

2020 DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

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NORTHWEST



THROUGH DEC. 26 – Lake of Lights, Saulisbery Park, 13344 St. Rte. 67 W., Kenton, 6–9 p.m. “People’s Choice” contest for best holiday lighting display contest will take place on Facebook. www.facebook.com/LakeOfLights.

THROUGH DEC. 31 – Lights Before Christmas, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Sun.–Thur. 3–8 p.m., Fri./Sat. 3–9 p.m. Over 1 million lights, the award-winning Big Tree, and more than 200 illuminated animal images. 419-385-5721 or www.toledozoo.org.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Blaze of Lights Festival, N. Main St., Bluffton, 5–8 p.m. Free. Celebrate the season with holiday lights and vintage folk art displays, food and shopping, entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides,

and train rides for the kids. Opening parade on Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. 419-369-2985 or www.explorebluffton.com.

THROUGH JAN. 3 – North Pole Express, 12505 Co. Rd. 99, Findlay, Fri./Sat. 5:30–9:30 p.m., Sun. 5:30–8:30 p.m. \$4; under 13, \$3. Hop on board our quarter-scale locomotive for a trip through a winter wonderland of sparkling lights and festive decorations. See operating model trains and hundreds of decorated trees, plus a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on select days. 419-423-2995 or www.nworrp.org.

DEC. 10–23 – Winter Wonderland Light Display, Sandusky Co. Fgds., 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, Sun.–Thur. 6–8 p.m., Fri./Sat. 6–9 p.m. Drive-through only; \$5 per car. Donations of food items accepted for food pantry. 419-332-5604 or www.sanduskycountyfair.com.

DEC. 13 – Fort Meigs Holiday Open House, Visitor Ctr., 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg, 1–4 p.m. Free. War of 1812 soldiers and civilians will be on hand to provide demonstrations and answer questions about the war and camp life. Enjoy holiday music, refreshments, and hands-on activities. 419-874-4121 or www.fortmeigs.org.

DEC. 26–27, 29, 31, JAN. 2 – Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides at Spiegel Grove, 1337 Hayes Ave., Fremont, 1–4 p.m. \$5.50, under 3 free. Ride through the grounds in a horse-drawn sleigh, as President Hayes did. Rides are by South Creek Clydesdales. Horse-drawn trolley

ride may be used in addition to or in place of the sleigh depending on demand and staffing (\$4.50 for trolley). Bring a face covering; physical distancing will be observed. 419-332-2081 or www.rbhayes.org.

DEC. 31 – Concert: “Classical Mystery Tour (Beatles),” 7 Town Square, Lima, 7:30 p.m. Free. Take a trip down Penny Lane and hear all your favorite Beatle hits, faithfully reproduced by the Lima Symphony Orchestra. 419-222-5701 or www.limasymphony.com.

JAN. 2–3 – Tri-State Gun Show, Allen Co. Fgds., 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima (2 miles east of Lima on St. Rte. 309), Sat. 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. \$6, members and under 18 free. Over 400 tables of modern and antique guns, edged weapons, and sportsmen equipment. 419-647-0067 or www.tristategunshow.org.

JAN. 9 – “Around the World with Col. Webb Hayes,” Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, 1337 Hayes Ave., Fremont, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Free. Focused on K–grade 3, but any age welcome. Webb was the son of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes. Kids can participate in a craft or activity inspired by Webb’s adventures and the locations he visited. 419-332-2081 or www.rbhayes.org.

NORTHEAST



THROUGH DEC. 23 – Holiday Lantern Tours, Hale Farm and Village, 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath, 5:40–9 p.m. \$12–\$20. Take a lantern-lit tour of the Village and visit the historic houses, decorated for the season. Experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of Christmas as celebrated in the 19th-century Western Reserve. Tours depart every 20 minutes. Dress appropriately for this indoor/outdoor activity. Reservations required! 330-666-3711 ext. 1720, halereservations@wrhs.org, or www.wrhs.org/events.

THROUGH DEC. 27 – Drive-Thru Holiday Lights, Medina Co. Fgds., 720 W. Smith Rd., Medina, Fri.–Sun. 6–10 p.m. www.mainstreetmedina.com.

THROUGH DEC. 30 – Deck the Hall: “We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, 714 N. Portage Path, Akron. Over 1 million lights illuminate the estate in a spectacular display, and the historic Manor House is decorated in style for the season. See

website for times and updated event information. 330-836-5533 or www.stanhywet.org/events.

THROUGH DEC. 31 – Holidays at the Mansion, Victorian House Museum, 484 Wooster Rd., Millersburg, Sun.–Fri. 1–4 p.m., Sat. 1–8 p.m. Tour the 28-room mansion, transformed into a holiday wonderland. 330-674-0022, www.holmeshistory.com/events, or www.facebook.com/VictorianHouseMuseum.

THROUGH JAN. 9 – Steubenville Nutcracker Village and Advent Market, Historic Fort Steuben, 120 S. 3rd St., Steubenville. Free. Over 150 unique, life-size nutcrackers in an outdoor display with lights and music. Market open on weekends. 740-283-1787 or www.steubenvillenucrackervillage.com.

DEC. 4–6, 11–13 – The Polar Express, Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, 400 Center St., Dennison, departures on Fri. 6 and 8 p.m., Sat./Sun. 2, 4, 6, and 8 p.m. Starting at \$52. Your adventure begins on board our decorated train as the story is read aloud and festive elves entertain you. Hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies specially made by Mrs. Claus will be served. When the train arrives at the North Pole, you will see Santa and his workshop out your train window. 740-922-6776 or <https://dennisondepot.org/polar-express>.

DEC. 12 – Sports Card Show, Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market, 1289 Edison St. NW, Hartville, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. Over 30 vendors selling sports cards, memorabilia, autographs, and much more! Something for everyone, from the entry-level collector

to the seasoned veteran. 330-877-9860 or <https://hartvillemarketplace.com/events>.

DEC. 12 – Solon Hometown Holiday Market, Solon Community Ctr. Gymnasium, 35000 Portz Pkwy., Solon, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season while shopping local. Artists and crafters will be selling their original handmade items. Full concession stand on site. www.avantgardeshows.com.

DEC. 13 – Holiday Craft and Vendor Show, Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Free. More than 40 vendors and crafters. Mask required; temperature check at door. www.facebook.com/events/212671919999698.

DEC. 20 – Flea Market of Collectables, Medina Co. Fgds., Community Ctr., 735 Lafayette Rd., Medina, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. \$2. Early bird special admission: 6–9 a.m., \$3. A treasure trove of vintage items and collectables. 330-948-4300 or www.conraddowdell.com.

DEC. 26 – After Christmas Sale at Tis the Season, 4363 St. Rte. 39, Berlin. Save 50% storewide (collectibles not included) at Ohio’s largest year-round Christmas shop. 330-893-3604 or www.tistheseasonchristmas.com.

DEC. 27 – Cleveland Reptile Show and Sale, Medina Co. Fgds. Community Ctr., 735 Lafayette Rd., Medina, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. \$5. Features more than 40 reptile breeders and importers as well as merchandise, cages, and feeders for your reptiles. Mask required to enter; social distancing enforced per governor’s mandate. www.facebook.com/clevreptileshow.

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CENTRAL



THROUGH DEC. 28 – Fontanini Nativity Display. Crossroads Ministry Ctr., 2095 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster, Wed./Fri./Sun. 6–9 p.m. Walk through one of the nation's largest Nativity displays, featuring nearly life-sized Fontanini figures. 740-653-3330 or www.facebook.com/Fontanini-Nativity-Display-725713464188952.

THROUGH JAN. 3 – Butch Bando's Fantasy of Lights, Alum Creek State Park Campgrounds, 3311 S. Old State Rd., Delaware, Sun.–Thur. 5:30–9:30

p.m., Fri./Sat. 5:30–10:30 p.m. \$20–\$30 per car; \$60 season pass. Drive-through light show. 614-412-3499 or <https://butchbandosfantasyoflights.com>.

THROUGH JAN. 4 – State Auto's Christmas Corner, 518 E. Broad St., Columbus. Free. The historic life-sized Nativity will be on display. Because of coronavirus concerns, there will be no lighting ceremonies, musical performances, or Christmas Eve ceremony. Face coverings and physical distancing required for all guests. www.stateauto.com/Christmas.

DEC. 12–13, 19–20 – Mt. Perry Santa Train Rides, Zanesville Western Scenic Railroad, 5700 OH 204 NE, Mt. Perry, 3–7 p.m. Rides depart hourly. \$8, C. (6–15) \$5, under 6 free. For discount ride, bring unwrapped children's gifts or food items for food pantry. 614-595-9701 or www.zwsr.org.

DEC. 19–20 – Scott Antique Market, Ohio Expo Ctr., Bricker and Celeste Bldgs., 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; \$5 parking. 800 exhibit booths. info@scottantiquemarket.com or www.scottantiquemarkets.com.

JAN. 8–10 – Columbus Build, Remodel, and Landscape Expo, Ohio Expo Center, Kasich Hall, Columbus, Fri. 12–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. \$6, under 18 free. From top-quality exhibits to informative seminars to insightful demonstrations and more, you'll discover thousands of smart, stylish, and cost-effective ways to design or renovate your home. www.homeshowcenter.com.

JAN. 8–17 – Ohio RV and Boat Show, Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th St., Columbus, Wed.–Fri. 12–8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. \$14, C. (6–13) \$3, under 6 free. Hundreds of campers and boats, plus ATVs, motorcycles, golf cars, and much more. www.ohiorvandboatshow.com.

JAN. 10 – Winter Ohio Guitar Show, Makoy Ctr., 5462 Center St., Hilliard, 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. \$9. Buy, sell, or trade guitars, amps, effects, and parts. Over 100 dealers. www.ohioguitarshow.com.

JAN. 12 – Inventors Network Meeting, Rev1 Ventures for Columbus, 1275 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, 7 p.m. The focus this month is "How to Commercialize/Monetize My Invention." 614-470-0144 or www.inventorscolumbus.com.

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SOUTHEAST



THROUGH DEC. 20 – Santa House, Logan, Fri.–Sun., 6–8 p.m. Visit Santa in the newly built warm house in Worthington Park. 740-385-6836 or <http://explorehockinghills.com>.

THROUGH DEC. 20 – Santa Train, Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, Nelsonville Depot, 33 W. Canal St., Nelsonville, every Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.,

and every Fri. at 6 p.m. beginning on Dec. 4. \$16–\$21, under 3 free. www.hvsry.org/trainlist/#santa.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Dickens Victorian Village, downtown Cambridge. Stroll the streets to view scenes depicting life in 1850s England, featuring life-sized, handmade mannequins wearing real vintage clothing. Many Village activities have been curtailed due to coronavirus concerns; checks website for updates. 800-933-5480 or www.dickensvictorianvillage.com.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show, 801 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, 5:30–9 p.m. nightly. Four different light and music shows performed each evening. 800-933-5480 or www.dickensvictorianvillage.com.

DEC. 19–20 – Holler: Special Preview, Majestic Theatre, 45 E. Second St., Chillicothe, Sat. 1 and 7 p.m., Sun. 1 and 4 p.m. \$20. Limited seating; face

coverings and social distancing required. 740-772-2041 or www.majesticchillicothe.net.

DEC. 21 – Solstice Watch, Sacra Via Park (between Third and Second Sts.), Marietta, 4–5:30 p.m. Free. Weather permitting, we will view the sun setting on the western Muskingum Valley bluff between 4 and 4:30 p.m. in near perfect alignment with Sacra Via. Maps and a brief commentary will be provided. 740-373-1480 or www.mariettacastle.org.

DEC. 28 – Visit with the Pioneers, Campus Martius Museum, 601 Second St., Marietta, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit the home of General Rufus Putnam to meet with some of Marietta's citizens from the early 19th century. 740-373-3750 or www.campusmartiusmuseum.org.

DEC. 31 – New Year's Eve Train and Fireworks, Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, Nelsonville Depot, 33 W. Canal St., Nelsonville, 10:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. \$22–\$35. 740-249-1452 or www.hvsry.org/trainlist.

SOUTHWEST



THROUGH DEC. 27 – Holiday Lights at Lost Creek Reserve, 2385 St. Rte. 41, Troy, Fri./Sat. 6–10 p.m., Sun. 6–9 p.m. \$10 per car, \$15 per van. Be transported into a winter wonderland filled with over 60 animated light displays. The 1.25-mile driving tour takes you through the woods, down charming farm lanes, and past the historic Knoop Homestead aglow with lights. www.homegrowinggreat.com.

THROUGH DEC. 31 – Light Up Middletown, Smith Park, 500 Tytus Ave., Middletown, 6–10 p.m. daily. A drive-through fantasy light display. See Santa and Mrs. Claus every Friday and Saturday evening, 7–9 p.m. www.lightupmiddletown.org.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Christmas at the Junction, EnterTRAINment Junction, 7379 Squire Court, West Chester. See the magic of Christmas at the home of the world's largest indoor train display. Take the family on a "Journey to the North Pole" where you'll meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. 513-898-8000 or www.entertrainmentjunction.com.

DEC. 11 – Oxford Musicians Virtual Holiday Concert, 7:30–8:30 p.m. An online performance and fundraiser for the Oxford Community Arts Center and the Ohio Arts Council. See website for details: <https://oxarts.org/event>.

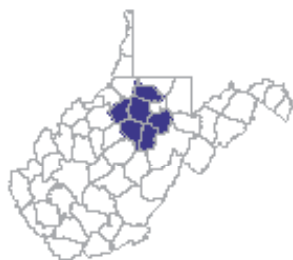
DEC. 13 – Cin City Reptile Show, Holiday Inn, Centre Park of West Chester, 5800 Muhlhauer Rd., West Chester, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$7. Thousands of exotic

reptiles, amphibians, inverts, supplies, and feeders. www.cincityreptileshow.com.

DEC. 16, 23, 30 – Bluegrass Wednesdays, Vinoklet Winery, 11069 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner, wine, and an evening of lively bluegrass music by Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass. Restricted seating because of COVID precautions, so early reservations are strongly recommended. 513-385-9309 or vinokletwinery@fuse.net.

JAN. 9–10 – Wedding Expo and Show, Wright State University Nutter Ctr., McLin Gym, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy., Dayton, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. \$5 in advance, \$8 at door. Fashion shows at 1 and 3 p.m. Giveaways, door prizes, demonstrations, and seminars. Find everything you need to plan your dream wedding from over 100 of Dayton's best wedding professionals and businesses. www.weddingapolis.com.

WEST VIRGINIA



THROUGH DEC. 27 – Celebration of Lights, Morris Park, Fairmont, Fri.–Sun., 6–10 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 per car. See over 475 holiday light displays in this drive-through tour. New: Walkers Nights every Thursday through Dec. 17, 6–10 p.m. 304-366-4550 or www.celebrationoflightswv.com.

THROUGH JAN. 1 – Winter Festival of Lights, Oglebay Resort, Wheeling. Featuring 300 acres of twinkling lights over a 6-mile drive. 3D holographic eyewear transforms every point of light into a magical display. Per-car donation requested; valid for the entire festival season. 877-436-1797 or <https://oglebay.com/events/festival-of-lights>.

Submit listings **AT LEAST 90 DAYS** prior to the event to **Ohio Cooperative Living**, 6677 Busch Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229 or events@ohioec.org. **Ohio Cooperative Living** will not publish listings that don't include a complete address or a number/website for more information.

DEC. 31–JAN. 1 – New Year's Eve Party, North Bend State Park, 202 North Bend Park Rd., Cairo. Ring in the New Year with an evening of live music, delicious food, and celebration. 304-643-2931 or www.northbendsp.com.