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WINTER WONDERLAND

UT Gardens
presents
its first Winter
Wonderland

Saturday
Dec. 7, 2013

A Holiday Garden Adventure

Come spread holiday cheer at a new seasonal event hosted by the University of Tennessee Gardens. Winter Wonderland is a family event and will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

Visitors can stroll through the gardens and enjoy winter-themed fun at five different activity stations. Learn about the variety of celebrations that take place around this time of year while enjoying seasonal craft favorites. From cookies to conifers, it's positively chilling how much fun the family

will have (not to mention the tasty winter treats everyone will get to take home).

Parents are asked to remind children to bring their holiday wish lists. A special someone from the North Pole will be making an appearance!

Registration is required. Cost is \$4 per child 12 and under (must be accompanied by an adult). Register at utgardens.tennessee.edu or call 865-974-7151 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

All proceeds benefit the UT Gardens.

Clarence Brown Mainstage Features “A Christmas Carol”

November 27 thru December 22

“A Christmas Carol” is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, whose ghostly journey and transformation through Christmas past, present and future is among the most beloved stories in western literature.

Described by Dickens as his “little Christmas book,” “A Christmas Carol” was first published in December 1843. The story was instantly successful, selling over 6,000 copies in one week. It has since been republished countless times and adapted for stage and screen. It remains one of literatures’ most enduring and often-quoted stories of hope, triumph, and communal spirit.

This year’s production at the Clarence Brown Theatre features an enhanced set, more music and will include an intermission. Also new this year will be a special photo opportunity and sweet treat concessions for young and old alike. The production is sponsored by mainstage series sponsor, Schaad Companies and the Arts and Heritage Fund. Hotel support is provided by the Hilton Garden Inn. Media sponsors are WBIR, Comcast, WUOT, WUTK, Knoxville News Sentinel, East TN PBS, and B97.5.

Director Casey Sams is an Associate Professor at UT where she works in both the Graduate and Undergraduate programs teaching Movement and Acting. Casey’s other CBT credits include: “Sweeney Todd,” “On the Razzle,” and “Tommy.” She also has directed, choreographed or served as movement coach at such theatres as The Round House Theatre (DC), The Utah Shakespearean Festival, PlayMakers Rep (Chapel Hill), North Carolina stage Company (Asheville), Virginia Stage Company (Norfolk), Knoxville Opera Company, and Vermont Stage Company (Burlington).

“What excites me about “A Christmas Carol” and one of the areas we will be focusing on is the real sense that Scrooge is going on an individual journey . . . that it’s his trip from being closed off and isolated from



Shelton Tison and David Kortemeier in the Clarence Brown Theatre’s “A Christmas Carol”

the world around him to a place where he can see and share in the beauty, generosity, and joy that is around him,” Sams said.

Rachel Schlafer-Parton (Musical Director) from Luttrell, TN is best known for her performance on the syringe on Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion.” She also performed at the National Gallery of Art, Strathmore Music Center, Bonnaroo, and the Bluebird Café. Locally she has performed with Farr Horizons, Knoxville Early Music Project, InterAct Children’s Theatre for the Deaf, Hudson K, and The Band of Humans. Her CBT credits include: “A Christmas Carol” and “The Story of Opal.”

The production features professional actors and resident artists, UT Theatre faculty, UT graduate and undergraduate student actors, and actors from greater Knoxville.

Again, performing the role of Scrooge is visiting guest actor David Kortemeier. Some CBT credits include: “Sweeney Todd,” “Moonlight & Magnolias,” “The Music Man,” “Man of La Mancha,” “Amadeus,” “Oedipus the King,” “Little Shop of Horrors,” and “Love’s Labour’s Lost.” His work also has been seen at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, the Great Lakes Theatre Festival in Cleveland, Drury Lane Theatre and Noble Fool Theatricals in Chicago and thirteen seasons with the Illinois Shakespeare Festival in Bloomington. He holds an MFA in Acting from the University of Louisville.

UT Theater graduate actors include: Micah-Shane Brewer (Bob Cratchit/Ensemble); Johanna Dunphy (Belle/Mrs. Fred/Ensemble); Angela Graham (Mrs. Cratchit/Ensemble); Stuart Matthews (Schoolmaster/Priest/ Topper/Undertaker); Corey O’Brien-Pniewski (Fred/Ensemble); Laura Sebastian (Mrs. Grigsby/Mrs. Fezziwig/Ensemble); and Tramell Tillman (Soloist/Musician/Ensemble).

Undergraduate students include: Dani Disotelle (Petunia/Ensemble); Kolt Free (Dick Wilkins/Ensemble); Robert Parker (Boy Scrooge/Peter Cratchit/Ensemble); Hannah Jones (Martha Cratchit/Ensemble), Eric Sorrels (Young Ebenezer/Ensemble); Juliet Bethel Stuphin (Fan/Sophia/Ensemble); and Emerald Wright (Dorthea).

Community actors include: Cian Owen Bell (Boy Caroler, Boy Ebenezer, Tom Cratchit, Ignorance, Turkey Boy and Ensemble); Kate Cimino (Belinda Cratchit, Ensemble); Isabella Coyne (Mary Cratchit); Eason Bullard (Tiny Tim, Ensemble); Ted Kitterman (Fiddler/Ensemble); Amelia Payne (Mary Cratchit/Ensemble); and Shelton Tison (Tiny Tim/Ensemble).

The creative team for this production includes: Melissa Caldwell-Weddig (Costume Coordinator); Catherine Marie Girardi (Lighting Designer); Joe Payne (Sound and Projection/Media Designer); and Christopher Pickart (Scenic Designer).

Also contributing to the production are Jess Milewicz (Young Performers’ Director); Ted Kitterman (Assistant Musical Director); Asya Angelique Mounger (Assistant Costume Coordinator); Isabel Tipton (Assistant Sound Designer); Kevin McClintock (Assistant Media Director); Kenneth Foster (Assistant Lighting Designer) and Carol Mayo Jenkins (Dialect Coach).

The preview for “A Christmas Carol” is Wednesday, November 27 followed by Opening Night Friday, November 29. The show runs through December 22. UT faculty/staff, senior citizens, children and students receive discounts. A special Gift of Theatre 3-show package is available for sale for \$69.



Christmas in Old Appalachia

Museum of Appalachia

December 7, 2013 – December 24, 2013

Popcorn balls and paper chains, fruits and nuts in their stockings, carols by the fire, a cedar tree cut in the nearby woods — that's the Christmas most rural Appalachian children knew.

And it's the Christmas we recreate each year throughout the Museum village at our special Christmas in Old Appalachia. Join us as we recreate a meaningful holiday of simpler pleasures and homier joys. Traditional trees and homemade decorations, typical of austere pioneer days, transform the Museum's authentic log buildings; and in the one-room, dirt-floored Dan'l Boone cabin, strings of popcorn and cotton bolls circle a dormant tree. Paper chains and other ornaments trim the tree in the Little Tater Valley Schoolhouse.

Sweet gum and sycamore balls are strung throughout the Mark Twain Family Cabin, and a traditional silver star tops a native red cedar Christmas tree in the turn-of-the-century Peters Homestead House. Apples, nuts, homemade toys, and oranges fill stockings hung in the cabins.

Sing Christmas carols along with musicians in the Homestead House, where they'll be singing holiday and traditional songs every day during December. Sit and visit with the kids over some hot chocolate and Christmas cookies from the Museum Restaurant.

Pick up some stocking stuffers in the Museum Gift and Antique Shop, which features everything from hand-crafted ornaments, locally made muscadine and moonshine jellies, and beautiful pottery, along with baskets, quilts, and plenty of Appalachian specialties. Or just come relax in a rocking chair by the cozy, crackling fire in the big stone fireplace.

Museum of Appalachia, 2819 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716 (16 miles north of Knoxville at I-75, exit 122, then one mile east). Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Information: 865-494-7680, www.museumofappalachia.org.



Elizabeth Kidder

First Friday at Bliss Home

Bliss Home is pleased to present Knoxville artist, Elizabeth Kidder, for December's First Friday. Bliss Home, located at 29 Market Square, will host an opening reception on Friday, December 6th, from 6pm to 9pm. Complimentary Steamboat Sandwiches will be provided and Elizabeth's art will be featured for the month of December.

Elizabeth's December exhibit is comprised of illustrations that invite the viewer to walk around the landscape, become the figure and read the underlying tale. "Though they are just images, they hold life, like the flick of a tail in an otherwise motionless horse," she said. "One of the greatest inventions of man is the story, and all books, fiction or otherwise, contain truths about our own lives. My illustrations compliment the written word; in combination, they take the viewer further in."



Clayton Holiday Concert

Join the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and special guests: Knoxville Choral Society and Go! Contemporary Danceworks for a Celtic Holiday!
Venue: Civic Auditorium

Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$14.00 - \$45.00.
Call (865) 291-3310 for questions and group discounts.



Spirited: A Visitation from Jonathan and Janet

Sunday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Colonial Heights United Methodist Church
6321 Chapman Highway

“We need a good Christmas this year.”

This has become the rallying cry for Jonathan Richard Cring, author and columnist at www.jonathots.com for a program he is offering during this festive holiday season.

“There should be one month of the year when politics and arguing stop and we allow the best parts of our childhood traditions to merge with the better parts of our faith to give us a joyful experience,” says Mr. Cring from his journeys on the road.

For Mr. Cring and his partner, master musician Janet Clazzy, have just completed a tour of 30 states, 175 cities, with 210 presentations across America. It was Janet who, back in July, suggested that the pair take the month of December, and rather than beachcombing

in Florida, put together a program of humor, music, singing and enlightenment—with a Yuletide twist.

“I will be reading from my book, Mr. Kringle’s Tales...26 Stories ’til Christmas, an advent-calendar of essays which mingle the best of my upbringing of Santa and Jingle Bells with the more heartfelt parts of my faith of Jesus and the angels. I just happen to believe that if you put Jesus and Santa Claus in the same room, they’d get along a lot better than Congress does.”

Janet Clazzy is an award-winning musician—not only a master on the oboe but also an impresario on the WX-5 Wind Machine, which offers the audience the experience of 250 different instruments.

“When Jonathan and I get together playing with his keyboard and my magical horn, it’s like you’ve got a whole orchestra cooking up some great seasonal tunes—much to everybody’s glee.”

The Christmas tour will begin in Nashville, Tennessee, and will land in Miami just prior to Christmas morning. Everybody is invited to an evening of inspiration, deliciously “pepperminted” with entertainment.

Mr. Cring concludes, “We understand that people have a lot to do, getting ready for all the fun around the tree. But it wouldn’t hurt to take one hour to come out and give yourself a good one this year—because I surely believe we could use one.”

A free-will donation will be collected to defray expenses, and Mr. Cring and Ms. Clazzy will also offer a reasonable package of Christmas treasures to be enjoyed by the audience—or given as gifts to friends.





"It's a Wonderful Life" is a Christmas classic featuring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, a compassionate but debt-ridden manager of a bank in typical small-town America, and the angel that helps Bailey realize his importance in the world.

It's a Wonderful Life

Home Federal Bank is presenting two free showings on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1 and 5 p.m. at the historic Tennessee Theatre, 604 S. Gay Street, downtown Knoxville.

Doors will open one hour prior to each showing. The event is free, and no ticket is required. Seating is limited to the theater's capacity.

The movie was nominated for five Academy Awards and ranks No. 20 on the American Film Institute's "100 Greatest Movies of All Time" list.

Moviegoers will receive \$2 discount coupons for the Holidays on Ice rink on Market Square.

Jazz Lunch at the Square Room

Tribute to Vince Guaraldi

The next concert in the Jazz Lunch series will take place on Wednesday, December 4th, from noon to 1:00 pm at the Square Room. Admission to the concert is \$15 and includes a lunch buffet served up by Café 4. Tickets are available online at www.knoxjazz.org or by visiting Café 4 in person prior to the show. The Jazz Lunch performance will feature "Tribute to Vince Guaraldi" with John Thomas Oaks and friends. Musicians Vance Thompson (trumpet), Allen Smith (bass), and Keith Brown (drums) will join Oaks for this special tribute.

Pianist/composer Vince Guaraldi came to national attention in 1965 when the Charlie Brown Christmas special first aired on CBS. Guaraldi penned the majority of the pieces for the show and his trio performed all of the music, including "Linus and Lucy," which became the theme song for the Peanuts franchise. Join pianist John Thomas Oaks and friends as they recreate the magic of this iconic piece of Americana.

December at the Art Market Gallery

Featured Artists: Painter Lil Clinard & Ceramicist Gray N. Bearden



Painting by Lil Clinard



Pottery by Gray N. Bearden

Painter Lil Clinard of Loudon and ceramicist Gray N. Bearden of Knoxville, both award winners with works in many private collections, are the Art Market Gallery's featured artists for the month of December. Their recent works will be on exhibit at The Art Market Gallery through Dec. 29 with an opening reception to be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6. There will be live music by Marquis McGee to celebrate the holiday season, complimentary refreshments, and artisan-made ornaments created by gallery members to help support the Community School of the Arts, a nonprofit program providing free instruction in the arts to children from underserved areas of Knox County.

Owned and operated by more than 60 professional regional artists, Art Market Gallery, at 422 S. Gay St., is a few doors away from Mast General Store and next to Downtown Grill & Brewery. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday. The gallery is wheelchair accessible, and parking in the abutting garage and on the street is free on weekends and after 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit artmarketgallery.net, or facebook.com/Art.Market.Gallery.

Holidays on Ice

returns to
Downtown Knoxville

Presented by Home Federal Bank



Locally owned Home Federal Bank joins its love of downtown Knoxville and Christmas this winter through its role as presenting sponsor for the City of Knoxville's Holidays on Ice. The ice rink opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 29.

"We're a hometown bank with hometown values," said Home Federal Bank President Dale Keasling. "Supporting the rink is a natural fit for us. It also fits in well with our other Christmas tradition of hosting free showings of 'It's a Wonderful Life' at the Tennessee Theatre."

This year marks the 8th season for the ice rink on Market Square in the heart of downtown Knoxville. The rink will be open Friday, Nov. 29, through Sunday, Jan. 5.

Keasling added that he hopes lots of people will have the opportunity to come downtown and enjoy some time on the ice. "The Christmas season is a great time for families to enjoy quality time together. We hope that the people of Knoxville will take advantage of this fun way to celebrate the season."

In 2012, the rink hosted 16,000 skaters and 20,000 spectators. For more information including hours and admission rates, visit www.knoxvillesholidaysonice.com.



Gingerbread Houses & Winter Flavors

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*Avanti Savoia's
La Cucina*

Knoxville's very own gourmet food importing business is offering another set of cooking classes at their kitchen, La Cucina. Featuring a wide range of cuisines and traditions, the classes always focus on efficient professional cooking techniques that will make any cook's life easier – and more fun!

During the traditional two-hour long technique-oriented class, you will receive samples of all food prepared over the course of the evening. You'll also receive the printed recipes and surprise tastings of other Avanti Savoia products! Also, due to popular demand, Avanti Savoia is now offering a new series of classes on popular French Techniques. Learn culinary skills that will give you the confidence to whip up truly outstanding meals at home.

The classes are taught by Chef Joseph Lowery with other guest chefs and instructors announced along the way. Chef Joseph is an author, chef, and cooking teacher and has taught cooking classes since 1972 in Canada, Mexico, and the USA. He is currently the Chef Consultant with Avanti Savoia Imports.

Tuesday, December 10th: Classic Gingerbread House

This is the perfect class for the upcoming holiday season. You will learn to construct and decorate your own "take home" gingerbread house under the expert guidance of master designer, Regina Long. Expect a spicy hands on experience where baking, art and architecture all come together to create a dream cottage right out of Hansel and Gretel. This class is so much fun that all of the Avanti staff join in to make their own creations.

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$60 (Limited Seating) This is a full hands-on participation class.

What to bring with you: BYOW (wine)

Tuesday, December 17th: Winter Flavors from the Farmer's Market

Sheri Castle is a professional food writer, recipe developer, recipe tester, and culinary instructor. She is known for melding storytelling, humor, and culinary expertise, so she can tell a tale while making a memorable meal. Sheri is a popular speaker at both culinary and literary festivals. She is the author of *The New Southern Garden Cookbook: Recipes for Enjoying the Best from Homegrown Gardens, Farmers' Markets, Roadside Stands and CSA Boxes*. Among the many accolades, this book was selected as the 2012 Cookbook of the Year by the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA). Sheri's work has appeared in numerous magazines, cookbook anthologies, syndicated newspaper columns, Web sites, and blogs. Her cookbook will be available for purchase the night of the class (and we are confident that she will be happy to autograph it for you). La Cucina at Avanti Savoia is proud to host this "star" of modern Southern cuisine!

Menu

- Pancetta Crisps with Pear, Goat Cheese, and Peppered Honey: (Crispy pancetta topped with ripe pear, a dollop of goat cheese, and a drizzle of local honey perked up with pepper.)
- Orecchiette with Roasted Winter Squash, Hazelnuts, and Browned Butter Sage Sauce: (Cubes of winter squash tossed with pasta and crunchy hazelnuts, then finished with browned butter and sage.)
- Smothered Chicken with Caramelized Onion and Gingersnap Gravy: (Seared chicken breasts with caramelized onions, bourbon, and a splash of cream. The secret ingredient is crushed gingersnaps, just enough to add a hint of spice).
- Lemon-Scented Sweet Potato Purée: (A squeeze of citrus transforms silky roasted sweet potato puree into a spectacular autumn side dish)
- Apple Butter Pie with Candied Ginger Cream: (Spicy apple butter and bits of candied ginger hold sway in this simple, delectable pie that might become a new holiday favorite).

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$50/ person

What to bring with you: BYOW (wine)

Menus are subject to change due to availability of certain ingredients.

Space is limited – so visit www.avantisavoia.com or call (865) 922-9916 to reserve a spot!

Avanti Savoia is located in Halls across from the YMCA at 7610 Maynardville Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37938.



FANTASY AT-A-GLANCE “Christmas on Main Street”

Special Events

Preview Party- Tuesday, November 26, 7 – 10 p.m.

The season's most festive party with a private preview and sale of Fantasy's designer trees and accessories. Extra ticket required. (\$75 per person)

Tinsel Time for Moms & Tots - Wednesday, November 27, 9 a.m. – noon

Sponsored by Dura-Line and Shoney's: Special activities will feature important safety information for moms and fun, easy crafts for tots. Moms with children 3 and under get a half price admission to enjoy all of the Fantasy of Trees if they arrive during this event (offer not valid with any other discount).

Babes in Teyland Parade - Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m.

The first and only indoor Christmas parade of the season with children from area child care centers, a marching band, Santa, costumed characters and holiday fun, sponsored by Dollywood.

Santa's Senior Stroll - Friday, November 29, 9 a.m. – noon

Sponsored by Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center and Kroger: Seniors and walkers of all ages can enjoy a special one-mile walk through the Fantasy of Trees and get information on health topics at the end of the walk. Seniors 55+ receive a half-price admission ticket (\$6) during the event (offer not valid with any other discount).

Kris Kringle's Kiddie Party - Friday, November 29, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Little ones will enjoy children's activities and interactive musical entertainment, have photos made with Shoney Bear and receive a goody bag at this event just for preschoolers. Seating is limited for each party. Tickets are \$1 each and offered on a first come-first serve basis, the morning of the party at the Fantasy Theatre stage. Event sponsored by Knoxville Pediatric Associates.



Appalachian Ballet Company
Presents
A Holiday Classic
The Nutcracker

December 7, 8, 14
Knoxville Civic Auditorium &
Clayton Center for the Arts



Knoxville Civic Auditorium
Saturday, December 7, 8pm
Sunday, December 8, 2pm

Clayton Center for the Arts
Saturday, December 14
2pm and 8pm

This 42nd anniversary production featuring over 80 dancers and the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will showcase guest artists Kylie Morton as the Sugarplum Fairy and Adam Schiffer as the Cavalier. David Dwyer, television and movie actor, will appear in the story as Herr Drosselmeyer- the toy maker who creates the Nutcracker.

This magical production of The Appalachian Ballet Company Nutcracker is filled with lavish sets, scenery, costumes, orchestra, choir and dancers. Come enjoy Knoxville's tradition of 42 years and now also playing in Maryville.

Tickets on sale at the following locations:
Appalachian Ballet • (865) 982-8463
Knoxtickets.com • (865) 656-4444
Clayton Center for the Arts • (865) 981-8590

Advance: \$40, \$35 & \$25
At door: \$45, \$40 & \$30
Student and Senior Discount \$5 off
Ask about Group Rates

School matinees also available on December 5th and 6th



WIVK Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6, 7:00 pm

Gay Street in Downtown Knoxville

Floats & decorated vehicles

Marching bands & dancers

Special appearance by Santa Claus!

Televised Live on WVLT

Sponsored by WIVK, WVLT Channel 8, Advanced Office Systems and Knoxville News Sentinel.



Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade

Gatlinburg's 38th annual Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade travels through downtown Gatlinburg on Friday, December 6 starting at 7:30 p.m. to the cheers of an anticipated crowd of more than 80,000 spectators.

The parade excitement for young and old also includes more than 100 parade entries, over a dozen marching bands from Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama, and giant helium balloons taking to the streets.

The parade begins at Traffic Light #1A on Hwy 321 at 7:30 p.m. and ends about an hour-and-a-half later at Traffic Light #10.

Jamming sidewalks and balconies along the parade route, a large crowd will be able to soak up the illuminating glow of Gatlinburg Winter Magic, the City of Gatlinburg's popular holiday lights program which has received a \$1.6 million injection of new displays plus a 100-percent conversion to energy-efficient LED bulbs over the past few years.



Regal Celebration of Lights

Friday, November 29, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

At Market Square, Krutch Park & Krutch Park Extension

WDVX Holiday Ho-Ho-Hoedown entertainment on
Market Square Stage

Downtown Knoxville becomes a Christmas village with
caroling & marshmallow roasting

Lighting of a 38 ft. Christmas tree
Krutch Park sparkles with more than 100,000 lights
Performances by french horns and choirs
Train rides for children of all ages

Activities including pictures with Santa Claus, hot cocoa by the Salvation Army, face painting, balloon animals & much more.

Sponsored by Regal Entertainment, Pilot, Krispy Kreme, WDVX, Kroger, WATE Channel 6, Cheerwine and Knoxville News Sentinel.



A Swingin Christmas

with John Pizzarelli and
Knoxville Jazz Orchestra
presented by Merrill Lynch

December 17, 2013
8:00 p.m.

The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra's popular holiday event, Swingin Christmas will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 8 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre. The featured performer for this event will be world renowned guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli. Tickets are available now online at www.knoxjazz.org or by calling (865) 656-4444.

The hippest concert of the season! Holiday favorites in the style of Ellington, Basie, Miller and more! World renowned guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli brings his impossibly cool style to Knoxville for the first time to help make your season bright. This is one event you don't want to miss!

John Pizzarelli started playing guitar at age six, following in the tradition of his father. After playing in pickup groups and garage bands through high school he began exploring jazz with his father as a teenager, and was able to perform with a number of great jazz musicians who would be a major influence on his work, including Benny Goodman, Les Paul, Zoot Sims, Clark Terry and Slam Stewart. John went out on his own after recording *My Blue Heaven* for Chesky Records in 1990, then toured extensively, playing clubs and concert halls, opening for such greats as Dave Brubeck, Ramsey Lewis and Rosemary Clooney. In addition to being a bandleader and solo performer, John has been a special guest on recordings for major pop names such as James Taylor, Natalie Cole, Kristin Chenoweth, Tom Wopat, Rickie Lee Jones and Dave Von Ronk. Pizzarelli performs annual engagements at the Café Carlyle with Jessica Molaskey and at Birdland with his jazz combo. He continues to tour throughout the United States, Europe, South America and Japan, performing classic pop, jazz and swing, while setting the standard for stylish modern jazz.

The Knoxville Jazz Orchestra is a 17 piece big band comprised of professional musicians from across the region. Since its inception in 1999, the orchestra has performed dozens of concerts in East Tennessee, appeared on major jazz festivals in Europe, performed and recorded with internationally acclaimed guest artists, and released four critically acclaimed CD recordings.

This is the eleventh annual Christmas program for the Knoxville Jazz Orchestra. The show, sponsored each year by Merrill Lynch, has quickly become one of the area's most popular holiday events.

Tennessee Schmaltz Klezmer Music



Presented by Jubilee Community Arts
Saturday, December 7, 8:00 p.m. at Laurel Theatre

Originating mainly in Eastern Europe, klezmer music is documented in early recordings of Jewish immigrants to America as far back as 1895. After a period of decline, an energetic revival of this music beginning in the 1970s spread from New York, Boston and San Francisco to many other parts of the country, including the Knoxville area.

Tennessee Schmaltz develops the tradition of Jewish klezmer in America, adding country and bluegrass sounds to the mix of East European wedding tunes, Yiddish theater and music hall, cantorial singing, and popular traditions of the old and new worlds.

Their claim to be the only klezmer group in the entire world with a washtub bass remains unchallenged.

Tickets:

\$12 General Audience Day of Show

\$11 General Audience Advance

\$10 JCA Members, Students, Seniors 65+

Tickets are available through KnoxTix at www.knoxtix.com, (865) 523-7521, and at the door.



Mabry-Hazen House Holiday Christmas Tours

Mabry-Hazen house invites you to participate in their annual Christmas Tours. Rooms and other areas will be decorated by well known Knoxville decorators including Samuel Franklin, The Flower Pot, Scott Morrell of Flowers, as well as volunteers and museum staff. The event is free of charge and light refreshments will be served. Christmas Tours are scheduled for Saturday, December 14th from 5-8pm and Sunday, December 15th from 2-5pm. Donations are welcomed.

Built in 1858, The Mabry-Hazen House is strategically located on the

highest hill east of downtown Knoxville with spacious views in all directions. The home was occupied and defended by both armies during the Civil War. It housed three generations of the same family for 130 years; the museum showcases one of the largest original family collections in America. Your attendance will help support the museum's mission to preserve and educate the public about an important part of East Tennessee history. For more information, please call (865) 522-8661 or visit www.mabryhazen.com.



Ramsey House Fundraiser

Join us for a rare event
"Holiday Dinner at Swan Pond"
Dine by candlelight in the historic home.
Celebrate the holidays as they did 200 years ago.
Docent guide, tour, and dinner.
Five nights only. December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th

Give the gift of a special time together for your holiday.
Savor the magnificent stone house greened for the season, and have a
private evening afforded to few.

Reserve now to assure your very special evening for 10.

Call Ramsey House to save your night-\$1,500.
(865) 546-0745

Annual Candle Light Tour at the Historic Ramsey House

On Sunday December 8, 2013 Historic Ramsey House and their guests will be enjoying the Annual Candle Light Tour from 6pm until 8pm. This is a great time for our members, their friends and others to come and share the natural warmth and beauty of the holiday season at our beautiful 18th century home.

There will be no admission fee for this event. Donations to support Ramsey House and its educational programming would be greatly appreciated. Ramsey House is located at 2614 Thorn Grove Pike, Knoxville, TN 37914.

As you check into the Visitor's center you will hear holiday music provided by the lovely sounds of children's voices and violins. Enjoy holiday treats and hot mulled cider or coffee and take time to visit with friends and other Ramsey House members.

As you stroll up to the house along the candle lit path imagine the carriages and guests arriving in their best attire. Enter the kitchen and envision the hustle and bustle in the kitchen of many hands preparing food for the big event. Picture the Ramsey family and their friends around a festive table in the Great Hall or the quiet warmth of conversation in the Parlor. Upstairs you can imagine the children snuggled in their beds waiting for that very special gift that will be waiting for them in the morning. All in rooms aglow with the light of candles and the fragrance of natural greens used in decorations in that period.

So come spend a very special evening at Historic Ramsey House. Learn more about this very special family that helped to settle the southwest frontier now known as Knoxville, Tennessee.



Wreath Making Workshop

Historic Ramsey House

Saturday, December 7, 2013
12:30 p.m.

Historic Ramsey House 2614 Thorn Grove Pike in Knoxville, will be taking reservations for our Wreath Making Workshop on Saturday December 7, starting at 12:30 pm. Make your reservations now for this popular event as this class fills up quickly. Julia has gotten extra help this year so that we can expand our class to include pomanders and swags along with our traditional fresh green wreaths.

There will be hot mulled cider and holiday treats to welcome you between 12:30 and 1:00. The class will start promptly at one. As in the past you will be asked to provide your own garden gloves to protect your hands and your own garden shears (household scissors are not usually able to cut the heavy stems). If you have any favorite evergreens or berries from your yard that you want to add to your arrangement you are welcome to bring them. All other supplies are included in the \$35 charge for the workshop.

For reservations, please call Ramsey House at 865-546-0745 Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



November 29 – December 31, 2013

Special Events on Weekends

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 29

6:00 pm

Wears Valley Ranch

3601 Lyon Springs Rd, Sevierville TN

Wears Valley wants to take you back in time to the days of old-fashioned Christmas trees, horse-drawn wagon rides, hayrides, and storytelling.

Lots of fun awaits you in the Valley during the holiday season. A four-week long event, "Christmas in Wears Valley" will begin with a tree lighting ceremony at 6:00 pm on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013 at Wears Valley Ranch which borders Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The event will run through December 31st.

In the late-November dusk on Nov. 29th, a choir will gather at Wears Valley Ranch, 3601 Lyon Springs Road, Sevierville, TN for a magnificent tree lighting ceremony. A blazing bon-fire will warm the night air as favorite Christmas carols warm our hearts as a trumpet plays. A storyteller will spin some tales, and a rich tenor voice singing "Oh Holy Night" with the words echoing throughout the Valley could cause us to hear the angels' voices. After the final "Silent Night," everyone heads to Friendly Falls for "The Best Cup of Hot Chocolate in the South!"

Earlier in the day fun attractions, stores, art galleries, and restaurants will be bustling with activity. Food vendors at Cove Creek RV Resort on Wears Valley Road will be serving up tasty items like barbecue pork, turkey legs, Philly cheese steaks, smoked sausage, chicken, ribbon fries, funnel cakes, corn dogs, and caramel or candy apples. A tree tour throughout the Valley will feature trees decorated the old-fashioned way. Hayrides, horse-drawn wagon rides, and carolers will liven up the day's activities.

Wears Valley (population 7,486) is situated in a valley known as Wear Cove, which is nestled beside Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In winter, cars travel between Townsend, TN and Pigeon Forge, TN on Wears Valley Road. Not everyone stops, but those who do discover the part of the Smoky Mountains they have been hoping to find.

Special events are spread over four weekends, November 29-30, December 13-14, December 20-21, and December 27-28. The first weekend is the tree lighting ceremony on November 29. On November 30 professional storytellers will tell you stories that will make your jaws drop. Throughout the four-week event, you can enjoy a tree tour, hayrides, horse-drawn wagon rides, and shopping for a live Christmas

tree – all available daily. Storytelling events will be held on Saturday afternoons. On Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 pm, Bill Landry from The Heartland Series will tell stories at our tree festival at Cove Creek RV Resort, 3293 Wears Valley Road. An aroma of freshly baked cookies will fill the air each Saturday at the tree festival. Free cookies and hot beverages will be offered to attendees.

Santa Claus will make a special appearance on Friday and Saturday, November 29-30, from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm at his special house at Cove Creek RV Resort.

Wears Valley consists of unique shops, mom and pop restaurants, art galleries, overnight cabin rentals, bed and breakfast inns, a ranch, and several churches including Headricks Chapel, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Wears Valley turns back the clock. Arriving during the winter season is like entering a Christmas card. Although it is a short drive to nearby busy towns, Wears Valley on a wintry night seems a long way from anywhere. With the often snow-peaked Smoky Mountains as a backdrop the Valley beckons you to retreat for a while into the serenity of one of America's most beautiful valleys. The chilly night air and the sounds of silence will lead you to your mountain cabin where you can rest by a warm, cozy fireplace or relax in a hot tub on the deck. Enjoy the beauty of the mountains while sipping on a cup of coffee on your deck or joining us in one of our mom and pop restaurants where you will find a hearty breakfast awaiting you.

Christmas in Wears Valley is sponsored by Image Builders, Fireside Chalets and Cabin Rentals, Wears Valley Ranch, Cabin Fever Vacations, Brainstorm Café, Smoky Mountain Property Management by Wyndham Vacation Rentals®, Black Bear Ridge Resort, Imagine It Embroidery, Quality Roofing & Remodels, Frank Markowitz Ins., Tom Lolio Property Management, Cornerstone Insurance, and William Knight Insurance Agency.

For more information, please visit www.christmasinwearsvalley.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/christmas.wearsvalley

Twitter: twitter.com/ChristmasWV



The Palace Theatre Presents Christmas

December 7: Celtic Christmas with Robin Bullock

Three-time WAMMIE Award winner ROBIN BULLOCK is a prolific composer and virtuoso multi-instrumentalist on 6- and 12-string guitars, cittern, mandolin, piano and bass guitar. A founding member of the innovative acoustic world-music trio Helicon (winners of the Association for Independent Music's prestigious INDIE Award), Robin has toured extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe and appeared on over fifty CDs, including four critically acclaimed solo CDs, Green Fields, Midnight Howl, Between Earth and Sky and The Lightning Field. Classical Guitar Magazine calls Robin "A musician whose technical skill and stylistic expertise are second to none...a time-served folkie of the highest calibre," while Guitar Player simply describes his work as "Breathtaking."

Start Time 8 PM

Tickets \$13 in Advance and \$15 at the Door

December 19 - The Palace Film Club Presents: It's A Wonderful Life

Starring Jimmy Stuart and Donna Reed. George Bailey is a loved man in Bedford Falls. After money has been misplaced, George realizes he'll go to jail. After wishing he was never born, the angel Clarence grants his wish. George gets a look at life without him in it. He realizes he has a wonderful life, full of friends and family. Clarence finally gets his wings.

Tickets \$5.00 Children 9 and Under Free with Adult

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December 20 - The Palace Film Club Presents: Miracle on 34th Street

Starring Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn. When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.

Tickets \$5.00 Children 9 and Under Free with Adult

Showtime 7PM

December 21 - The Palace Film Club Presents: White Christmas

Starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Vera-Allen, and Rosemary Clooney. A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general.

Tickets \$5.00; Children 9 and under Free with Adult

Showtime 7PM

All concerts begin at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted

All Tickets \$13 in advance; \$15 at the door unless otherwise listed.

Tickets are all Plus Tax.

The Palace Theater is located at 113 West Broadway, Maryville. TN.

For advance tickets 865-983-3330 with Visa or MC or from Murlin's Music World, 429 West Broadway, Maryville, TN

Event and Performer information can be found at www.palacetheater.com.

Plenty of Free Parking in city municipal lots.



Festival of Christmas Past



Great Smoky Mountains National Park is hosting its 38th annual Festival of Christmas Past celebration on Saturday, December 14, 2013, 10:-00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Sugarlands Visitor Center. The event, sponsored in cooperation with Great Smoky Mountains Association, is free to the public.

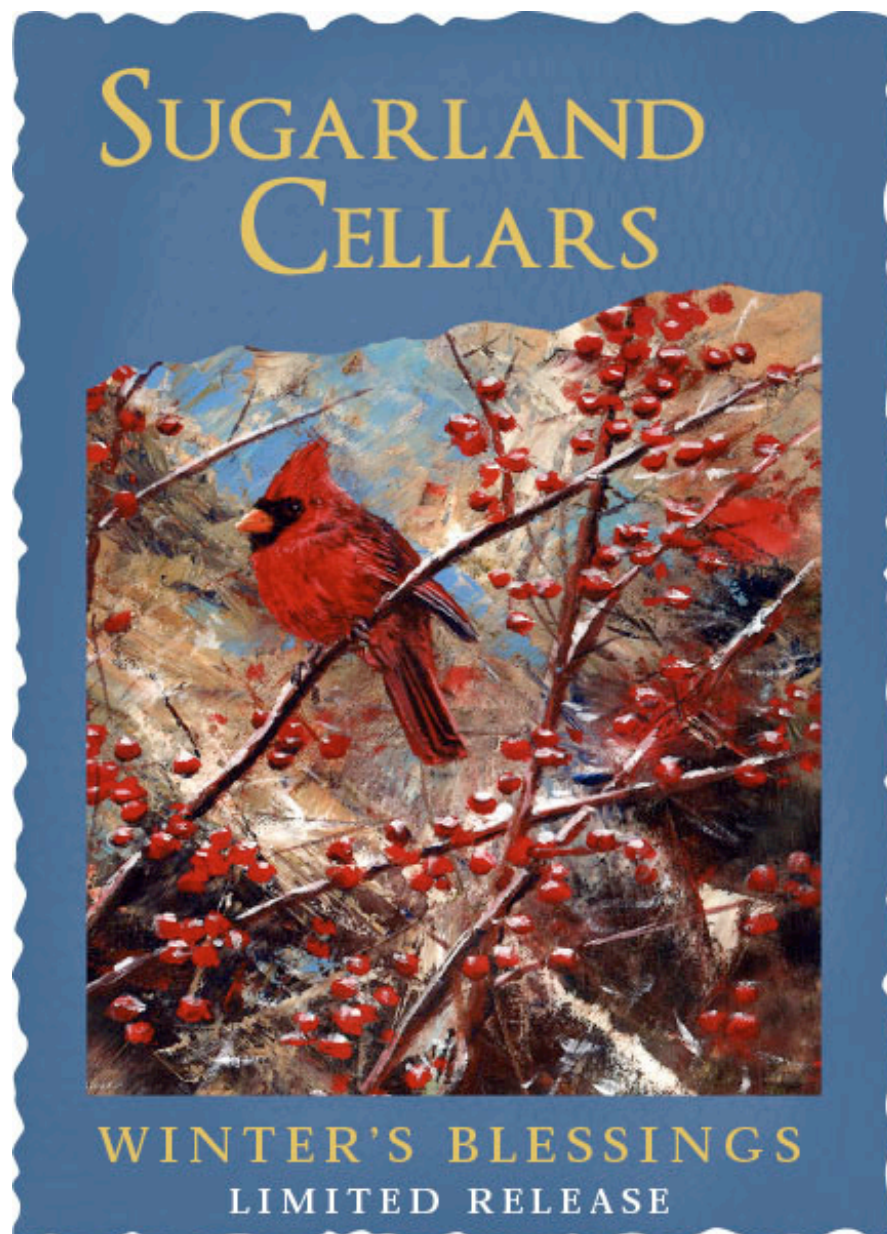
Festival of Christmas Past is an annual celebration of the culture of the Smoky Mountains, with an emphasis on the Christmas season. "Around Christmas time, people gathered in churches, homes, and schools and many of them celebrated the holiday through music, storytelling, and crafts. Festival of Christmas Past allows us to pause and remember some of these traditions," said Kent Cave, North District Resource Education Supervisor.

A schedule of the day's events will be posted at the address below once it becomes available in early December.

www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=377317-245777

Holiday Open House & Wine Tasting with Sugarland Cellars at the Robert A. Tino Gallery Saturday, December 7, 2013

“Winter’s Blessings,” a custom label wine, will raise \$5,000
for Friends of the Smokies



Robert A. Tino
GALLERY

Upcoming Events

Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 5 - Monday, December, 9

Hours:

Monday-Saturday

10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday Dec. 8th, 15th and 22nd

11 AM to 4 PM

Wine Tasting

By Sugerland Cellars

Saturday Dec. 7th

10 AM to 5 PM

Benefiting Friends of the Smokies

Featuring the new Robert Tino Wine Label "Winter Blessing"

Bottles of wine will be available

1-800-675-6961

SEVIERVILLE GALLERY

812 Old Douglas Dam Road

Sevierville, TN 37876

(865) 453-6315



2nd Annual Roane Open Art Show

The Arts Council of Roane County (ACRC) will be holding its second annual Roane Open Art Show on December 13-15, 2013 in the building formerly known as the RCMC Annex located at 431 N. Roane St. in Harriman. The Council has issued a Call for Artists to participate in the show, which is open to all local visual artists and fine craftspeople and will be free to the public. The show will be judged by Kingston artist Jan Hill and awards will be made in several student and adult categories along with a Best in Show grand prize.

For this year's show, the ACRC has joined forces with both the City of Harriman, which is donating the use of the building, and the Cornstalk Heights Historical Community Organization (CHHCO), sponsor of Harriman's perennially popular Christmas Tour of Homes. The Art Show will be a stop on the Tour, and the work of some of the participating artists will be featured in the homes and other stops on the Tour.

CHHCO President Diana Knoblock said, "The Cornstalk Heights Historic Homeowners Organization is excited about partnering with the Arts Council of Roane County to expand our Christmas Home Tour. To be able to showcase beautiful homes and talented artists together in one event made sense for us to do."

Harriman Mayor Chris Mason said, "I whole heartedly support the efforts of the Roane Arts Council. This is an area that needs more emphasis not only in the schools statewide but also in the community.

Artists wishing to participate in the show are encouraged to request a registration form by emailing the ACRC at artscouncilofroanecounty@gmail.com or calling ACRC Artist Coordinator Denise May at 865-591-2763. There is a one-time entry fee for up to three artworks per artist: \$10 for ACRC members and \$30 for non-members, of which \$20 can be applied to a membership arranged prior to the end of the show. Students up to 18 years of age may enter free of charge. Students over 18 may enter for \$10.00 and will receive a free ACRC membership with their fee. Several local artists have offered to sponsor some over-18 student entrants on a first-come, first served basis, so early registration is strongly recommended.

Titanic Museum kicks off holiday season with Spectacular Fireworks Display

Thanksgiving evening, November 28, 7:30 p.m.



The night sky will be ablaze in colorful bursts of light and fantasy during the Titanic Museum Attraction's second annual fireworks extravaganza honoring the lives and legacies of the ship's passengers, crew and rescuers. It will be the largest fireworks event of the year on the Smoky Mountain Parkway, and we look forward to celebrating a joyful evening with our community friends and neighbors." announces John Joslyn, expedition leader of the first private exploration dive to Titanic and co-owner of the Titanic Museum Attraction.

The annual tradition of a magical snowfall from the ship's bow will be renewed on Thanksgiving weekend and will remain in the forecast for every Saturday in December. To help make the season even brighter, Father Christmas, dressed in a style most familiar to the children aboard Titanic in 1912, will make special stops at Titanic on these magical snow days. Plus meet the Titanic 'Fantasy' Princess – at the ship every Thursday – Sunday.

Visitors to the Titanic Museum Attraction will also be able to view thousands of holiday lights, Edwardian-period decorations, costumed merry-markers, and a magical Gift Shoppe brimming with original, one-of-a-kind gifts.



Tennessee Aquarium Presents

Holidays Under the Peaks

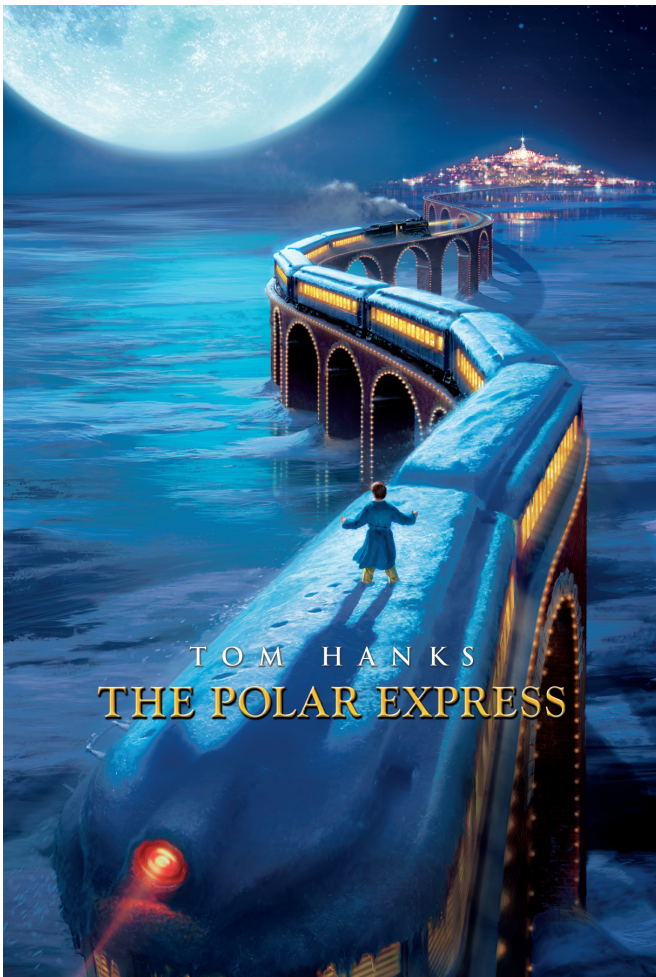
November 22, 2013
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January 6, 2014

You probably know that a group of fish is called a school. But did you know that a group of stingrays is called a fever? Frogs? An army. Butterflies? A flutter. And owls? A parliament! Whatever you call your group of loved ones, the holidays are a great time to spend with them at the Tennessee Aquarium.

Guests are invited to meet a waddle of penguins, a shiver of sharks or a smack of jellyfish during Holidays Under the Peaks November 22nd to January 6th. Aquarium educators and animal experts will deliver daily programs to help connect visitors to some of nature's most wonderful gifts.

A company of parrots can be found during special scheduled programs in Ranger Rick's Backyard Safari along with a menagerie of native and exotic creatures guests may encounter throughout the day. Aquarium educators provide insights into the lives of these often colorful creatures.

People will flock to the River Giants exhibit when SCUBA Claus makes his underwater appearances alongside some of the world's largest freshwater fish species. Look for the jolly old elf weekends at 11 am from November 23rd through December 22nd. (After that he'll be a pretty busy fella.)



Penguins 3D opens at the Tennessee Aquarium IMAX Theater on “Black and White Friday,” November 29th. This new giant screen adventure, written and narrated by David Attenborough, follows a young King Penguin on his quest to find a mate and raise a family. Audiences will fall in love with this epic journey of love and survival in the spectacular scenery of South Georgia Island, the snow-capped oasis that’s home to more than one million penguins and piles of enormous elephant seals.

The Polar Express 3D, another family tradition, also returns to IMAX on November 29th with special showings through December 24th. This magical journey to the North Pole has audiences grasping at snowflakes as a young boy discovers how the wonders of life never fade for those who believe.

The Tennessee Aquarium inspires wonder, appreciation and protection of water and all life that it sustains. Admission is \$24.95 per adult and \$14.95 per child, ages 3-12. Each ticket purchased helps support Aquarium conservation programs. The IMAX® 3D Theater is next door to the Aquarium. Ticket prices are \$9.95 per adult and \$8.50 per child. Aquarium/IMAX combo tickets are \$30.95 for adults and \$20.95 for children.

Excursions aboard the new River Gorge Explorer depart daily into “Tennessee’s Grand Canyon.” Cruise tickets are \$29.00 per adult and \$21.50 per child (3-12). Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.tnaqua.org or by phone at 1-800-262-0695.

The Aquarium, located on the banks of the Tennessee River in Chattanooga, is a non-profit organization. Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Aquarium and IMAX are accessible to people with disabilities.



First Friday and Pre-Kwanzaa December 6, 2013

Downtown African American Art Gallery will be hosting a First Friday and Pre-Kwanzaa event on December 6, 2013 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, The Emporium Building, 100 South Gay Street, Suite 106, Knoxville TN, 37902.

First Friday attendees will have the opportunity to take in the Visual Exhibition of an African born Artist Hawa Ware Johnson native of Liberia and UTK Graduate. KWANZAA a Ki-Swahili term meaning “First Fruits of Harvest” and also nationally recognized as a Holiday during the latter part of December will be discussed and on display.

The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm.

A taste of both African and African American food will be served.

25th Annual Victorian Holiday Home

December 7 & 8



The event showcases 11 Victorian and Craftsman style homes + one historic church decorated for the holidays.

The Victorian Holiday Home Tour is a Knoxville Christmas in the City event. December 7th is a candlelight tour from 4:00-9:00 pm. December 8th is an afternoon tour from 12:30-5:00 pm. Guests should allow themselves a minimum of 2-3 hours to enjoy the event. Parking and continuous bus service is available off Woodland Avenue at the Tennova/St. Mary's Hospital parking lot. Some walking is necessary and some houses have steps. Buses will pass through and stop in the Happy Holler business district on Central Ave., providing the opportunity to stop for drinks or food at local restaurants.

Home Tour tickets are now on sale at 15 area Kroger stores and via paypal at OldNorthKnoxville.com. Advance tickets are \$10 and on sale until midnight on Friday Dec. 6th. Pick up programs and ride a shuttle from our ticket booth, in the Woodland Ave. Tennova/St. Mary's Hospital parking lot. Day of event tickets: \$15, Senior tickets \$10, children under 12 are free with an adult.



“Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells” is a delightful theatrical adaptation of Barbara Park’s award-winning children’s book. The full-length play will be produced in a comfortable, state-of-the-art theatre on the campus of Pellissippi State’s main campus. It will be performed by experienced adult actors, creating memorable characters particularly relatable to elementary schooled aged children. With humor, charm, clever dialogue, and pertinent themes for the age group, this play will show the power of theatre to tell stories in a uniquely captivating way.

The series of Junie B. Jones books will be familiar to many of the students and teachers. Ms. Park’s books have sold in the millions and are consistently on the NY Times and USA Today bestseller lists. To see these characters and situations come to life will enhance the positive message of the story, teaching as only theatre can that we need to curb selfishness and open ourselves to accepting others and doing good things for them.

Friday, Dec. 13 @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

At Clayton Performing Arts Center

Pellissippi State Community College – Hardin Valley Campus

10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville, TN 37933-0990

Tickets: Adults: \$12, SR/ST: \$10, Youth (12-17): \$8, Child (under 12): \$5

To purchase tickets call: (865) 694-6684 (Pellissippi)

School Shows:

Monday, Dec. 16 @ 9:15 am & 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 9:15 am & 12:00 pm

School Group minimum number: 15



Ring in the new year on board Knoxville's one and only commercial luxury yacht – the Volunteer Princess. Enjoy first-class service while cruising down the beautiful Tennessee River. Reward yourself for another year well-done with a glass of champagne, fine cuisine and memories that will last a lifetime.

This 100-foot state-of-the-art yacht offers the perfect setting to get dressed up and celebrate in style. Make this New Year's Eve one to remember. Join the special New Year's Eve midnight cruise, and count down the last few seconds of 2013 on the water. Live music, private seating and a complimentary glass of champagne awaits you at Volunteer Princess Cruises.

Already have plans for when the clock strikes midnight? Enjoy a a daytime brunch cruise and an early dinner cruise so that you will return to the dock in plenty of time to watch the ball drop.

You don't want to miss out on this unique opportunity to celebrate the beginning of 2014 and maybe even start a new tradition. All ages are welcome to come and experience the most luxurious dining cruise vessel on the upper Tennessee River. Imagine delectable food, impeccable service and more importantly, a great party.

Volunteer Princess Cruises is located on the Tennessee River at Volunteer Landing Marina in downtown Knoxville, TN. Reservations can be made by calling the yacht's office at 865-541-4556 or online at www.volunteerprincess.com.