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NOW TRENDING... TOP 10 EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017

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December 1-2	Holiday on Huguenot Street , New Paltz
December 1-14	The Wawarsing Wassail , Ellenville, Napanoch and Wawarsing
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December 3	Saugerties Holiday in the Village , Saugerties
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December 31	Fourth Annual Saugerties New Year's Eve in the Village , Saugerties
December 31	Uptown Kingston's New Year's Eve Celebration , Kingston

DATE		December 2017 Calendar of Events
Please Note	Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication. Changes sometimes occur after printing and distribution. You may want to contact the Event Sponsors in advance.	
Nov. 17-Dec. 28	Polar Express Train Ride: Discover the magic of Christmas aboard this fun and exciting train ride inspired by the book and hit Warner Bros. film, "The Polar Express." Catskill Mountain Railroad, 149 Aaron Court, Kingston. 845-688-7400; catskillmtrailroad.com	
Nov. 24-Dec. 23	A Frosty Fest: An enchanted forest with animated light displays, glistening gardens and magical mansion. Santa's North Pole and Frosty's Adventures, a 3-D experience, 30-foot train, stage shows, food, cafes, gift shops and more. See website for schedule. Fun for kids of all ages. Buy tickets online or onsite, visit website for details. Fridays 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Headless Horseman Hayrides and Haunted Houses, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; afrostyfest.com	
1-31	Hudson River Maritime Museum: Explore historical artifacts related to the maritime heritage of the Hudson River, check out classes and workshops offered at the Riverport Wooden Boat School and visit the gift shop. Winter hours Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Check website for holiday and snow closures. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrm.org	
1	Snowflake Festival: Featuring main stage performances, fire twirlers, interactive ice sculpture, horse-drawn wagon ride and Santa Claus. Presented by Kingston Uptown Business Association (KUBA). 6 p.m.-8 p.m. North Front Street and Wall Street, Kingston; kingstontown.org; facebook.com/kingstontownbusinessassociation	
1	Saugerties First Friday: Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Partition, Market and Main Streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/saugertiesfirstfriday	
1	The Town of Gardiner's Annual Caroling Through Town and Christmas Tree Lighting: Follow the fire truck down Main Street, sing holiday carols, and watch the Got Rhythym Rockettes and tree lighting. Take photos with Santa Claus and the Grinch. Donate a new toy for Toys for Tots. Sponsored by The Gardiner Day Committee providing hot cocoa and home-baked goods. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Start at Gardiner Gables, 2356 Route 44/55, Gardiner. 845-255-9675 ext. 103; facebook.com/gardiner-day-new-york-162022735751	
1	Clearwater's Open Boat and Holiday Party: This free, family-friendly event is the first of several open boats. Tour the deck of the sloop Clearwater, meet the captains and crew, hear live music from local band, Rootbrew, and join in a round robin. Please bring a potluck dish to share and feel free to bring instruments. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-265-8080; clearwater.org	
1-2	Holiday on Huguenot Street: Featuring Historic Huguenot Street's holiday tours, the Reformed Church Christmas Fair, the Reformed Church Christmas Café and horse-drawn wagon rides. Friday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Tree Lighting: Dec. 1. Participate in a Paper Lantern Light Parade, beginning at the Reformed Church, proceeding to the Deyo House lawn. Luminaries line the street, paper lanterns available for purchase at The Museum Shop. Register for a holiday tour at huguenotstreet.org/holiday and receive a free lantern. Guests may take free photos with Santa. Parade 6:45 p.m. Tree lighting 7 p.m. Historic Huguenot Street and the Reformed Church of New Paltz, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; info@huguenotstreet.org; huguenotstreet.org	
1-2	Christkindlmarkt: A German Christmas tradition with woodworkers, unique gifts and crafts, elves' table, home-baked treats, German and American food and refreshments in our café. Free admission. Friday 3 p.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor hall, 37 Greenkill Ave., Kingston (near Broadway overpass). 845-338-3763; kingstonmaennerchoranddamenchor.org	
1-3	Festival of the Holidays Weekend: Celebrate with family, stress-free. Enjoy holiday-centered activities, crafts, musical performances and a special low rate. Call to reserve. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org	

1-3	A Christmas Carol: Ulster Ballet Company's 23 rd annual production of a holiday treasure with dance, theater and breathtaking special effects. Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. Adults \$25, seniors and members \$22, children 12 and under \$18. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org; ulsterballet.org or Ticketmaster: 1-800-743-608; ticketmaster.com
1-10	"Babes in Toyland": Based on the classic holiday film "March of the Wooden Soldiers." Adults \$29, seniors and students \$25. Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets \$32-\$40 plus \$4 convenience charge. Order online or phone the box office 845-679-6900. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock; woodstockplayhouse.com
1-14	The Wawarsing Wassail: Two weeks of holiday family fun. Events held by businesses and organizations in Ellenville, Napanoch and Wawarsing. Make cooking and crafts, kids' parties, live music, electric fire truck parade, tree lighting and caroling. Local "Toys for Kids" and hat, scarf and glove drives. See website for event details. 845-647-4620; ewcoc.com; facebook.com/ewcoc
1-17	Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol: Charles Dicken's classic tale is told from a very unusual point of view. Find out what happened to Scrooge's wicked business partner as he takes his own theatrical voyage, which the whole family can enjoy. Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets \$39. Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandtheatre.org
1-17	World War II Radio Christmas Show: This moving holiday show recreates the experience of attending a recording of a 1940's radio show using period songs and stories inspired by actual veterans reminding us all the importance of coming together for the holidays and an inspiring look at strength in the face of hardship. Visit website for show times and to purchase tickets \$20, seniors and students \$18, veterans free admission. Phoenicia Playhouse, 10 Church St., Phoenicia. 845-688-2279; phoeniciaplayhouse.com
2	36th Annual Woodstock Holiday Open House: Live music with WDST on the village green, pictures with Santa, face painting with Mrs. Claus, Victorian carolers, ice sculpting, the Kingston Catholic School singers and more. Refreshments and raffles in participating stores and businesses. 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Free admission. Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-679-6234; woodstockchamber.com
2	Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair and Chili Fest: Sample beef and vegetarian chili from local chefs and restaurants. Also featuring local vendors with their beautiful wears, baked goods, beverages, music and mingling. Admission \$5. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill. 845-254-5469; pinehillcommunitycenter.org
2	Electric Fire Truck Parade and Tree Lighting in Ellenville: Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade. Come to Ellenville for this festive parade down Canal Street to Liberty Square followed by the Village Tree Lighting with Santa and guests. 5 p.m. Liberty Square, 124 Canal St., Ellenville; 845-647-4620; ewcoc.org
2	11th Annual Holiday Crafts Fair: Craft vendors and refreshments. Admission \$1. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Marbletown Elementary School, 12 Pine Bush Road, Stone Ridge. 845-687-0284; rondoutmar.sharpschool.com
2	First Saturday Arts: Vibrant First Saturday gallery receptions offer a glimpse of what Kingston has to offer. Events throughout the year include live music, open studio tours, theatrical performances, historical reenactments, arts and culture activities and more. 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. 845-338-0331; artsalongthehudson.com/kingston; askforarts.org
2	High Falls-Marbletown Holiday Tree Lighting: Caroling, hot soup and visit from Santa. Bring new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots donation. 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Tree lighting at corner of Route 213 and Second Street. Refreshments after event at Community Church of High Falls, 4 Firehouse Road, High Falls; highfallscivic.org
2	Full Moon Walk: Explore some of the beautiful trails in the John Burroughs' Preserve. Bring headlamps for an easy and pleasant evening hike. If there is snow or ice, please bring snowshoes or microspikes. Anticipated start time 7 p.m. Call leader for details. Shari Aber shnaber@yahoo.com 914-489-0654. John Burroughs' Slabsides and Nature Sanctuary, Burroughs Drive off Floyd Ackert Road, West Park; mhadk.org
2-3	Kingston Model Railroad Club's 80th Annual Open House: Last weekend to see complete O scale railroad system in action. Villages and scenery, railroad museum, trolleys, circus trains, Thomas the Tank Engine and more. Noon-5 p.m. Adults \$6, children under 12 \$2. 845-334-8233; facebook.com/kingston-model-railroad-club-157880130902014/
2-3	Welcome Yule: Singing the Spirit of the Season: Ars Choralis' annual musical celebration of the season weaving the threads of Native American wisdom with music of Christmas and the winter solstice. Tickets available at arschoralis.org or area merchants: The Golden Notebook and Catskill Art & Office Supply in Woodstock, DIG in Saugerties and Mother Earth's Storehouse in Kingston. Prepaid tickets \$18, door \$22, children age 18 and under half price. Saturday 7 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 104 Wurts St., Kingston; Sunday 4 p.m. Overlook United Methodist Church, 233 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845-679-8172; arschoralis.org
2-3	27th Annual Craft, Art and Design Fair: View and buy gallery-quality handcrafted gift items, ceramics, jewelry, leather work, clocks, wreaths, woodwork and more. Admission \$3-\$4, children under 12 free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Unison Arts Center, 68 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org
2-3, 9-10	Wreath Fineries at the Wineries: Special holiday food and wine tastings, souvenir wine glass, handmade grapevine wreath and ornaments. Tickets one or two days, designated driver and couples. A Shawangunk Wine Trail event. Reservations recommended. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Various Ulster County locations. 845-256-8456; gunkswine.com
2-April 1	"Lines Let Loose:" Group show curated by Meredith Rosier featuring works by 40 artists whose abstract work pay tribute to "the line." Opening reception, Saturday, Dec. 2, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Wired Gallery will be open only by appointment Dec. 18-April 7. Wired Gallery, 11 Mohonk Road, High Falls. 845-564-5613; thewiredgallery.com

2, 16, 30	Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurring every other Saturday, December through April. Eighteen vendors offer locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org
3	Fiberflame's Annual Craft Fair: Local artists. Shop handmade and local for the holidays. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fiberflame, 1776 Route 212, Saugerties. 845-679-6132; fiberflamestudio.com
3	"Tis The Season": Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus seasonal concert with guest artists The Woodstock Brass Quintet. Adults \$10, students and seniors \$8. 2 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 29 Pearl St., Kingston. 845-382-2499; midhudsonwomenschorus.org
3	Saugerties Holiday in the Village: Holiday market, music, toy raffles, live mannequins, free horse and carriage rides, kids' crafts, entertainment and surprises. Market, Main and Partition Streets, Saugerties. Noon-6 p.m. Visit Santa and enjoy the petting zoo in the front yard at the Kiersted House, 119 Main St., Saugerties. Firemen's Parade of Lights and Village Tree Lighting at Seamon Park, 5 Malden Ave., Saugerties. 845-246-1337; village.saugerties.ny.us
3	Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" (1925): Part of Silent Film Sundays. The Little Tramp (Charlie Chaplin) heads north to join in the Klondike gold rush. 2 p.m. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-419-2031; rosendaletheatre.org
4	Iceboating on the Hudson: This Lloyd Historical Preservation Society program presents Bob Willis who entertains us with the speedy history of ice boating on the Hudson and teaches about famous ice boaters, how fast the crafts could go and where you can see them today. Free admission, refreshments. 7 p.m. Building 6 (Theater), Vineyard Commons, 300 Vineyard Ave., Highland; tolhps.org
7	Fifth Annual Made in Kingston: Eclectic mix of art and artisanal goods made in Kingston. The ultimate "shop local" holiday experience. Free admission. 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The Metro, 2 S. Prospect St., Kingston; info@courtenystrong.com ; madeinkingston.com ; facebook.com/madeinkingston
8	Light Up the Hamlet of Highland: Santa's Workshop will be open for a visit with Santa. Special performances, hot chocolate, candy, toasted marshmallows, games, giveaways, caroling with tree lighting. Toys for Tots donation. 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Vineyard and Main Streets, Highland. 845-691-2144 Ext. 100; townoflloyd.com/pages/lloydny_bcomm/events/index
8-9	Mendelssohn Club Christmas Concerts: Guest artists Kingston High School Choir and Brass Ensemble. 8 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$8. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; mckny.org
8-10	Catskill Ballet Theatre Presents The Nutcracker: Thirty-fifth annual ballet performance delights audiences of all ages. Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Adults \$30, seniors and students \$25. Tickets can be purchased at UPAC box office or Ticketmaster. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org ; catskillballet.org or Ticketmaster: 1-800-743-608; ticketmaster.com
9	17th Annual Holly Berry Trail: Tour private Ulster County homes decorated in holiday splendor inside and out. Refreshments provided by local restaurants. Call or email to purchase tickets \$30. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pick up map at Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway, Kingston. Sponsored by Junior League of Kingston. 845-481-3534; info@juniorleaguekingston.org ; facebook.com/jlkn
9	Cragsmoor Holiday Events: Cookie walk 10 a.m. at Cragsmoor Free Library, 355 Cragsmoor Road, Cragsmoor. Tree lighting 5 p.m. at Post Office, 1 Henry Road, Cragsmoor. Annual Wine & Cheese Party 5 p.m. at Fire House, 66 Sams Point Road, Cragsmoor. 845-647-4611; cragsmoorfreelibrary.info
9	St. James Artisan Market: Local, organic, handcrafted and eco-friendly items including jewelry, soap, paintings, garments, handmade Christmas cookies and more. Free admission. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. 845-331-3030
9	Olive Free Library Holiday Fair and Craft Show: Lunch, shopping and fun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan. 845-657-2483; olivefreelibrary.org
9	Frozendale in Rosendale: Community-generated holiday festival that takes place on Main Street in Rosendale. Participating shops showcase the best of local food, arts, music and crafts. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 845-658-3131; facebook.com/frozendalerosendale
9	Winter Wonderland Parade: Festivities, singing, refreshments and tree lighting at the gazebo and MHVFCU. Visit with Santa at the gazebo after parade. Advance donations of hats and mittens for local schools accepted at local businesses. Sponsored by Town of Esopus Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m. Old Route 9W, West Stout Street and Broadway, Port Ewen. 845-331-3549; esopus.com
9	Into The Light: Ellenville Public Library & Museum proudly presents The Vanaver Caravan, Arm-of-the-Sea Theater and CaravanKids performing this beautiful holiday pageant. 3 p.m. Ellenville High School Auditorium, 28 Maple Ave., Ellenville. 845-647-5530; eplm.org
10	Rosendale Winter Farmers' Market: Held on the second Sunday of the month, December through April. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rosendale Recreation Center, 1055 Route 32, Rosendale. 845-658-8348; rosendalefarmersmarketny.com
10	Annual Holiday Food & Toy Drive: Have your picture taken with Santa. Enjoy hot cocoa, coffee and fresh baked cookies, Donate new unwrapped toys, food items, personal health and beauty items or monetary donations to benefit The Rondout Valley Food Pantry. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. High Falls Firehouse, 1 Firehouse Road, High Falls. 845-687-8712
10	Winter Fair & Outdoor Marketplace: Crafts, food, song, dance, artisan wares, Waldorf gift shop and indoor and outdoor activities. Make beautiful gifts such as translucent window stars, wreath decorating and pomanders. Rain or shine. Free admission. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mountain Laurel Waldorf School, 16 South Chestnut St., New Paltz. 845-255-0033; mountainlaurel.org

13	Tuba Christmas: Traditional Christmas music from around the world with tuba and euphonium players of all ages. Participants register at 5 p.m., rehearse at 6 p.m. and perform the free concert at 7:30 p.m. Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. 1-800-724-0833; sunyulster.edu
16	Holidays at the Rondout: Learn about the immigrants of the Rondout area and explore how the holidays are celebrated in the Netherlands, Germany and Ireland followed by a scavenger hunt. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071, hrmm.org
16	Melissa Etheridge: Academy Award and Grammy winning artist takes to the UPAC stage for the very first time with her full band to perform all her greatest hits. Tickets \$60-\$105. Purchase online or phone. 8 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-473-2072; upac.org or Ticketmaster 800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com
16	Interactive Theatre: Charles' Dickens "A Christmas Carol": Audience members are encourage to interact with the Dickens' characters as they settle in for a fine evening of celebration. Tickets \$10-\$25. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Unison Arts Center, 68 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org
16	The Woodstock Byrdcliff Guild's Annual Winter Solstice: Tradition continues this holiday season with a performance by Happy Traum. Visit website or call to purchase tickets \$27-\$67. 8 p.m. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org
16	Nativity! Family comedy about a British school teacher who has the job this year of producing his school's Nativity play and he is also tasked with bringing his former lover, a Hollywood producer, back to London to film the play. Presented by Movies with Spirit. 7 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 207 Albany Ave., Kingston. 845-389-9201; gerryharrington@mindspring.com; movieswithspirit.com
20-21	68th Annual Living Nativity: A wonderful holiday tradition with the reenactment of the Christmas story with animals and local parishioners outside at the Old Dutch's churchyard. Three performances each evening at 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org
23	Falling Water Preserve and Saugerties Lighthouse Hike: Easy hike, approximately 3.5 miles. Start at 10 a.m. at Falling Waters Preserve, 996 Dominican Lane, Glasco. Then go to lighthouse trail. Bring packed lunch to eat on lighthouse deck. Some hills and a few tricky spots. Bring usual winter gear. No bathrooms. Confirm with leader Carla Barrett 315-527-857; barrettinclinton@gmail.com; mhadk.org
Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Holiday Rates at Belleayre Mountain: Holiday rates in effect these days. Visit website for details. From beginner to expert at Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 1-800-942-6904; belleayre.com
31	New Year's Eve Dance Party at Ashokan: Live music and dancing begins at 8 p.m. featuring Swing, Cajun, Zydeco, Contras, Squares, Blues and Waltzes. Come early for the festive New Year's dinner at 6 p.m. or stay for New Year's weekend at Ashokan Camp with music and dance classes, lodging and meals through Sunday afternoon. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-246-2121; ashokan.org
31	Fourth Annual Saugerties New Year's Eve in the Village: Stay local, stay safe. Stage on Main Street with performances 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Music, countfown video and ball drop. Specials at many restaurants and bars. Some streets will be closed 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Village of Saugerties. 845-246-2321; village.saugerties.ny.us; facebook.com/saugertieschamberofcommerce
31	Uptown Kingston's New Year's Eve Celebration: Featuring live music and an old-fashioned ball drop at the corner of Wall and North Front Streets in Kingston at midnight; chronogram.com; bspkingston.com
Dec. 27-Jan. 1	Menla's Annual New Year's Dharma & Yoga Retreat: The Love Your Enemies workshop explores a range of inner and outer enemies, looking at fear, anger and anguish generated by being stuck in a mode of "us" and "them" and focus on the total liberation that we are capable. Open to all levels of experience. Menla Mountain Retreat, 375 Pantherkill Road, Phoenicia. 845-688-6897; menla.us

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