



2022 Community Partner Holiday Events

Durham Museum

The Tree Harvest

November 14, 8AM

Join the Durham Museum online to watch the harvest of this year's Christmas Tree! You can follow along throughout the morning on their [Facebook page](#) for updates and livestreams of the process. This year's tree donors are Janice Teegarden and Wayne Ogle of Omaha. Their beautiful blue spruce will soon grace the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall!

Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 24, 7PM

Turn into the Durham's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) Thanksgiving night to watch the 40 foot-tall Christmas Tree come aglow for the holiday season. This 30-minute program features musical performances by the University of Nebraska at Omaha Concert Choir, Enjoli & Timeless, a greeting from Santa and the countdown to the lighting of the region's largest indoor Christmas Tree.

Holiday Cultural Tree Display

November 24– December 31, All Day

A holiday favorite returns to The Durham's galleries during Christmas at Union Station. The display is one of the enduring fixtures of the season and showcases how cultures from around the world celebrate the holiday season. Each tree is decorated by a local Omaha cultural group and is accompanied by interpretative text explaining the meaning behind the various decorations and unique traditions of each culture.

Here Comes Santa Claus

November 25 – December 23, Daily (Tuesday-Sunday)

Tuesday - Saturday: 10AM – 12PM, 1 – 3PM; Sundays: 12 – 3PM

Children can sit on Santa's lap or give the big guy a call on an old-fashioned telephone...you choose! Santa takes a break from Noon-1PM each day, except Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

Holiday Concert Series

Tuesdays and Saturdays, November 26 – December 20

Enjoy some of the area's most beautiful holiday music under the glow of The Durham's Christmas tree. Talented local entertainers, school musicians and choirs perform as part of The Durham Museum's holiday concert series. See a list of shows [here](#).

Durham Museum cont..

Family Nights with Santa

Tuesdays, November 29 – December 20, 5 – 8 PM

During the busy holiday season, The Durham Museum makes it easy for families to create special memories. Santa visits the museum on Tuesday evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plus, be on the lookout for a snowfall in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall each Family Night at 7:50 PM! Families can also take part in creating holiday crafts and enjoy live performances by local choirs and ensembles.

Holiday Cultural Festival

December 2, 4-9PM

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are thrilled to be bringing this fan-favorite event back for our 2022 season! Learn how the world celebrates this joyful time of year during the Holiday Cultural Festival. More than 30 local cultural organizations proudly display their crafts and traditional dress, while musicians and dancers perform throughout the evening. Delicious cultural foods and unique gifts will be available for purchase.

Noon Year's Eve

December 31, 10AM – 2PM

Children of all ages will enjoy this fun-packed bash with live music from Dino O'Dell and the T-Rex All-Stars, special crafts and activities. Ring in the noon year in your handmade party hat while enjoying the celebratory bubble wrap stomp and a spectacular balloon drop at noon. Masks will be required for this event. Advanced reservation required. UNMC employees can call the museum to register for tickets. Tickets go on sale at 8am on Dec. 1., please do not contact the Museum prior to Dec. 1 in attempt to reserve tickets.

Fontenelle Forest

Nature-Inspired Holiday Centerpieces

November 17, 6-8PM

Bring your creativity and join us for a fun evening of making nature-inspired holiday centerpieces. We will provide a variety of natural items as well as decorative accessories from which you can make your own centerpiece. Our Fontenelle Forest team member, Deborah Woracek, will lend her floral arranging expertise to this program. Note: Attendees are encouraged to bring a personal item, such as an ornament, figurine or other decoration to create their centerpiece around. **\$15 for members; \$25 for non-members.** Must register ahead of time, [here](#).

Winter Wonderland

December 10 – December 16, 8AM – 7PM

Step into a Winter Wonderland in our Great Hall, beautifully decorated with holiday trees and wreaths. Then, bundle up and stroll the first loop of our lighted Riverview Boardwalk. Warm up with some complimentary hot cocoa as you enjoy the day's festive activities. There will be an ornament decorating self-serve station for all the kids (and those who are kids at heart).

Saturday & Sunday, December 10-11: Enjoy a variety of special holiday activities including habitat building, holiday with the Raptors, Santa, holiday concert, carol hiking. **Free for members or with daily admission for non-members.**

Lauritzen Gardens

Merry & Bright: Holiday Poinsettia Show

November 19-20, 23, 25-27, December 2-4, 9-23, 26-30, 9 AM – 5 PM

Thousands of poinsettias bursting with rich, vibrant color fill the floral display hall in a glowing tribute to the holidays during the spectacular holiday poinsettia show. In the center of it all, a magnificent and majestic 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree stands tall. Surrounded by festive foliage, glittering ornaments and the whir and whistle of model garden trains, this show evokes the warmest greetings of goodwill and cheer. To help families make more holiday memories, they can visit the *Family Chill Zone* on the festival garden patio to participate in a variety of fun, family-friendly activities. **\$15 for adults, \$9 children, members free.** Must purchase or reserve a time ticket ahead of time, [here](#).

Bright Nights

November 19-20, 23, 25 -27, December 2-4, 9-23, 26-30, 4:30 – 8PM

Set a merry mood with friends and family and explore the illuminated indoor gardens. From a 20' tall poinsettia tree to a tropical paradise, see festive installations that glow and shine, showcasing nature in a new light. These enchanted evenings are sure to become a holiday tradition. Standard garden admission rates apply. Must purchase or reserve a time ticket ahead of time, [here](#).

Holiday Harmony

November 19 – December 24, various days and times

During the holiday poinsettia show, local musicians share their talents and perform holiday classics that are sure to delight guests of all ages. Scheduled performances [here](#). Included with general admission.

Omaha Children's Museum

Holiday Lights Festival

December 4, 11AM-4PM

The museum will be participating in the 22nd annual Holiday Lights Festival in downtown Omaha. Partnering with other non-profits in Omaha, OCM will offer free admission, fun holiday activities, and Santa meet-and-greets throughout the day! Included with [regular admission](#).

Santa's Milk & Cookies Family Fun Weekend

December 16-18, 9AM-4PM

Visit the museum during Santa's Milk & Cookies Family Fun Weekend for cookies and hands-on activities, including games, crafts, and more! And of course.... meet Santa! Included with [regular admission](#).

Bubbly New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 9AM-7PM

Don't let bed times burst your bubble! We are celebrating our New Year's Eve all day long. Put on some swag as you ring in the New Year with the Amazing Bubble Show, NYE crafts, characters, and bubble drops throughout the day. While supplies last. Included with [regular admission](#).

Omaha Community Playhouse

A Christmas Carol

November 18 – December 23, varying times

It just isn't Christmas without *A Christmas Carol*. Experience Omaha's favorite holiday tradition as Ebenezer Scrooge takes us on a life-changing journey filled with lovely costumes, exquisite music, beautifully crafted sets and special effects second to none. Perfect for the whole family! Tickets start at \$40. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold

November 25 – December 23, varying times

It's "CSI: Bethlehem" in this holiday mystery extravaganza, from the author of *Late Nite Catechism*, as Sister takes on the mystery that has intrigued historians throughout the ages—whatever happened to the Magi's gold? ("We know that Mary used the frankincense and myrrh as a sort of potpourri—they were in a barn after all.") Retelling the story of the nativity, as only Sister can, this hilarious holiday production is bound to become a yearly classic. Employing her own scientific tools, assisted by a local choir as well as a gaggle of audience members, Sister creates a living nativity unlike any you've ever seen. With gifts galore and bundles of laughs, *Sister's Christmas Catechism* is sure to become the newest addition to your holiday traditions. Tickets are \$40. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Omaha Symphony

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ Concert

November 26, 7:30PM; November 27, 2:00PM

Year Five begins! Between crushing on Cho Chang, studying for his O.W.L.s, and the ever-growing number of detentions from Professor Umbridge™, Harry Potter™ must find the time to discover the secret of his terrible nightmares! See Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ in Concert presented in HD on a giant screen and accompanied by a live symphony orchestra! Tickets start at \$65. Use the promotional code 'UNMC23' for a 20% discount. Purchase [here](#).

The Rose Theater

Cinderella

November 25 – December 18, varying times

Celebrate the season with The Rose Theater's fantastically frosty take on Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella." This new holiday production of the beloved Broadway musical will whisk you away to a wintry wonderland, where your family will find the familiar fable of Cinderella; a young woman who overcomes the frozen hearts of her family with the warmth of her hope and determination – and of course, a little help from her Fairy Godmother! With sparkling sets, cozy costumes, and snowy special effects, this princess tale will prove to be the perfect present for everyone on your nice list this holiday season. Tickets start at \$27. Purchase online [here](#).