



The holidays ...

Jane's still around to help you plan your season.

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MUSIC ■ DANCES ■ FAMILY EVENTS

socials

Celebration of Women's Beauty and Self-Expression

An evening of belly dancing, music, poetry and art. Middle Eastern food and locally made wine will also be served. \$10. 7 p.m. Friday. June Bug Center, Floyd. 929-4499.

Parrot Heads of the Blue Ridge Social

A meet-and-greet with the organization that provides social activities and events for all who share an interest in the music of Jimmy Buffett and the tropical lifestyle he personifies. 7 p.m. Tuesday. T.G.I. Fridays, Valley View Mall. 977-2306, 293-3421, phbr.org.

hobby

Salem Gun Show and Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Salem Civic Center. \$7, general admission; \$13, day of show. 8 p.m. Friday. Sun Music Hall, Floyd. 745-7883, wintersuninc.net/thesun.

Sports Card, Comics and Collectibles Show

25 tables of sports cards, comics and collectibles including NASCAR and artwork. Dealers from five states. Free. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Tanglewood Mall. 977-1230.

rock + other

Ever-G and Shayar & Krooshal Force

Some of Jamaica's finest reggae artists share the stage for one night only. \$10, pre-sale; \$13, day of show. 8 p.m. Friday. Sun Music Hall, Floyd. 745-7883, wintersuninc.net/thesun.

Roanoke Valley Drum Circle

First and third Mondays through April. Bring hand drums and related noisemakers. No experience necessary. Bellydancers are welcome. Free. 6 to 8 p.m. first and third Mondays. Roanoke Public Library Main Branch. 520-5020.

Rock and Bowl

Rock and pop bands Jonas Sees in Color, August and Better Off Dreaming perform. \$5. 8 p.m. Saturday. Leisure Lanes, 1709 Pleasanthill Drive, Pulaski. 980-6721, leisurelanes.com.

country + bluegrass

Blue Ridge Backroads Live

8 p.m. Friday: The Wilson Sisters and Route 89. Free. Rex Theater, Galax. (276) 236-5309, ext. 112. rextheatergalax.com.

Country & Bluegrass at Cannaday's Wholesale

Listed on the Crooked Road Music Trail. 7:30 p.m. First and third Fridays of the month. Cannaday's Wholesale, U.S. 220, four miles south of Boones Mill. 484-8852.

dances

Big House Dance

With music by Cross Country. 7:30 p.m. Friday. Buena Vista Recreation Center, 1030 Penmar Ave., Roanoke. 774-0922, 366-2515.

Moonlight Squares

Plus-level dancing. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday. Preston Park Recreation Center, 3137 Preston Ave., Roanoke. 774-2455.

Pine Spur Hunt Club Dances

8 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday: Cross Country. Pine Spur Hunt Club, Vinton. 890-9891.

EVENTS COMING UP

Enchanted Eve

6 p.m. Dec. 31. A New Year's Eve event aboard the "USS Enchanted Eve" and entertainment in "ports of call" such as Puerta Vallarta, Monte Carlo, England, Ireland, Corpus Christi, New Orleans and more. \$7, adults; \$3, children 12 and under. Downtown Vinton. 387-6455, roanokecountyva.gov.

Midnight on the Market

9 p.m. Dec. 31. An '80s throwback party with live music by the Reflex, an '80s cover band. \$12, advance; \$15, at the gate; \$12, designated drivers. Railside Plaza, downtown Roanoke. 342-2640, midnightonthemarket.org.

Preceptor Omicron New Year's Eve Dance

Dec. 31. With live music by the Kings and William Penn. A prime rib buffet, midnight champagne toast and other favors are included. \$150, couple; \$75, single. Hotel Roanoke. 342-5089, newyearsevegala.org.

"Cinderella"

7:30 p.m. Jan. 16. Presented by the State Ballet of Russia. \$27-\$47. Roanoke Civic Center. (888) 397-3100, roanokeciviccenter.com.

Gala Fantasy Concert

8 p.m. Jan. 20. An Opera Roanoke production featuring major soloists accompanied by the Roanoke Symphony. Jefferson Center. 345-2550, jeffcenter.org.

"I Can't Stop Loving You"

7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. A musical featuring the work of Ray Charles. \$26-\$46. Roanoke Civic Center. (888) 397-3100, roanokeciviccenter.com.

John Mayer

7:30 p.m. Feb. 7. A concert by the musician, with an opening performance by Soulive. \$45. Roanoke Civic Center. (888) 397-3100, roanokeciviccenter.com.

Monster Truck Challenge & Thrill Show

Jan. 12-13, Salem Civic Center. \$12.50-\$19.50 for adults; \$5-\$10 for kids. 375-3004, salemciviccenter.com.

kids + family

Christmas at the Elks National Home

Illuminated Christmas scenes and over 50,000 lights decorate the home. 5:30 to 10 p.m. Through Dec. 31. 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford. 586-8232.

Christmas Celebration of Storytelling

Program with Diane Gallant includes jump tales, poetry and spun stories. Open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Hollins University Library. 354-3098.

other happenings

Blacksburg Holiday Crafts Show

Sponsored by Blacksburg Parks and Recreation. Free. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Kipps Elementary School, 2801 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg. 961-1880.

Fashion for Evergreens

25 designer trees decorated by local artists, florists and businesses on display. The winner will be announced today. Through Jan. 1. Hotel Roanoke. 985-5900, hotelroanoke.com.

Gingerbread House Competition

There are categories for adults, children and professionals. A silent auction will be held to determine the winners of the contest. Bids will count as votes and winners of the bidding will take home the gingerbread house. Houses receiving the most votes/bids will receive awards and prizes. The contest ends Wednesday. Montgomery Museum and Lewis Miller Regional Art Center, 300 Pepper St., Christiansburg. 382-5644.

Holiday Celebration with Miss Virginia

Adrianna Sgarlata joins the residents and staff of the Park-Oak Grove Retirement Community for a recital and meet-and-greet. 2:30 p.m. Sunday. 4920 Woodmar Drive, Roanoke. 989-9501.

Holiday Cocktail Crawl

A tour to Roanoke bars such as Trio Bistro Bar Bottle, Club AKA, Metro and the Green Dolphin Grille. Proceeds benefit Center in the Square. \$10, Square Society members and online tickets; \$15, at the door for non-members. 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Downtown Roanoke. squaresociety.org.

vintage christmas

Bethlehem Village

A community effort of churches in the Afton, Waynesboro and Charlottesville area to create a replica of the village where Jesus Christ was born. 6 to 9 p.m. Friday through Dec. 24. 4 p.m. Sunday. Hebron Baptist Church, 66 Tanbark Drive, Afton. 456-6868, bethlehemvillage.org.

community traditions

Roanoke's "Dickens of a Christmas"

Horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers, vendors, street performances, jugglers, magicians and more. A pet costume contest (6:30 p.m.) and an outdoor movie screening (7 p.m.) will be held on Friday. 6 to 10 p.m. Friday. Free. Roanoke City Market, downtown Roanoke. 342-2028.

open houses and tours

Historic Holiday Open House Tour

A self-guided tour with events, food and entertainment at three historic locations: the Montgomery Museum, the Inn at Hans Meadow and Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. \$10. 2:30 p.m. Saturday. 382-5644.

Holiday Open House at Chateau Morrisette

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, mulled wine, wine tasting, sparkling cider, a special gift and wine discounts. Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Chateau Morrisette, Meadows of Dan. (276) 930-1057.

"Holly Days" Open House

Holiday gourmet desserts, wine tastings, holiday prices, gift baskets and more. Free admission. Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. AmRhein Wine Cellars, 9243 Patterson Drive, Bent Mountain. 929-4632.

choral music

Blacksburg Master Chorale Holiday Concert

The chorale is joined by the Master Singers and the Community Children's Chorus in their holiday presentation of a collection of songs and carols, the first section of Handel's "Messiah," and the Hallelujah Chorus. \$12, general; \$8, students. 8 p.m. Saturday. Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Blacksburg. 951-1771, blacksburgmasterchorale.org.

"Songs of the Season"

The Roanoke College Children's Choir will present its 20th annual holiday concert. \$17, \$14 and \$11. 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Jefferson Center. 345-2550, jeffcenter.org.

more music

GAC Country Christmas Tour

A holiday concert by country music stars including Deana Carter, Julie Roberts, Blue County, Steve Azar and Buddy Jewell. A portion of the proceeds will benefit World Vision Storehouse Project, a community store that helps meet basic needs for children and families. \$25. 7:30 tonight. Salem Civic Center. 375-3004, salemciviccenter.com.

A Gospel Holiday with the Steeles

A gospel concert by the family of two sisters and three brothers who have performed on Broadway and in film. \$13-\$32. 8 p.m. Friday. Jefferson Center. 345-3550, jeffcenter.org.