest

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Music and entertainment all weekend long. Enjoy the holiday filled with great food, fun atmosphere and festivities with an old Bavarian flare. **T:** 905-477-0117 **W:** www.unionvilleinfo.com **C: 1** 

# Oct 12 - 27, Screamfest at White Rock Ostrich Farm

Rockwood, Southwestern Ontario

Come experience the spine-tingling, heart-throbbing, spooky and scary encounters of the Haunted Barn. Great fun for ages 8 and up. Not for the faint of heart. Friday & Saturday nights from 7pm-10pm during October. Admission. **T:** 519-856-2629

W: www.whiterockostrichfarm.com

### Oct 12 - Nov 4, Algoma Fall Festival

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

Algoma Fall Festival is a weekend long celebration of music and arts. We bring the best of the performing arts from Canada and around the world to Northern Ontario. **T:** 705-949-0822 **W:** www.algomafallfestival.com

### Oct. 12 - 28, Scream Shack

Coldwater, Central Ontario

YEAR 10! Scream Shack is a haunted attraction that can be very intense, but mostly fun. Hollywood style effects, sound, props and scenery. Why go to a horror movie when you can experience it LIVE! **T:** 705-835-3939

W: www.screamshack.com 4 🔮  $\bigstar$ 

#### Oct 13 - 31, Hallowe'en Ghost Tours Niagara-on-the Lake. Niagara Falls and Region

Hallowe'en guided walking tour through haunted Fort George. Thrill to accounts of real-life experiences with ghosts, spirits and things that go bump in the night. Not a haunted house ride. Advance tickets only. \$15. **T:** 905-468-6621

W: www.niagara.ontarioghosts.org 3

### Oct 18 - 30, SCREAMPARK Haunted House Experience

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Get your adrenaline spiking to an all new high as you experience our Haunted House Experience here at Bingemans. Not for the timid and designed for 12 and older. Boo Berry patch is for the kids.

**T:** 519-744-1555

W: www.screampark.ca 🛛 🛧

## Oct. 19 - 21, Waterford Pumpkin Festival Waterford, Southwestern Ontario

Various family events - craft show, parade, carnival and car show. And a huge pumpkin pyramid. Kids day, baby contest, motorcycle show, spook house, chicken chariot race. **T:** 519-443-4944

W: www.pumpkinfest.com 22 ★

### Oct 19 - 27, Ghost Encounters/ Haunted Hay Rides

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Haunted hay ride and haunted barn excursions. Ghost Encounters is a special fund-raising event in support of Participation House. Adult entertainment, parental discretion advised. **T:** 519-756-1430

W: www.dougthegreat.com

#### Oct 19, 20, 26 & 27, Fright Nights XII Brockville, Eastern Ontario

A tour of terror is created and presented by area youths who create fright vignettes performed along a guided tour through the "spooky haunted park". Admission: \$5. 6:30pm-9pm at St. Lawrence Park. **T:** 613-342-3077 **W:** www.brockvilletourism.com

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### Oct 19 - 27, All Hallow's Eve at Old Fort Erie

Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Region

Venture out to Old Fort Erie to experience the traditions of Hallowe'en, brought to life through the Ghosts of the Old Fort. Reservations required. 8pm. **T:** 905-871-0540

W: www.niagaraparks.com/heritage 3 🗡

### Oct 19 - 28, Spooktacular Haunted House Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

Tour our Spooktacular Fall Haunted House at Knapp's Country Market! **T:** 519-824-4222 **W:** www.knappscountrymarket.com

### Oct 19 - 27, Spooky Halloween at Lang Pioneer Village Museum

Keene, Central Ontario

The village transforms itself into a haunted haven for ghosts and ghouls. A frightfully good time with lot's of fun for monsters of all ages! 6pm-9pm. Admission. **T:** 1-866-289-5264

W: www.langpioneervillage.ca

### Oct 19 - 28, Gammondale Farm Haunted Corn Field

Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario

Dare to be Scared! Families will have to be pretty brave to survive The Haunted Corn Field! The usual spooks lurk in the 'BOO' Barn and ghosts run the Pumpkin Train! Gruesome grub and tons of pumpkins. **T**: 807-475-5615 **W**: www.gammondalefarm.com & **7** 

### Oct 20, Pumpkinville

#### Ajax, Greater Toronto Area

It's time to visit Pumpkinville! You will have all kinds of fun things to do when you arrive at the Ajax-Greenwood Conservation Area like pumpkin carving, inflatable rides, face painting and more surprises.

T: 905-619-2529 x7243 ₩: www.townofajax.com & ① ★

### Oct 20 & 27, Hallowe'en Spooktacular at Streetcar & Transit Museum

Milton, Greater Toronto Area

Walk through the haunted car barn and subway cars and travel in the old, creaky streetcars along the mainline. If you're a Hallowe'en person this is definitely a spooky experience not to be missed! Admission. W: www.hcrv.org **①** 

### Oct 20, 21, 27, 28, Howling Hootenanny at Black Creek Pioneer Village

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Haunted maze, free pumpkin carving, magic shows, music, crafts, games and more. Experience superstitious Victorians' activities, such as tarrot card readings, phrenology, broom superstitions, etc. It will be a scare to remember! **T:** 416-667-6295 **W:** www.trca.on.ca **0** ★

### Oct 20 & 27, All Hallow's Eve at Black Creek Pioneer Village

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Village is a perfect spine-tingling setting for the creepy customs of Halloween. With the eerie glow of the lamps and fires, a cast of 19th Century characters and great entertainment. **T:** 416-736-1733 **W:** www.blackcreek.ca **1** 

### Oct 20 - 21, Pumpkin Festival

Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Featuring a costume contest, pumpkin gallery, pumpkin bowling, pick your own pumpkin patch, scarecrow making, wagon rides, corn maze, playground and animals. Lots of pumpkin baking and treats in the market. **T:** 519-469-3040

W: www.birtchfarms.com & 🛛

### Oct 22, Haunted Mississauga

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

A haunting experience is yours as you tour a local cemetery, learn about Mississauga's history and meet "spirits" of our past. Meet author of "Haunted Mississauga" Terry Boyle. Thrills for all ages.

T: 905-828-8411

W: www.heritagemississauga.com 🛈

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## Oct 20, Petawawa Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Bash

Petawawa, Eastern Ontario

It's time for all our little goblins to take part in our annual event! Decorate pumpkins, play crazy pumpkin games, face painting, a costume contest and more! 1pm. **T:** 613-687-5678 **W:** www.petawawa.ca

### Oct 25 - 27, Spirit of the Times at Billngs Estate National Historic Site

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Tour the Estate by lamplight and learn all about the eerie past of the Billings family. Registration required. Cost \$15.7pm-9pm. **T:** 613-247-4830

W: www.ottawa.ca/museums 6

### Oct 26, Fulford Place Lantern Tour

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Take a 'spooky' tour through the mansion by lamplight. Hear ghost stories and tales of yesteryear. **T:** 613-498-3005 **G** 

### Oct 26 - 27, Halloween Event at Humber Arboretum

Etobicoke, Greater Toronto Area

Come out for a fun evening of games, stories, crafts and forest walk at Humber's "Spook-tacular" Event. Ages 6-12. Registration and prepayment is required. Please visit our website. **T:** 416-675-5009

W: www.humberarboretum.on.ca 🗄 🚺

### Oct 26 - 28, Scream Works

Peterborough, Central Ontario

Ontario's Halloween destination! A city-wide Halloween Festival - Haunted House, psychic fair, family fun zone, and ghost bus tours of the city, monster truck rides, hot air balloon rides and more! **T:** 705-742-0662

W: www.screamworks.ca 🕗 ★

#### Oct 26 - 27, Halloween Dinner Cruise Rockport, Eastern Ontario

Sail the dark waters where Pirates once cruised and legends were made. Costumes, food, fun entertainment and prizes. **T:** 613-659-3402 **W:** www.rockportcruises.com **G** 

### Oct 26 - 27, Haunted Historical Halloween at Westfield Heritage Village

Rockton, Southwestern Ontario

Bone up on your history and folklore and discover the origins and traditions of Halloween's past. Explore plays and presentations guaranteed to tantalize and enthrall the whole family. **T:** 1-800-883-0104

W: www.westfieldheritage.ca

### Oct 27, A Haunted Forest

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area

Calling all ghosts, goblins and monsters! Join us for some scary surprises throughout the many haunted trails leading up to the best Halloween party entailing a bonfire, ghost stories and some witches brew!

T: 905-726-4762 ₩: www.e-aurora.ca & ① ★

### Oct 27, Ascertaining Spirits: A Family Halloween

Baden, Southwestern Ontario

Castle Kilbride has become a local legend for ghost tales and strange occurrences. Have your future read by psychics and enjoy a spooktacular tour of the Castle. **T:** 519-634-8444

W: www.castlekilbride.ca

#### Oct 27, Halloween Haunted Village at Kawartha Settlers Village Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario

Learn about the history of Halloween as you visit the buildings in the haunted pioneer village! 6:30pm-9pm **T:** 705-738-6163

W: www.kawarthasettlersvillage.com

## Oct 27, 6th Annual Halloween Costume Ball

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

The most popular Halloween bash at the city's most haunted location, the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre (Old Customs House). Dance with DJ, cold buffet, costume/door prizes, witching hour ceremony! **T**: 905-529-4327

W: www.hauntedhamilton.com & 🛛 🛧



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### Oct 27, Pumpkin Festival

St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Bring your little ghost or goblin to take part in the pumpkin carving contest, costume contest and parade, children's activities and entertainment and much more at Market Square in downtown St. Catharines. **T:** 905-688-5601

W: www.stcatharines.ca 🗄 🕄 ★

## Oct 27 – 29, Teeswater Spook Haus

Teeswater, Southwestern Ontario

This 'Fun for the Family' event continues to bring children of all ages out to experience the creative, spooky talents of local volunteers! **T:** 519-392-6630 W/r wave southbur contourism or **A** 

W: www.southbrucetourism.org

### Oct 27, Halloween Cruise

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Looking for a unique way to celebrate Halloween in Toronto? Then a Halloween Cruise is the perfect thing for you to do! **T:** 416-203-7245 **W:** www.jubileequeencruises.ca

### Oct 27 - 28, Halloween at Kortright Centre Woodbridge, Greater Toronto Area

Bring the whole family out into nature to enjoy Halloween. Kids activities, great food and lots of spooky surprises. Adults \$7, Students \$5. 2pm-7pm.

**T:** 416-667-6295 **W:** www.kortright.org **①** ★

### Oct 28, Annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest

Campbellville, Greater Toronto Area

Get our your carving tools and bring the family to Mountsberg Wildlife Centre to carve the best Halloween pumpkin ever! Judging at 2pm with prizes. Pumpkins available to purchase. Admission. **T**: 905-854-2276 **W**: www.conservationhalton.on.ca

### Oct 28, Meet the Monster Mash

Midland, Central Ontario

Explore the Wye Marsh during our spooky Halloween Festival. Help us track down the Marsh Monster with your spooky interactive guided walk plus enjoy a haunted house, crafts, face painting and more! **T:** 705-526-7809

W: www.wyemarsh.com 🗄 🕘 ★

### Oct 28, Barnyard Hallowe'en

Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Boo! It's our annual Hallowe'en Party. Decorate pumpkins, have a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt in the barns, play games, and show off your costume in a Museum parade. Daily demonstrations are also on the schedule.

T: 613-991-3044

W: www.agriculture.technomuses.ca 🗄 🌀

### Oct 28, Halloween on Main Street

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

A spooky day and fun afternoon "trick-or-treat" on Main Street Unionville. **T:** 905-477-0117 **W:** www.unionvilleinfo.com & **1** <del>×</del>

### Oct 29 – 30, An Evening of Hallowe'en Minesing, Central Ontario

Lots of Hallowe'en fun! Haunted adventure, spooky games, treats and activities for all ages! **T:** 705-728-3721

W: www.county.simcoe.on.ca

### Oct 27, Halloween Havoc at Huron Historic Gaol Museum

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

A day of Halloween crafts, games and activities that will occupy the minds of the most anxious trick or treaters! At the end of the day take home a decorated pumpkin just in time for Halloween. Pre-registration required. 9am-4pm.

**T:** 519-524-2686 **W:** www.huroncounty.ca/museum **2** 

### Oct 31, Great Pumpkin Trail

Huntsville, Central Ontario

Safe, traffic-free shell out in our spirited pioneer village, with fun and favours for the whole family. **T:** 705-789-7576 **W:** www.muskokaheritageplace.org & 3

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### Nov 1 - Jan 1, Celebrate the Season

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us as the City of Mississauga celebrates the season with FREE events at the Civic Centre for the entire family to enjoy. Don't miss the Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov 23rd from 7pm-9pm. **T:** 905-896-5000

W: www.mississauga.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Nov 2 - 4, Christmas Craft Weekend at Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum Selkirk, Southwestern Ontario

Great place to get Christmas gifts. A great crossselection of crafts including stain glass, handsewn items, gift baskets, wreaths, and much more. **T:** 905-776-3319 **W:** www.haldimandcounty.on.ca **2** 

### Nov 3, 4, 7, 10, & 11th, Christmas at Presqu'ile Brighton, Central Ontario

Come enjoy fine arts and crafts on show and sale from 10am-4pm. Be sure to visit the tea room, too! **T:** 613-475-4324

W: www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca 🗄 🕗

### Nov 3 - Jan 7, Winter Festival of Lights Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

The Winter Festival of Lights, Canada's largest lights festival, illuminates the wintry nights with nearly 3 million lights and over 125 animated lighting displays and spectacular fireworks. **T:** 905-374-1616 x26

W: www.wfol.com & 3 ★

# Nov 5 - Dec 23, Christmas Comes to Heritage House

Smiths Falls, Eastern Ontario

During this festive time of year, we decorate the museum to reflect the numerous Victorian traditions which we have adopted from other countries. **T:** 613-283-8560 **W:** www.smithsfalls.ca/heritagehouse & **5** 

### Nov 9 - 11, Christmas in Bayfield

Bayfield, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy our tree lighting festival, with a Saturday Christmas parade, festive music, unique shops, holiday decor and much more. **T:** 519-565-5900 **W:** www.bayfieldchamberofcommerce.on.ca **2** 

### Nov 9 - 11, 25th Holiday House Tour

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

We are celebrating our 25th anniversary of the Holiday House Tour. Showcasing 3 beautiful Burlington area homes professionally decorated for the holidays. Advance tickets \$20, Door \$25. **T**: 905-525-1077

W: www.juniorleague.ca 0

# Nov 10 - 11, Christmas Open House with Santa

Milton, Greater Toronto Area

Visit Springridge for all of the sights and smells of Christmas. Our barn is filled with unique gifts and home decor. Our bake shop/gourmet foods have wonderful new treats.

**T:** 905-878-4908

W: www.springridgefarm.com 1

# Nov 10 - 11, Rotary Arts & Crafts Christmas Show

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

104 exhibitors offering their crafts and artistic items. Unique and unusual "one-of-a-kind" items. Perfect place to purchase outstanding gifts. Admission fee.

**T:** 519-275-3706 **W:** www.rotarystratford.com **2** 

### Nov 15 - 18, 10th Annual Kawartha Lakes Festival of Trees

Bobcaygeon, Central Ontario

Come out and enjoy local entertainers and stroll through the many displays of decorated wreaths and trees. Most of the displays will be raffled off or auctioned.

T: 705-738-6163 W: www.kawarthasettlersvillage.com ④

### Nov 15 - Dec 24, Holiday Traditions

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Ho Ho Ho! Santa Claus is coming to RBG and he's bringing lots of holiday entertainment and fun stuff to do. Pictures with Santa, shopping, entertainment, and arts and crafts. **T:** 905-527-1158

W: www.rbg.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

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### Nov 15 - Jan 6, Ingersoll Festival of Lights

Ingersoll, Southwestern Ontario

View over 200 beautiful Light Displays. "Old Fashion Christmas, Children's Favourite Characters. Traditional Christmas Themes". Nov 15, Tree Lighting Ceremony. T: 519-485-0120 W: www.indersoll.ca

### Nov 15, Christmas Marketplace

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Stroll through the Christmas Marketplace craft sale hosted at Mississauga's Civic Centre in the Great Hall. Unique handmade gifts and live entertainment in an atmosphere of holiday nostalgia.

T: 905-896-5314 W: www.mississauga.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Nov 15, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A family, musical event at Memorial Park. downtown Oshawa featuring the lighting of the spectacular Christmas Tree, live entertainment. free refreshments and a special visit from Santa Claus.

T: 1-800-667-4292 x3892 W: www.oshawa.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Nov 15 - 18. Festival of Trees

Sault Ste. Marie, Northern Ontario

The Festival of Trees is an extraordinary charity fundraiser. Festive decorations, beautifully decorated trees and wreaths, music, auctions, raffles, food and drink have the ingredients for a memorable event. T: 705-256-2335

W: www.saultfestivals.com

## Nov 16. Christmas Tree Lighting

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Join us to kick off the 2007 Winterlights program at the City's annual Christmas Tree lighting at City Hall. Write a letter to Santa, enjoy some hot chocolate and great entertainment. Fun For All! T: 905-874-3478 W: www.brampton.ca 🗄 🛈 🛨

### Nov 16 - Dec 24. Visit Santa in Christmastown at Mountsberg **Conservation Area**

Campbellville, Greater Toronto Area

Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome you in Mountsberg's Christmastown. Travel out to Christmastown on the horse-drawn sleigh. make decorations/crafts, sip hot chocolate. visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance tickets are required.

T: 905-854-2276 W: www.conservationhalton.on.ca

### Nov 16, Village of Erin Window Wonderland Erin. Southwestern Ontario

Shop windows will be revealed to the public at 6pm with Christmas tree lighting at 6:30pm. Enjoy carol singing, warm apple cider, hot dogs and cookies. Shops open until 8pm. T: 519-833-0909

W: www.villageoferin.com

### Nov 16. Downtown Oakville's Tree Lighting Ceremony

Oakville, Greater Toronto Area

Kick-off the holiday season with the lighting of the Towne Square Tree. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be treating everyone to hot apple cider and holiday cheer. Christmas Carol sing along. The fun begins at 7pm in Towne Square. T: 905-844-4520

W: www.oakvilledowntown.com & O

#### Nov 16 - Dec 31, Wonderland of Lights Orillia. Central Ontario

Thousands of white lights adorn downtown stores, buildings and trees. 10,000 blue LED lights illuminate a Community Christmas Tree at Orillia Opera House. T: 705-326-4424 W: www.orillia.com (5. 4. 4. \*

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### Nov 16 - Jan 6, Festival of Northern Lights Owen Sound, Southwestern Ontario

All ages will be captivated by over 200 displays and 18km of lights along Sydenham River into Harrison Park. Includes 7 weeks of special events making Owen Sound the Christmas capital of Grey-Bruce. **T**: 519-376-4440 x225

W: www.festivallights.ca 🗄 🕗 ★

### Nov 16, Prescott "Light Up The Night" Santa Claus Parade

Prescott, Eastern Ontario

54th Annual Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Prescott Fire Department. 7pm. **T:** 613-925-1226 **W:** www.visit1000islands.com **5** 

### Nov 16, Festival of Lights

Richmond Hill, Greater Toronto Area

Don't miss the tree lighting ceremony followed by a variety of multicultural performances and, of course, a visit with Santa Claus. A great evening for the whole family! **T:** 905-508-0789 **W:** www.artsrichmondhill.com

### Nov 16 - Jan 1, Celebration of Lights

### Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Canada's largest community of lights with over \$400,000 worth of lights and displays at Centennial Park. Great family entertainment. **T:** 519-344-8422

W: www.celebrationoflights.com  $\& @ \star$ 

### Nov 16 - Jan 6, Festival of Lights

St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

During the Christmas season, historic Downtown is decorated with thousands of miniature lights, animated figures, garlands and bows. Visit "The Flats" where lighted figures look upon the Thames River. **T:** 1-800-769-7668 **W:** www.townofstmarys.com & **2** 

### Nov 16, Santa Claus Parade

St. Marys, Southwestern Ontario

Taking place after sundown at 7pm, the lighted parade is one of the most beautiful sights you will ever see!

**T:** 1-800-769-7668

W: www.townofstmarys.com & 2

# Nov 16 - 17, Homes for the Holiday House Tour

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Tour nine fabulously decorated homes for the holidays. Designer show and free Varley gallery admission included. One of the best! **T:** 905-477-9511

W: www.varlevgallerv.ca

### Nov 17, Bala Santa Claus Parade

Bala, Central Ontario

Santa Claus is coming to town! Join us at 1pm as we celebrate the holiday season with our 30th Annual Parade. The parade starts at the Kee to Bala and ends at Bala Community Centre with a visit with Santa. Don't forget hot chocolate and hot dogs! No charge, bring your skates too! **T**: 705-762-5663

W: www.muskokalakeschamber.com 🕗

### Nov 17, Cambridge Santa Claus Parade

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

A brightly lit night parade celebrating the colours and sounds of the festive Christmas season! The parade starts promptly at 6pm on Hespeler Road with happy clowns, 55 floats and 8-10 bands. **T:** 519-740-4681 x4214

W: www.cambridgesantaparade.com & 🛛

### Nov 17 - 18, Christmas Home Tour

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Christmas Home Tours of 5 decorated area homes. Hospitality Centre available. 11am-4pm each day. Tickets \$10. Fundraising project of Sarnia Lambton IODE. **T:** 519-899-4318

### Nov 17 - Jan 1, Festival of Lights

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Warm your heart with yuletide joy, glittering lights, magical displays and fantastic sites during this annual salute to the festive holiday season. **T:** 1-800-280-7637 **W:** www.goderich.ca & 2

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### Nov 17, Goderich Santa Claus Parade

Goderich, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy an evening parade starting at 7pm on the Goderich Square. **T:** 1-800-280-7637 **W:** www.goderich.ca

### Nov 17, Hamilton Santa Claus Parade 2007

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

A community Santa Claus Parade with bands, floats, vehicles and marching groups. T: 905-387-2682 ₩: www.hamiltonsantaparade.com & 2 ★

### Nov 17 - Dec 31, Annual Festival of Lights Kapuskasing, Northern Ontario

A true winter wonderland. Come out and celebrate the holiday season in Kapuskasing and enjoy over 200,000 shimmering lights and displays that adorn Riverside Park. **T:** 705-335-2244

W: www.kapuskasing.ca 🗄 🔽 ★

### Nov 17, Kitchener Waterloo Santa Claus Parade

Kitchener-Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Non perishable food items will be collected along the parade route for the food bank. Parade starts at 10am and will travel down King St. from Erb St. in Waterloo to Cedar St. in Kitchener. **T:** 519-745-1541 **W:** www.kitchener.ca & **2** <del>×</del>

### Nov 17, Lyndhurst Santa Claus Parade

Lyndhurst, Eastern Ontario

Come visit Santa and all of his elves at the annual Santa Claus Parade in the Village of Lyndhurst. **T:** 613-928-2786 **W:** www.visit1000islands.com

### Nov 17, Santa Claus Parade & Party Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and Region

Parade at 11am from Victoria Ave. to McRae St. to Valleyway then along Queen St. ending at Erie Ave. Featuring 10 marching bands and over 100 entries. Free Santa Party in front of City Hall.

T: 905-356-7521 x3341 ₩: www.niagarafalls.ca & ③ ★

## Nov 17, Christmas Fest in Port Dover

Port Dover, Southwestern Ontario

Santa arrives by tug at the harbour and rides through town. Community bonfire, carolling, fireworks. Kick off the Christmas Season in Port Dover! T: 519-583-1314 ₩: www.portdover.ca & 22 ★

### Nov 17 - 18, Christmas Show and Sale of Pottery

Seaforth, Southwestern Ontario

Studio open house featuring work in stoneware and porcelain. Beautiful one-of-a-kind decorative items. **T:** 519-345-2184

#### Nov 17, St. Thomas Santa Claus Parade St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Santa returns to St. Thomas for another evening parade appearance starting at 6pm. The parade route will follow Talbot St. westbound from First Ave. to William St. **T:** 519-631-9635

W: www.optimistsantaclausparade.com & 2

### Nov 17, Sudbury Santa Claus Parade

Sudbury, Northern Ontario

The downtown parade celebrates the arrival of the holiday season with more than 60 floats, including the jolly old man and his colourful entourage. Parade starts at 5:30pm. T: 705-671-2489 ₩: www.greatersudbury.ca & ♥ ★

### Nov 17, Victorian Promenade

Vankleek Hill, Eastern Ontario

Help us kick off our Christmas season. Watch for residents strolling the streets in Victorian costumes. Stores and restaurants will be offering "Promenade Specials". There is something for everyone. **T:** 613-678-5402 **W:** www.vankleekhill.ca **G** 

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### Nov 17, Woodstock Santa Claus Parade

Woodstock, Southwestern Ontario

Come watch the Santa Claus Parade to see fantastic floats and bands. Parade starts at 6pm from Woodstock Fairgrounds and heads west on Dundas Street.

**T:** 519-537-5721

W: www.woodstocksantaparade.ca 🗄 🕗 ★

### Nov 18, Cobourg Santa Claus Parade Cobourg, Central Ontario

The Annual Santa Claus Parade is sponsored by Downtown Cobourg and features many creatively decorated floats, marching bands and, of course, Santa himself.

**T:** 905-377-8024

W: www.downtowncobourg.ca 🕗 ★

### Nov 18, Gananoque Santa Claus Parade

Gananoque, Eastern Ontario

Come and visit Santa and all his reindeer at the annual Santa Claus Parade down King Street. Parade starts at 1pm. **T:** 613-382-1557 **G** 

## Nov 18, Ingersoll Rotary Santa Claus Parade

Ingersoll, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the holiday season with our annual Santa Claus parade at 11am. Fun for the whole family! **T:** 519-485-0120 **W:** www.town.ingersoll.on.ca

### Nov 18, Orillia Santa Claus Parade

Orillia, Central Ontario

Join us for one of the largest Christmas parades north of Toronto! Over 100 floats and bands and, of course, Santa himself bring "Santa's Workshop" to life! Starts at 1pm. **T:** 705-326-4424 **W:** www.orillia.com & **3** 

### Nov 18, Santa Claus Parade

Richmond Hill, Greater Toronto Area

Santa Claus is coming to town! Parade starts at 1:30pm at the intersection of Yonge Street and Industrial Road, heads south on Yonge Street to Hillcrest Mall. Enjoy this favourite holiday tradition! **T**: 905-771-5507

W: www.richmondhill.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Nov 18, The Santa Claus Parade

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Canada's number one parade! 102 year tradition. Parade starts at 12:30pm down Bloor Street and University Ave. Check out our website for more information.

W: www.thesantaclausparade.org 1

### Nov 20 - 25, Peterborough Festival of Trees Peterborough, Central Ontario

A week long event featuring exciting displays of decorated trees, colourful wreaths, unique centrepieces and imaginative decor along with many festival special events for all ages. **T:** 1-800-676-3378

W: www.pfot.org & 🕗 ★

### Nov 20 – Jan 5, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Hummingbird Centre Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Irving Berlin's White Christmas makes you feel like "you've stepped into a Technicolor movie musical," said the Oakland Tribune. Toronto's newest holiday treat! **T:** 416-872-2262

W: www.hummingbirdcentre.com

### Nov 22 - 25, Soup & Bowl and Christmas Sale Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy Soup from Burlington area restaurants, get a one-of-a-kind hand made ceramic bowl, and shop for gifts during the Art Centre's Annual Christmas Show and Sale. Art Show & Sale are free admission.

T: 905-632-7796 x307 ₩: www.BurlingtonArtCentre.on.ca & ①

### Nov 22, Light-up Night in Caledonia

Caledonia, Southwestern Ontario

Held annually, Light-up Night celebration ceremony, 6:30pm at the Old Mill. Walk to Santa's Village at the Old Arena. Free night of family fun. **T:** 905-765-0377

W: www.caledonia-ontario.com

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### Nov 22 - 25, 6th Annual Rotary **Festival of Trees**

Orillia. Central Ontario

Community holiday celebration! Outstanding display of trees and wreaths! Gala. Christmas concert, children's programs and entertainment, Sunday brunch, silent auction, raffle draws and more! T: 705-326-4424 W: www.rotaryfestivaloftrees.com  $\pounds$  (2)  $\star$ 

### Nov 23. Annual Barrie **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Barrie. Central Ontario

The evening starts at 6pm with the arrival of Santa on the antique fire truck. He will lead the countdown to the treelighting in Memorial Square followed by the Magic of Winter light display in Heritage Park and concluded with fireworks display over the waterfront. T: 705-734-1414

W: www.downtownbarrie.ca

### Nov 23 - 24, Christmas in the Village Brooklin, Central Ontario

Celebrate the Festival of Lights and Carols on Fri. night with Santa the old fashioned way! Enjoy free hot beverages and entertainment. Also enjoy Arts and Craft show 9am-2pm, Sat. Downtown. T: 905-430-4306 x2238 W: www.downtownwhitby.ca 🗄 🕘 ★

### Nov 23 - 24, "Journey of Love"/Holly Walk Bruce Mines, Northern Ontario

There is a candlelight Christmas journey to Bethlehem where guides take visitors through the "Journey of Love"/Holly Walk. Re-enactment of the birth of Jesus, Bruce Mines United Church. **T:** 705-785-3493 W: www.agawacanyon.net 🔽

### Nov 23 - Jan 9. Christmas Magic Cobourg, Central Ontario

Christmas Magic transforms Victoria Park and the Waterfront into a dazzling display of over 100.000 coloured lights. T: 1-888-262-6874

W: www.cobourgtourism.ca 🗄 🙆 ★

### Nov 23, Exeter Tree Lighting of MacNaughton Park

Exeter. Southwestern Ontario

Come out for a festive evening event including caroling, hot chocolate, treats and tree lighting! T: 519-235-2214 2

### Nov 23. Christmas Victorian Tea

Gormley, Greater Toronto Area

Come and enjoy a delicious taste of Christmas past prepared by the Friends of the Museum. Shop for someone special at the Seasonal Bake Shop or in the Museum Gift Shop. **T:** 1-888-290-0337 W: www.townofws.com/museum 🗄 🚺

### Nov 23, Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade

Haliburton. Central Ontario

Enjoy a spectacular night parade with lights, sparklers, bands, floats, horses, marchers and much more family fun. T: 705-286-1777

W: www.haliburtoncounty.ca 🗄 🕗 ★

## Nov 23 - 25, Christmas in the Country

Hanover, Southwestern Ontario

A Country Christmas set in a Conservation Area with thousands of lights and hundreds of candle lanterns. Activities in each building on the grounds. Horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the grounds. T: 519-364-1255 W: www.svca.on.ca

### Nov 23. Moonlight Madness

Markdale, Southwestern Ontario

Evening of special events in downtown businesses, including sales, horsedrawn village tours, firehall event with firefighters signing calendars, Santa and his elves tour downtown and the Rotary BBQ.

T: 519-986-4612

W: www.village.markdale.on.ca 🗄 🕗

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### Nov 23, 6th Annual Mayor's Festival of Lights

Penetanguishene, Central Ontario

A dazzling display of lights awaits you during the Town of Penetanguishene's Festival of Lights Celebration. Come and experience the official lighting of the Town's Christmas Tree. Twinkling lights and candles light your way to great fun and family activities.

**T:** 705-549-7453

W: www.penetanguishene.ca

### Nov 23 – Dec 2, Holiday Treasures at Dufferin County Museum

Rosemont, Southwestern Ontario

A seasonal show and sale of unique handcrafted gifts, perfect for the person who has everything! **T:** 705-435-1881 **W:** www.dufferinmuseum.com (5) **2** 

### Nov 23 - Dec 31, 15th Annual Holiday Fantasy of Lights

St. Thomas, Southwestern Ontario

Pinafore Park on Elm Street lights up nightly from 5pm-10pm. Over 100 displays to view, weekend entertainment and weekend park rides. Free admission. **T:** 1-877-463-5446

W: www.pinaforeparklights.com  $\& 2 \neq$ 

### Nov 23 - 25, Down Home Country Christmas Yuletide Festival

Tillsonburg, Southwestern Ontario

Tillsonburg's Yuletide Festival, with decorated home tours, craft shows, turkey dinners and musical performances. Come back to Tillsonburg for that Down Home Christmas feeling. T: 519-842-2294 ₩: www.tillsonburg.ca & 2 ★ Nov 23, West Lorne Santa Claus Evening Parade

West Lorne, Southwestern Ontario

Evening parade starts at 7pm. **T:** 1-877-463-5446

W: www.elgintourist.com 🗄 2 ★

### Nov 24, Amherstburg Santa Claus Parade

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

The 2nd Annual Classic Holiday Celebration features international bands, entertainment, floats and so much more. **T:** 519-254-2880 **W:** www.santaparade.org

### Nov 24, Victorian Christmas at Park House Museum

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Christmas at Park House will be celebrated in Victorian fashion, with abundant food, homemade gifts and natural decorations. The Tinsmiths will be creating Christmas tree ornaments and pierced lanterns from days-gone-by. **T:** 519-736-2511

W: www.parkhousemuseum.com & 2

### Nov 24, Christmas Magic

Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

Fort Malden celebrates a traditional 19th century soldier's Christmas. Come and see the decorated barrack, military demonstrations and sample holiday treats. **T:** 519-736-5416 **W:** www.pc.gc.ca/malden & 2

### Nov 24 - 26, 4th Annual Holiday Art at the Gallery - Show and Sale Amherstburg, Southwestern Ontario

"Holiday Art at the Gallery" presents talented regional artists and artisans. Just in time for seasonal gift giving, personal purchases or items of home décor and other wares.

**T:** 519-736-2826 **W:** www.jet2.net/~ggallery/ & **2** 

### Nov 24, Santa Claus Parade

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area

Dress up in your winter woolies and join us for this year's evening parade as Santa comes to town. Parade starts at 6pm. Yonge Street between Orchard Heights Blvd. and Murray Drive. **T:** 905-726-4762

W: www.e-aurora.ca 🗄 🛈 ★





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### Nov 24. Avimer Santa Claus Parade

Avlmer. Southwestern Ontario

Parade at 2pm. T: 519-773-2267 W: www.elgintourist.com 22 ★

### Nov 24, Christmas at Kilbride

Baden, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for a festive evening. All 4 floors of this lavish Victorian home are beautifully decorated with a unique theme for each room. Entertainment, delicious festive fare and good cheer for all! T: 519-634-8444

W: www.castlekilbride.ca

### Nov 24. Barrie Santa Claus Parade

Barrie. Central Ontario

Annual Santa Claus parade starting at 5pm. T: 705-721-5000 W: www.barriechamber.com & 🕗

### Nov 24. Brantford Javcees Santa Claus Parade

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

33rd Annual Brantford Jaycees Santa Claus Parade! Starting 6pm at the Holiday Inn on Colborne Street and ending at Victoria Park, Brantford's beautiful night time parade continues the tradition of being the best attended event of all time. T: 519-761-2574 W: www.jcibrantford.ca 🗄 🙆

### Nov 24, Brockville Santa Claus Parade

Brockville, Eastern Ontario

Floats lit up and live band entertainment. Come and join our community celebration. Parade begins at 2pm. Parade starts at North Augusta Rd/ Pearl St. E., west on Pearl to Garden St., S. to King Street to Gilmour Street. T: 613-341-8750 W: www.brockvilletourism.com

## Nov 24. Brussels Santa Claus Parade

Brussels. Southwestern Ontario

Come out and enjoy a fun and festive parade. and then visit with Santa after the parade. Free skating as well! T: 519-527-0160 🙆

### Nov 24. Caledonia Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade

Caledonia. Southwestern Ontario

On Dasher and Dancer! Come on out and enjoy the downtown Caledonia parade! See Santa in person! T: 905-765-4664 W: www.kincanada.ca

### Nov 24 - Jan 4. Santa Claus Parade and Showcase of Lights

Campbellford, Central Ontario

Santa leads the way as the parade kicks off the celebration of the holidays on Nov 24th. Light displays reflect on the waters of the Trent Severn Waterway for a spectacular display. T: 705-653-1551 W: www.trenthills.ca 🗄 🕗

### Nov 24 - Dec 31. Christmas Remembered at Black Creek Pioneer Village

Downsview, Greater Toronto Area

Experience the charm of a Victorian Country Christmas. Demonstrations and hands-on activities include making homemade presents, decorations and treats.

T: 416-736-1733 W: www.blackcreek.ca 🗄 🛈 🛧

### Nov 24 - Dec 25, Espanola Winter Lights Espanola, Northern Region

Winter event showcasing area homes and businesses decorated for the season. Includes "Whacky Theme Tree" competition; "Winter Lights Parade" Nov 24th, 7pm; Winter Light Up the Night for Peace" Dec 24th, 6pm. T: 705-869-1961 W: www.town.espanola.on.ca 🗄 🔽 ★

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### Nov 24, Exeter Santa Claus Parade

Exeter, Southwestern Ontario

Parade starting at 12 noon featuring local bands and floats. Public skating following the parade at the South Huron Recreation Centre. **T:** 519-235-4756

W: www.ontarioswestcoast.ca

# Nov 24, Santa Day & Nightime Santa Claus Parade

Fenelon Falls, Central Ontario

Free all day children activities starting at 11am... petting zoo, pony rides, dog cart rides, strolling clowns, carollers and more. Visit Santa, have your picture taken and then enjoy the night time parade at 5pm.

**T:** 705-887-3409

W: www.fenelonfallschamber.com

### Nov 24 - Dec 2, A Country Home Christmas

Gananoque, Eastern Ontario

In the heart of rural Leeds County in the 1000 Islands region, brightly decorated homes and studio artists offer an array of handmade creations, perfect for the holiday season. **T:** 613-659-3874 **W:** www.tiarts.org **5** 

# Nov 24, Annual Visit with Santa and Santa Claus Parade

Gravenhurst, Central Ontario

Visit Santa from 10am-12pm at the Opera House with free activities and goodie bag for all. Parade begins at 1pm and features over 65 floats, bands, clowns and horses. **T:** 705-687-4432

W: www.gravenhurstchamber.com  $\pounds$  🕗 🛧

### Nov 24, Temiskaming Shores Santa Claus Parade Haileybury, Northern Ontario

Annual evening parade featuring floats, bands, music and Santa. **T:** 1-866-947-5753 **W:** www.temiskamingshores.ca **7** 

### Nov 24, Montgomery Christmas

Halton Hills, Greater Toronto Area

Various locations around the village, including three churches for bazaars and craft vendors. 10am-3pm. **T**: 905-877-7059

W: www.norval.ca 🛈

### Nov 24 & Dec 1, Visions of Sugarplums

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

An event held in the historic kitchen of Dundurn Castle where participants will learn what sugarplums were really made of as well as prepare a variety of Christmas recipes to take home. Reservations required. 9am-12pm. **T**: 905-546-2872

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 2

### Nov 24 - Jan 6, The McQuesten Childhood Christmas

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy this special time of year as the McQuestens look back on the Christmas of their childhood featuring Victorian toys and decorations contrasted with music and treats from the late 1930's.

T: 905-546-2018 ₩: www.hamilton.ca/museums & ❷

### Nov 24 - Jan 6, Victorian Christmas

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy the beauty of a mid-19th century family Christmas celebration at Dundurn Castle. The Garden Club of Hamilton decorates the Castle with cedar boughs, ribbons and dried flowers. **T**: 905-546-2872

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 🛛

## Nov 24 – Jan 2, Christmas Fantasy of Lights

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Opening ceremonies Sat. Nov 24, join in on the Christmas carols sing-a-long, enjoy sausage on a bun, roasted chestnuts, hot chocolate and hot apple cider while viewing the lights on in Victoria Park every evening from dusk until midnight.

**T:** 1-800-265-6959

W: www.kwtourism.ca 🛛

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# Nov 24, Learnington Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Leamington, Southwestern Ontario

Join the crowds to watch as the spectacular floats and bands "Light Up The Night". Parade starts at 7pm from Georgia and Erie Street, heads north on Erie to the fairgrounds. **T:** 519-326-2721 **W:** www.leamingtonchamber.com **2** 

### Nov 24, Glen Farms Annual Christmas Open House

Listowel, Southwestern Ontario

Come on out and shop for gournet preserves, luxurious soaps, gift baskets, terra-cotta bakeware, frost proof garden-ware, and more! **T:** 519-887-9704 **W:** www.glenfarmsgourmet.com

# Nov 24, London Jaycee's Santa Claus Parade

London, Southwestern Ontario

The annual Jaycee's Santa Claus Parade is the unofficial kick-off to the holiday season in London. There are floats by local schools and organizations, marching bands, children's entertainers and the big guy himself. **T:** 1-800-265-2602

W: www.tourismlondon.ca 🛛 ★

### Nov 24 - Dec 31, Winter Wonderland

London, Southwestern Ontario

Free outdoor skating 10am-10pm daily. Seasonally decorated park, New Years Eve Celebration. Free concerts, fireworks 8pm-12:30pm. All at Victoria Park in downtown London. T: 519-661-2500 x4757 ₩: www.london.ca & 2 ★

### Nov 24, Santa Claus Parade

Markdale, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Santa Claus parade includes local floats, bands, twirlettes, mounted and walking entries. **T:** 519-986-4612 **W:** www.village.markdale.on.ca & 2

#### Nov 24, Minden Santa Claus Parade Minden, Central Ontario

Parade starts at 11am. Hey Kids!!!! Look for Santa's special mail box in the Parade.. Meet Santa at the Fire Hall following the Parade. Free pictures with Santa, hot chocolate and Christmas tattoos' for the kids. **T**: 705-286-1260

W: www.haliburtoncounty.ca & 🕗 ★

### Nov 24, Community Tree Decorating Day

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Join Santa for a Pancake Breakfast at the Buttery at 9am, followed by a tour of decorated trees created by local community organizations. **T:** 905-468-1950

W: www.niagaraonthelake.c om 🗄 🕄 ★

#### Nov 24, - Dec 23, Victorian Christmas at Matheson House & Open House Perth. Eastern Ontario

Perin, Eastern Ontario

Celebrate the season at the Perth Museum. The fully restored period rooms will be decorated for the holiday season. Victorian Christmas open house on Nov 24, featuring traditional music by local talent, cider and cookies in the 1840 kitchen. **T:** 613-267-1947

W: www.perthcanada.com & 6

### Nov 24, Festival of Good Cheer

Perth, Eastern Ontario

A celebration to start the Christmas season. Choirs and musical groups throughout the downtown, cider and cookies, ending with Festival of Lights and fireworks over the basin. **T:** 613-267-1947

W: www.perthcanada.ca 🗄 🜀

### Nov 24, Port Elgin Santa Claus Parade

Port Elgin, Southwestern Ontario

Come and enjoy the holiday season and see Santal Sponsored by the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce. Canned food will be collected for the local Food Bank. Parade at 7pm. T: 1-800-387-3456 W: www.saugeenshores.ca & 2

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### Nov 24, Santa Claus Parade

Port Perry, Central Ontario

One of the largest evening parades in Durham Region! Come and visit us in Downtown Port Perry. T: 905-985-4971 ₩: www.scugogchamber.ca & 3 ★

### Nov 24, Holiday Home Tour - Shelburne

Shelburne, Southwestern Ontario

A fundraiser for the Shelburne Public Library. Join us for a tour of five homes decorated for Christmas. Come and enjoy the festive season and get decorating ideas. **T:** 519-925-5674

W: www.townofshelburne.on.ca

### Nov 24, Thorold Santa Claus Parade

Thorold, Niagara Falls and Region

Join us for this annual event in historic Downtown Thorold. Parade starts at Collier to Elgin St., down Elgin to Pine, across Pine to Sullivan Ave. to Front St. Give St. Nick your Christmas list. Donate to our Food Drive and Mitten Tree. Free admission.

T: 905-227-2754 ₩: www.tourismniagara.com & ③

### Nov 24 – Dec 31, Cavalcade of Lights Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

The Cavalcade of Lights sets Toronto aglow for the holiday season with a spellbinding calendar of festive events, spectacular fireworks and sparkling lighting displays.

T: 416- 338-0338 ₩: www.toronto.ca/special events & 0 ★

### Nov 24, Warsaw Santa Claus Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Warsaw, Central Ontario

Everyone welcome. Parade at 5pm with Tree Lighting Ceremony to follow. Meet Santa and enjoy holiday snacks. Bring a non-perishable food item for a free Gingerbread House ticket. **T:** 705-652-8392

W: www.dourodummer.on.ca 🗄 🕘 ★



## Nov 24, Flamborough Santa Claus Parade Waterdown, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the holiday season by attending the annual Santa Claus parade! Many colourful floats, costumed characters, bands and Santa! Parade starts at 6:30pm. See website for parade route. **T:** 905-659-7865 & **2** 

W: www.flamboroughsantaclausparade.com

### Nov 24, Wingham Santa Claus Parade

Wingham, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the beginning of the festive season with the annual Santa Claus parade starting at 11am. **T:** 519-357-1540

W: www.ontarioswestcoast.com

### Nov 25 - Dec 23, A Forest of Christmas Trees at Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum

Ancaster, Southwestern Ontario

Come explore this magical display of Christmas trees decorated by community groups. **T:** 905-648-8144

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 🛛

# Nov 25, Christmas in the Village at the Canadian Transportation Museum

Essex, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy breakfast with Santa in our 50's Diner. Live entertainment, hot apple cider, Christmas crafts for kids, Mr. Scrooge in Jail and much more! 10am-4pm. **T:** 519-776-6909

₩: www.ctmhv.com & 2

#### Nov 25, Mississauga Santa Claus Parade Streetsville, Greater Toronto Area

The Mississauga Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Village of Streetsville. Bigger and better every year so come see Santa arriving into town! Parade starts at 12:50pm. **T**: 905-858-5974

W: www.villageofstreetsville.com  $\pounds$  0  $\star$ 

### **Nov 25, St. Catharines Santa Claus Parade** St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Region

Start off the festive season with the Santa Claus parade starting at 2:30pm on William St. to St. Paul to James St. to King St. After parade come to the Market Square and have a visit with Santa. **T**: 905-688-5601 x1503

W: www.stcatharines.ca

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### Nov 27 – Dec 23, "Ringing in the Holidays" at Bell Homestead

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Haul out the Holly! A traditional Victorian Christmas abounds with plenty of garlands, greenery, and holiday cheer. See how many of our own Yuletide traditions came into being over 100 years ago. **T:** 519-756-6220

W: www.bellhomestead.ca

### Nov 27 – Jan 1, A Victorian Christmas at Eldon House

London, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas at Eldon House built in 1834. **T:** 519-661-0333 **W:** www.museumlondon.ca

### Nov 29, Mistletoe Tea, Talk & Trivia – Meet Father Christmas

Cayuga, Southwestern Ontario

Tea is served, along with scones, fruit and sweets! Learn about the origins of Christmas customs with special emphasis on Victorian traditions. Oh yes, Father Christmas will be our special guest! \$8.00

T: 905-772-5880 🙆 ★

W: www.haldimandcounty.on.ca/museums

### Nov 29 – Dec 9, The Last Christmas Turkey at Theatre Collingwood

Collingwood, Central Ontario

This full-length heartwarming comedy spins a tale about family memories and transitions using the magic of unusual theatrical forms. Reservations recommended. See website for details. **T:** 1-866-382-2200

W: www.theatrecollingwood.com

### Nov 29 - Dec 1, 4th Annual Festival of Trees

Kenora, Northern Ontario

Events include Seniors evening, tree auction and gala reception, and family day. **T:** 807-467-2105 **W:** www.lakeofthewoodsmuseum.ca & **7** 

Nov 29 - Dec 1, First Light

Midland, Central Ontario

Visitors to Sainte-Marie's "First Light" Christmas event will experience the historic site amidst the amber glow of over 2,000 candles. Enjoy community choirs, children's crafts and costumed staff.

T: 705-526-7838 🗄 🙆 ★

W: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

### Nov 29 - Jan 5, Upper Canada Village "A Light at Night"

Morrisburg, Eastern Ontario

Stroll around historic Upper Canada Village to see the streets adorned with over 200,000 lights. There will be horse-drawn wagons, carriage rides and Toy Train rides for the kids. **T**: 1-800-437-2233

W: www.uppercanadavillage.com 🕒

### Nov 29 - Dec 2, Tweed Festival of Trees Tweed, Eastern Ontario

A festival of holiday decorations and entertainment. Come and try your luck at winning one of the beautifully decorated trees, decorated by local volunteers. A wonderful way to kick off the season. **T:** 613-478-3225 & 🕤

### Nov 30, Festival of Lights

Bracebridge, Central Ontario

Family event at the Bird Mill Mews. Have fun with Santa and his elves. Spread good tidings and sing along with Jam Sandwhich. Popcorn, hot chocolate, fireworks and the official lighting of Bracebridge.

T: 705-645-3037

W: www.town.bracebridge.on.ca 🗄 🕘 ★

### Nov 30, Huntsville Santa Claus Parade Huntsville, Central Ontario

This night time parade is great for the kids to see Santa and kick start the holiday season. **T**: 705-789-1400

₩: www.downtown-huntsville.com & 🕗 ★

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Nov 30, "Hanging of the Green" **Night Lighted Parade**

Mildmay, Southwestern Ontario

Night Parade - Twinkle of lights, sounds of laughter, smell the hot apple cider! A festivity filled with seasonal colours. An experience that continues to bring family and friends year after year! T: 519-392-6630 W: www.southbrucetourism.org & 🛛

### Nov 30, Candlelight Stroll

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Enjoy a stroll through the Heritage District of Niagara-on-the-Lake, carrying a candle to celebrate the holiday season. Join in with the choirs along the route. T: 905-468-1950

W: www.niagaraonthelake.com

### Nov 30, Light Up The Park

Parry Sound, Northern Ontario

An annual event to start our Festive Season. Free turkey draws and hot chocolate. Music and caroling starting at 6:30pm with a local student receiving the honor of lighting up the whole park, followed by a visit from Santa. Come join the celebration. T: 705-746-2101

W: www.townofparrysound.com 🔽

### Nov 30. 6th Annual Mayor's Festival of Lights

Penetanguishene, Central Ontario

Come and experience the official lighting of the Town's Christmas tree. Twinkling lights and candles light your way to great fun and family activities that will spark the spirit of the season for all to enjoy. T: 705-543-7453

W: www.penetanguishene.ca 🗄 🙆 ★

### Nov 30 - Dec 23, Olde Tyme Christmas

Port Hope, Central Ontario

Visit historic Port Hope for the annual festivities: Candlelight Walk and carol singing on Nov 30; Santa Claus Parade Dec 1st; Festival of Trees and annual pantomime at the Capitol Arts Centre. T: 1-888-767-8467

W: www.porthope.ca 🗄 🕗 ★

### Nov 30 - Dec 2, Christmas on the Farm

Sarnia, Southwestern Ontario

Bring the family out and enjoy Christmas on the Farm. There will be carolling, havrides, crafts. roasted chestnuts at the Children's Animal Farm in Canatara Park. T: 519-332-0656

W: www.sarnia.ca 🖒 🙆

### Nov 30, Seaforth Santa Claus Parade

Seaforth. Southwestern Ontario

Come join us at 7pm for a night-time parade with bands and floats covered with lights. T: 519-527-2389 🕗

### Nov 30. Parade of Lights

Vankleek Hill. Eastern Ontario

Our magical parade will dazzle vou. Visit Santa's village from 5pm-7pm! Parade starts at 7pm. T: 613-678-5402 W: www.vankleekhill.ca 5

### Nov 30, Welland Santa Claus Parade

Welland, Niagara Falls and Region

The Santa Claus Parade brings Santa Claus to Welland to visit the children. The parade starts at East Main and Wellington Streets and finishes with Santa Claus lighting the City Hall up and visiting. T: 905-732-1515

W: www.welland.ca

### Nov 30, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Whitby, Greater Toronto Area

Join Santa Claus, as we ring in the Christmas Season with Carols and Tree Lighting. Enjoy free hot refreshments and goodies. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the "Stuff a Bug" tov drive.

T: 905-430-4306 x2238 W: www.downtownwhitby.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

Nov 30 - Dec 1, Light Up The Night Almonte, Eastern Ontario

Join us on Mill Street as our special guest and friends kick off the festive season. **T:** 613-256-7886 W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca 🗄 🜀 ★





### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 1, Bala's Trek to Bethlehem

Bala, Central Ontario

Join us as the streets of Bala are transformed to ancient Bethlehem and we follow the journey of Mary and Joseph. 5:30pm T: 705-762-5663 W. www.muskokalakeschamber.com

### Dec 1 - 2, A Victorian Christmas at **Bovaird House**

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

With the house decked out in all its Victorian splendour, you are invited to visit crafters displaying throughout the entire house, and enjoy tea, cider and Christmas sweets in front of the fire.

T: 905-874-2804 W: www.bovairdhouse.ca 0

### Dec 1, Hespeler Santa Claus Parade

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Santa Claus Parade in Hespeler Village area of Cambridge. Fun for all ages! T: 519-658-4721 W: www.cambridgetourism.com 2

### Dec 1 - Jan 5, Christmas in Cambridge

Cambridge, Southwestern Ontario

Music & Lights in the Village Dec 1, Queen St.; Candyland Dec 8, Central Park; Family New Year's Eve Dec 31, Hespeler Arena; Youth-a-Palooza Dec 31, Hespeler Beehive Hall; Twelfth Night Jan 5. T: 519-740-4681

W: www.christmasincambridge.ca 🗄 🙆 ★

### Dec 1, Cayuga Santa Claus Parade

Cayuga, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Santa Claus Parade with floats, bands and Santal T: 905-772-3583 W: www.tourismhaldimand.com 22 ★

### Dec 1 - 23. Christmas at the Market

Courtice, Greater Toronto Area

See website for details. **T**· 905-436-1024 W: www.courticefleamarket.com

### Dec 1, Dunnville Lite-Up Nite & Santa Claus Parade

Dunnville, Southwestern Ontario

Candle-Lit Walk from Hospital to core downtown. Tree lighting 5:30pm & parade at 5:30pm. Public skating at the arena. T: 905-774-3183 W: www.dunnvillechamberofcommerce.ca

### Dec 1. Grimsby Santa Claus Parade

Grimsby, Niagara Falls and Region

Annual Santa Claus Parade for the guiet town of Grimsby. This event has been exciting children and entertaining adults for close to 50 years and gets better every year! T: 905-957-2037 W: www.grimsbyparade.ca 🗄 🕄

### Dec 1. Winter Lights & Music

Guelph, Southwestern Ontario

The entire family can enjoy a wonderful afternoon and evening in Downtown Guelph. Celebrate the arrival of winter with our annual family event. Skate, sing, eat, drink and be merry. Santa is here too! T: 519-836-6144 W: www.auelphdowntown.com

### Dec 1 - 23, Christmas at Woodside

Kitchener. Southwestern Ontario

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas when vou visit the boyhood home of Mackenzie King. Weekend afternoons are special with baked goods, hot beverages and activities. T: 519-571-5684

W: www.pc.gc.ca/woodside & 🕗

### Dec 1, Santa Claus Parade

Marmora, Central Ontario

On Dasher and Dancer, Comet and Vixen! See them all, as well as the quest of honour, Santa himself at this year's Santa Claus Parade. Parade starts at 2pm. T: 1-866-267-0344 W: www.marmora.info/

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 1 - 31, 12 Days of Christmas

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

A unique celebration of Christmas throughout the month of December including many special events, holiday sales and community functions. See website for more information. **T:** 905-468-1950

W: www.niagaraonthelake.com

#### Dec 1 – 24, Christmas in Downtown Oakville Oakville, Greater Toronto Area

"Christmas in Downtown Oakville" brings together the warmth and friendliness found in a downtown. Strolling Quartets and festive horse drawn holiday wagon-rides with Santa every weekend. **T:** 905-844-4520

W: www.oakvilledowntown.com

### Dec 1, Annual Santa Claus Children's Parade of Lights

Perth, Eastern Ontario

This annual Parade of Lights takes place at 5pm on the streets of Downtown Perth. **T:** 613-264-0123 **W:** www.perthcanada.com & **5** 

### Dec 1, Port Hope Santa Claus Parade

Port Hope, Central Ontario

The Annual Santa Claus Parade starts at 1pm; floats and bands will march down Walton Street to Memorial Park. **T:** 1-888-767-8467

W: www.porthope.ca & 🕗 ★

### Dec 1 - Jan 1, Candlelight Christmas

Port Hope, Central Ontario

Candlelight Christmas where thousands of lights decorate trees in a Victorian Village setting in Port Hope Memorial Park. **T:** 1-888-767-8467 **W:** www.porthope.ca

### Dec 1, 8 & 15, Twas the Night Before Christmas at Westfield Heritage Village Rockton, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate Christmas past from the Georgian to the modern eras and feel the warmth of the season through plays, food samples, fireworks, horse and wagon rides and a visit from Saint Nick. **T:** 519-621-8851

W: www.westfieldheritage.ca

### Dec 1, Rodney Santa Claus Parade

Rodney, Southwestern Ontario

Bring in the holiday season by welcoming Santa during our annual evening Santa Claus Parade. **T:** 519-785-0560

W: www.elgintourist.com 🕑 ★

### Dec 1, A Main Street Christmas

Schomberg, Greater Toronto Area

Enjoy a festive celebration, from the opening Santa Claus Parade at 4pm to the Parade of Lights at 8pm. See Santa Claus and his reindeer, jugglers, fire-eater, bellringers, storytellers, singers and costumed revelers and more. **T**: 905-939-7537

W: www.rockley.com/chamber  $0 \star$ 

### Dec 1, Shelburne BIA Santa Claus Parade Shelburne, Southwestern Ontario

Help celebrate the arrival of Santa. Parade starts at 1pm. Children don't forget to bring your letters for Santa. Santa's helpers will be collecting them along the parade route.

**T:** 519-925-2600 **W:** www.townofshelburne.on.ca  $2 \star$ 

#### **Dec 1 - Jan 6, Simcoe Christmas Panorama** *Simcoe, Southwestern Ontario*

Simcoe Christmas Panorama is an annual all December Christmas Light Show featuring over 125,000 lights and 75 themed displays, hand chimed Carillion Carols, horse drawn trolley rides. Bus tours available.

T: 1-800-338-0273 ₩: www.simcoepanorama.ca & 2 ★

### Dec 1, Springfield Santa Claus Parade

Springfield, Southwestern Ontario

Parade starts at 1pm. **T:** 519-773-2751 **W:** www.elgintourist.com & ❷ ♥★



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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 1-2, STARBRIGHT "A Christmas Celebration"

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

A musical expression of GREAT JOY that will warm your heart and send your spirit soaring as world class performers celebrate the season through the splendor and power of music.

**T:** 1-800-567-1600 **W:** www.starbright.ca **2** 

### Dec 1 - 23, Victorian Christmas Celebration at Woodside

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas at the boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King. The Victorian rooms are decorated in for the holiday season in the style of 1891. Weekend afternoons are special with baked goods, hot beverages and Victorian activities. 10am-5pm

T: 519-571-5684 x 25 ₩: www.pc.gc.ca & 2

### Dec 1 - Jan 1, Wonders of Winter

Waterloo, Southwestern Ontario

We have over 70 displays, both static and animated, with a total of 100,000 lights. The displays range from Santa Claus, nursery rhymes, a unique nativity scene and many other surprises. **T:** 519-725-1086

W: www.wondersofwinter.ca & 🛛

### Dec 1, Windsor Santa Claus Parade

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

The 39th Annual Classic Holiday Celebration features international bands, entertainers, floats and so much more. Join the 50,000 + spectators that line Ouellette Ave. at 6pm. **T:** 519-254-2880 **W:** www.santaparade.org & **2** 

### Dec 1 - Jan 27, Bright Nights Light Festival

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

175 seasonal light displays illuminating downtown Windsor's Civic Esplanade from City Hall to the waterfront. Hosting skating daily in Charles Clark Square and several winter events and activities.

**T:** 519-971-0950

W: www.canadasouthfestivals.com  $\pounds$  2  $\star$ 

### Dec 2, Burlington Christmas Parade

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Annual Christmas Parade featuring 85 entries including bands, colourful floats, clowns, mascots and jolly St. Nick. The parade begins at 2pm from the Burlington Mall and finishes in downtown. **T**: 905-335-7704

W: www.burlington.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Dec 2 - Jan 10, Festival of Lights

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

It has become a holiday tradition; on a crisp winter night to walk through Spencer Smith Park and enjoy the many lighted displays. The joy of all the children and the many lights has changed the bleak winter setting into a welcoming and exciting location. **T**: 905-333-9868

W: www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com  $0 \star$ 

### Dec 2, Christmas in the Country at John R. Park Homestead

Harrow, Southwestern Ontario

Ever wonder about the origins of Christmas? Here's a chance to experience it. Enjoy traditional handmade decorations, cider and roasted chestnuts. 11am-4pm. **T:** 519-738-2029 **W:** www.erca.org & **2** 

# Dec 2, Ingersoll Cheese Factory Museum Christmas Open House

Ingersoll, Southwestern Ontario

Christmas Open House at the Ingersoll Cheese Museum. Enjoy Wagon Rides, Christmas Carols etc. Twilight Candy Candy Hunt begins at 7pm. **T:** 519-485-5510

W: www.ingersoll.ca

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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 2 - 23, Country Christmas at **Doon Heritage Crossroads**

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a Christmas in the country from the last turn of the century. Meet Father Christmas, sing along with the Christmas carols and pile onto a horse drawn wagon ride. December 2,9,16 and 23rd. T: 519-748-1914

W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon & 22 ★

### Dec 2 & 9. Winterfest Christmas in the Village Pickering, Greater Toronto Area

Visit museum village as it springs to life with the inhabitants of the houses busily preparing for their holiday celebrations. Includes Scottish Hogmanay, Welsh traditions and more!

T: 905-683-8401 W: www.cityofpickering.com

### Dec 2, Victorian Christmas Tea

Smiths Falls, Eastern Ontario

Share the sights, sounds and flavours of the holidays at this traditional Victorian Tea. T: 613-283-8560 (5, 6)

### Dec 2. Santa Claus Parade

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

Come and get into the spirit of Christmas with the annual Santa Claus Parade through the streets of Stratford. Local businesses, organizations and community groups participating in this celebration. T: 519-271-8829 2

### Dec 2. Parade of Lights

Stratford, Southwestern Ontario

The Stratford City Hall Christmas tree lights will be lit. There will be entertainment, singing of carols and refreshments in Market Square. T: 519-271-5140 W: www.city.stratford.on.ca 🗄 😢

Dec 2, Christmas Home Tour

Wallaceburg, Southwestern Ontario

Wallaceburg & District Historical Society Christmas Home Tour, Sunday, December 2. Tickets and tour starts at Wallaceburg Museum, 505 King Street, Wallaceburg. T: 519-627-8962 W: www.kent.net/wallaceburg-museum 2

### Dec 5, 3rd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area

Everyone is welcome to join the family fun and festivities, greet Santa, sing carols and decorate the town tree T: 905-726-4762

W www.e-aurora.ca

### Dec 5 - 9, Christkindl Market

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Festival of German Christmas, EREE entertainment: choirs, bands, dancers, bell ringers, model train and blacksmiths, 70 food. toy and gift vendors. Candlelight procession Thursday, 6pm. T: 519-741-2387

W: www.christkindlcanada.com & 22 🛧

### Dec 5 – 7. Follies Christmas Show

Hamilton. Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy the best season has to offer at the Follies Christmas Show, Festively themed, rip-roaring musical and comedy extravaganza. T: 905-528-8095 W: www.geritolfollies.ca 🗄 🕗

### Dec 6 - 22. Santa Visits the Market

Hamilton. Southwestern Ontario

Bring the little ones to the Market and have their photo taken with Santa. (Please bring your own camera). Santa will be at market on Thur., Fri, & Sat. from 10am-2pm. T: 905-546-2096

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 2

### Dec 6 - Jan 6, Christmas Lights Across Canada Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Over 70 sites will be lit up with more than 300,000 dazzling lights. Christmas Lights Across Canada is one of a host of unique programs which were created to liven up the winter months. T: 1-800-465-1867

W: www.capitaleducanada.gc.ca 🗄 🌀 ★

# Sponsored by the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce. Canned food will be collected W: www.saugeenshores.ca & 2

Dec 7, Parade of Lights Sturgeon Falls, Northern Ontario

Dec 7, Lucknow Santa Claus Parade

Parade starts at 7pm. Lucknow's Main Street is aglow with lights and music as our many Christmas floats usher Santa to town. Visit

with Santa at the arena and he will give you a

Dec 7 - 9, Ridgeway Spirit Christmas

Beautifully decorated shops, Santa, Victorian

the shops, candlelight walk, and free snow

Dec 7, Southampton's Santa Claus Parade Southampton, Southwestern Ontario

Come and celebrate the holidavs and see

Santa! Parade starts at 7pm on High Street.

Ridgeway, Niagara Falls and Region

W: www.ridgewayont.ca 🗄 🕄 ★

carolers, local school choirs, free horse and carriage rides, free draws and treats in

Lucknow, Southwestern Ontario

treat bag. Enjoy a Free skate.

W: www.huronkinloss.com

**Dickens Style Open House** 

T: 519-528-3607

(weather permitting). T: 905-894-3924

for the Food Bank.

T: 1-800-387-3456

Come and enjoy one of the biggest night time parade of lights! T: 1-800-263-5359 W: www.westnipissingouest.ca

### Dec 7. Unionville Olde Tyme **Christmas Candlelight Parade** Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

Unionville's annual Candlelight Christmas Parade along Historic Main Street Unionville. Santa Claus is coming to town! T: 905-477-0117 W: www.unionvilleinfo.com 🗄 🛈 🛨

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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 7, Light up the Night

Almonte, Eastern Ontario

Join us on Mill Street as our special quests and friends kick off the festive season with an evening of Christmas entertainment at 7pm. T: 613-256-1077

W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca 🗄 🖯 🛨

### Dec 7, Copper Country Parade

Bruce Mines, Northern Ontario

Down Main Street in Bruce Station. Open for anybody to participate in. Prizes awarded for most effort and most creative. T: 705-785-3845 🖒 🔽

### Dec 7, Cayuga Light Up

Cayuga, Southwestern Ontario

Entertainment, refreshments, official lighting of Christmas displays, story telling and crafts at the Museum. T: 1-866-822-9842

W: www.CayugaChamber.ca 🗄 😢

### Dec 7, Clinton Santa Claus Parade

Clinton, Southwestern Ontario

Starting at 7pm. A regular Santa Claus parade with floats, bands, etc. and the "Jolly Old Man" himself. **T**: 519-482-9146 🕗

### Dec 7, 8,14 & 15, Doon By Lantern Light Tours

Kitchener. Southwestern Ontario

Step back in time to experience the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas in 1914. Carol concert in the church, a horse drawn wagon ride and a lantern lit walking tour of the village. Admission: \$10. Advanced tickets only. T: 519-748-1914 W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 🗄 🕗 ★

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 8 & 13, Yuletide Family Evening Tours

Baden, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy a tour of the festively decorated Castle, listen to joyous seasonal music with a cup of warm cider to warm you inside and out. Children's activities and family fun for all! **T:** 519-634-8444

W: www.castlekilbride.ca

# Dec 8 - 9, Christmas Lamplight Tours at the Bell Homestead

Brantford, Southwestern Ontario

Bell Homestead and Henderson Home come to life amid the glow of candles and oil lamps. Yuletide baking wafts its way from the kitchen, entertainment in the drawing room. 5pm-8pm. Also, join us for Christmas dinner at the Café, \$19.95. Reservations for dinner required. **T:** 519-756-6220 **W**: www.bellhomestead.ca

Dec 8, A Candlelight Christmas

Gormley, Central Ontario

Join our costumed staff for an evening tour. Explore Victorian Christmas traditions, sample 19th century foods, enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride, and Christmas carols. 6:30pm or 8pm. Admission: \$15. **T**: 1-888-290-0337

W: www.townofws.com/museum & 🕗

### Dec 8 - 9, Christmas by Candlelight

Keene, Central Ontario

Get into the spirit of the season with a traditional Pioneer Christmas featuring horse and sleigh rides, carolers, demonstrations, festive foods and a visit from Father Christmas. Live music. **T:** 1-866-289-5264

W: www.langpioneervillage.ca 🗄 🕗

#### Dec 8, Niagara-on-the-Lake Santa Claus Parade

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Region

Annual Santa Claus parade starting at 11am. T: 905-468-4261 W: www.niagaraonthelake.com ③ ★



### Dec 8 - 23, Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides Ottawa, Ottawa Region

Enjoy a traditional Christmas experience. Take a free ride through the Market on a horse drawn carriage. Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols and admire beautifully decorated storefronts. **T:** 613-562-3325

**W:** www.byward-market.com  $\bigcirc$   $\bigstar$ 

### Dec 8, Pakenham Santa Claus Parade

Pakenham, Eastern Ontario

An afternoon of Christmas excitement as Santa Claus pays a visit. Immediately following the parade, there will be a public skate with Santa at the Stewart Community Centre with hotdogs and hot chocolate for everyone. Parade starts at 2pm. **T:** 613-256-1077

W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca 🗄 🜀 ★

### Dec 8 - 22, Christmas by Lamplight at Black Creek Pioneer Village

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Join us for a special ticketed evening event celebrating a Victorian Christmas with the magic of lamps and candlelight. Great foods, fun crafts and traditional music make for an unforgettable evening. Reservations are required. Dec 8, 15, 21, 22, 2007, 6pm-9:30pm. **T:** 416-667-6295 W: www.trca.on.ca **0** 

W: www.trca.on.ca U 🗡

### Dec 8, Unionville Santa Train

Unionville, Greater Toronto Area

ALL ABOARD! Take a memorable train ride with Santa and his elves. A very unique, memorable experience of a lifetime for you and your children/ grandchildren. ALL ABOARD for a round trip with Santa. Reservations required. **T**: 905-477-0117

W: www.unionvilleinfo.com ①

### Dec 9, Almonte Santa Claus Parade

Almonte, Eastern Ontario

Join everyone on Bridge/Martin/Ottawa Streets for an afternoon of Christmas excitement as Santa Claus pays a visit. **T:** 613-256-1077

W: www.lanarkcountytourism.ca 🗄 🖯 ★

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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

### Dec 9, The Country Christmas Concert

Bruce Mines, Northern Ontario

A free Christmas Music Concert. In the Bruce Station Community Hall. T: 705-785-3845 🕁 🔽

### **Dec 9, Victorian Christmas**

Minesing, Central Ontario

Crafts, music and entertainment help us to celebrate the season in Victorian style. T: 705-728-3721 W: www.county.simcoe.on.ca 🗄 🕗

#### Dec 9. Children's Old Fashioned **Christmas at Scugog Shores Museum** Port Perry, Central Ontario

Take a tour of the Historic Village, traditionally decorated for the holidays. There will be crafts for children, various demonstrations and refreshments. 11am-4pm. T: 905-985-3589 W: www.scugogshoresmuseum.com

#### Dec 13, Rockwood Farmers Parade of Lights

Rockwood, Southwestern Ontario

Annual Farmers Parade of Lights! With his fall farm work under control, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will soon be decorating their combine with Christmas lights and other seasonal decorations. Parade starts around 7pm. T: 519-856-4496

W: www.rockwoodfarmersparade.org

#### Dec 16, Steam Museum Christmas at the Museum of Steam & Technology Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Join us for an afternoon of Wind and Water fun! Experience a wide variety of Water and Wind toys as well as make one of your own. Tour included. Registration required. \$10. T: 905-546-4797 W: www.hamilton.ca/museums

Dec 16. Candlelight Christmas at John R. Park Homestead Kingsville, Southwestern Ontario

Take a candlelight tour back in time to the 1850s. The pioneer farmhouse will be decorated reminiscent of pioneer times with handmade decorations. Learn more about traditional holiday celebrations. Pre-registration required, 6pm-8pm. T: 519-738-2029

W: www.erca.org & 🕗

### Dec 17, Carolling at the Grange

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Join us for this FREE, FAMILY EVENT. Sip a nice hot cup of cocoa or apple cider, join us around the fire and sing traditional Christmas carols with the entire community!!! T: 905-828-8411 W: www.heritagemississauga.com 🗄 🛈

#### Dec 20 -21, Woodside by Lamplight Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Decorated for Christmas, the rooms of the boyhood home of Mackenzie King will be glistening by lamplight. 6:30pm-8:30pm T: 519-571-5684 x25 W: www.pc.gc.ca 🗄 🙆

### Dec 21 - 28, Christmas Family **Evening Tours**

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

This is a special evening tour that allows families to see Dundurn's Victorian Christmas in a one-hour evening tour. T: 905-546-2872 W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 2

### Dec 21. Starry Night -50th Anniversary Celebration

Kitchener, Southwestern Ontario

Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavours of a Christmas past as you see the village in its finest lamp-lit beauty. Music, food and good cheer under the silent stars are sure to get you into the spirit of Christmas. Admission: \$18 Adult, \$9 Child. Advanced tickets only. T: 519-748-1914 W: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon 🗄 🕗 ★

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO

# Dec 27 - 30, Electric Christmas Workshop at the Museum of Steam & Technology

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Exhibits and activities to experiment with electricity and electrical-poweredf devices; make a lemon battery; discover the beginnings of early radio technology. Pre-registration required. \$15. 11am **T:** 905-546-4797

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums

# Dec 27 - Jan 6, Winter Whimsy at Children's Museum

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

School is out! Beat the winter doldrums with a variety of crafts, and outdoor activities and games. 9:30am-3:30pm. **T:** 905-546-4848 **W:** www.hamilton.ca/museums & @

### Dec 31, Family First Night

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area

Ring in the New Year early with your family and friends. Enjoy wagon rides, bonfire, swimming, skating, games, children's activities and so much more. **T:** 905-726-4762

W: www.e-aurora.ca & 0 🕇

### Dec 31, Barrie's Downtown Countdown

Barrie, Central Ontario

Family-oriented, outdoor New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Barrie. Live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, midway, skating, face painting and two fireworks shows. **T**: 705-739-4285

₩: www.barrie.ca & 🕗 🛨

## Dec 31 - Jan 1, New Year's Eve

Brampton, Greater Toronto Area

Bigger and better than ever! Now one block of FREE family fun. Gage Park to the new Rose Theatre in Downtown Brampton. Fireworks at 9pm and midnight, live entertainment all night long!

T: 905-874-2315 ₩: www.brampton.ca & ① ★

### Dec 31, Burlington New Year's Eve Celebration

Burlington, Greater Toronto Area

Join us at the Waterfront at Downtown Burlington for a fun filled New Year's Eve celebration. Outdoor skating at the Rotary Centennial Pond along with music, buskers and a midnight fireworks display. T: 905-335-7600

W: www.burlington.ca 🗄 🛈 ★

### Dec 31, Families First – A New Year's Eve Celebration

Chatham, Southwestern Ontario

Families First - A New Year's Eve Celebration is a family-oriented, non-alcoholic event featuring entertainment, arts and crafts, games and themed activities, horse and wagon rides and fireworks. **T:** 1-866-807-7770

W: www.chatham-kent.ca & 🛛 🛧

### Dec 31, First Night Celebrations in Downtown Cobourg

Cobourg, Central Ontario

Come and join us for a fantastic New Years Eve Celebration. There will be alcohol free venues, fireworks and live entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

T: 1-888-262-6874 ₩: www.cobourgtourism.ca & 3 ★

### Dec 31, Happy Blue Year's Eve

Hamilton, Southwestern Ontario

Celebrate the New Year with friends and family at the Hamilton Children's Museum. The theme is BLUE. Wear blue to the museum and enjoy the games, crafts, light refreshments and join us in a count down to Blue Years Eve at 3pm. **T:** 905-546-4848

W: www.hamilton.ca/museums & 🕗

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### Dec 31, Rockin' at the Clock

Kingston, Eastern Ontario

Ring in the New Year with your family in Market Square! Enjoy live entertainment, wagon rides and skating on the new rink. Top your evening off with a spectacular fireworks finale at 8:30pm.

T: 613-546-4291 x1706

**W:** www.cityofkingston.ca  $\bigcirc$   $\star$ 

Dec 31, Niagara Falls New Year's Eve Party Niagara Falls, Niagara and Region

### Dec 31 - Jan 1, Oshawa Celebrates 2008

Oshawa, Greater Toronto Area

A free Celebration of the New Year at the downtown Oshawa General Motors Centre featuring free public skating, live headliner entertainment for the whole family and children's and midnight countdown. **T:** 1-800-667-4292 **W:** www.oshawa.ca **C: O** 

### Dec 31, New Year's Eve Family Celebrations

Petawawa, Eastern Ontario

### Dec 31, New Years Eve Celebration Tillsonburg, Southwestern Ontario

Join the fun in downtown Tillsonburg at the Rotary Club Clock Tower to ring in the New Year! Enjoy the countdown to next year with your family and friends along with a great display of fireworks! **T**: 519-688-3009 **W**: www.tillsonburg.ca

### Dec 31, Canada's New Year's Eve Bash

Toronto, Greater Toronto Area

Bring your family and friends to Nathan Phillips Square to countdown the New Year. "Star! Daily New Years Countdown" will kick off the festivities, hosted by Star!'s Danielle McGimsie. **T**: 416-338-0338 **W**: www.citytv.com

### Dec 31, Windsor's Unbeli"EVE"able New Years Eve

Windsor, Southwestern Ontario

Skating, Children's entertainers; face painting, magic and illusion as well as an interactive musically animated stage performances culminating with special fireworks. **T:** 519-971-0950 ₩: www.canadasouthfestivals.com 2 ★

### Jan 1, Mayor's New Year Levee

Mississauga, Greater Toronto Area

Celebrate the beginning of the New Year with family and friends at Mississauga's Civic Centre. Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides, face painting, hot chocolate and live entertainment. **T:** 905-896-5000 **W:** www.mississauga.ca & **O** <del>×</del>

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