



# CALENDAR *of events*



## december 2018... Spread Peace & Joy

### Saturday, Dec 1

Mistletoe Market @Farmers Market, holiday goodies, locally made gifts beautiful holiday home decor. 8a-1p, Hurkamp Park

Pancakes with Santa, Rappahannock Rotary 32nd Pancake Day, 8a-5p, FXBG Baptist Church

Spotsy Christmas Parade, 1pm

Santa is coming to Braehead Farm, Santa will be in The Red Shed from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and again from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm! Visit with Santa, make Snowman Soup!

Annual Gingerbread Exhibit, George Washington Ferry Farm, 10a-4p. Exhibit thru Dec 31

Christmas Parade, Downtown FXBG, 5:30p Caroline & Princess Anne

Pictures with Santa and Merry Trees Exhibit. FAM's third floor Council Chamber gallery will be filled with fifteen trees decorated by the Hugh Mercer Elementary School's second graders. Each tree is inspired by a book the students have read in the classroom. Thru Dec 31. FREE

Tis the season to be jolly! Get into the holiday spirit and find great deals at the Fredericksburg Holiday Craft presented by Bonefish Grill FXBG Expo Center. Over 300 talented crafters handmade holiday gifts and decorations Show thru Dec 2

Holiday Art Sale, Artists' Alliance at JTFA in Colonial Beach, Art suitable for gifts for every budget, 11a-5p. 100 Taylor St - 804 224 7200

A Christmas Story, the Musical, presented by CYT, 2pm. & 7pm Spotsy HS, 6975 Courthouse Rd.

Get ready to tap your toes! Stage Door Youth presents Singin' in the Rain Jr. organized by: Stage Door Productions, Chancellor HS

### Sunday, December 2

Santa is coming to Braehead Farm, Santa will be in The Red Shed from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and again from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm! Visit with Santa, make Snowman Soup!

The Great Christmas Ring! Join us as a RINGER or a Listener a ringing event for English Handbells. It's fun. It's festive. It's no fuss. Plan to ring with us! FXBG Expo Center, 1-3:30

A Christmas Story, the Musical, presented by CYT, 3pm. Spotsy HS, 6975 Courthouse Rd

Home for the Holidays. Enjoy the house decorated for the holidays in the spirit and style of American painter Gari Melchers and his talented artist-wife Corinne. Thru Dec 30

Baseball is coming to Fredericksburg! Celebrate FXBG Baseball Opening Event in partnership with the FAM 11a-2p, Market Square

Tour the Mary Washington House by candlelight in the spirit of an 18th century Christmas. FREE event! 4:30pm - 7pm

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Artist Pop-Up, Artful Dimension Gallery, 922 Caroline St. Georgette Rankin will display her unique paper-mache Santas and ornaments

### Monday, December 3

Brush Strokes Gallery "Deck the Walls!" Exhibit, Throughout Dec all-members' seasonal display of artwork in a variety of media. 824 Caroline St

### Thursday, December 6

TINSEL Town Holiday Craft Market, local artists, drink specials, comp hors d'oeuvres, Sunken Well Tavern, 720 Littlepage, 6-9pm

Christmas Open House at the Rising Sun Tavern, 5:30pm - 8:30p beautifully decorated for the season Taste seasonal treats and beverages, FREE event! We will also have live vignettes of Tavern life.

Join us for research findings on the history of the Rising Sun's distinguished owners & interesting occupants, along with interpretation of life in a Federal-era tavern. Presented by Daphne Ahalt a University of Mary Washington, Department of Historic Preservation student, and the Assistant Lab Director of the Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Live Music at 7:30 Kenmore Inn. featuring drink specials at the copper top bar.

### First Friday, December 7

All Members Show, Artful Dimensions, , opening reception, 6-9. Show thru the 31st, 922 Caroline Street

Gaye Adegbalola Featured Artist Darbytown Art Studio Browse the studio, meet the artists and start your holiday shopping here while listening to Gaye's latest CD, Griot. Original art by local artists and Gaye's CD will be available! 241 Charles Street

FCCA Annual Holiday Show, 813 Sophia St

Christmas on the Field, This unique family-friendly event will bring something for the entire family. With over 50 artisans and crafters selling & exhibiting their work at this arts and crafts show. 9a-4p, FXBG Field House

Benefit raffle drawing for Trista Chapmen Tea St for the All proceeds support local programs of Mental Health America of FXBG.

"HollyBall" a dress up night of dancing & fun. For Children 4 years & older, @Dorothy Hart Community Center, 6:30-8:30pm

Stafford Players present "Charlotte's Web", Stafford H.S. 2 & 7pm info thestaffordplayers@gmail.com.

Deck the Walls! Brush Strokes Gallery 824 Caroline St. ll-members' seasonal display of artwork in a variety of media.

Jon Wiley & Brandon Snellings Live Music @LaPetite Auberge, 311 William St, 8-midnight. . No cover. lapetiteaubergefred.com

### Saturday, December 8

Annual Candlelight Tour. Tour local historic homes & hear the stories they have to tell. Professional decorators, designers, and artists beautifully decorate each home for the holidays-a delight for the eye and an inspiration for the upcoming holidays.hffi.org/holiday-candlelight-tour/

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Join the National Park Service in commemorating the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg with historian-led programs: 9 a.m.: Crossing the Rappahannock. This program will look at the dramatic events of December 11, 1862, as the Union army struggled to get across the Rappahannock. We will take the same view of the event as thousands of soldiers did, watching from the heights of Chatham, above the crossing. With John Hennessy. 60 minutes. Meet at Chatham (120 Chatham Lane, Fredericksburg)

10:30 a.m.: Fighting in the Streets. Join Frank O'Reilly as he walks the streets that witnessed the first major urban combat in American History on December 11, 1862. 90 minutes. Gather at the upper pontoon crossing at Sophia and Hawke Streets (GPS Coordinates: 38.307868, -77.460916). On-street parking available nearby.

2:00 p.m.: "Men fell like leaves in autumn:" The Fight for Prospect Hill. Join Greg Mertz to explore the Southern end of the Fredericksburg Battlefield, the only place where Union troops were able to penetrate the Confederate line. 90 minutes. Meet at Tour Stop 6, Prospect Hill (GPS Coordinates: 38.248090, -77.435651)

2:00 p.m.: 156th Anniversary Remembrance Walk Join Elizabeth Parnicza for a walk of reflection and remembrance along the Sunken Road. 60 minutes. Park at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center, 1013 Lafayette Boulevard, 22401.

Weather in the Fredericksburg region during December can be unpredictable. Check the forecast in the days leading up to the programs, and keep an eye on the park's Facebook page for weather updates. Warm or layered clothing and comfortable, sturdy footwear is recommended for all programs.

Santa is flying in from the North Pole to Stafford Regional Airport !! Santa's mission is to collect new unwrapped toys and/or personal care items for the hospitalized veterans at McGuire, VA Medical Center. He is doing this to help out the Ninety-Nines with their Christmas Airlift. 9a-1p

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Shop til Yule Drop Holiday Market, local artists, crafters, potters, eateries, you name it! to our first ever holiday market right here in our tasting room. Doors will be open at 11am and the market will begin at 2pm so be sure to ~shop~ on by Saturday! Strangeways Brewing Co

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Crafts & Drafts Winter Market. Stock up on your holiday gifts and stay cozy with a beer from Adventure. This indoor Winter Market will feature handmade gifts from local artisans and live music throughout the evening to enhance your shopping experience. Adventure Brewing Co, 5-8p

Live Music at 7:30 Kenmore Inn. featuring drink specials at the copper top bar.

### Saturday, December 15

A 19th Century Christmas at Ellwood Manor, 9-Noon, Visit Santa & make period crafts; Noon-2pm Open House with Live Music. free and open to the public. 36380 Constitution Highway (Route 20), Locust Grove, VA 22508, Info: 540-972-5668, or Ellwood@FoWB.org

Holiday Craft Fair, 18th annual Holiday Craft Fair! Browse a wide selection of handmade art, jewelry, wood crafts, and more. PLUS, take advantage of one hour of complimentary child watch while you shop. Proceeds from this event benefit our youth programs. Massad YMCA, 9a-1p

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Holiday Open House Sophia Street Studios Please join us for a evening of yummy treats and delicious drinks as we celebrate our community of makers. 6-9p

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Civil War Santa @Chatham Manor Annual Christmas Program. Noon-4pm. (see pg 29 for details)

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### Tuesday, December 18

ArtsAlive!, Act Along Christmas Carol, become an actor & enjoy this classic. ...everyone knows the story so join the cast in this improvised holiday classic. 7-8:30p CRRL, Main Branch.

### Wednesday, December 19

Carols in the Taproom, Red Dragon Brewery, 6-8pm Princess Anne St.

### Thursday, December 20

Live Music at 7:30 Kenmore Inn. featuring drink specials at the copper top bar.

### Friday, December 21

The Acoustic Onion Live Music @LaPetite Auberge, 311 William St, 8-midnight. . No cover. lapetiteaubergefred.com

### Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

### Thursday, December 27

Live Music at 7:30 Kenmore Inn. featuring drink specials at the copper top bar.

### Monday, December 31

New Years Eve

Family Fun Night New Year's Eve Celebration @FXBG Fairgrounds, 2400 Airport Ave.6-9pm . featuring indoor entertainment & activities....early count-down with ping-pong ball drop.

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