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The history of Christmas

The abbreviated version of a very long story

by Violet Snow

THERE IS NO Christmas in the Bible. The Good Book does not even give us Jesus' birthday. Yet in the year 221, a text by historian Sextus Julius Africanus assigned Jesus' birthdate to the Roman version of December 25, the date corresponding to the winter solstice. The *Chronograph*

of 354, a collection of writings related to time, recorded a Christmas celebration held in Rome in the year 336.

As early as the late fourth century, Christians have been proposing theories about how the Romans arrived at Jesus' birthdate. At that time, Saint Augustine declared, "Hence it is that He was born on the day which is the shortest in our earthly reckoning and from which subse-

quent days begin to increase in length. He, therefore, who bent low and lifted us up, chose the shortest day, yet the one whence light begins to increase." The symbolism of the solstice fits the start of Jesus' career of enlightening his followers.

The theory that is used to explain the dates of most Christian holidays also applies here. In order to make the new religion easier to digest, the church fathers

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appropriated the festivals of the pagans, which revolved around solstices, equinoxes, and cross-quarter days. Indeed, the Romans called December 25 *dies solis invicti nati*, "day of the birth of the unconquered sun."

It is unclear whether Roman celebrations of the solstice predated those of Christmas or vice versa. Also, the early church was trying to separate from the pagan traditions, an argument against this theory.

Another idea traces back to the biblical account of Jesus' death, occurring during Passover, which is celebrated near the spring equinox. Wikipedia quotes William J. Collinge's *Historical Dictionary of Catholicism*, which says that according to a Jewish tradition, great people die on the same date as their birth and thus live a life that is whole, with no fraction of extra time. This concept was adapted to the situation of Jesus by placing his date of conception, like his date of death, at the spring equinox. The Annunciation is traditionally celebrated on March 25, and nine months later we reach December 25, the official birthdate.

Pro-Christmas riots

In 800, Charlemagne promoted the popularity of Christmas by choosing the day for his coronation as emperor. Other rulers followed the same custom, including the English kings Edmund the Martyr in 855 and William I in 1066.

The Middle Ages saw an evolution of the seasonal festivities to include caroling, as well as carousing. In England, Christmas drunkenness, gambling, masques, and pageants became widespread traditions, following the concept of "misrule," a stress



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outlet similar to the mischief and disguises of Halloween or the tippling and comedy of the Jewish holiday of Purim.

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With the restoration of King Charles II in 1660, Christmas was again legalized, but the Calvinists continued to take a dim view of the custom. The Scottish

Parliament prohibited Christmas from 1640 through 1958, when it finally became an official holiday in Scotland.

The Puritans imported their dislike of Christmas to New England. It was outlawed in Boston. Colonists in Virginia and New York celebrated liberally, however, especially in areas settled by Germans, who had long embraced Christmas. Later, the American revolutionaries disdained the holiday as a British tradition.

Literature sells Christmas

If you suffer from the pressure to have a jolly Christmas, you might consider blaming writers. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

popularized the concepts of the family-centered celebration and the attendant

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The emphasis on Santa's largesse is said to have stimulated the gift-giving economy that we now see as symbolic of the season. By 1850, Harriet Beecher Stowe's *The First Christmas in New England* already contained a lament that the spiritual nature of Christmas had been swallowed up in shopping.

In 1870, Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States.

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many of them have come to us from Germany, where such traditions were established as decorating evergreen trees, caroling door-to-door, and sending Christmas cards.

Nativity scenes were noted as early as the tenth century in Rome. In the 1200s, Saint Francis of Assisi made them popular, and they spread across Europe. In some countries, people still compete to create the most compelling tableaux, and families keep their best nativity figurines for generations.

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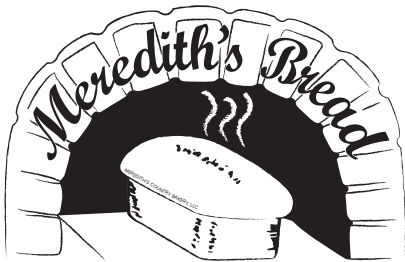
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A guide to locally sourced and renewable gifts

by Erin Quinn

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This is where a gift-giving rupture can have life-changing effects. What if, we were to give our friends, family, loved ones, a membership to a local nature reserve or an arts center? It could literally be giving them a ticket to another type of life, one that is enriched by beauty, only a short walk or drive from their home.

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climbing areas in the country.

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navigate your visit.

Each trailhead offers a unique entry point into the Preserve including most recently added Testimonial Gatehouse trailhead off of Route 299 in New Paltz. Here, walkers, meanderers, cyclists begin their journey underneath the stone archway of the 100-year-old stone gatehouse that was used as the main entranceway for the Mohonk Mountain House as guests entered the majestic mountains by horse and buggy.

There is also the West Trapps parking lot which leads enthusiasts right to their climbing destination, walkers to a myriad of hiking/biking opportunities and some paths that can lead to the Millbrook Ridge Trail or the Shawangunk Trail and down to Split Rock for a dip in the summer or a calming sound in the late fall.

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Family Services' Festival of Trees, 4pm. Your family will enjoy beautifully decorated and unique holiday trees and wreaths, raffle prizes, music, and shopping local artisans and vendors. Festival of Trees brings holiday cheer and raises funds that support Family Services'. Learn how you can get your ticket or share your holiday spirit by decorating a tree or wreath at familyservicesny.org/events/festival-of-trees. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, 135 S. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie.

Etched Christmas Tree Workshop. 6-8pm. Add holiday cheer to your home with this beautifully detailed tree. We'll finish the tree with paints and other supplies in this festive workshop. Tree measures 16" X 20.5". Tickets: \$50. Held at 17 East Market St., Red Hook. Info: eventbrite.com/e/etched-christmas-tree-workshop-tickets-199407722867?aff=erelpanelorg

A Christmas Carol, 7pm, Fridays & Saturdays and 3pm, Sundays through December 19th. Starring Rik Lopes as Scrooge. With Jovan Bradley, Andy Crispell, Ellie DeMan, Joe Felece, Harriet Luongo, Duane Joseph Olson & Jody Satriani. Directed by Lou Trapani, with musical direction by Paul & JoAnne Schubert. Tickets: \$25. CENTER for



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Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

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Holiday Performance: The Art of Theater and With My Own Hands, 7-8:30pm. Playwright and director Pascal Rambert will be in residence at PS21 from December 6-10, adapting and rehearsing two of his masterful plays with actors Jim Fletcher and Ismail ibn Conner. PS21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century, 2980 Rte. 66, Chatham. Info: 518-392-6121; ps21chatham.org

Chronophage – Open Head – Unknown Liberty, 7:30-11:30pm. Tubbys, 586 Broadway, Kingston.

Holiday Live Show – Mipso, 8pm. North Carolina-bred four-piece Mipso has captivated audiences with their finely layered vocal harmonies, graceful fluency in the timeless musical traditions of their home state, and a near-telepathic musical connection that makes their live show especially kinetic. Reserved seating: \$45. Standing room: \$30. The Barn at Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. Info: levonhelm.com/shows/2021/12/10/mipso

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Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021

3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa, 8am. Hosted by the Wappingers Falls PBA. Kids crafts, raffles and photos. Knights of Columbus, 2660 E Main St., Wappingers Falls. Info: facebook.com/events/254216369952138

Santa at High Falls Fire District, 9am-12pm. Santa will tour the High Falls Fire District. High Falls Fire District, 333 Firehouse Rd., High Falls. Info: 845-687-0222

Historical Society of Woodstock Holiday Sale, 9am-3pm, December 11th & December 12th. Start the holiday season by shopping for local goods and treats - original holiday cards, local history books, vintage gifts, hand-knit items, note cards and local art, crafts and products including maple syrup, jam and baked treats. Products from local craftsmen will include hand-woven items, jewelry, ornaments, honey-based products, incense, cards, bluestone hearts and much more. As always, the HSW will provide fresh greens for its visitors, as well as hot cider, coffee and tea. This year, the Historical Society has reprinted the book *Sarah of Overlook Mountain* by Jean White. This illustrated book recounts stories told to Jean by her grandmother Sarah Cashdollar, who grew up on Overlook Mountain. The book sells for \$15 with all proceeds going to the Historical Society. Original artwork by several local artists, as well as signed prints by Woodstock lithographer Clarence Bolton will also be available. Park in the lower Comeau parking lot and walk up the path through the woods to HSW. Limited parking. Historical Society of Woodstock, 20 Comeau Dr., Woodstock.

Art Workshop: Lines Let Loose with Meredith Rosiér, 9am-4pm. This one-day workshop reflects the focus of diversity in the mesmerizing world of line. All

levels, ages 19+. Treat Yourself during the Holidays. \$140 + \$1 lab fee. Woodstock School Of Art, Woodstock. Info: 845-679-2388; info@woodstockschoolofart.org, bit.ly/3zV1HEN.

Holiday Market @ The Yard, 10am. This

market will feature 20+ Hudson Valley Artisans. There will be food vendors, live music, beverages (alcoholic + non-alcoholic), holiday gift ideas and so much more. Hosted by River Valley Guild. The Yard, 4 Hanna Ln., Beacon.

Locust Grove - Holiday Tours, 10:15am-3:15pm, Saturdays & Sundays through 19th. Tour the historic mansion, updated with festive holiday decorations! Enjoy trees festooned with antique ornaments in the Drawing Room and Dining Room, and an exhibit of lavish gifts originally exchanged by members of the Young family a century ago. Tickets are limited to make sure all visitors have plenty of space, and masks are required while indoors. Last tour 3:15pm. \$15/person. Tickets available on-line only: eventbrite.com/o/locust-grove-estate-30347364870. Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Route 9), Poughkeepsie.

Holiday Puppet Show, 10:30am-12pm. A Holiday Puppet Show presented by the Catskill Puppet Theater! Free. FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry How-

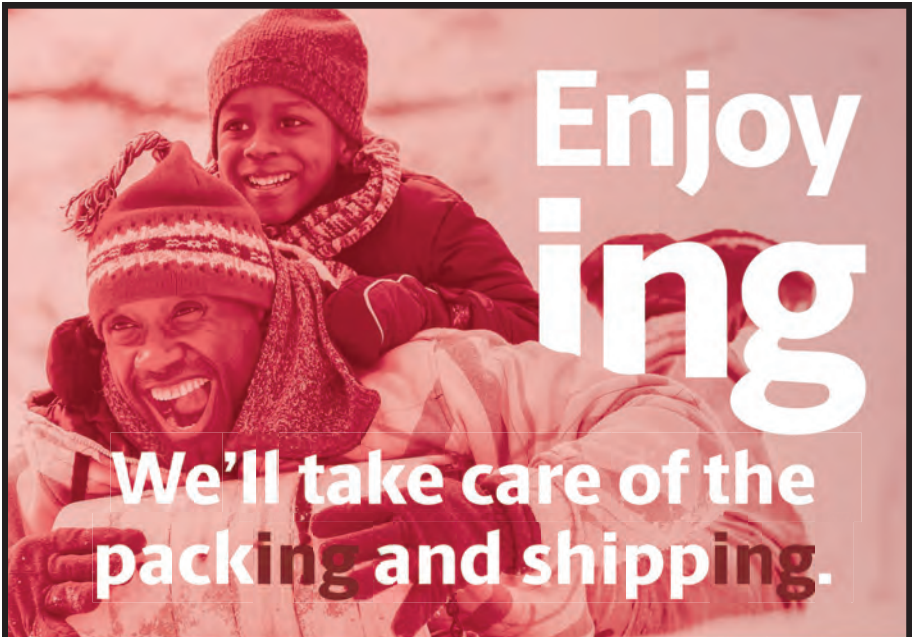


Ulster County SPCA's Annual Deck The Paws, 11am-2:30pm. Exclusive holiday shopping event - starting off with a silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$60 per person and seating is extremely limited. Starting with brunch, including mimosas while you shop to support a great cause! All proceeds benefit the animals of the Ulster County SPCA. Tickets are limited and can be purchased online at UCSPCA.org. The Emerson Resort and Spa, 5340 Rte. 28, Mt. Tremper. Info: UCSPCA.org

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Christmas in the Village, 11am-4pm. Come experience Museum Village's winter wonderland! Listen to carolers, shop local vendors, and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. Tickets are \$5 per person. Purchase tickets online. Museum Village, 1010 Rte. 17M, Monroe. Info: museumvillage.ticketspice.com/christmas-in-the-village

HolidayPop Up Market, 11am-5pm, December 11th & 18th. The markets will feature amazing local makers and artisans, offering handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, textiles and so much more. ImmuneSchein Tea Haus, 1776 Rte. 212, Saugerties. facebook.com/ImmuneSchein.

Let's Wrap, Beacon! 11am-5pm. Stop by to wrap your holiday gifts, enjoy a curated art show, purchase artisan gift wrap and holiday cards, listen to local musicians and more. Wrapping paper designed by artwork created by Greystone individuals. Proceeds benefit the individuals Greystone supports! The Landmark, 139 Main St., Beacon.

Holiday Exhibit: "A Changing Landscape" 11am-5pm. Carrie Haddad Gallery is pleased to present "A Changing



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Landscape" featuring local artists of the Hudson Valley. On view through Jan. 16. Carrie Haddad Gallery, 622 Warren St., Hudson. Info: 518-828-1915, carriehaddadgallery@gmail.com; bit.ly/324OrTT

Carols with the Cows, 12pm. Bundle up and join us for some holiday fun, cookies, and hot cocoa. Catskill Animal Sanctuary, 316 Old Stage Rd., Saugerties. Info: facebook.com/events/1247707835698130

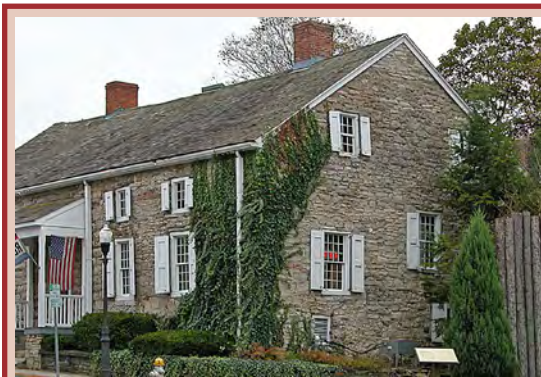
Holiday Hoopla Parade and Winter Carnival, 12-3pm. The parade will kick off at noon from the New Paltz Middle School and proceed to Hasbrouck Park. Food, family fun and festivities for all.

Hosted by the New Paltz Office for Community Wellness and the Ulster Prevention Council. If you would like to be part of the parade and/or the winter carnival, visit form.jotform.com/212934654615156. Hasbrouck Park/New Paltz, Hasbrouck Ave., New Paltz. Info: 845-256-5014; pkawamoto@townofnewpaltz.org

Art Exhibit: Winter Small Works Show, 12pm-5pm. Show runs through 1/9/22. Continuum Fine Art & Photography, 97 Windermere Ave., Warwick. Info: continuumfineartandphotography.com

Bannerman Island Gallery Presents a Fine Art Holiday Exhibition, 12-5pm Saturdays & Sundays, weekday afternoons & evenings by chance or appointment. This exhibition will feature Fine Art paintings, watercolors, prints, photography, sculpture, ceramics and artistic holiday gift items! All works are for sale - part of the proceeds will go to further restoration work on historic Bannerman's Island. Show exhibits through January 30, 2022. schedule a tour or appointment, please call 845-416-8342. Bannerman Island Gallery (BIG), 150 Main St, Beacon.

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The Lace Mill Holiday Art Show, 1pm-4pm. The original work from the best artists in town! Stop in and do your Christmas shopping here at Holiday prices. Gallery hours are weekends from 1-4 pm. Donations are appreciated. Lace Mill, 165 Cornell St, Kingston. Info: 347-387-6874; jwcornbroom@gmail.com

"Scrapsody in Green" Scriptures by Dave Channon, 1pm, Saturdays & Sundays through the end of December. Celebrate greenness with the world premiere of Dave Channon's new scriptures "Big Mermaid" & "Mr. Toad". Free art tour & scripture giveaway! Woodstock Art Exchange, 1396 Rte. 28, Woodstock. Info: woodstockartexchange.com

Holiday Tours at Mount Gulian, 1-4pm, Saturdays & Sundays through December 19th and December 15-17th. Tour the historic homestead, aglow in candlelight, beautifully decorated with fresh greens, ribbons, bows and sparkle. \$12 adults, \$10 Seniors, \$6 children. Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. Info: mountgulian.org/events

Opening Reception: Holiday Art Show, 1-5pm. LABspace, Rte. 23, Hillsdale. Info: Labspaceart.blogspot.com

Winter Craft Making Workshop at Gardiner Library, 2pm. Enjoy creating a folded star and wet felted lantern using wool roving for the winter holidays. This project can be used as a gift or decorations for windows, tables or trees. Hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served. For ages 10+ and/or ages 10 and under with an adult. Registration is required. Limited space. For registration and information, contact Nicole at nland@rcls.org. The library is located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike. Info: 845-255-1255; gardinerlibrary.org

The Nutcracker, 2pm & 7:30pm, December 11th and 2pm, December 12th. Sixth Annual production of the beloved

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Art Exhibit: "Small Is Beautiful" 10am-4pm. Fourth annual small works show. On display through January 8th. Olive Free Library, 4033 Rte. 28A, West Shokan. olivefreelibrary.org/small-is-beautiful.

holiday favorite. \$25. Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main St., Tannersville. Info: 518-263-2000; catskillmtn.org

Holiday Market at Bethel Woods, 2-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays through December 19th. This holiday season, shop a wide selection of unique holiday gifts and support regional vendors and beyond during the Holiday Market. It will take place in conjunction with Peace, Love & Lights, our drive-thru holiday light

show, as both a daytime and nighttime market. No two weekends will host the same vendors! Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Luminous Lantern Walk, 3-5pm. An illuminated lantern walk across the Rosendale Trestle accompanied by the puppets of Redwing Blackbird Theater. Willow Kiln Park, Rosendale. Info: in-circle.org

2021 Safe Harbors Holiday Celebration, 4-8pm. Family friendly fun, outdoor event. Featuring a tree lighting, carol-

ers, snacks, Santa, Frosty & more. Safe Harbors of the Hudson | 111 Broadway, Newburgh.

3rd Annual Toys in the Basement Christmas Concert, 5-10pm. A fundraising concert hosted by 3 great cover bands: Gary and the Roaches, Chance Fiasco, and Noise In The Basement. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a drink token that may be redeemed for a free glass of beer or wine. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to 2 great local charities: Sparrow's Nest and the 8th Annual Toy Drive for patients of Maria Fareri Hospital. Revel 32°, 32 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie. Info: revel32.com/event-details/3rd-annual-toys-in-the-basement-christmas-concert

Snowman Canvas and Caroling, 5pm. 'Tis' the season for snowmen and caroling! We will be painting this adorable snowman on a 16x20 canvas while singing Christmas Carols! Your canvas will be pre-sketched for you. Bring the family and friends for a festive event. Make it a girls night, a date night or just because. Tickets are \$40 per person and include everything needed to paint. Boiceville Inn, Rte. 28, Boiceville. Info: cup-corksandcanvas.com/event/snowman_canvas_and_caroling

Beacon Second Saturday, 5-9pm. A city-wide celebration of the arts held on the second Saturday of every month where galleries and shops stay open until 9pm, most of which are right along Main Street. In addition to displaying art from around the globe, the event often includes free gallery talks, live music, and wine tasting. Downtown Beacon, Main St., Beacon. Info: Beaconarts.org.

Artist Reception: "Some Soft Thoughts" by Becca Van K, 5-8pm. Celebrate Becca Van K and her mixed-media fiber arts exhibition. Window On Hudson, 43 South 3rd St., Hudson. Info: windowonhudson.org

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Holiday Soirée of Live Local Artists, 7pm. Join us at the sparkly and spacious Fuller Building for a soirée of live local artists! Modern dance performances, a silent auction, and a local DJ to spin out the night. Fuller Building, 45 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston.

Walkabout Clearwater Chorus and Coffeehouse, 7:30-9:30pm. Featuring Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. \$25 per household. Held on Zoom. Info: norma.moshman@gmail.com; walkaboutchorus.org

Angel Eyes, Billy Wakeman, Duane Lauginiger, 7:30-11:59pm. Tubbys, 586 Broadway, Kingston.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021

Brunch with Santa! 10am. A holiday meet & greet with Santa. Reservations strongly suggested. Choice of pancakes or (blueberry or chocolate chip) muffin, plus fruit cup and bottle of water (please note, food may not be allergy-friendly). \$5 per child. Brunch with Santa. La Cucina Rosalie at Vineyard Commons, Highland.

Santa Cares Sensory Friendly Event, 10:30-11:30am. Sensory-friendly event where children and families with special needs can visit Santa in a controlled and intimate environment with low lighting and no music. Poughkeepsie Galleria, South Rd., Poughkeepsie. Info: poughkeepsiegalleriamall.com/event/sensory-friendly-event

HRMM Class: Nautical Rope Wreath, 10am. Join instructor Becky Sellinger for this 1-day class creating a nautical rope wreath. Each student will craft a beautiful piece to add some sea-themed flair to their holiday decor. Students will weave together nautical rope and assemble it onto a backing that can be hung on their front door. Students will be able to personalize and decorate their wreaths with various accoutrements to add their own special style and flavor. Rope wreaths

use traditional knot-tying methods and have a long history in traditional nautical decoration. Registration required. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. Info: hrmm.org/woodworking.html.

New Paltz Open Holiday Air Market, 10am-3pm. The market features locally grown produce, handmade goods, art, natural body products, baked goods, honey, cheeses, meats & eggs - all produced within a 40-mile radius from New Paltz. Market will run through December 12th. Hands sanitizer and masks will be available at the entrance of the market. Until further notice, masks and social distancing are required by all vendors and shoppers. Info: email NPOpenAirMarket@gmail.com. Church Street between Main and Academy Sts., New Paltz.

Pet Photos with Santa Claus, 11am-4pm. Join us at the Ulster County SPCA to have your pet's photo taken with Santa Claus by a professional photographer for a \$5 donation to the Ulster County SPCA. Raffle, treats, and social distancing included! Ulster County SPCA, 20 Weidy Rd., Kingston.

The Ultimate Santa Experience, 12-3pm. Pictures with Santa, Elsa and the Grinch. Face painting, arts & crafts and

more! Register by using the link below. Held at 34 Massa Dr., Kingston. Info: bit.ly/ulstercountysbestsantaexperience

Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive, 12-4pm. Donate a new, unwrapped toy. Hot cocoa and hot coffee available. Fresh, pre-wrapped baked cookies to go. Accepting donations of hams, turkeys and all the trimmings. Also canned and dry goods, juices and personal health and beauty items. Money donations accepted. Sponsored by the High Falls Fire Company. High Falls Fire District, 333 Firehouse Road, High Falls. Info: 845-687-0435

Pet Photos with St Nick, 12-3pm. Bring your pet for a photo with Santa. Garone's Mountain Fresh Farms, 17 Baileys Gap Rd., Highland. Info: facebook.com/events/434301178120473

Saugerties Animal Shelter DIY Stocking Hangers Fundraiser, 1pm. Raise money for the Saugerties Animal Shelter and create your very own stocking hanger or everyday hanger. Perfect for keys and leashes! Tickets are \$58 per person and include everything needed to create your board. As always you will get to choose your paint and or stain colors the day of the event. What a great gift made with love or home decor to brighten up your space. A portion of the proceeds will go to the

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Saugerties Animal Shelter. Cut off date for tickets is December 8th to allow time for the wood to be cut and sanded. Ticket link below. Greco Senior Center, 207 Market St., Saugerties. Info: cup-corksandcanvas.com/event/saugerties_animal_shelter_diy_stocking_hangers_fundraiser

Excerpts of "Into the Light", 2 & 4pm. Featuring Arm-of-the-Sea Theatre's giant puppets with The Vanaver Caravan's holiday songs, dances, and music traditions - Family Friendly. Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Info: 845-236-9300; vanavercaravan.org

Fools' Mass by Dzieci Theatre Troupe at Old Dutch Church in Kingston, 5-6pm. Actors playing medieval village "idiots" will take over the Old Dutch Church in Kingston to enact their own Christmas Mass. Theatre Group Dzieci (Polish for "children") will present its signature creation. A conversation with the actors will follow the performance. Free will offering. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. Info: 845-338-6759; info@olddutchchurch.org

A Baroque Christmas, 5pm. Presented by the Woodstock Symphony Orchestra.



Vanaver Caravan and Arm-of-the-Sea present *Into the Light*, 2pm & 4pm. *Into the Light* tells the story of a young girl named Lucia who journeys around the world to find light in the darkest time of the year. The performance will feature Arm-of-the-Sea Theatre's giant puppets with holiday songs, dances and music traditions such as Sankta Lucia, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, Diwali, Yule, Advent and Solstice. All performers and audience members are required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination (ages 12+) upon entry. General Admission is \$15 for all ages. Rosendale Theatre, Main St., Rosendale. Info: armofthesea.org

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An Evening with Chevy Chase, 7:30pm. Light up your holidays with Chevy Chase live on stage plus audience Q & A following a screening of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. After the showing of the holiday classic on the big screen, the celebration will continue with actor Chevy Chase (Clark Griswold) sharing stories from his career and the making of his classic movies and legendary television programs. \$40-\$80. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Info: palacealbany.org

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021

Celebrate the Holidays with Spaghetti Eastern Music at Rock da Casbah, 7-10pm. Three sets of sounds with Spaghetti Eastern Music (aka Sal Cataldi).



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Rosendale - A Christmas Carol, 7pm, December 17-18th and 2pm, December 18th. An interactive holiday family event! The Rosendale Theatre Collective, in collaboration with acclaimed NYC theatre company No.11 Productions, will present a highly unusual theatrical staging of A Christmas Carol. Raise a few spirits with Charles Dickens's classic ghost story in this interactive production for the whole family. Come be part of this timeless holiday story of hope and redemption. Order tickets online. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. Info: 845-594-6587; ann@rosendaletheatre.org

Bardavon's Big Screen: The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993), 7:30pm. In this trailblazing claymation holiday hit from producer Tim Burton, Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloweentown, schemes to celebrate a very different Christmas. \$6. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Info: bardavon.org

Superwolves on Tour, 8pm, December

17-19th. Matt Sweeney and Will Oldham reunite 16 years after their original underground classic, for performances featuring an album that plays like the continuation of a decades-long conversation. Join us for free hot cider and good music! Kaatsbaan Cultural Park for Dance, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Info: ci.ovationtix.com/36035

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021

Keith Gunderson Exhibit: "On the Town", 12-5pm. Featuring oil paintings of cityscapes and towns by acclaimed plein air painter, Keith Gunderson. On display through January 2nd. Our gallery is open to visitors Fridays-Sundays, 12-5pm. Wallkill River School, 232 Ward St., Montgomery. Info: 845-457-2787; wallkill.art

Hudson Valley Philharmonic-Handel's Messiah, 2pm. Guest Conductor Christine Howlett. For the 6th year, a celebration of Handel's master work, featuring soloists TBA and Cappella Festiva. Call the box office 845-473-2072 for more info &

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Open Mic at Kingston Artist Collective! 6:30-9:30pm. Every 3rd Saturday of the month we host our beloved Open

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Jessica Lynn's A Very Merry Country Christmas, 8-10pm. Family-oriented Christmas spectacular featuring country music star Jessica Lynn performing the holiday classics benefiting Toys for Tots. \$25-\$35. Paramount Hudson Valley Theater, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. Info: jessicalynnmusic.org/shows

Mavericks, 8pm. After selling out the Bardavon last March, the Grammy & CMA Award-winning genre-defying band Mavericks come to UPAC for the first time! With a Cuban-American lead singer, garage band ferocity, and their anything goes roots style, this will be a show you don't want to miss! The Mavericks combine Country, Tex-Mex, Latin Rock, & Rockabilly to form a unique blend of music. Tickets start at \$45. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Info: bardavon.org

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021

Woodstock School of Art Instructors Exhibition & Sale, 11am-6pm. 25% of sales will be donated to the Woodstock School of Art. Curated by Alan Goolman. On display Thursdays-Sundays through December 30th. The Lockwood Gallery, 747 Rte. 28, Kingston. Info: 845-663-2138; thelockwoodgallery.com



Movies with Spirit Film Series: *Lost Christmas*, December 18, 7-10pm. Admission by donation. St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. Info: 845-389-9201; facebook.com/MoviesWithSpirit

Ugly Sweater Public Skate, 3-5pm. Break out the ugly sweaters. Bake sale, 50/50 & gift basket raffles and a visit from Santa. \$10 admission, \$3 skate rental. Kiwanis Ice Arena, 6 Small World Ave., Saugerties.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021

Feel Good for the Holidays! Community Holistic Healthcare Day, 4-8pm. Holistic practitioners and community members volunteer their services. See the Healing Modalities page on our website for the kinds of services being offered, depending on which practitioners are available on a particular day. Though no money or insurance is required, sessions are offered in exchange for a donation, an

offering of volunteer service, or paying it forward by an act of kindness to someone in need. No one is turned away. Held the third Tuesday of the month. Marbletown Community Center, 3564 Main St., Stone Ridge. Info: holistichealthcommunity.org

Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021

Carolyn' Canines. A caroling pack of adoptable shelter dogs and volunteers will be making visits to homes and businesses in Kingston and the surrounding area on December 23rd! Caroling includes a light-hearted seasonal song sung by our volunteers, kisses and pets from adoptable shelter dogs, and a small present for the recipient of your warm holiday wishes. \$75. Info: ucspeca.org

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

Prairie Prince's "Colors and Passions: Music Art Magic" 4-6pm. Prairie Prince legendary drummer and world renowned Pop Artist exhibit and sale of limited edition signed prints and vintage Tubes Posters. Admission is free. Thunderhorse Hollow Farm, 50 Hardenburgh Rd., Ulster Park. Info: 2072867399; Kymara@Kymara.com

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021

New Year's Eve Communion Service, 12pm. New Year's Eve Communion Service About this Event Join us on New Year's Eve as we celebrate all that the Lord has provided for us and blessed us with in 2021, and pray for the New Year. Christ the King Charismatic Episcopal Church, 2 Eugene L Brown Dr., New Paltz.

New Year's Eve Balloon Drop Ball, 12-3pm. An uncommon Monday destination for a New Year's bash, this roller rink invites kids for a daytime celebration. In addition to skating, enjoy face painting and games—plus make your own time



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Hudson Valley Arts Live Presents New Years Eve at the Silk Factory, 7pm. Ring in the New Year with us at Hudson Valley Arts Live! Featuring a full casino, carving tables, illusions, and so much more! All entertainment and food and drink are included in one ticket price! The casino tables are open- blackjack, craps, and roulette! Featuring musical performances by Syncopation Kings swing band, DJ H20, and Meetchka as well as live performances by world renowned illusionist Chris Dare and drag show performances by Show-Ponii, Andramada, Katarina Mirage, and Venus. Refreshments include a full dinner with carving tables and buffet, full open bar hosted by Toasted Newburgh, desserts, and a Midnight champagne toast. A few more surprises are in store, so be sure to join for all the festivities! Tickets: allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=10000218067243997. Hudson Valley Arts Live, 299 Washington St., Newburgh.

New Years Eve Dinner, 7pm. 3-Course dinner & celebrations. Live music by Sean Feeney. Ring in 2022 with friends and family in the heart of the Catskills. Balloon drop, party favors, champagne toast, live music and delicious food. Call 518-634-2897 for dinner reservations. \$34.99. The Shamrock House, East Durham.

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New Years Eve Dance Party with Dave Leonard, MK Ultra & Mikey Palms, 8pm. An epic dance party for all ages and music genres! Out with the old, in with the new with 2022! Tickets \$20-\$25. The Colony, 22 Rock City Rd., Woodstock. Info: colonynewyearseve2021.eventbrite.com

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New Year's Eve at the Midnight Ramble, 9pm. Gates 7:30pm, doors 8:30pm, show 9pm. Tickets \$75-\$125. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Ln., Woodstock. Info: eventbrite.com/e/new-years-eve-at-the-midnight-ramble-tickets-217073612017

New Year's Eve Dinner 2021 at Rivertown Lodge, 9pm. Four-Course Dinner, with option of regular or vegetarian. Open bar. Dress code: formal. \$175 per ticket + tax and fees. Ticket includes a four-course dinner and dance party at midnight. Dress up! Rivertown Lodge 731 Warren St., Hudson. Info: rivertownlodge.com

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Ellenville

Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry, 161 Center St, Ellenville, Phone: 845-647-5998, Hours: Mon, Tue 1-4 pm, last week of month.

Ellenville United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 85 Canal St, Ellenville. Phone: 845- 647-7094 Hours: Thurs 9:15-10:30am.

Family of Ellenville Food Pantry, 221 Canal St, Ellenville, Phone: 845-647-2443, Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am-4:30pm, Wed 10am-6:30pm

St. Mary's & St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry, 137 S Main St, Ellenville, Phone: 845-647-6080 , Must call ahead by Wed.; Thurs pick up 3pm,

Shiloh Baptist Church Soup Kitchen, 60 Berne Rd, Ellenville, Phone: 845 647-8662 , Hours: Wed 12-2pm

Ulster Heights Methodist Church Food Pantry, 1264 Ulster Heights Rd, Ellenville, Phone: 845-648-4327, Hours: 2nd Wed 10am - 12pm; 4th Wed 5-7pm

Esopus/Port Ewen

Ascension Holy Trinity Food Pantry, 1585 Route 9W, West Park, Phone: 845-384-6723 , Hours: Sun 1-3pm

Hunger is Not an Option at Esopus United Methodist Church, 151 W Main St, Port Ewen, Phone: 845- 338-0356 , Hours: Fri & Sat 10am-12pm

Gardiner

St. Charles Helping Hands Food Pantry, 2212 Route 44-55, Gardiner, Phone: 845- 255-1374 , Hours: Thurs 11am - 12:30pm

Highland

Ascension Holy Trinity Food Pantry, 21 Lower Grand St, Highland, Phone:

845- 384-6723 , Hours: Sat 10am-12pm, 3rd Wed of month, 6-8pm

Community Action, 15 Church St, Highland , Phone: 845- 338-8750 x300 , Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Family Outreach Food Pantry, 529 Rt 44/55, Highland, Delivered Meals, Phone: 845- 380-8799 , Hours: 2nd & 4th Wed of month 2-6pm

St. Augustine Parish Food Pantry, 35 Philips Ave, Highland, Phone: 845-691-7673 , Hours: 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 9-11am

Hurley

Saint Joseph's Mission Church, Conifer Lane, Hurley, Phone: 845-255-5635, The food bank meets special requests. A doctor's referral is needed, and meals or groceries can be prepared for people with diabetes, hypertension, or AIDS/HIV.

Kingston

Angel Food East, 207 Albany Ave, Kingston, Phone: 845- 331-6538, Hours: Mon & Thurs 8am-12pm meal deliveries to chronically ill.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry, 6 Adams St, Kingston, Phone: 845- 340-9170, Hours: Tue & Fri 11am-5pm., A food pantry and other financial aid/social services are run. A focus is on individuals with special needs. There may also be clothing, household goods, and case management.

Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church, 122 Clinton Ave, Kingston., Phone: 845-331-7188, The food pantry is for low-income individuals, senior citizens living on a pension or families in the community.

Community Action, 70 Lindsley Ave, Kingston, Phone: 845- 338-8750x110 , Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Heaven Bound Food Pantry, 100 Lucas Ave, Kingston, Phone: 845- 616-3211 , Hours: 1st & 3rd Thurs 11am-1pm, 2d & 4th Thurs 4:30-6:30 pm

People's Place Food Pantry, 17 St James

St, Kingston, Phone: 845- 338-4030, Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm, Wed 5-7pm

People's Café, 779 Broadway, Kingston, Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm

Pointe of Praise Family Life Center Food Pantry, 243 Hurley Ave, Kingston, Phone: 845-339-4615, Hours: Sat 1-3pm

St. James Happy to Help Food Pantry, 35 Pearl Street, Kingston, Phone: 845-331-3030 , Hours: 3 Sundays a month, 10:30am-2pm (call for schedule)

Salvation Army of Ulster County Food Pantry, 35 Cedar St, Kingston, Phone: 845- 331-1803 , Hours: Mon-Fri 1-3pm Red Shield Lunchbox: Mon-Fri 12-1pm

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 72 Spring St, Kingston , Phone: 845- 338-2954 , Hours: T-Th 9am - 1pm

Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, 30 Pine Grove Ave, Kingston, Phone: 888-726-7276, Hours: Wednesday 4pm-6pm

YWCA Of Ulster County, 209 Clinton Ave, Kingston, Phone: 845-338-6844, Many supplies and food programs to help low income parents, including single mothers in Ulster County. Free formula, clothing, strollers, cribs, diapers, carseats, baby supplies and more are for income qualified parents.

Ulster County Office For The Aging, 1003 Development Court, Kingston, Phone: 845-340-3456, The non-profit operates Meals on Wheels, which will bring a client food or a hot meal. There are also 7 feeding sites in the county for the disabled or senior citizens to drop in at. Transportation may be arranged.

Ulster County Department Of Social Services, 1061 Development Ct, Kingston., Phone: 845-334-5000., Provides applications to government grants and financial assistance, through SNAP food stamps, section 8 housing vouchers, and other programs.

Lake Katrine

Bread of Life Food Pantry, Neighborhood Rd, Lake Katrine, Phone: 844-KINGSFIRE ext #3 865, Hours: Sun

reenactments, arts and culture activities. Various Kingston locations. Info: 845-338-0331; artsalongthehudson.com/kingston

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022

Destination Saugerties: First Fridays, 5-10pm. Shops keep their doors open every first Friday of each month. Shop, drink, dine and play local! Village of Saugerties.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

Beacon Second Saturday, 5pm-9pm.

A city-wide celebration of the arts held on the second Saturday of every month where galleries and shops stay open until 9pm, most of which are right along Main Street. In addition to displaying art from around the globe, the event often includes free gallery talks, live music, and wine tasting. Main Street, Downtown Beacon. Info: Beaconarts.org

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

FW Murnau's *The Last Laugh*, 2-4pm.

An aging doorman is forced to face the scorn of his friends and society after being fired from his prestigious job at a luxurious hotel. Rosendale Theater, Main St., Rosendale. Info: 845-658-8989; info@rosendalthetheatre.org; rosendale-theatre.org

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

"New Year/New Artists: Devlin and Dooley" Opening Reception, 6-9pm. KP Devlin's paintings are inspired

12:30-2pm, 1st & 3rd Fri 12-2pm

Marlboro

Saint Mary's Church Food Pantry, 71 Grand St, Marlboro, Phone: 845- 236-4340, Hours: Wed 10am-4pm Serving only residents of Marlboro & Milton

Modena

Modena United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 1928 Rt 44/55, Modena, Phone: 845-883-7142, Hours: Tues 11am - 12pm.

New Paltz

Family of New Paltz Food Pantry, 51 North Chestnut St, New Paltz, Phone: 845- 255- 8801 , Hours: Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-4pm

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Food Pantry, 34 S Chestnut St, New Paltz, Phone: 845-255-5635, Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri, 11am - 12pm

Phoenicia

Town of Shandaken Food Pantry, 25 Church St, Phoenicia, Phone: 845- 688-5670 , Hours: Thurs 10am -12pm

Pine Bush

Pine Bush Ecumenical Food Pantry, Rte 52 & New Prospect Rd, Pine Bush, Phone: 845-744-3390, Hours: Wed 10am-12pm; Thurs 5-7pm

Plattekill

New Day Tabernacle Church Food Pantry, 38 Fire House Rd, Plattekill, Phone: 845-566-4441, Hours: Sat 10am - 12pm; Wed 6-7 pm

Plattekill Food Pantry, 1250 Route 32, Plattekill, Phone: 845- 564-4972 , Hours: Wed 4-6pm

Rosendale

Rosendale Food Pantry 45 James St, Rosendale., Phone: 845- 205-2822., Hours: Mon 9am-1pm, Sat 10am-1pm

Saugerties

Atonement Lutheran Church, 100 Market St, Saugerties, Phone: 845-246-8322 for hours. In addition to the regular pantry, a mass distribution occurs monthly. Groceries, rice, soup, and more is passed out to qualified low income families in the area.

by Hieronymus Bosch's The Garden of Earthly Delights – specifically the Hell portion! Jennifer Dooley skillfully uses wide-angle lenses to magnify the tattered grandeur of public spaces that had been built to impress. The show runs through February 2nd. RiverWinds Gallery, 172 Main St., Beacon. Info: 845-838-2880; riverwindsgallery.com.

God Given Bread Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, 100 Market St, Saugerties, Phone: 845- 246-8322 , Hours: Tues & Wed 10-11:45am

Saugerties Area Council Of Churches, 44 Livingston St, Saugerties., Phone: 845-255-5635, Volunteers work at the churches and feed children as well as struggling families.

Stone Ridge

Christ the King Episcopal Church, Stone Ridge., Phone: 845-687-4013, Holiday and Christmas meals, food baskets, and other aid is available from the pantry for needy families.

Town of Rochester

Food Pantry, 15 Tobacco Rd, Accord,

Phone: 845- 626-7501 , Hours: Wed. 3-7pm, Fri. 10am-12pm Last Saturday of the month: 10am-12pm

Wallkill

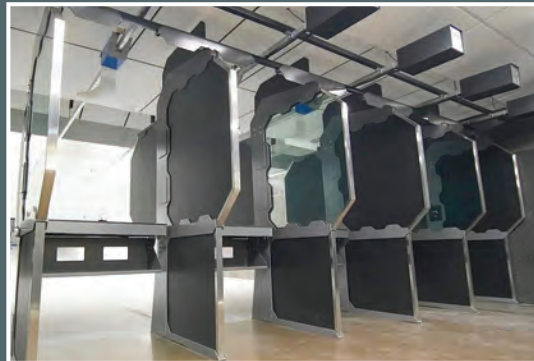
Loaves And Fishes Food Closet, 45 Bridge St, Wallkill., Phone: 845-895-2181., The faith based charity mostly offer referrals. Callers can learn about everything from local housing in Ulster to food pantries and meal sites.

Woodstock

Woodstock Reformed Church, 18 Tinker Street, Woodstock., Phone: 845-679-6610, An emergency food pantry is on site. Fruits, dairy, canned meat, and more is for the working poor. Holiday meals are served too.



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