

Durham Museum

***Timed entry reservations are required. Each person must reserve a ticket in advance online or over the phone, including children and museum members.**

Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 26, 7PM

Turn into the Durham's website and Facebook page Thanksgiving night to watch their 40 foot-tall Christmas Tree come aglow for the holiday season. This 20-minute program features musical performances, a greeting from Santa and the countdown to the lighting of the region's largest indoor Christmas Tree. All from the comfort of your couch!

Here Comes Santa Claus

November 27 – December 23, Daily (Tuesday-Sunday)

*Tuesdays: 10AM – 12PM, 1 – 3PM, 5 – 7PM**

Wednesday-Saturdays: 10AM – 12PM, 1 – 3PM

*Sundays: 12 – 3PM**

The reimagined socially distanced Santa experience will allow guests to still see Santa in-person while keep kids and the jolly old elf himself safe. This activity is indoor and requires a mask.

*Santa's reindeer will join him on Tuesday evenings and Sundays.

Holiday Cultural Trees Display

November 27 – January 10, 10AM – 4PM

A holiday favorite returns to The Durham's galleries during Christmas at Union Station. The exhibition 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 society and is accompanied by interpretative text explaining the meaning behind the various decorations and unique traditions of each culture.

Season's Greetings, Omaha!

November 27 – January 10, 10AM – 4PM

The Durham has partnered with six local organizations this season to unwrap the joys their programs bring to the holidays. In festive displays, these institutions (El Museo Latino, Lauritzen Gardens, The Omaha Symphony, The Rose Theater, The Omaha Community Playhouse and the Omaha Children's Museum) will present tableaus of their programming and decoration for guests to discover. We hope this inspires visits to their sites and more!

Strings of the Season Concert Series

Saturday and Sundays, November 28 – 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 "Strings of the Season" concert series.

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Virtual Holiday Cultural Conversations

December 4, 4PM, [Reservations required](#)

Love the annual Holiday Cultural Festival? Join the museum for a virtual spin on this popular event featuring an introduction to Christmas at Union Station traditions and the museum's 40-foot, fully decorated tree. Then, you will take a tour of the Holiday Cultural Tree display with help from local cultural organizations who are able to join and shine light on their own holiday traditions.

Say Goodbye to 2020

December 31, 10AM – 4PM

Guests to the museum will receive the ultimate party-in-a-bag to safely celebrate Noon Year's at home. Visit the museum on December 31 to see the *Jim Henson Exhibition*, participate in a scavenger hunt to find *Sesame Street* characters and get a free party sundae (while supplies last) at our Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain! Tag the Durham (@TheDurhamMuseum) in your photos celebrating at home with your party-in-a-bag for a chance to win great prizes.

Joslyn Art Museum

***Timed entry reservations are required. Each person must reserve a timed ticket in advance [online](#).**

Museum Store Sunday, Sunday, November 29, 10 AM – 4 PM

Come for a day of shopping unique items inspired by Joslyn's building, history, and varied art collections alongside the work of jewelers, potters, glassmakers, printmakers, woodworkers, and fiber/fabric artists. Shoppers receive a 10% discount on their purchases, free gift with purchase, free gift wrap, and the opportunity to enter special promotional drawings. More info [here](#).

Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives, Wednesday – Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM

In 2016, ConAgra Foods, Inc. (now Conagra Brands) donated nearly 600 Currier & Ives lithographs to Joslyn Art Museum. *Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives* sheds new light on the famous firm's artistic and commercial practices, revealing the complex social relationships and surprising modernity of its lavish prints, which found their way into the homes of tens of thousands of Americans in the nineteenth century.

Omaha Symphony

Physicians Mutual Presents: Home for the Holidays

December 18 – 19, varies times

It's still the holidays with the Omaha Symphony, but it's a little different this year! Join us for traditional favorites, seasonal classics, and, of course... Sleigh Ride! Three performances only. Tickets are \$35. Purchase [here](#).

The Omaha Community Playhouse

A Christmas Carol

November 13 – 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 are \$40. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Christmas in My Heart: A concert featuring Camille Metoyer Moten

November 27 – December 20, varying times

Omaha Community Playhouse legend Camille Metoyer Moten makes her highly-anticipated return to the stage for an intimate holiday affair. *Christmas in My Heart* is all the wonder and magic of the season in concert. Cozy up in our Howard Drew Theatre and let Camille's soaring voice warm your heart with beloved holiday classics, contemporary Christmas melodies and everything in between! Tickets are \$35. To order, call (402) 553-0800 or purchase online [here](#).

Fontenelle Forest

Winter Wonderland

December 5 – January 3, 8:00 AM – 5 PM

It's time to Deck the (Great) Hall with holiday cheer! Each year, during the month of December Fontenelle Forest transforms their Great Hall into a Winter Wonderland for all to enjoy! From December 5 to January 3, they invite you to visit Fontenelle Forest and experience this festive holiday display of decorated trees and wreaths. General admission fees apply. Free for members.

Gingerbread Habitats

December 19, 10AM – 3:30PM

What makes a habitat a home? Using Fontenelle Forest as inspiration, participants at this holiday event can bring their imaginations and create a one-of-a-kind Gingerbread Habitat. Three sessions available. Max capacity is 20 per session. This event will be held indoors. Limit one accompanying adult per child (at no additional cost) to allow for appropriate social distancing. **\$10 for members; \$15 for non-members.** Register online [here](#).

The Rose Theater

It's A Wonderful Life

November 20 – December 20, varying times

Based on the Lux Radio Theater Script, adapted by Sarah Lynn Brown.

Celebrate the holidays with the very first show ever presented at The Rose Theater in 1995! Meet George Bailey, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. Featuring live music from the era and a virtuosic cast playing multiple roles, this production is the perfect homage to the power of community.

Tickets are \$25. Purchase online [here](#).

Lauritzen Gardens

Merry & Bright: Holiday Poinsettia Show

November 21 – January 5, 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 a cascade of twinkling white lights, 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. **\$10 for adults, \$5 children, members free.** Must purchase or reserve a time ticket ahead of time, [here](#).

UNMC employees, students and their immediate family (children, parents, siblings, grandparent and grandchildren) can receive complimentary admission to Lauritzen Garden's Merry & Bright Holiday Show, December 18 – January 3rd. You still need to reserve your spot online [here](#), and enter the promo code: MERRY 20. The code is valid from December 12, 2020 – January 3, 2021.

Botanical Design Workshop: Holiday Wreath

Saturday, December 5, 10 – 11:30 AM & 12 – 1:30 PM

Make beautiful floral designs to display at home or give as a gift. Each workshop has its own unique theme which allows the participant to enjoy a new experience each time they participate. Learn basic floral design skills that can be used to create all types of arrangements. No experience is needed, all supplies are provided. \$55 for non-members, \$45 for garden members. Pre-registration required by November 28. 10AM online registration [here](#). 12PM online registration [here](#)

Basket Weaving: Large Storage Basket

Saturday, December 5, 12 – 5 PM

Basket weaving is an ancient art form that uses botanical materials to create functional pieces that you can enjoy for years to come. Jeannie Sisson, a.k.a. The Weaving Freak, will conduct this workshop, where "fun and friendships intertwine" and participants will create their own basket. All supplies are provided. Workshop is \$50 for non-members, \$40 for garden members. Pre-registration is required by November 28. Register online [here](#) or by calling Shelby at (402) 346-4002, ext. 263.

National Poinsettia Day

Thursday, December 12, 9AM – 5PM

Celebrate the national holiday, commemorating this gorgeous holiday plant, while visiting the poinsettia show. The first 100 households receive a free poinsettia (*while supplies last*). Admission required.

Botanical Design Workshop: Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, December 19, 10AM – 11:30AM

Make beautiful floral designs to display at home or give as a gift. Each workshop has its own unique theme which allows the participant to enjoy a new experience each time they participate. Learn basic floral design skills that can be used to create all types of arrangements. No experience is needed, all supplies are provided. \$55 for non-members, \$45 for garden members. Pre-registration required by December 12. Register online [here](#) or by calling Shelby at (402) 346-4002, ext. 263.

Botanical Design Workshop: Woodland Christmas

Monday, December 21, 6 – 7:30PM

Make beautiful floral designs to display at home or give as a gift. Each workshop has its own unique theme which allows the participant to enjoy a new experience each time they participate. Learn basic floral design skills that can be used to create all types of arrangements. No experience is needed, all supplies are provided. \$55 for non-members, \$45 for garden members.

Pre-registration required by December 14. Register online [here](#) or by calling Shelby at (402) 346-4002, ext. 263.