

# **Holiday Events**

## **Santa Claus Parades**

### **Hamilton Santa Claus Parade**

November 13, 2010

From Queen and Main Streets, east on Main to John Street, north on John to King Street, west on King to Bay Street. 2pm. [www.hamiltonsantaparade.com](http://www.hamiltonsantaparade.com)

### **Flamborough Santa Claus Parade**

November 27, 2010

Starting at 6:30pm sharp, the parade starts on Hamilton Street, across from Memorial Park, and will wind through beautiful downtown Waterdown, ending at the corner of Main Street and Parkside Drive.

[www.flamboroughsantaclausparade.com](http://www.flamboroughsantaclausparade.com)

### **Stoney Creek Santa Clause Parade**

December 04, 2010

Parade travels along Gray Road to King Street E turning onto King St E and going west through Stoney Creek downtown, ending at Community Park. Parade starts at 2pm. [www.chamberstoneycreek.com](http://www.chamberstoneycreek.com)

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### **Auxiliary Christmas Sale**

November 11, 2010 to November 13, 2010

Royal Botanical Gardens

The Auxiliary Christmas Sale is a showcase of innovative designs, new ideas and product lines for holiday decorating and entertaining. [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

### **The McQuesten's Childhood Christmas**

November 20, 2010 to January 2, 2011

Whitehern Historic House & Garden

Enjoy this special time of year as the McQuestens look back on the Christmas of their childhood.

[www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Christmas in the Pioneer Spirit**

November 20, 2010 to January 02, 2011

Battlefield House Museum and Park

Join us for an early 19th century family Christmas; where a crackling fire warms you, evergreen boughs bedeck the mantles and enticing smells fill the air. Time:

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ages: All Cost: Regular admission rates apply to the

museum. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Victorian Christmas Cracker**

November 23 & December 6, 2010

Dundurn National Historic Site

Participants will create a colourful array of Christmas Crackers for their own holiday table. New this year, participants will spend time with our cook in Dundurn's historic kitchen to make chocolate candies to fill their crackers. Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Ages: 14 years and older. Cost: \$45.00 per person. Pre-registration required. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Doorways To The Holidays**

November 27, 2010 to December 09, 2010

Royal Botanical Gardens

Family seasonal fun — children entertainers, local children and adult choirs, Santa and his reindeer plus breakfast with Santa, over 100 holiday-themed decorated doors, and more. [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

### **Victorian Christmas**

November 27, 2010 to January 02, 2011

Dundurn National Historic Site

Enjoy the beauty of a mid-19th century family Christmas celebration at Dundurn Castle. The Garden Club of Hamilton decorates the Castle in Victorian splendour with cedar boughs, ribbons and dried flowers. Bring your family and share a Hamilton holiday tradition. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Santa & Reindeer**

November 28, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2010

Royal Botanical Gardens

Visit Santa and his Reindeer. [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

### **Puddicombe Polar Express**

November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery

Experience the magic of Christmas at Puddicombe Farms Train ride on "Little Pudd" our seasonally decorated train, hot chocolate and cookie, visit our Pullman car (just like the one in the movies) and visit the north pole-meet Santa and Mrs. Clause. Children's crafts and story time also available. DRESS FOR THE WEATHER! RUNS RAIN OR SHINE. The program runs for approx. 1 1/2 hours. Picture opportunities with Santa as well. Bring your cameras! November 29<sup>th</sup> December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. Times 11am, 12pm and 1pm. Tickets must be reserved. [www.puddicombefarms.com](http://www.puddicombefarms.com)

### **A Christmas Carol**

December 01, 2010 to January 02, 2011

Theatre Aquarius, Dofasco Centre for the Arts

Called by the New York Times "a tonic for adults, and for children a transfixing journey," this spectacular musical extravaganza ran for ten years at Madison

Square Garden. This "A Christmas Carol" retains its emotional power and pure joy, thanks to the marvelously-told story by Ockrent and Ahrens, and the Menken/Ahrens score filled with beautiful melodies and emotional lyrics.

[www.theatreaquarius.org](http://www.theatreaquarius.org)

### **A Very Follies Christmas**

December 2 & 3, 2010

Hamilton Place

These talented performers, all 60-years plus, dedicate over 39,000 hours each year through a demanding rehearsal and performance schedule. The Follies performers inspire and motivate audiences to get-up and go! Performing at the Great Hall, Hamilton Place. 2:00 pm Matinee performance. [www.hecfi.ca](http://www.hecfi.ca)

### **It's A Wonderful Life**

December 03, 2010 to December 11, 2010

Westside Concert Theatre on King St W.

George Bailey has spent his entire life giving of himself to the people of Bedford Falls, but on Christmas Eve, after a horrible mishap at the bank, George's life seems to be unravelling before his eyes. What better way to spend an evening than watching a holiday classic with the family, being reminded of how much all the little things truly matter? [www.hammerentertainment.ca](http://www.hammerentertainment.ca)

### **Rita MacNeil and Frank Mills - The Spirit of Christmas**

December 04, 2010

Hamilton Place

Two Canadian legends will come together this winter to bring you a memorable evening of seasonal entertainment. Singer/songwriter Rita MacNeil will be joined on tour by composer and pianist extraordinaire Frank Mills. [www.hecfi.ca](http://www.hecfi.ca)

### **Christmas Kaleidoscope**

December 04, 2010

Redeemer University College

The music department of RedeemerUniversityCollege presents its large and small ensembles and student soloists in a colourful collage of music to bring in the season. [www.redeemer.ca](http://www.redeemer.ca)

### **Santa Survivor**

December 04, 2010

Staircase Theatre

Santa's Elves must curry favour with the big guy to be the last elf standing on Christmas eve....it's cut throat, improvised fun because Santa's elves aren't unionized. Improv Comedy at the Staircase Theatre. [www.staircase.org](http://www.staircase.org)

### **Christmas Evening Tours**

December 4, 5, 9, 11, 16 to 22, 28 to 29, 2010

Dundurn National Historic Site

Enjoy a unique opportunity to see Dundurn Castle decorated for Christmas in the evening. Begin your evening with carol singing in the front hall, a tour of MacNab's lavish home and a stop to sample an assortment of traditional Christmas foods served in the historic kitchen. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

December 04, 11 & 18, 2010

Westfield Heritage Village

Celebrate Christmas past from Georgian times to the modern era and feel the warmth of the season through plays, food samples, fireworks, horse and wagon rides and a visit from Saint Nick. Runs from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Admission fees: adults: \$9.75, seniors/disabled: \$8.75, children 6-12 years old: \$5.75.

Children 5 and under are free. Parking is free. [www.westfieldheritage.ca](http://www.westfieldheritage.ca)

### **The Nutcracker Festival 2010**

December 09, 2010 to December 12, 2010

Canadian Youth Ballet Ensemble

Over one hundred years after its initial debut, it returns to Hamilton Place to launch the traditional Christmas Season festivities in grand style. Co-produced by the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, The Nutcracker, as beautiful and dazzling as ever, features the best dancers of the Cuban National Ballet accompanied by a wonderful ensemble of Canadian children. [www.cbye.ca](http://www.cbye.ca)

### **Christmas Open House**

December 11, 2010

Westfield Heritage Village

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas and celebrate the season where traditions of an earlier time are brought to life. Learn about Santa's history and pre-register your child for an official meeting. Runs from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Admission fees: adults: \$9.75, seniors/disabled: \$8.75, children 6-12 years old: \$5.75.

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### **Santa Saturdays on Concession Street**

December 11, 2010

Santa Saturdays on Concession Street! December 11th and 17th, 2010.

[www.concessionstreet.com](http://www.concessionstreet.com)

### **Christmas Through the Ages**

December 11, 2010

Mohawk College Community Choir

This choral concert is quickly becoming a beloved Christmas tradition at historic St. Paul's United Church in downtown Dundas. Enjoy three unique choral masterpieces by Handel, Haydn, and Rutter - spanning 300 years of music history. Join us for Christmas cheer in the parlour following the performance.

[www.mohawkcollege.ca](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca)

### **Christmas Family Sunday**

December 12 & 19, 2010

Whitehern Historic House & Garden

Celebrate the holiday season with your family. Enjoy a casual visit to view the McQuesten Childhood Christmas in the home, then visit The Stable for a seasonal concert and sing-along with refreshments. Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ages: All Cost: Regular admission rates apply to the museum. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 12, 2010

Royal Botanical Gardens

Spend Breakfast with Santa and get your picture taken with his Reindeer –

Brunch includes admission. [www.rbq.ca](http://www.rbq.ca)

### **Christmas Family Evening Tours**

December 12, 2010

Dundurn National Historic Site

This is a special evening tour that allows families to see Dundurn's Victorian Christmas in a one-hour evening tour. [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Christmas Table**

December 12, 2010

Westfield Heritage Village

Experience an old fashioned Christmas show, bonfire and a four-course historical dinner. Limited seating. Tickets go on sale first business day in September (September 1, 2010). [www.westfieldheritage.ca](http://www.westfieldheritage.ca)

### **A Family Christmas**

December 12, 2010

Symphony Hamilton ~ Symphony on the Bay

Enjoy the beautiful music of Symphony Hamilton at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

[www.symphonymontreal.ca](http://www.symphonymontreal.ca)

### **Holiday Music in the Old Firehall**

December 14, 2010

Theatre Ancaster

Featuring the singers and musicians of Theatre Ancaster presented at the Old Firehall Arts Centre, 334 Wilson St. East in Ancaster. All proceeds donated to the Ancaster Community Services Special Christmas Fund.

[www.theatreancaster.com](http://www.theatreancaster.com)

### **Christmas at Carmen's**

December 15, 2010

Carmens Banquet Centre

All the songs of the season! The David Dayler troupe perform all of your favourite Carols with a scrumptious holiday meal. [www.carmens.com](http://www.carmens.com)

### **The Simple Joys of Christmas**

December 18, 2010

Battlefield House Museum and Park

Gather your family together, take a break from holiday shopping and step back in time to experience the warmth and welcome of an early 19th century Christmas.

Join us for music, children's activities and hearth-baked treats. Visit with St.

Nicholas and browse for unique holiday gifts. Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Ages:

All Cost: Regular admission rates apply to the museum.

[www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Winter Whimsy**

December 18 to January 19, 2010

Hamilton's Children's Museum

School is out! Beat the winter doldrums with a variety of crafts, outdoor activities and games this holiday season. Every day will have a special theme.

[www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Stuart Mclean "A Vinyl Café Christmas"**

December 20, 2010

Hamilton Place

Canada's beloved story teller and humourist Stuart McLean brings holiday spirit to Hamilton Place with stories and music. Coming to Hamilton Place on Monday December 20, 2010 at 7pm.

[www.hecfi.ca](http://www.hecfi.ca)

### **Christmas Workshop**

December 28, 2010 to December 31, 2010

Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology

Hands on activities for children. Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ages: All Cost: Call for details.

[www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

### **Holiday Family Fun**

December 28 to December 30, 2010

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Join us on for Family Fun Days. Fun, family-friendly art making activities inspired by AGH Exhibitions allow children to make masterpieces of their own. Each month has a different theme and a new activity. Artist instructors bring their expertise to each project making each visit new and engaging.

[www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com)

### **Free Tim Horton's Family Skate**

#### **Chedoke Twin Pad Arena**

December 21 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

December 23 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Copps Coliseum**

December 23 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

December 27 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

December 31 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

January 1 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

#### **Coronation Arena**

December 22 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 23 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 29 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 30 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Eastwood Arena**

December 21 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 23 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 28 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

December 30 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Glanbrook Arena**

December 22 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

December 29 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### **Lawfield Arena**

December 22 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

December 29 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

#### **Market Street Arena**

December 24 9:00 am - 11:00 am

December 31 9:00 am - 11:00 am

### Mountain Arena

December 21 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
December 23 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
December 30 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### North Wentworth Community Centre

December 22 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
December 23 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
December 29 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
December 30 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

### Parkdale Arena

December 22 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
December 29 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
December 31 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Rosedale Arena

December 24 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
December 31 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### Stoney Creek Arena

December 23 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
December 29 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
December 30 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Valley Park Arena

December 24 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
December 31 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Morgan Firestone Arena

December 21 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
December 23 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
December 28 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
December 30 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Please visit [www.tourismhamilton.com](http://www.tourismhamilton.com) for additional event listings