

The Nights of Lights Schedule of Events

November 17, 2007 until January 31, 2008

November 17

NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

LIGHTING CEREMONY

With a click of a switch at 6:30 p.m., more than two million tiny white lights will sparkle to life when the annual lighting ceremony takes place in St. Augustine's historic *Plaza de la Constitucion*. For more information, call 800.653.2489 or visit www.nightsoflights.com.

November 23 – January 6

WINTER WONDERLAND

Slide into a Winter Wonderland at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and enjoy tons of family fun. This winter extravaganza includes lighted nature trails, holiday shopping, children's storybook readings, s'mores on an open fire and much more. Test your skills on a large ice skating rink, visit the elf village and see Santa Claus himself! Winter Wonderland is free and open to the public; however, there is an \$8 fee for ice-skating. Winter Wonderland is open November 23- December 23 Monday through Friday from 6 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and open daily December 26 through January 1 from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A South in St. Augustine. For more information, call 904.471.1965 or visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.

November 23 – December 30

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

Enjoy Theatre St. Augustine's performance of this holiday classic on the Amphitheatre stage. The Gift of the Magi is a short production about a young husband and wife who each sells a great treasure to buy the other a Christmas present. A timeless reminder of how love matters more than any other human circumstance, this play captures the true spirit of Christmas. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7 & 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A South in St. Augustine. For more information call 904.471.1965 or visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.

November 24

UPTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT

Enjoy extended shopping hours, live entertainment, book signings by local and regional authors, performance art, refreshments, and original works of art, as the quaint shops along San Marco Avenue in St. Augustine. The shops extend their hours for an evening of entertainment and shopping. Uptown Saturday Night is free to the public and takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. along San Marco Avenue in St. Augustine. For more information, please call 904.824.9357.

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November 24 - 25

FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Shop for fine arts and crafts created from lace to limestone and crayons to crystal at this traditional art festival. This juried event takes place at Francis Field behind the St. Augustine Downtown Historic Parking Facility located on Castillo Drive. The festival is sponsored by the St. Augustine Art Association and takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is a \$1 donation. For more information, call 904.824.2310 or visit www.staaa.org.

November 29 – December 8

LIMELIGHT THEATRE: SANTALAND DIARIES

Find out what it's really like to be Santa -- from humiliating interviews, to elf indoctrination, to scrapes with miscast Santas and obnoxious customers, the author's real-life experiences are merrily subversive and fall-on-your-knees funny! General admission is \$20 per person. All performances take place at in the new Studio Theatre at The Limelight Theatre, located in the Joukowsky Family Foundation Center for the Performing Arts, 11 Old Mission Avenue, St. Augustine. For more information and for show times, call or visit the Limelight Box Office at 904.825.1164 or www.Limelight-Theatre.org.

November 30 - December 2

BRITISH ENCAMPMENT

Experience what St. Augustine was during the British occupation of the old city from 1763 to 1784. The British encampment will be located at St.

Augustine's Spanish Quarter on St. George Street. Open 9 a.m. to dusk, visitors can listen to Fife and Drum Corps, meet British Soldiers, and see a Musket Competition at 3 p.m. at the *Castillo de San Marcos*. For more information, call 904.819.2629 or visit www.britishnighwatch.org.

December 1

GRANDE ILLUMINATION

Carry a candle and follow the torchlight parade from the Government House, around the Old City and back to the Plaza to hear the governor's proclamation and watch soldiers fire their muskets in salute to the season. The Grande Illumination Ceremony, beginning at 8 p.m., is an impressive pageant of color and light that reflects the customs of the British when they occupied St. Augustine from 1763 until 1784. For the grand finale, residents and visitors sing Christmas carols in the *Plaza de la Constitucion*. For more information, call 904.819.2629 or visit www.britishnighwatch.org.

December 1

MORNING CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT

Jazz up the morning with a pre-parade jazz concert in St. Augustine's plaza. Local jazz musicians will play Christmas Holiday tunes prior to the annual Christmas Parade. The concert is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Then following the parade, the band continues while Santa jazes it up with photo-ops from noon to 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 904.501.6153.

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December 1

ST. AUGUSTINE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Christmas Parade has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in North Florida. This 53rd edition includes the ever-popular floats, bands, cars, horses, and the arrival of Santa. The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m. by the *Mission of Nombre de Dios*; continue through the downtown streets of historic St. Augustine and end behind the Visitors Center on Castillo Drive. Pictures with Santa will follow in the *Plaza de la Constitucion*. For more information, call 904.461.9518.

December 1

ST AUGUSTINE BEACH SURF ILLUMINATION

Light up your evening when the Surf Illumination complements the seasonal lighting of A1A Beach Boulevard. The event at the St. Johns County Pier and Pavilion includes the ceremonial lighting of the seasonal tree by the Mayor. Food and beverages are offered by local restaurants and many local arts and crafts vendors provide convenient shopping for the holiday season. Santa, musical performers and traditional carolers make it fun for all! This season's lighting will be expanded to illuminate four buildings and most of the trees at Pier Park, creating St. Augustine Beach's winter wonderland. For more information call 904.471.1686 or visit www.staugbhciviccassoc.com, or

December 2

39TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Enjoy "Christmas Under the Oaks," the St. Augustine Garden Club's annual tour of seven homes in the historic North City/Fullerwood area of the city. These beautiful early 20th century Florida style homes offer nostalgia in the guise of colorful floral decorations handcrafted from natural materials by Garden Club members. In addition, the event includes a delightful tea at the Mark V. Lance National Guard Armory on San Marco Avenue where quality-crafted items made by Garden Club members will be available for purchase. Tours begin at the *Mission of Nombre de Dios* parking area on San Marco Avenue, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 in advance and \$20 day of tour. For more information, and to purchase tickets, call Tina Miles at 904.794.0174 or visit www.gardenclubofstaugustine.org.

December 5

LUMINARY NIGHT

Look down from the top of the historic St. Augustine Lighthouse and see an amazing display of luminaries on the ground far below! Bring the kids, enjoy holiday music, cider, and even take time out to visit Santa. Luminary night takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. and is free to the public. The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum is located at 81 Lighthouse Avenue on Anastasia Island. For more information, contact the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum at 904.829.0745.

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December 7 – January 16 APRON CHRONICLES: A PATCHWORK OF AMERICAN RECOLLECTIONS

See *A Patchwork of American Recollections* -- one of the most nostalgic, thought provoking and generational-friendly exhibitions currently touring. *Apron Chronicles* is a traveling exhibit comprised of 46 photographs, text in story form and 155 vintage aprons. Apron curator EllynAnne Geisel and photographer Kristina Loggia have utilized the apron as a symbol immediately recognized by everyone to create an exhibit that is ultimately much more about life than fabric. Opening reception is Friday, December 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach located at 50 Executive Way. Center hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 904.280.0614 or visit www.ccpvb.org.

December 7 A+ GETAWAY WEEKEND (ART, ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE)

Explore the Art, Antique and Architectural treasures of the Nation's oldest city in this special two-night event that combines St. Augustine's acclaimed *First Friday Artwalk* with a special tour of the city's antique shops. On Friday evening from 5 to 9 p.m., embark on a lively tour of St. Augustine's vibrant art scene as more than 30 galleries premiere their latest exhibits. Maps for the self-guided tours are available at participating galleries – or just follow the crowd! On Saturday, the adventure continues when the city's antique dealers extend their hours until 9

p.m. to offer customers rare finds, special deals and educational programs. Both evenings feature free hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at participating galleries and shops – plus live music is performed at many stops along the way. As an added bonus, free narrated tours aboard the celebrated red trains and green trolleys reveal the Spanish Colonial, Moorish Revival, Victorian and American Gothic architecture of this unique city. All A+ Getaway events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 904.829.1711 or go to:

www.getaway4florida.com/Aplusgetaway.

December 8 CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK FLIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Enjoy an evening of music at a concert by *Aire Traffic* at the newly renovated Augustine Amphitheatre. The concert will provide attendees with the classic ambiance of an outdoor concert while capturing the holiday spirit. *Aire Traffic* is comprised of air traffic controllers who incorporate a mix of jazz, horns, keyboards, drums, and of course, an aeronautical theme. Attendees of all ages will enjoy the story line of good 'Ole St. Nick traveling from the North Pole to St. Augustine to visit the children in attendance. Tickets are \$16 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 904.202.2900 or visit,

<http://www.cmnjax.com/calendar.htm#>.

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December 8

HOLIDAY REGATTA OF LIGHTS

Regale your eyes with a holiday parade of boats from 15 to 85 feet in length – sailboats, trawlers, shrimp boats and many other vessels aglitter with brilliant lighted displays ranging from patriotic to whimsical. Awards will be made for the best theme, most colorful, best in class, and best overall. Beginning at 6 p.m., the boats will light up Matanzas Bay between the Bridge of Lions and *Castillo de San Marcos*. The Regatta of Lights is sponsored by the St. Augustine Yacht Club. For more information, call 904.824.9725 or visit www.sayc2000.com.

December 8 & 9

14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOUR OF BED AND BREAKFAST INNS

Tour St. Augustine's historic Bed and Breakfast Inns, all decorated in their holiday finery. In addition to being able to enjoy each Inn's dazzling Christmas season displays, participants will sample taste treats throughout the Holiday Tour: Each inn unites with one of St. Augustine's leading restaurants and confectioners to serve complimentary samples. The tour takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. each day; half of the inns welcome visitors on Saturday, and half on Sunday. Tickets in advance are \$35. Proceeds from the Holiday Tour will go to the St. Augustine Empty Stocking Fund. For more information, call 904.543.0785 or visit www.staugustineinns.com.

December 15

18TH CENTURY

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Relive the wonderful and rich history of St. Augustine at Christmastime with an evening of family fun. The 18th Century Christmas Caroling will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a musical prelude of music on a hammered dulcimer and violin in the center of the *Plaza de la Constitucion*. Song sheets with the familiar words to 10 Christmas carols written before the 1800's will be provided. Candles and songbooks will be available. The caroling procession down St. George Street will begin at 7 p.m. and will end at the *Castillo de San Marcos* where a Merry Christmas and good night will be wished for all. The 18th Century Caroling is free. For more information, please call 904.797.9772.

December 19 & 20

EMMA CONCERT SERIES: HOLIDAY POPS

Enjoy your Christmas favorites as the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents a select choice of holiday music. The Holiday Pops presentation by the 86-member orchestra will be under the direction of Michael Butterman. The performance takes place at the Flagler Auditorium on Granada Street in St. Augustine each evening at 8 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call 904.797.2800 or email emmainfo@bellsouth.net.

December 9

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Enjoy a multitude of local talent when the St. Augustine Community Chorus

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presents their annual performance of excerpts from Handel's Messiah. The concerts will be performed at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 36 Sevilla Street. A \$5 freewill offering is requested at the door. For more information, call 904.829.6451.

December 29

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January 4

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Join one of St. Augustine's most popular cultural events on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy the latest exhibits, music, entertainment and refreshments at over 30 participating galleries. Tours begin at Rembrandtz Fine Gifts for Fun People, 131 King Street. St. Augustine Sightseeing Trains and Old Town Trolleys offer attendees a complimentary shuttle service to most of the galleries. Shuttles run on a continuous loop every 30 minutes. For more information, call 904.829.0065 or visit www.staugustinegalleries.com.

January 5

TWELFTH NIGHT BALL

Relive the old tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with a costume ball at Government House in St. Augustine. Participants must be dressed in 18th century costume of any nation, as well as bring one pot luck dish and wine, if so desired. Each attendee should also provide his or her own antique plate and eating utensils. Turkey, ham and punch will be served. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Tickets, sold at the door or in advance at the Colonial Spanish Quarter Museum, are \$15 per couple or \$10 for an individual. For more information, please call Chuck Dale at 904.377.0006 or 904.794.2507.

January 26

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SPECIAL TOURS

Special *Nights of Lights* Tours, complete with caroling and cocoa are available through one of the many St. Augustine sightseeing tour companies. For a complete list of *Nights of Lights* tours and events call 1.800.653.2489 or www.Getaway4Florida.com.