

# Amazing Bulletin Cavalcade of December Events & Festivities

Free & Low-Cost Things to do in Toronto for December 2010 & New Year's Day



# FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

*If only we'd stop trying to be happy, we could have a pretty good time.*

*Edith Wharton*

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## \*Art Exhibits\*

Ongoing. Tues through Sun from 11 am to 6 pm. **Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art.** Current Exhibits: David Hoffos, Scenes from the House Dream (until Dec 31); Project Room: ADAMS | DEMAND | FARMER - constellation of works where sculpture figures prominently (until Dec. 31); Media/Retail Space: David Zack Wizard!? Perturber!? Possessed! Letters and other works of a correspondence artist, 1938 – 1995 (until Dec. 31). Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, 952 Queen Street West 416-395-0067 info(at)mocca(dot)ca PWYC

Ongoing. **Toronto Textile Museum.** Current Exhibits: Kai Chan: A Spider's Logic (until May 1, 2011), Beauty Born of Use: Natural Rainwear from China and Japan, Drawing with Scissors: Molas from Kuna Yala (until Feb 13, 2011). Textile Museum of Canada, 55 Centre Avenue (St. Patrick subway). 416-599-5321 www.textilemuseum.ca Wednesdays from 5 – 8 pm are PWYC (including special exhibits)

Ongoing. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri from noon - 5 pm. Sat from noon - 4 pm. **Byzantine and Post Byzantine Icons from the Malcove Collection. The Art of Devotion.** Icons dedicated to Mary and the Christ Child in the Christian tradition. University of Toronto Art Centre, 15 King's College Circle 416-946-7089 www.utac.utoronto.ca FREE

Until Sun 5. Mon to Fri from 10 am – 4 pm. Wed from 10 am – 8 pm Sun from noon – 5 pm. Terrance Houle's **GIVN'R.** A rockin' survey of the past five years of work in film, video, performance, and photography offering insight into a young Native man's journey and relationship with his Ojibway mother. Art Gallery of York University, Accolade East Building, 4700 Keele St. 416-736-5169 http://www.yorku.ca/agy/ FREE

Ends Sun 5. **Forest.** Explore the attenuation of time and hypersensitivity which forests breathe into us. Maya Bar, Anat Betzer, Dan Birenboim, and Yehuda Porbuchrai, among others. Julie M. Gallery Distillery District, 15 Mill Street 416-603-2626 info@juliemgallery.com FREE

Ends Jan 8, 2011. **Christmas Art Show.** A show of paintings by members of the York Artists Guild will be on display in our second floor gallery. Swansea Community Centre, Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Avenue. 416-769-6109 frontdesk@swanseatownhall.ca FREE

Ends Jan 9, 2011. **Art exhibition: Divided and Found.** As a young child, a woman, a Palestinian, an Israeli citizen, a mother, an artist and a health professional, Christina Damianos shares with us the struggles of assembling her past and future. Beit Zatoun, 612 Markham Street (by Bathurst subway) info@beitzatoun.org FREE

Ends Feb 6, 2011. **The Shape of Anxiety: Henry Moore in the 1930's.** Features 53 works, 37 of which have never before been seen in Canada, including 36 sculptures and 17 drawings. Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street West 416-979-6648 www.ago.net Free admission every Wednesday from 6 – 8:30 pm (this exhibit is included with general admission)

Ends April 3, 2011. **Maharaja: The Splendour of India's Royal Courts Exhibit.** Over 200 objects from the royal palaces of India. Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street W. 416-979-6648  
www.ago.net 25 years old and under: FREE (note: this offer is not valid between December 26 - January 2)

Fri 3 & Sat 4 from 1:30 – 5 pm. Reception: Thurs 2 from 5 – 8 pm. **The Blues Art Exhibit.** Artists interpret the blues. Creative Works Studio, 793 Gerrard St. East 416-465-5711 www.creativeworks-studio.ca  
FREE

Tues 7 from 7 - 9 pm. **The Holy Family in Medieval and Renaissance Art.** Join Dr. Sarah McKinnon of the Ontario College of Art & Design to explore these works of art. Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge Street 416-920- 5211 [http://christchurchdeerpark.org/learning\\_ministry.htm](http://christchurchdeerpark.org/learning_ministry.htm) FREE

## \*CAMH Holiday Events\*

Thurs 2 at 10:30 am. **Hanukkah Celebration.** Rabbi Weiss & the volunteers from Adath Israel Synagogue. Worship Room, 1001 Queen St. West. Theresa Conforti at 416-535-8501 x 2995 FREE

Thurs 2 at 9 am. **Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale.** Great one-of-a-kind holiday gift ideas. Support the artistic talents of CAMH clients and community partners – unique jewelry, photography, hand-crafted pottery, unique cards, art, holiday decorations, hats, scarves, and more. CAMH, The Mall, 1001 Queen St. West. For info:

Bharati Singh at 416-535-8501 x 6718 FREE

Thurs 9 at 1 pm. **Christmas Candlelight Service in Celebration of the Birth of Christ.** Hosted by Spiritual and Religious Care. Light refreshments after the service. Training Rooms A & B, 1001 Queen Street West. Theresa Conforti at 416-535-8501 x 2995 FREE

Tues 14 from 6 pm – 8 pm. **Client Holiday Party.** Dancing, prizes, refreshments, live music, games and a visit from Santa. Cafeteria, 1001 Queen Street West. Hosted by CAMH's Recreation Therapists. FREE

Fri 17 from 12:30 pm – 3 pm. **Client Holiday Party.** Sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Church. Food, drink and gifts for all. The Mall, 1001 Queen St. West. 416-535-8501 x 2995 FREE

## \*Dramatic Performance\*

**The Second City Training Centre.** The world's premier comedy theatre and largest school of improvisation and sketch comedy. 416-340-7270 [www.secondcity.com/tc/to](http://www.secondcity.com/tc/to)

Every Monday night. **Drop in Improv classes.** There is no experience required to join these classes. They are fun for anyone who wants to give improv a try. \$5

Ongoing. Sun – Fri at 9 pm. **John Candy Box Theatre shows**. For listing of current shows visit <http://www.secondcity.com/training/toronto/performances/> PWYC

Every Fri, Sat & Sun until Dec 19 from noon – 2 pm. **Winter Magic 2010 Buskertainment**. Walk throughout Downtown Yonge and stumble upon buskers of all kinds. From caricature artists, to mimes, to stilt walkers, to illusionists - anything you can think of will be there. All proceeds raised will go to Raising the Roof. <http://www.wintermagic.ca/buskertainment> FREE

Opens Fri 3 at 7:30 pm. Continues Fri - Sun until Dec 19. **The Christmas Story**. A dramatization of the nativity story featuring a volunteer cast, professional choir, and organ accompaniment. Performed since 1938! Holy Trinity Church (behind the Eaton Centre). Register at [holytrinitytoronto.org/thechristmasstory](http://holytrinitytoronto.org/thechristmasstory) or call 416-598-4521 By donation

Sun 5 from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Sunday School Dramatic presentation of **Simply Christmas** will look at the simplicity of the Nativity. Birchcliff Bluffs United Church, 33 East Road 416-694-4081 FREE (unwrapped, non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank is welcomed)

Sun 5 from 7 – 8:30 pm. **Carols United**. Sing favourite carols to live musical accompaniment. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen Street East. 416-363-0331 x 51 [www.metunited.org](http://www.metunited.org) By donation

Sun 19 at 7 pm. **Busker-style performances by Shadowland Theatre**. St Andrew's by the Lake Church on Toronto Island. Part of the annual Wassail event. The Church is a 20 minute walk from Ward Island ferry dock. For the ferry schedule call 416-392-8193. 416-203-0946 [www.shadowlandtheatre.ca](http://www.shadowlandtheatre.ca) FREE (contribution of snacks to share or warm socks for Out of the Cold program gratefully received.) The round trip ferry fare to Toronto Island is \$6.50.

Tues 21 from 6 – 8 pm. **Kensington Market Winter Solstice**. Oxford and Augusta St. (in front of Exile on Augusta Street) FREE

## \* Flower Shows \*

Sun 5 from 5 – 6 pm. **Allan Gardens Christmas Flower Show** begins with the lighting of the candles. The Flower Show continues all month. South of Carlton between Sherbourne & Jarvis Streets. Dawn until dusk. FREE

Doors Open Sun 12 from noon to 7 pm. Continues Sat 18 and Sun 19. Opening of the Christmas floral display at **Centennial Park Conservatory**. Victorian carollers, a family carol sing, hot cider, cookies and horse and carriage rides. It is also the first day to view the Conservatory by Candlelight (from 5-7 pm). Centennial Park Conservatory. 151 Elmcrest Rd. 416-626-6994 [romanvinca@sympatico.ca](mailto:romanvinca@sympatico.ca) FREE

Wed 1 from 1:30 – 3 and 7:30 – 9 pm. Thurs 2 from 11 am – 3 pm. **The Milnehouse Garden Club's Holiday Craft & Bake Sale**. On Dec 2 they are also holding free demonstrations on making wreaths. A beautiful indoor display of plants all year round. Edwards Gardens and The Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. East, North York 416-397-1340 [www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca) FREE

# \* For Children \*

**Write a letter to Santa Claus.** Canada Post's annual Letters to Santa program. Established in 1982 as a national program. Last year, more than one million letters were answered in 30 languages, including Braille, by more than 11,000 of Santa's elves working or retired from Canada Post. Each letter should have a clear and correct return mailing address and a stamp. Canada Post asks parents to make sure letters to Santa do not include treats for Santa, like cookies. The elves remind parents to get their children writing as soon as possible so Santa has time to read them all and respond before Christmas. Letters can be mailed to Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada H0H 0H0 FREE

Mon – Sat until December 24 at various times. **The Santa Experience.** Children aged two to six get face to face time with Santa for half an hour, including visiting with his elves, storytelling, dancing and singing. Registration is required in advance at the holiday information booth at Sherway Square (in the mall). Sherway Square, 25 The West Mall (Hwy 427 & the QEW). 416-621-1070  
<http://www.sherwaygardens.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx> \$5 (All proceeds to the charity Sleeping Children Around the World) [www.scaw.org](http://www.scaw.org)

Wed 1 to Sun 19. **Gingerbread Cookie Factory.** Decorate gingerbread cookies for charity during mall hours. Sherway Gardens, 25 The West Mall (QEW and Highway 427) 416-621-1070 [www.sherwaygardens.ca](http://www.sherwaygardens.ca) \$4/cookie

Thurs 2 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. **Harbourfront's Annual Pajama Party.** A community event for the whole family. Join us this holiday season for an evening of drama performances, holiday songs, family activities, music, and entertainment. For full details email Neda [neda@harbourfrontcc.ca](mailto:neda@harbourfrontcc.ca) or call at 416-392-1509 x 325 A community dinner (\$3.00/person)

Fri 3 - Sun 12. Open daily from noon – 8 pm. **Christmas Market at The Distillery District.** Inspired by European Christmas markets, this free, family-friendly event at the Distillery showcases hundreds of unique and local handmade gifts. Decorated with a giant Christmas tree, magical lighting and festive décor. Entertainment includes musicians, carolers and children's choirs, Rudolf's Reindeer Zoo and, of course, Santa and his elves. The Distillery Historic District, Parliament St. & Front Street.)  
<http://www.toronto.com/festivals/event/661300> FREE

On Fri 3:

- 2 pm. Etobicoke School of the Arts Holiday Choir
- 4 pm. Children's Storytelling
- 6 pm. Official Christmas Market Opening Ceremony: Canadian Tenors, Santa Claus, the Christmas Angel and the lighting of the tree ceremony.

On Sat 4:

- 4 and 4:45 pm. Traditional Scottish folk dances
- 6 pm. Alpine folk dancers
- 7 pm. The Hart House Chorus and Hart House Singers.

On Sun 5: **St. Nicholas Day Celebration.** Celebrate the eve of St. Nicholas Day with children's storytelling, Swedish folk dancers and a visit from Santa at 5 pm.

Sat 4 from 8 am – 10 am. **Breakfast with Hamper & Santa.** Hamper is serving up Pancakes! Pancake breakfast, crafts, and a visit from Hamper the Reindeer and Santa! Community Centre 55, 97 Main Street. 416-691-1113 [www.centre55.com](http://www.centre55.com) \$3

Sat 4 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. **Animate This! Fun on the Slopes** animation workshop for children aged 6-13. Celebrate the winter wonderland by animating a snowy sport! NFB Mediatheque, 150 John St. (at Richmond St. W). 416-973-3012 [t.koivusalo@nfb.ca](mailto:t.koivusalo@nfb.ca) [www.nfb.ca/mediatheque](http://www.nfb.ca/mediatheque) \$5 per child, FREE for supervising adults

Sat 4 – Sun 5 from 11 am – 5 pm. **HarbourKIDS: SK8.** Two-day festival for kids. SK8 is a celebration of all forms of skating and the culture that surrounds it. Live musical performances, breakdancing, storytelling, curling lessons, skateboarding, and much more. Harbourfront, Queen's Quay, 235 Queens Quay West (Lower Simcoe St. & Queens Quay West) 416-973-4000 [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com) FREE

Dec 4, 11 & 18 from 11:30 am – 3 pm. Joined by our Village Carolers, **Santa makes his annual visit to the Yonge-Lawrence Village** to meet and greet shoppers and hand out treats to the kids. Bring your cameras and take pictures with Santa and don't forget to ask him for your free, reusable Yonge-Lawrence Village enviro-friendly Shopping Bag. Yonge-Lawrence Village district, Yonge St. from Lawrence Ave. West to Donwood Dr. 416-657-4313 <http://www.yongelawrencevillage-bia.com/index.asp> FREE

Dec 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 from noon – 4 pm. **Strolling Santa: The Shops at Don Mills.** Come out and meet Santa Claus! The jolly man himself and one of his helpers will be strolling throughout Shops at Don Mills spreading joy and handing out treats! Shops at Don Mills, 1090 Don Mills Road, Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue East 416-447-0618 [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) FREE

Dec 4, 5, 18 and 19 from noon – 4 pm. **Live Reindeer in the Town Square.** Straight from the North Pole, Santa's reindeer will be making an exclusive appearance at Shops at Don Mills. Come out and see a few of these magical creatures before they fly back to work. Shops at Don Mills, 1090 Don Mills Road (Don Mills and Lawrence Ave. East) 416-447-0618 [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) FREE

Sat 4 from 10 am. **Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade.** 10 Marching Bands, 15 professionally built floats -including a Choir of Mice, MadHatter Tea Party, Penguin Fantasy, The Flintstones, Sylvester & Tweety, Dudley The Dragon, Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cinderella & her carriage, Bigger than Life Snowmen and Polar Bears, a Christmas Train, and more. Parade begins at Dwight Avenue (1 block west of Royal York), travels west along Lakeshore Blvd West and ends at Thirty Sixth St. (just before Browns Line). 416-910-5203 416-562-2585 [info@lakeshoresantaclausparade.com](mailto:info@lakeshoresantaclausparade.com) FREE

Sun 5 from noon – 2 pm. **MNJCC Family Chanukah Celebration.** Latkes, music, games, crafts, and more! Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211 x 277 <http://www.mnjcc.org> FREE

Sat 11 –& Sun 12 from noon – 4 pm. **Horse Drawn Wagon Rides: Shops at Don Mills.** Take a leisurely horse drawn wagon ride throughout the festive streets of Shops at Don Mills. Enjoy the sights of the urban village or arrive in style at one of your favourite stores. Note: Wagon rides are available on a first come first served basis. 1090 Don Mills Road 416-447-0618 [www.shopsatdonmills.ca](http://www.shopsatdonmills.ca) FREE

Dec 27, 28, 29, 30 and Jan 1 & Jan 2 at noon and 3 pm. **Winter Wonderland Holiday Animation workshops** for families. Throughout the holiday season, come in from the cold and enjoy our animation workshops for families, suitable for children aged 6 to 13, along with a holiday-themed screening program in the NFB Cinema! 416-973-3012 [www.nfb.ca/mediatheque](http://www.nfb.ca/mediatheque) \$5 per child and free for supervising adult

## \*Lights in the City\*

Throughout the month of December. **The Cavalcade of Lights at Winterfest.** Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West (Lower Simcoe Street & Queens Quay West). 416-973-4000 [info@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:info@harbourfrontcentre.com) [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com) FREE

There are four locations in Toronto's Waterfront: the fully restored and enhanced **Tall Ship on the Amsterdam Bridge** (at Simcoe), using a new generation of animated super bright LED lights, **the Music Garden, the Firehall, Westin Harbour Castle.**

Throughout December. **Lights at the Square.** Yonge-Dundas Square's light display includes LED lights on the columns, a blue and white light tree, and a family of bright polar bears. Lights continue along Yonge St. from Queen to College St. FREE

**Hudson's Bay Christmas Windows.** Along the outside of the store along Yonge St., and along Queen St. The Bay, Queen & Yonge (south end of Eaton Centre) FREE

Ends Jan 1, 2011. **Urban Lights.** Yonge St. Aglow. As part of Winter Magic, Yonge Street will be aglow with lights, three-dimensional polar bears and more. Downtown Yonge. FREE

**More good bets** for dazzling light displays and related holiday festoonery: Bloor-Yorkville (animated storefront windows, enchanting light displays and charming decorations); including Yorkville Park which has good holiday light displays. Neighbourhoods participating in the Cavalcade of lights this year include: Albion Islington Square BIA, Bloor-Yorkville Corso Italia BIA, Emery Village BIA, GreekTown on the Danforth, Little Italy, Rosedale Main Street, St. Clair Gardens BIA. FREE

Ends Jan 31, 2011. The **St. Lawrence Market** is usually decked out in traditional Victorian Christmas garlands and wreaths. FREE

Thursday, December 2nd @ 6:00 PM sharp. **THE BIG KISS.** Please join us for The Big Kiss, as the largest mistletoe in the entire world is unveiled at Yonge-Dundas Square. For every kiss, Virgin Mobile, the organization behind the transformation of Yonge-Dundas Square, will donate \$5 to WWF-Canada. Yonge St. & Dundas St. <http://newmindspace.com/thebigkiss.php> FREE

Sat 4 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. **Toronto Hydro Light Exchange.** Bring in up to two old strings of Christmas lights we'll replace it with a new string of energy efficient LED lights (while supplies last). Join Santa for Free Cake and Hot Chocolate (while supplies last)! Front Lawn of Scotiabank – 3446 Yonge Street (at Yonge Blvd). 416-657-4313 [info@yongelawrencevillage-bia.com](mailto:info@yongelawrencevillage-bia.com) FREE



Mon 6 from 7 – 8:30 pm. **Thistletown Tree Lighting Ceremony**. We will light the 60 foot tree, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy refreshments and a magic and mindreading show by Mega Magic. Everyone Welcome! Thistletown Community Centre, 925 Albion Rd. 416-394-8717 [kmcalist@toronto.ca](mailto:kmcalist@toronto.ca) FREE

## \*Movies\*

Ongoing. **The Revue**. Toronto's Not-For-Profit, Community-Run Movie Theatre. Some screenings scheduled for December include Jack Goes Boating, Countdown to Zero, The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, The Social Network, Legends of the Guardian - The Owls of Ga'Hoole, The Class, and more. 400 Roncesvalles Avenue 416-531-9959 [contact@revuecinema.ca](mailto:contact@revuecinema.ca) FREE

Ongoing. Mon - Fri from 9 am - 5 pm. **Graham Spry Theatre**. Watch sneak previews of your favourite CBC programs before they go to air! 250 Front Street West 416-205-3311 [www.cbc.ca/contact/](http://www.cbc.ca/contact/) FREE

Special holiday hours: Fri 24 from noon – 5 pm. Mon 27 – Fri 31 from 11 am – 6 pm. Jan 2 from noon – 5 pm. 5,500 films available to watch for free on our **Digital Viewing Stations** (DVS). New titles are added regularly, and guided viewing lists of staff picks will help get you started with the best the National Film Board has to offer. NFB Mediatheque, 150 John St. (Osgoode subway station) 416-973-3012 [NFB.ca/mediatheque](http://NFB.ca/mediatheque) FREE

Every Wed until Dec 15 from 4 – 6 pm. **Free Favourites at Four: Expanded Life**. The NFB Mediatheque will be presenting a favourite NFB title on the big screen! Filmmaker Astra Taylor accompanies some of today's most influential thinkers on a series of unique excursions through places and spaces that resonate for them. National Film Board Mediatheque, 150 John Street (John and Richmond) 416-973-3012 [www.nfb.ca/mediatheque](http://www.nfb.ca/mediatheque) FREE

Mon 13 from 1 – 2:15 pm. **Visions of Sugar Plums** – Joey and Bruce, a happy New York gay couple, have donned their gay apparel and are anticipating the Christmas holidays. That is, until Bruce's religious parents announce an expected holiday visit. This movie is supported by PFLAG. 2001 – 60 minutes. The Older LGBTTQ Resource Centre, The 519 Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street. 416-355-6787 FREE

## \*Music Performance\*

Wed 1 at 12 pm. **Christmas Tuba Festival and Choir Sing-a-long**. Low brass players and singers are invited to join in performing Christmas carols and seasonal music. Decorate your instrument and dress in your most seasonally inspired clothing. Download music in advance off their website. Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West. 416-298-2871 [info@coalitionformusiced.ca](mailto:info@coalitionformusiced.ca) FREE

Wed 1 to Fri 3. **York University Jazz Festival**. Features performances showcasing rising young talent directed by leading lights of the Canadian jazz scene. Department of Music, Martin Family Lounge, 219 Accolade East Building, 4700 Keele St. 416-736-2100 x 22926 [www.yorku.ca/finearts/music/events](http://www.yorku.ca/finearts/music/events) FREE

The **Scarborough Civic Centre** is located at 150 Borough Drive. Admission to the Sunday concert series is FREE. For more information and to confirm performances, call 416-338-3295.

Wed December 1 from 7 – 9:30 pm. **Tree Lighting Ceremony** with Children's Choir and High School Jazz Band. FREE

December 12 from 2 – 4 pm. **Royal Regiment of Canada Band Concert.** Scarborough Civic Centre, The Rotunda, 150 Borough Drive. FREE

Thurs 2 at 8 pm. Veteran blues guitarist **Harrison Kennedy** plays a soulful and eclectic mix of songs. Melody Bar, Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West. 416-531-4635 [www.gladstonehotel.com](http://www.gladstonehotel.com) FREE

Thurs 2 at 12:10 pm. **Quattro Flute Quartet.** Works arranged for 4 flutes from the classics to the wild including Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream. Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744 [www.music.utoronto.ca/events/calendar](http://www.music.utoronto.ca/events/calendar) FREE

Fri 3 from 5:30 am – 6 pm. **Sounds of the Season.** Attend CBC Radio One's live broadcast of shows including Metro Morning and Here & Now with live music, personalities and more. CBC Broadcasting Centre, 250 Front Street West. 416-205-3311 [cbc.ca/toronto](http://cbc.ca/toronto) Free with donation of a non-perishable food item

Fri 3 and Sat 4 from 7 – 8:30 pm. **Celebration Christmas with the African Children's Choir.** The concert will be a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances, and favorite gospel tunes. Experience the hope, dignity and beauty of Africa! The African Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 25 years, raising awareness and showing the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. First Alliance Church, 3250 Finch Ave East. 416-494-3269 x 21 [www.firstalliancechurch.org](http://www.firstalliancechurch.org) A free-will offering will be taken to help Africa's children.

Sun 5 at 7 pm. **University of Toronto Gospel Choir's Annual Christmas Concert.** "For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name." Luke 1:49 (NKJV) Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and sing praises to His holy name! Special Guest: Kevin Pauls. Evangel Temple, 4190 Yonge Street 416-614-4872 [www.utgc.org](http://www.utgc.org) A non-perishable food item for donation to a local food bank is welcomed.

Sun 5 at 7:30 pm. **Lessons and Carols.** Featuring the C Flats Jazz Band, the Junior Choir, plus the choirs of Leaside United, St. Augustine of Canterbury and St. Cuthbert's, singing and playing the Christmas story. Leaside United Church, 822 Millwood Road. 416-425-1253 [www.leasideunited.org](http://www.leasideunited.org) By donation

Thurs 9 at 7 pm. **Barry Shainbaum's Sing Along** of holiday songs and, this year, a magician too. Friends & Advocates. 2340 Dundas Street West, Suite G27 in the Crossways Mall across from the Dundas West Subway Station. 416-234-9245 FREE and open to non-members

Fri 10, Mon 13 & Mon 15 at 7 pm. **PianoFest.** University of Toronto's Faculty of Music. Advanced student performers of the piano department strut their stuff in three concerts. University of Toronto, Edward Johnson Building, Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park 416-978-3750 <http://www.music.utoronto.ca/events/calendar.htm> FREE

Fri 10 from 8 - 10 pm. **Les Singes Bleus**. This 5 piece band plays French cafe songs with a modern twist. Melody Bar, Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West. 416-531-4635 [www.gladstonehotel.com](http://www.gladstonehotel.com) FREE

Sat 11 at 1 pm and 3 pm. **Toronto Star Christmas Carol Concert** is held. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. East 416-961-8116 Tickets are FREE and will be handed out at the *Toronto Star's* head office at 1 Yonge Street. A collection will be taken to benefit the *Toronto Star* Santa Claus Fund.

Sat 11. Doors open at 7 pm. Show begins at 8 pm. **Ginza Night 2**. Gather up your group and head to the Japanese Culture Centre of Canada on for a delicious bowl of udon and the awesome tunes of Kano, Tosh & Ken. A unique group, their smooth sounds cover reggae, pop, blues, J-pop and more. Top it off with a steaming bowl of Tak-san's delectable udon at a great price and you've got the perfect venue for your end-of-year social outing. JCCC, 6 Garamond Court 416-441-2345 [jccc@jccc.on.ca](http://jccc@jccc.on.ca) or Admission: \$5, Udon (optional): \$6.50. Purchase a combo ticket before Dec 3 for \$10.

Sun 12 at 7:30 pm. **Community Carol Sing**. Everyone is welcome to join our choir sing seasonal music. Refreshments follow the carol singing. St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd. 416-283-1844 [lesporter@stdunstan.ca](mailto:lesporter@stdunstan.ca) Free will offering

Sun 12 at 3 pm. **University of Toronto Gospel Choir**. Join this critically acclaimed choir in celebrating the season in song. Hart House, University of Toronto, 7 Hart House Circle 416-978-2452 [www.harthouse.utoronto.ca/event/sunday-concerts](http://www.harthouse.utoronto.ca/event/sunday-concerts) FREE

Tues 14 at 7:30 pm. **Caroling in the Park**. The Beaches community hosts an evening of singing and refreshments, with sheet music for carolers. Glen Stewart Park (Glen Manor Dr. & Queen St. East) FREE

Sat 18 at 2 pm. **TFPC - Handel's Young Messiah**. Presented by Jubilation Singers & Orchestra. Toronto Formosan Presbyterian Church, 31 Eastwood Road 647-347-5298 FREE and for all ages

Sat 18 from 2 – 3 pm. Doors open at 1 pm. **CP24/CHUM Christmas Wish Concert**. Performances by Richard Margison, Isabel Bayrakdarian, and others. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street  
416-922-1167 [www.yorkminsterpark.com](http://www.yorkminsterpark.com) FREE (you may donate to the Christmas Wish collection if you like)

Sun 19 from 2 – 3 pm. **Canada Sings! Chantons Canada!** Toronto-Riverdale Neighbourhood Sing-along. Christmas Carol Sing with Organ and Brass. Special guest choir: The St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church Saturday Choir - Viola Maginn, Conductor. Come alone, with a friend, or bring the whole family. All Ages Welcome. St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, 20 First Avenue [www.canadasings.ca](http://www.canadasings.ca) FREE (donations welcome)



# \*New Year's Day\*

The following **Toronto Attractions** are definitely Open on New Year's Day (but closed for Christmas):  
**The Ontario Science Centre The Toronto Zoo The Royal Ontario Museum The Art Gallery of Ontario Casa Loma.**

**Attend a Levee.** These free receptions are held on New Year's Day by most public officials in and around the GTA. You can drop by to meet your representatives and other local residents, and often enjoy some free family entertainment, as well.

Noon - 2 pm. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario's New Year's Levee at Queen's Park

2 - 4 pm. The Mayor of Mississauga's New Year's Day Levee - Great Hall in the Civic Centre

1 pm - 3 pm. The Mayor of Brampton's New Year's Day Levee - Rose Theatre

For 2010 the Mayor of Toronto's New Year's Day Levee has been cancelled and instead will be replaced by several smaller community events early in the New Year.

# \*New Year's Eve\*

Watch the news as we get closer to the New Year. The TTC, GO Transit and connecting routes such as Mississauga Transit and the YRT/VIVA usually offer free rides during various hours of New Year's Eve. GO Transit: 416-869-3200 YRT/VIVA 905-762-2100

Fri 31. **Citytv New Year's Eve Bash at Nathan Phillips Square.** Citytv presents this free, annual outdoor concert and New Year's Eve event, with some of Canada's top Canadian musical talent and midnight fireworks. This has traditionally been one of Toronto's best family-oriented New Year's Eve extravaganzas, Join thousands of others at Nathan Phillips Square. Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. West FREE

Fri 31 from 7 pm – 12:30 am. **New Year's Eve Celebration at Scarborough Civic Centre** (Rotunda). 150 Borough Drive (McCowan & Ellesmere) 416-396-7766 dtrench@toronto.ca  
[www.toronto.ca/indulge/albertcampbellsquare.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/indulge/albertcampbellsquare.htm) FREE

# \*On-Line\*

<http://www.8screensavers.com/>

**Martha says:** Lots of free screensavers online, just be careful to scan for viruses when the downloads come in. Also, if there's other goodies included in the installation file like toolbars etc, be careful to check them

off. Sometimes you're given the choice (Google Chrome, Free antivirus scans, and Yahoo Toolbar are quite often included and are hard to uninstall once they're on your machine) but you have to uncheck the little box. Thanks Martha!

<http://www.timeanddate.com/counters/newyear.html?p0=250>

**Let the Countdown Begin.** Start your countdown (days, hours, minutes and seconds) to New Year's early at this website.

## \*Parties\*

Mon 13 from 7:30 – 9 pm. **'Spirit of the Holidays' Dancing Party & Open House.** Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from the team at Ballroom on Bayview Dance Studio. Enjoy delicious Christmas goodies, Dance Show Performances, Group Classes, General Dancing. Prizes, Raffles & Giveaways, Games and Great company. Ballroom On Bayview, 1578 Bayview Avenue, Suite 3. 416-486-6174  
<http://ballroomonbayview.com/?welcome> FREE

Tues 14 from 7:30 - 11 pm. **Woo Hoo! Classic Simpsons Trivia Night—Holiday Edition.** Test your Simpsons knowledge, enjoy 3 classic episodes on the big screen and win prizes. Melody Bar, Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West. 416-531-4635 [www.gladstonehotel.com](http://www.gladstonehotel.com) FREE

Sat 18 from noon – 5 pm. **Pawsway's Holiday Celebration at Winterfest.** Dress your pet in their holiday finery and visit PawsWay for a festive celebration including games, contests and prizes! It would be great fun to watch too! PawsWay, 245 Queens Quay West, North Building. 416-360-PAWS (7297)  
[www.pawsway.ca](http://www.pawsway.ca) [info@pawsway.ca](mailto:info@pawsway.ca) [www.pawsway.ca](http://www.pawsway.ca) FREE

Mon 20 from noon – 5 pm. The Older LGBTTTQ Resource Centre. **Christmas Luncheon** followed by Santa Claus and Socializing. Everyone is invited, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. The 519 Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street 416-355-6787 FREE

Sat 25 from 1 – 4 pm. **Gerstein Centre Christmas Day Open House.** Turkey dinner, Christmas gifts. 100 Charles Street East. Everyone welcome. 416-929-0149 FREE

## \*Polar Dip\*

Sat, January 1, 2011 from 11 am – 1 pm. **The Polar Bear Dip 2011.** Raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity Toronto. To do the dip participants are asked to collect \$20 worth of pledges. But it is free to watch! Sunnyside Beach near Sunnyside Pavilion, 1755 Lake Shore Blvd. West  
<http://torontopolarbear.com/> FREE

# \*Sangha Day\*

Sat 11 at 6 pm. **Winter Sangha Day & Potluck Dinner.** Convivial time for fellowship and relaxation. Bring your favorite dish, dessert or fruits and nuts. All welcome. Zen Buddhist Temple, 297 College St. <http://www.zenbuddhisttemple.org/index.html> FREE

# \*Scarborough Civic Center Events\*

**Scarborough Civic Centre (Rotunda) Events**, 150 Borough Drive (McCowan & Ellesmere) (416) 396-7766 [dtrench@toronto.ca](mailto:dtrench@toronto.ca) [www.toronto.ca/indulge/albertcampbellsquare.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/indulge/albertcampbellsquare.htm) All events are FREE

Dec 1 from 7 – 9:30 pm. **Tree Lighting Celebration**

Dec 5 from 2 – 4 pm. **Ed Vokurka**

Dec 12 from 2 – 4 pm. **The Royal Regiment of Canada Band**

Dec 31 from 7 pm – 12:30 am. **New Year's Eve Celebration**

# \*Services\*

Wed 1 at 7 pm. **Holidays and Hope Candlelight Service.** Christmas is a time of happiness and excitement but it is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. Ridley Funeral Home invites you to a memorial service in honour of those who cannot be with us this holiday season. To RSVP call 416-259-3705. The Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive (at Kipling Ave and Lake Shore Blvd West) FREE

Sat 11 at 5 pm. **Christmas Dinner and Program.** Scarborough Full Gospel Assembly. Will be held at Wexford Heights United Church. 2102 Lawrence Ave. East. 416-298-3516 [sfga@rogers.com](mailto:sfga@rogers.com) FREE (Reservation required)

Fri 24 at 6:45 pm. **The Eve of Christmas Pageant.** Come and join in the only improvisational Christmas Pageant presented in the known world. Music for Christmas, the Liturgy of the Holy Supper, and a chance to gather and pray for peace. St. Andrew by-the-Lake Church. Take the ferry from the foot of Bay Street to Wards Island or to Centre Island. Call the Ferry Docks (416-392-8193) for departure times. It's a 20-25 minute walk from the Ward's Island Dock, and about 15 minutes from the Centre Island Dock. <http://torontoisland.org/Home/tabid/97/Default.aspx> FREE



# \*Skating Rinks\*

Month of December. Open daily from 10am – 10 pm; Friday and Saturday to 11pm. **Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront.** Skating at the The Natrel® Rink at York Quay Centre. Enjoy Canada's largest artificially-cooled outdoor rink while skating to music and taking in the beautiful surroundings of Lake Ontario and the Toronto Islands. FREE

**Dufferin Grove Park** is a public neighbourhood park. The Dufferin Rink has two outdoor skating pads. One side is used for pleasure skating, and the other for shinny hockey. You can borrow a pair of skates if you don't have a pair for \$2. You can borrow a stick and gloves for \$1 each. Helmets are available free of charge. To borrow any of these you must leave a government issued Identification card as collateral. There is a public clubhouse to warm up and campfires on the weekends. Dufferin Park (just south of Bloor, on the east side of Dufferin). <http://www.dufferinpark.ca/skating/wiki/wiki.php> 2010-2011 schedule FREE

The City of Toronto has 50 or so outdoor skating rinks! Most open between the last week of November and the first week of December. Call 311 or visit the following unofficial Toronto skating rinks site: <http://cityrinks.ca/wiki/wiki.php?n=ListOfRinks.FrontPage> for schedules. FREE

Ongoing. **Toronto Parks & Recreation Welcome Policy.** The City of Toronto's Welcome Policy is a fee subsidy program which provides access to free City-operated recreation programs for individuals and families living below the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO). As a Welcome Policy member, you and your family can register to Toronto's recreation programs free of cost and enjoy the benefits of a wide variety of recreation programs and services including swimming, skating, and more. **Register for winter programs now.** Call 3-1-1 to apply or fill out the Application form and mail the completed form along with photocopied supporting documents to: City of Toronto, Welcome Policy Application, 55 John Street, MAILROOM, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C6. You can also fax your Welcome Policy application and supporting documents to 416-338-5046. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Information: 416-338-4286

## Low Income Cut-off Rates:

1 Person	\$22,229	4 Persons	\$41,307	7 Persons +	\$58,827
2 Persons	\$27,674	5 Persons	\$46,850		
3 Persons	\$34,022	6 Persons	\$52,838		

# \*Sun Life Museum and Arts Pass\*



**Ongoing. Sun Life Financial Museum and Arts Pass (MAP).** With a valid adult Toronto Public Library card, you can borrow a Sun Life Financial Museum and Arts Pass (MAP) for you and your family or by yourself

to get free general admission at many different Toronto venues: AGO - Art Gallery of Ontario Bata Shoe Museum Black Creek Pioneer Village Casa Loma City of Toronto Historic Museums: (Colborne Lodge in High Park, Fort York

National Historic Site, Gibson House Museum, Mackenzie House, Montgomery's Inn, Scarborough Museum, Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens, Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum & Arts Centre) Gardiner Ceramics Museum Museum of Inuit Art Ontario Science Centre ROM - Royal Ontario Museum Textile Museum of Canada Toronto Zoo. Each pass admits one family. A single individual can also receive a pass. Each participating library branch has a limited quantity of the passes and they go fast so it is a good idea to contact the library and find out which passes they have and the best time to pick one up. Library info line: 416-393-7131 <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/> FREE

## \*Toronto's Historic Museums\*

Tues - Sun from noon - 4 pm. Special Hours: Fri 24 & Fri 31 from noon - 3 pm. **Christmas in the Park at Colborne Lodge.** Discover the magic of Christmas in the winter wonderland surroundings of High Park and enjoy a tour of Colborne Lodge, home of the founders of High Park, decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Adults \$5.71, Seniors/Youths \$3.81\*, Children \$3.33\* (plus tax). Colborne Lodge Drive 416-392-6916

Until Thurs 23. Tues – Sun from noon - 5 pm. **Holiday Season Tours at Gibson House.** Come back to the gentler, quieter era of 1851 at historic Gibson House Museum, where visitors are welcomed by costumed staff for a tour. Children may play in our Discovery Gallery. 5172 Yonge Street 416-395-7432 Adults: \$5.48, Seniors and Youths: \$3.10, Children (2-12 yrs.): \$2.62 (plus tax)

Tues – Sun from noon – 4 pm. Sat & Sun from noon – 5 pm. Special Hours: Tues December 24 & 31 from noon to 3 pm. **A Victorian Toronto Christmas at Mackenzie House.** Experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 row-house. Mackenzie House, 82 Bond Street 416-392-6915 Adults: \$5.71, Seniors/Youth: \$3.81, Children: \$3.33 (plus tax).

**Write a Letter to Santa Claus.** We invite your child to select either a card or Christmas stationery that has been printed on our 1845 printing press, and then write a personal message with old-fashioned pen and ink. Drop the note to Santa into our magic post box. (included with admission)

Mon 20 from noon - 4 pm; Tues 23 from noon - 4 pm; Wed 24 from noon - 3 pm. **A Regency Christmas in the Valley.** Our early 19th-century historic homes are decorated for the season with lovely evergreen garlands. Sample a period dessert and create your own Christmas decoration using a traditional felting technique. Todmorden Mills Museum, 67 Pottery Road 416-396-2819 Adults: \$5.24; Children: \$2; Youth/Seniors: \$3 (plus tax).

Sat 4 from 10 am – 7 pm. **Christmas at Riverdale Farm.** Riverdale Farm, 201 Winchester Street (east of Parliament, south of Wellesley, north of Carlton/Gerrard Streets) 416 961-8787 [info@friendsofriverdalefarm.com](mailto:info@friendsofriverdalefarm.com) FREE

- 10 am – 6:30 pm. **Simpson House:** Sewing craft with Cabbagetown Quilters,
- **Friends of the Farm,** Kitchen and Gift Shop, Scrumptious treats from the bake oven
- 2:30 – 6:30 pm. **Meeting House:** Hand Dip Candles (min age 6years), Decorate Small Yule Log, Decorate gingerbread cookie, Tree Trimming Popcorn & Cranberries, Preschool Playroom Residence:



Cabbagetown Regent Park Museum, Displays (11am – 4 pm), Pine Cone Bird Feeders – St Anne's Girl Guides

- 6:45-7 pm: **Drive Shed:** Community sing-a-long and the lighting of the Simpson House Tree Farm: Special Guest visiting throughout the day as long as he can get away from his reindeer!

FREE (Donations of non perishable food items or new unused toiletries for local shelter welcomed.)

## \*Walks\*

Ongoing. Dawn to Dusk. **Tommy Thompson Park.** At the foot of Leslie Street, a 5 kilometre-long peninsula juts out into Lake Ontario. Weekends, year round, the Leslie Street Spit is open to bikers, hikers, picnickers, birdwatchers, wildflower aficionados – anyone wanting to spend quality time with Mother Nature. No dogs allowed due to the 300 bird species, reptiles, butterflies, foxes, otters, coyotes and beaver. Over 400 plant species. Weekends and Holidays Only. Winter hours: November – March from 9 am – 4:30 pm. Take the Queen Street East streetcar #501 to Berkshire Street. From there, it is a 1.5 kilometre bike ride or hike to the gate. Parking is available, and the Conservation Authority runs a mini-bus service from mid-point of the park to the front gate. <http://www.friendsofthespit.ca/> FREE

Ongoing. Dawn to Dusk. Take a **Self-guided Guild Sculpture tour of the Guild**, a unique facility encompassing several historic buildings inside a public park. Guildwood Park forms a naturalized frame around the formal Guild Inn Gardens, within which one may find the historic Guild Inn (now closed to the public) and several other historic structures. Surrounding these buildings are more than 70 architectural fragments and sculptures within the formal gardens. 191 Guildwood Parkway Scarborough. Download a tour map at [http://www.toronto.ca/culture/brochures/brochure\\_guild\\_walk\\_2001.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/brochures/brochure_guild_walk_2001.pdf) FREE

Ongoing. **Phacs – Breaking the cycle of inactivity.** Physical activities for consumer/survivors. Self-help group. Our activities take place in rain, shine, or even snow. They each involve running, run/walking, or walking 3 to 5 km. We use John Stanton's conditioning program to gradually increase participants' fitness levels starting from wherever the participant is. Call first. 416-604-6973 [www.accentonability.org](http://www.accentonability.org) FREE

- Sundays at 10 am. Meet at the Riverdale Perk coffee shop (corner of Withrow and Logan Ave.)
- Saturdays at 1 pm. "West End PhACS Group". Meet at the Brown Sugar Café (about 2 1/2 blocks West of Dufferin and Queen St. on the North side of Queen St.)
- Wednesdays at 7 pm. Meet at Tim Horton's (corner of Danforth and Logan Ave.)

Until April 21, 2011. 9:30 am – 3 pm. **Rouge Park Guided Nature Walks.** Presented by Rouge Park. Join us for a guided walk along many of Rouge Park's trails and discover parts of the Park you might not have visited yet. Come out for an afternoon recharge, a kickoff to the day, or stay for 2 walks. Bring 1 litre of water (try a reusable bottle) and a snack. Dress for the weather and for uneven and damp terrain; we walk rain, shine or snow. Walks last between 1.5 and 2.5 hours. Rouge Park, various trailheads in the Toronto section. Public transit: Sheppard 85 and Scarborough 86 bus routes 905-713-3184 For the full schedule and meeting points, visit [www.rougepark.com/hike](http://www.rougepark.com/hike). FREE

# \*Toronto Drop-in Meals\*

## **NORTH**

COSTI 1700 Wilson Ave. 416-244-0480

Weston-King Neighborhood Centre 2017 Weston Road  
416-241-9898

## **EAST**

Agincourt Community Services Association 4156 Sheppard  
Ave. 416 321-6912

Glen Rhodes United Church 1470 Gerrard St. E 416 694-  
0811

Red Cross Drop-In (Scarborough) 700 Kennedy Road 416-  
267-0115

St. John the Compassionate 155 Broadview Ave. 416-466-  
1357

Second Base Youth Shelter Drop-in Scarborough 702  
Kennedy Road 416-261-2733 ext. 9 (youth only)

Warden Woods Community Centre: Teesdale Drop-In  
Centre 40 Teesdale Place 416-694-1138

Woodbine Heights Baptist Church 1171 Woodbine Ave.  
416-467-1462

## **WEST**

Christie-Ossington Neighbourhood Centre 854 Bloor St.  
West 416 534-8941

Emmanuel Howard Park 214 Wright Ave. 416-538-2433

LAMP Community Health Centre 185 Fifth Street 416-252-  
6471

Parkdale Activity & Recreation Centre 1499 Queen St.  
West 416-537-2591

Salvation Army 789 Dovercourt Rd. Sistering, A Women's  
Place 925 Bloor St. West 416-926-1946 (women only)

St Francis Table 1322 Queen St. W. 416-532-4172

Syme-Wooler Neighbourhood & Family Centre 2468  
Eglinton Ave. West 416- 766-4634

Wychwood Open Door 729 St. Clair Avenue West 416  
652-0857

The Stop: Community Food Centre 1884 Davenport Road  
416 652-7867

Trinity Temple 46 Denison Dr. E 416-243-9502

## **CENTRAL**

416 Community Support for Women 416 Dundas Street E  
416-928-3334 (women only)

519 Church Street Community Centre 519 Church St. 416-  
392-6878

Adelaide Resource Centre for Women 67 Adelaide St. East  
416 392-9243 (women only)

Anishnaabeg Youth Centre 464 Yonge St 416-969-8510  
(Native, Métis and Inuit youth only)

Bloor-Bathurst Interchurch Gathering Spot Walmer Road  
Baptist Church 188 Lowther Ave. 416-924-5883 x5

Cornerstone Urban Church 188 Carlton St. 416-203-7117  
(dinner at 170 JARVIS)

Council Fire-Drop-In Program 439 Dundas St E 416-360-  
4350

Covenant House Community Support Services 20 Gerrard  
Street East 416 204-7037

Evangel Hall 552 Adelaide St. W 416 504-356

Fred Victor Centre Open House Drop-In 145 Queen Street  
East 416 364-8228

Toronto Friendship Centre 323 Dundas St. East 416 368-  
8179

Fort York Food Bank 797 Dundas St W. 416 203-3011

Good Neighbours Club 170 Jarvis St 416 366-5377 (men  
over 50 yrs only)

Good Shepherd Drop-In 412 Queen St. East 416 869-3619

Fred Victor Women's Day Program 67 Adelaide St. East  
416 392-9245 (women only)

Native Canadian Centre 16 Spadina Rd 416-964-9087

Neighbourhood Information Post 169 Gerrard St E, 2nd  
Floor 416 924-2543

Osgood Hall 130 Queen St W 416-947-3439 enter at north  
side, east corner

Our Place Community of Hope Center 2A Elm St 416-598-  
2919

Salvation Army Harbour Light Center, Street Van 160  
Jarvis Street 647-444-1574 call for location van 416-709-  
4903 street youth van 416-579-9881

Sanctuary 25 Charles St. E 416-922-0628

Scott Mission 502 Spadina Ave. 416-923-8872

St. Bart's Breakfast 509 Dundas Street E 416-368-0908

St. Felix Centre 25 Augusta Ave. 416-203-1624 Guests  
must have ticket for Meals

The Corner Drop-In 260 Augusta Ave. 416-964-8747

The Meeting Place St. Christopher House 588 Queen St W  
416-504-4275 (adults 19 yrs and over)

Toronto Christian Resource Centre 450 Gerrard St. 416-  
364-1997

Warehouse Mission 47 Rose Ave (at rear-Darling Ave)  
647-228-3472 (no children)

Yonge Street Mission's Evergreen Centre for Street Youth  
381 Yonge St. 416-977-7259 (youth only)

Yonge Street Mission 270 Gerrard Street E 416 929-9614

YouthLink Inner City 7 Vanauley St. 416 703-3361 (youth  
only)

# \*Winter Solstice\*

Tues 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Kensington Market Solstice. Welcome to the **21st Annual Kensington Market Solstice**. Celebrate the return of light on the longest, darkest night! The Kensington Market Solstice is a participatory event. Make a lantern (details below), bang a drum, wear a costume or carry a puppet. Gather at Oxford and Augusta for a 6:30 pm send-off. Then just go with the flow! We will move together through the Market toward Alexandra Park for an 8 pm-ish grand finale. 416-598-3729 [www.redpepperspectaclearts.org](http://www.redpepperspectaclearts.org). This event is FREE and all are welcome!

If you would like to make a Lantern for the event we are holding 2 workshops:

Sun 12 from noon – 5 pm at the Steelworkers Hall (25 Cecil Street)

Sat 18 from noon – 5 pm Location TBA

(The lantern workshops are PWYC with a suggested donation of \$10 per lantern to cover materials, instruction, candle and carrying stick.)

# \*Yuletide & Other Dummies\*

**Local Community holiday bazaars** are great places to find inexpensive gifts and treats. Typical features include handmade crafts, really good bake sales, silent auctions, raffle baskets, elephant sales, tea rooms, and inexpensive lunches. Thurs 2 from 10 am – 4 pm and Sat 4 from 10 am – 2 pm.



**Keele Street Women's Group Fundraising Raffle and Holiday Craft Sale!** Sandwiches, baked goods, sock monkey and other hand-crafted gifts. Raffle (\$2) on Saturday. Social Resource Centre. 2700 Dufferin Street, Unit 56 (3 stops north of Eglinton on the Dufferin Bus). Amy Wakelin 416-573-9687 All proceeds to the KSWG Outings/Events and our annual Holiday Luncheon. FREE

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 from 11 am to 6 pm. **Friends and Advocates Bake Sale**. Support this local Consumer/Survivor Initiative and buy some delicious baked treats. 2340 Dundas Street West Suite G27 in the Crossways Mall directly across from the Dundas Street West Subway Station. 416-234-9245 FREE

On Saturday, December 4:

10 am – 3 pm. **Curran Hall Community Centre - Craft, Bake Sale & Tea**. Curran Hall Community Centre, 277 Orton Park 416-431-4170 [www.curranhall.ca](http://www.curranhall.ca) FREE

11 am – 2 pm. **Snowman Bazaar**. Bake table, crafts and more. Hope United Church, 2550 Danforth Ave. Luncheon plate: \$4 Admission FREE

11 am – 2 pm. **Christmas Bazaar**. Gifts, home baking, jewelry, and more. Dentonia Park United Church 416-694-2095 [dpuc2000@yahoo](mailto:dpuc2000@yahoo) FREE

11 am – 2 pm. **Christmas Goodies Sale & Children's Show**. Children's show from 11:30 till noon. Kimbourne Park United Church, 200 Wolverleigh Blvd. 416-461-7200 kpuc.org \$5 (includes lunch)  
Photo with Santa: \$5:00

10 am – 3 pm. **Christmas Bazaar**. Davenport-Perth Community Church. 1900 Davenport Rd, Toronto. Holiday gifts & crafts, food, toys, clothing, jewelry, books. 416-656-1606 FREE

11 am – 2 pm. **Poinsettia Bazaar**. Bake Table, elephant sale, re-gift table, and more. Clairlea Park Presbyterian Church, 3236 St Clair Avenue East FREE

Sat 4 from 11 am – 5 pm. **The Parkdale Bazaar Vintage and Craft Market** provides locals with an outlet to showcase vintage, craft, recycled and homegrown merchandise. Featuring over 60 vendors, a hot chocolate station, Christmas card portrait studio and vintage Christmas special marathon. Masaryk-Cowan Community Center (220 Cowan Ave.) stephanie@parkdaleliberty.com FREE

Thurs 9 from 11 am – 7 pm. **BirchCliff Public School Annual Christmas Bazaar**. 1650 Kingston Road in the gym. Local artists and vendors. Gifts for everyone on your list. 416-396-6060 FREE

Wed 15 from noon to 4 pm. **CAMH Christmas/Festive Season Bake Sale**. Proceeds will go to support The Toronto Drug Treatment Court Program. Cafeteria at 33 Russell Street. Joanne\_short@camh.net  
FREE

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