

Mattatuck Museum

15th Annual Festival of Trees & Traditions
Friday, November 25 – Saturday, December 3, 2005

General Adult Admission: \$8.00 Museum Members Admission: \$7.00

Children under 12 / Group Rates: \$5.00

Call Theresa Biagiarelli to book groups of 10 or more at 203-753-0381 ext. 13

Holiday Gift Drive:

Friday, November 25 & Saturday, November 26.

Bring an unwrapped toy or game and receive \$1 off admission.

Hours:

Friday, November 25: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Saturday, November 26: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Sunday, November 27: 12:00pm – 4:45pm

Monday, November 28: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Tuesday, November 29: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Wednesday, November 30: 10:00am – 6:30pm

Thursday, December 1: 9:30am – 4:45pm

Friday, December 2: 9:30am – 4:45pm

Friday, December 2 Gala Party: 6:30pm – 11:00pm

Saturday, December 3: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Sunday, December 4: 12:00pm – 2:30pm Tree Pick-Ups

Friday, November 25:

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Drop & Shop! 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Drop your children off at the YMCA and get started on your shopping - and finish at the Mattatuck Museum! Kids will enjoy supervised activities; swimming, rock climbing, basketball, games & more!

Free! Call the YMCA to register: 203-754-2181 ext. 117

Sponsored by: YMCA of Greater Waterbury, 136 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT

Festival Tree Trimming & Crafts 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Families and friends are invited to decorate trees and enjoy refreshments in the Mattatuck Museum Courtyard. Be the first to view the Festival of Traditions and Holiday Marketplace! Free crafts activities throughout the day.

Greater Waterbury Arts Roundtable Performances 12:30pm

Enjoy flittering sugar plums and short performances by Brass City Ballet, Woodbury Ballet, Connecticut Dance Theatre and more!

Saturday, November 26:

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Holiday Toyland Lunch with Santa 11:00 am to 1:00pm

A yummy boxed lunch with Santa and other holiday characters amidst the amazing holiday displays! See the miniature Holiday Toyland village, the Webster Bank Brass City Express Train Tree and more! \$12 for adults, \$10 for children. Includes boxed lunch and admission. RSVP.

Sunday, November 27:

Festival Hours: 12:00pm – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Community Performances throughout the day

Post University ALBA Program Chorus 1:00pm

Messengers of First Church of Bethlehem 3:00pm

Naugatuck Valley Community College Gospel Choir 4:00pm (wait to confirm)

Waterbury Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Green: 5:30pm

Monday, November 28

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Mystic Paper Beasts – “Art Fool” 10:00am

<http://home.earthlink.net/~danpottervia/mysticpaperbeaststheatre/>

A series of comical and energetic vignettes about the role of the artist, the audience and the process of making art. The performers lay out their props in full view of the audience, weaving with humor and grace from one episode to another. *Recommended Grade Levels: K-5*

The Magic of Christopher 3:30pm

<http://www.magicofchristopher.com>

Have you ever witnessed unexplainable events, or seen illusions so convincing that they leave you fascinated...almost spellbound? *Recommended Grade Levels: 5 and up*

Tuesday, November 29

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Drawbridge Puppet Theater – “Little Red Riding Hood” 10:00am

<http://www.drawbridgepuppets.com/>

Journey with the magical puppets to the age old story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Wednesday, November 30

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 6:30pm

Festival Special Events:

Jim Sisti & Sandy 10:30am

<http://www.jimsistimagic.com/shows/>

Forget what you know about the real world and join Jim Sisti & Sandy for a humorous trip into the world of the impossible! Audience participation required. Grade Levels: 4 - 8

Silk Holiday Arrangements 12:00pm & 1:00pm

Join Edith Margolis of Jay-Mar in Waterbury for demonstrations of beautiful arrangements that you can make at home for your holiday table. Bring home a free gift, too! Free with admission. RSVP

Senior Tea with the Radio Nostalgia of Bob Schulz 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Join Bob Schulz for a special afternoon just for seniors! Enjoy tea and light refreshments as Bob replays sounds from the past, including segments of comedy, sentiment, and drama which will bring smiles and laughter. He'll bring back memories of how families gathered around the radio for *Fibber McGee and Molly* and of the music from the old radio days. Bob spent more than 45 years at local television and radio stations including WELI in New Haven and Channel 8.

PJ Storytime with Teddy 5:30 – 6:30pm

Cuddle up in your PJs and bring your favorite teddy and enjoy heartwarming stories of holiday spirit. Free with admission.

Thursday, December 1

Festival Hours: 9:30am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Tanglewood Marionettes – “**An Arabian Adventure**” **9:30am**

Featuring over a dozen beautifully hand-crafted marionettes and exquisite “story-book” style scenery, “An Arabian Adventure” tells the tale of a Persian prince who is thrown into a dungeon because of his love for a beautiful princess. *Recommended Grade Levels: K-8*

Friday, December 2

Festival Hours: 9:30am – 4:45pm

Festival Special Events:

Nappy's Puppets – “**Shadows of the World**” **9:30am**

<http://www.nappypuppets.com/>

Shadows Around The World explores the history of shadow puppetry and it's development throughout the world. The program will focus on World Cultures and History, the Oral Tradition of Storytelling and the development of Shadow Theater as an art form. *Recommended Grade Levels: 2-5*

Festival Gala Party

Friday, December 2 6:30pm – 11:00pm

Join us for a fun and festive finale amidst the sparkling trees and holiday decorations! This year's Gala will feature wandering entertainers, a delicious family-style dinner, a holiday chorale and of course final bidding on the fabulous Silent Auction! \$95 per person before November 15, \$100 after. Corporate tables of 10, \$950.

Saturday, December 3 – Closing Day

Festival Hours: 10:00am – 4:45pm

Community Performances throughout the day

Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony 11:00am

Whipporwills of the Children's Community School 1:00pm

Unity Dance Ensemble Showcase 2:00pm

Naugatuck Valley Community College Gospel Choir 3:00pm

Sunday, December 4

Festival Hours: 12:00pm – 2:30pm for Tree Pick-Ups Only