

# 100 Miles of Lights

Hampton ★ Newport News ★  
Norfolk ★ Portsmouth ★ Richmond ★ Williamsburg ★ Virginia Beach

## Calendar of Events November 2009 to January 2010 (★★ = Multiple Month Event)

### January 2010

**January 1**

**Newport News**

#### ***Celebration in Lights, Newport News Park***

Light up your holidays with the award-winning Celebration in Lights, a two-mile drive-through of spectacular animated scenes set in Newport News Park. Over 700,000 lights illuminate the beauty of Newport News Park's forests, fields, and ponds in this, Virginia's longest running drive-through light event. View multi-colored snowflakes, leaping reindeer, whimsical toys and forest animals, elegant swans and scenes from Virginia's past portrayed in a kaleidoscope of dazzling color. Over 200 displays, including 70 animated displays, are spread throughout a dozen theme areas, including "Winter Wonderland," "Forest Friends," "Battle of the Ironclads," "Santa's Enchanted Kingdom" and "Old Man Winter." Daily, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission per bus or car. For more information, call 757-926-1400 or go online at [www.nnparks.com](http://www.nnparks.com).

**January 1**

**Newport News**

#### **"Habari Gani?" – *Imani: The Seventh Principle of Kwanzaa*, James A. Fields House**

Learn about the seventh principle of Kwanzaa at this informative program. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donation; items for sale. For more information, call 757-245-1991.

**January 1 – 3**

**Newport News**

#### ***Artful Giving, Peninsula Fine Arts Center***

Experience *Artful Giving* at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. For the season, Pfac's Gallery Shop expands to feature decorations, accessories and gift items from around the corner and around the world. For this year's festivities, Jo Louise has chosen holiday décor and party items found nowhere else, along with unique artworks and unusual craft items both practical and whimsical. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free. For more information, call 757-596-8175 or go online at [www.pfac.org](http://www.pfac.org).

**January 1 – 3**

**Williamsburg and Yorktown**

#### ***A Colonial Christmas, Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center***

At Jamestown Settlement, a film and interpretive presentations compare and contrast 17th-century English Christmas customs with how the season may have been observed in the colony's early years. Daily tours and programs in the outdoor living-history areas allow visitors to learn about the English colonists' first Christmas at sea in 1606, Indian hospitality shown to Capt. John Smith's trading party during a winter storm, and about the Lord of Misrule, "Grand captain of all mischief." At the Yorktown Victory Center, hear accounts of Christmas and winter in Revolutionary War military encampments and glimpse holiday preparations on a 1780s Virginia farm. Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission. For more information, call 757-253-4838 or go online at [www.historyisfun.org](http://www.historyisfun.org).

**January 1 – 3**

**Williamsburg**

***Colonial Williamsburg's Holiday Season, Colonial Williamsburg***

Nothing quite compares to spending the Christmas season in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Special programs, dining, entertainment, hotel packages, events for children and more are waiting to enchant guests who come to enjoy a magical season they'll not soon forget. Admission. For more information, call 800-447-8679 or go online at [www.history.org](http://www.history.org).

**January 1 – 3**

**Norfolk**

***Garden of Lights, Norfolk Botanical Garden***

Whether it's your first visit or a family tradition, make memories you'll treasure forever on our two-mile driving tour through a million twinkling lights. This year, enjoy the new "Garden by the Sea" underwater adventure. Travel through a watery scene of lights with a mermaid and her friends as they celebrate Norfolk's Year of the Mermaid. 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission. For additional information, call 757-441-5830 or go online at [www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org).

**January 1 – 3**

**Virginia Beach**

***McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach, Boardwalk***

Festive fish, jumping dolphins, frolicking porpoises – all in bright, colored lights against the clear night-time sky, are the stars of McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach, a nautical and holiday-themed light display at the Virginia Beach oceanfront! They are joined by Santa, elves and a 40-foot tall Christmas tree erected on the beach and in the beautiful parks along the boardwalk. For over 30 blocks, this "Fanta-Sea" of lights is sure to dazzle and amaze holiday travelers visiting the Beach. New displays are added each year so it's never the same show twice. A free CD of holiday music is provided to each vehicle entering the lights. Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday to Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission. For more information, call 757-491-7866 or go online at [www.beachstreetusa.com](http://www.beachstreetusa.com).

**January 1 – 3**

**Newport News**

***Season's Greetings: Holiday Scenes from the Noland Company Collection, Peninsula Fine Arts Center***

This festive exhibition features dozens of nostalgic artworks featuring historic buildings from around the country decked out in their holiday finery. Each year the Noland Company, headquartered in Newport News, Va., commissioned artists to create an original painting for their company holiday cards. Most scenes feature joyous revelers in period costume enjoying the spirit of the season. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission. For more information, call 757-596-8175 or go online at [www.pfac.org](http://www.pfac.org).

**January 1 – 6**

**Richmond**

***Maymont Mansion Holiday Tours, Maymont***

Celebrate a very special Christmas at Maymont, decorated in authentic Victorian holiday splendor. Lavish tree trimmings, the opulent dining room and other spectacular decor bring the wonders of an upper-class Victorian Christmas to life. Meanwhile, in the basement of the mansion, the kitchen is a hub for holiday dinner preparations. Enjoy a tour with out-of-town guests or make it your own annual tradition. Tours available every half-hour. Noon to 5 p.m. Admission. For more information call, 804-358-7166 or go online at [www.maymont.org](http://www.maymont.org).

**January 1 – 11**

**Richmond**

***GardenFest of Lights, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden***

A holiday tradition! The show features more than a half million lights arranged in botanical themes throughout the 25-acre garden. With hundreds of trees wrapped in lights and winding pathways full of surprises, *GardenFest of Lights* is a magical experience for all ages. Holiday dinners are available with reservations. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission. For more information, call 804-262-9887 or go online at [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org).

**January 1 – 18**

**Norfolk**

***MacArthur On Ice, MacArthur Center***

There's only one place to skate outdoors during the holidays. At MacArthur Center, where you'll always find something special. Bring the family, bring your friends and enjoy the best skating extravaganza Norfolk's ever seen. With public skating, figure skating exhibitions, lessons, skating with the Norfolk Admirals and more, MacArthur Center is the place to be this holiday season. 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission. For more information, call 757-622-0280.

**January 1 – March 8**

**Hampton**

***Downtown Hampton Central on Ice!, Virginia Air & Space Center***

The Peninsula's only outdoor, holiday ice skating rink! Experience Downtown Hampton's Rockefeller Center when you step into a winter wonderland ice skating rink at the Virginia Air & Space Center. Skate rentals available. Admission. For more information, call 757-727-0900 or go to [www.vasc.org](http://www.vasc.org).

*NOTE: Events are subject to cancellation and date, time and admission changes. Admission fees are subject to change without notice. Please contact event planners directly to confirm information.*

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