

# TEXAS WINTER 2012-13 EVENTS CALENDAR



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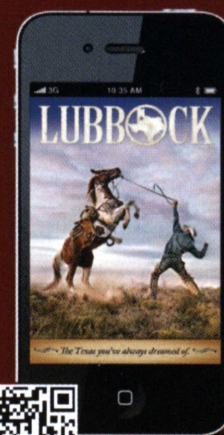
## *This Holiday Season Experience a Pioneer Christmas at the Ranch*

Grab a cup of hot cider and stroll back in time at the National Ranching Heritage Center's annual Candlelight at the Ranch event in Lubbock, Texas. The celebration, set for December 7-8, offers a glimpse into the pioneer Christmas that took place on the open prairie more than 100 years ago. Each of the center's historic homes will feature different scenes from holidays past.

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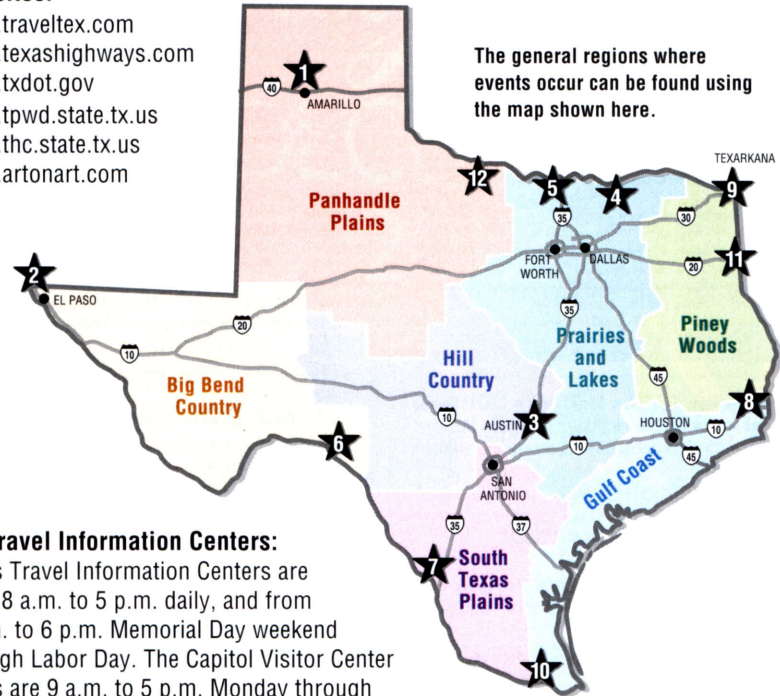
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10	Valley	U.S. 77 at U.S. 83 (Harlingen)	956/428-4477
11	Waskom	I-20	903/687-2547
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- 1—ALVIN: Home for the Holidays Christmas Festival** Includes the Holiday Hustle 1K Walk and 5K Run, a chili cook-off, children's activities, ornament making, snow in the park, Santa, a lighted parade at 5:30 p.m., a live nativity scene and the lighting of National Oak Park. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359 **GULF COAST**
- 1—ARLINGTON: Holiday Lights Parade** Begins downtown at 6 p.m. Take a picture with Santa afterward in Founders Plaza. www.holidaylightsparade.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—ARLINGTON: Olde Town Christmas** Dottie Lynn Recreation Center. 817/277-5001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—ATHENS: Holiday on the Square** Includes festive decorations, arts and crafts, and activities from 4–6:30 p.m. Historic downtown square. www.athenstx.org 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—AUSTIN: Chuy's Christmas Parade** Congress Avenue. www.chuysparade.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—AUSTIN: Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll** Enjoy caroling at the state capitol and the lighting of the holiday tree. Then stroll down Congress Avenue as it buzzes with music, art and shopping. http://downtownaustinholidays.com 512/469-0476 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BANDERA: Children's Christmas Carnival** Festivities include games, a chance for children to shop for their parents, and a visit with Santa. At Bandera Helping Hand. www.banderabusinesassociation.com 830/796-4447 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BEAUMONT: Chambers House Museum Open House** See this historic home decorated for the holidays with items that belonged to the family. Ruth and Florence Chambers' toys and the family silver also are on display. 2240 Calder Ave. www.chambershouse.org **GULF COAST**
- 1—BEAUMONT: Morrissey in Concert with Special Guest Kristeen Young** Beaumont Civic Center. www.beaumont-tx-complex.com 409/838-3435 **GULF COAST**
- 1—BEEVILLE: WinterFest** Includes Holly Jolly Christmas festivities downtown, Tejano music Friday and country music Saturday. Bee County Expo Center. 361/358-3267 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1—BELLVILLE: Small-Town Christmas and Market Day on the Square** Enjoy Christmas music, a children's wonderland, a holiday market, gingerbread house decorating, a baking contest and sale. Downtown. www.smalltownchristmas.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—BIG SPRING: Breakfast with Santa** Enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus, gingerbread cookies and portraits with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Heritage Museum. www.bigspringmuseum.com 432/267-8255 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—BIG SPRING: Christmas Parade and Christmas on Main Street** A lighted parade goes down Gregg Street. Then enjoy treats and visits with Santa at the Pocket Park. www.bigspringherald.com 432/263-7331 or 432/466-2268 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—BOERNE: Dickens on Main** This winter wonderland features snow every hour, carriage rides, Christmas music, theater and dancing. Historic downtown. www.dickensonmain.com 888/500-0890 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—BOERNE: Weihnachts Fest Parade** Downtown. www.ci.boerne.tx.us 830/249-7277 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—CAMERON: Christmas Parade** The parade starts at 5 p.m. Also enjoy music, food and photos with Santa. Downtown square. www.cameron-tx.com 254/697-4979 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—CENTER: Downtown Nighttime Lighted Christmas Parade** Includes an enchanted Christmas forest and parade. Historic downtown square. www.shelbycounty-chamber.com 936/598-3682 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—CLEBURNE: Candlewalk Tour of Homes** Visit turn-of-the-century historic homes. Hours are 1–9 p.m. www.cleburnechamber.com 817/645-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—CLEVELAND: Hometown Christmas** Enjoy a life-sized Christmas card contest, photos with Santa, live entertainment and a lighted parade. At Crockett and College streets. www.clevelandtexas.com 281/592-2395 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—CLIFTON: Norwegian Country Christmas Tour** Experience the beauty of Christmas and the wonder of Norwegian history with home tours, dancers, carriage rides, shopping, entertainment and a Norwegian-style luncheon. www.visitclifton.org 800/344-3720 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—COLORADO CITY: Festival of Trees** Includes a lighted parade, chili supper and a forest of decorated trees. Railhead Building. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-3403 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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**1—COPPERAS COVE: Heart of Texas Bowl** Football matchup is a bowl game for the National Junior College Athletic Association. Bulldawg Stadium. www.copperascove.com 254/547-7571 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—CORPUS CHRISTI: Harbor Lights Festival** The Corpus Christi skyline and Marina area are illuminated for the holidays. Features entertainment and family activities. Corpus Christi Marina and downtown. www.harborlightsfestival.org 361/985-1555 **GULF COAST**

**1—CRANFILLS GAP: Annual Authentic Norwegian Lutefisk Dinner** Traditional Norwegian lutefisk is served, as well as turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Cranfills Gap School. E-mail: ruth.taylor@cranfillsgapisd.net **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—DALLAS: Butterfly House Discovery Tour** Get a behind-the-scenes look at these winged wonders. Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—DALLAS: Children's Medical Center Holiday Parade** Downtown, 1500 Marilla St. www.childrens.com/parade 214/456-8360 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—DALLAS: Texas Motorsport Expo** Dallas Market Hall. http://texasmotorsportexpo.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—DECATUR: Moonlight Madness** Enjoy a lighted Christmas parade and shopping. Downtown. www.decaturtx.com 940/627-3107 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—EASTLAND: One Starry Night** This Christmas celebration features Santa Claus, holiday treats and a "sleigh" ride. Grimes Memorial Garden, 301 W. Main St. www.eastlandchamber.com 254/629-2332 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—EL CAMPO: Christmas Mall** This annual event features more than 100 booths. El Campo Civic Center. www.elcampochamber.com 979/543-2713 **GULF COAST**

**1—ELGIN: Holiday by the Tracks** Take a photo with Santa, browse works by local artisans, and enjoy live entertainment. Also includes a lighted parade and live nativity. Veterans Memorial Park. www.elgintx.com/holiday 512/281-5724 or 512/285-4515 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—FARMERS BRANCH: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** Farmers Branch lights up with fireworks, light displays, visits with Santa, historic home tours and sledding on snow hills. Historical Park. www.farmersbranch.info 972/919-2620 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—FORT WORTH: Christmas in the Stockyards** Enjoy family activities such as a petting zoo, the Fort Worth Herd, Cowkid Roundup, Christmas tree lighting, carolers and Santa. Historic Stockyards District. www.stockyardsstation.com 817/625-9715 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—FREDERICKSBURG: Holiday Tour of Homes** Seven unique, never-before-toured homes are decked out for the holidays. Tickets required. Pioneer Museum and area homes. www.pioneer-museum.net 830/997-2835 or 830/990-8441 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—FRISCO: Night of Improv** Presented by the Frisco Improv Players. E-mail: friscoimprov@yahoo.com 214/536-8655 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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**1—GARWOOD: Christmas in Garwood**  
Includes a lighted parade, music, food and booths. 979/758-3119 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—GONZALES: Historic Organ Concert**  
Enjoy a concert on historic Estey Pipe Organ. Presbyterian Church of Gonzales, 414 St. Louis St. www.gonzalestexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—GONZALES: Santa's Market** Browse arts and crafts on the downtown square during the lighted parade Nov. 30 and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. www.cityofgonzales.org/MainStreet 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—GRAND PRAIRIE: Seussical the Musical**  
Uptown Theater. www.uptowntheatrepp.com 972/237-8786 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—GRAPELAND: Christmas in Grapeland**  
Meet Santa, browse vendor booths and enjoy live entertainment. Grapeland Main Street. E-mail: grapelandchamber@yahoo.com 936/687-5270 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—GRUENE: Town Lighting and Pony Express Ride** Relay riders carry Christmas greetings from the governor at 10 a.m. Bring Christmas cards to be sent with the 2012 Commemorative Stamp. Also enjoy Christmas Market Days, Cowboy Kringle and Gruene Town Lighting. www.gruene-texas.com **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—HENDERSON: Christmas Home Tour**  
Includes four historic homes in the area. www.hendersontx.com 903/657-5528 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—HENRIETTA: Clay County Christmas** Enjoy the lighting ceremony at the historic courthouse and the lighted Christmas parade afterward, plus sled races, photos with Santa and holiday treats. Courthouse square. www.claycountyoutdoors.org 940/538-5261 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—HONEY GROVE: Christmas on the Square** Features a Christmas bazaar, parade and entertainment. Downtown square. 903/378-7211 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—HOUSTON: Houston Heights Holiday Home Tour** See six homes in their holiday finery in this historic neighborhood. Carolers at each home and local food trucks at the Heights Fire Station complete the festivities. www.houstonheights.org 713/861-4002 ext. 7 **GULF COAST**

**1—HUBBARD: Magnolias and Mistletoe Christmas Celebration** Includes a pancake breakfast, vendors, carolers, 11 a.m. Christmas parade, 6 p.m. soup supper and musical entertainment. Various locations. www.hubbardcity.com 254/576-2521 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—HUNTSVILLE: A Houston Family Christmas and Angel Show** Enjoy carolers and demonstrations at the museum, or browse arts and crafts at the Angel Show. Sam Houston Memorial Museum. http://samhouston.memorial.museum 936/294-3839 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—HUNTSVILLE: Downtown Christmas Fair**  
Find live entertainment, craft and food vendors, and snow on the courthouse lawn. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown. www.huntsvilletx.gov 936/295-2150 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—HUNTSVILLE: Journey Through Bethlehem** The fairgrounds are transformed into a depiction of old Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. Walker County Fairgrounds.

www.journeythroughbethlehem.org 936/439-5899 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—JOSHUA: Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting** Parade starts at Staples Elementary and ends at City Park. www.joshuachamber.org 817/558-2821 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—KEMAH: Jingle on the Boardwalk** Enjoy holiday music, crafts, activities, a toy drive, parade and party. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**

**1—KINGSLAND: Kingsland Christmas**  
Includes tree lighting, photos with Santa, and arts and crafts vendors. Kingsland Chamber of Commerce Grounds. www.kingslandchamber.org 325/388-6211 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—LAKE JACKSON: Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tours** Discover the sugar making process of the 1840s, how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s, and how destructive the hurricane of 1900 was. Jackson Plantation Site. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

**1—LAMPASAS: Carol of Lights** Holiday event includes the 5K and 1K Boot Scoot races, Christmas tree, gingerbread house contest, the Town and Country Christmas Bazaar, storytime and crafts with Mrs. Claus, a children's train, classic cars and evening lighted parade. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Historic Lampasas County Courthouse. E-mail: Info@VisionLampasas.com 512/556-7468 or 512/566-0148 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—LLANO: Christmas Market Day, Lighted Christmas Parade and Home Tour** See beautiful local homes decorated for the holidays, and shop at the sidewalk sale and market from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Santa arrives on a fire truck in the lighted parade after dark. www.llanochamber.org 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—LOCKHART: A Dickens Christmas in Lockhart** Includes 19th-century Dickens characters, a lighted parade and entertainment at the Eugene Clark Library and courthouse square. http://lockhartchamber.com/Dickens.htm 512/398-2818 or 512/376-2632 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—MANSFIELD: FaLaLaLa 5K Fun Run**  
Begins at 8 a.m. Rose Park, 303 N. Walnut Creek Drive. www.falalala5k.com 817/477-4228 or 806/282-1207 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—MONAHANS: Christmas and Chili Market** Shop for gifts and Christmas decorations, and have breakfast with Santa. Also enjoy chili and cornbread. Ward County Convention Center. www.monahans.org 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1—MOUNT PLEASANT: Christmas Extravaganza and Parade** Enjoy shopping, an evening parade, chili cook-off, lights and Santa at the courthouse. www.mtpleasantx.com 903/572-8567 **PINEY WOODS**

**1—MOUNT VERNON: Christmas Festival**  
Includes a chili cook-off, music, arts-and-crafts booths, the lighting of the square and a parade. Downtown. www.franklincountytexas.com 903/537-4365 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—NEDERLAND: Christmas on the Avenue**  
Holiday festival offers train rides, a tree-lighting ceremony, children's activities and vendors. Boston Avenue. www.nederlandtx.com 409/722-0279 **GULF COAST**

**1—NEW BRAUNFELS: Christmas Tour of Homes** Old and new homes are delightfully decorated in their Christmas finery for this tour. Refreshment stop is at the Landmark Lofts. 830/237-4691 or 830/237-8463 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—OZONA: Deerfest** Community game dinner and giveaways welcome hunters to the area. Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center. www.deerfest.org 325/277-9345 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1—PORT ARANSAS: Carolers Afloat/Boat Lighting Parade** Enjoy an evening of singing carols aboard vessels as they cruise the city harbor, or watch the beautifully decorated boats glide by from the shore. Begins at dusk. Roberts Point Park. www.portaransas.org 800/452-6278 **GULF COAST**

**1—PORT LAVACA: Port Lavaca Market Days** Enjoy live music, food and shopping with arts and crafts vendors. Bauer Community Center. www.portlavacamarketdays.org 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**

**1—POST: Lighted Christmas Parade** On Main Street. www.postcitytexas.com 806/495-3461 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—POST: Post City Trade Day** Outside vendors and local merchants present a unique shopping experience. Main Street. www.postcitytexas.com 806/559-0835 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—PRESIDIO: Living on the Land: Big Bend State Park Hike** This easy-to-moderate 4-mile hike with a Texas Parks and Wildlife Guide takes visitors through the beautiful Arroyo Mexicano. Big Bend State Park. www.cdri.org 432/364-2499 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1—QUANAH: Christmas Festival and Lighted Parade** Holiday festivities include Mrs. Claus' Cupcake Decorating Contest, visits with Santa, the Candy Cane Scramble, holiday music, games, arts and crafts, and the lighted Christmas parade at 6:30 p.m. Downtown. www.quanahnet.com 940/663-2222 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—ROCKPORT: Christmas Tour of Historic Homes** Docents in vintage dress welcome visitors to seven historic venues. History Center for Aransas County. www.aransashistorycenter.org 361/727-1766 **GULF COAST**

**1—ROCKPORT: Rockport Tropical Christmas Festival** Includes a birding seminar, children's activities, arts-and-crafts sale, live entertainment, sidewalk chalk art, Run for 'Yar Treasure beach hunt, the lighting of the 75-foot Christmas tree, ornament workshop, pictures with Tropical Santa, illuminated land parade and fireworks display. In the Heritage District, Rockport Harbor area and Rockport Beach Park. www.rockport-fulton.org 361/729-6445 **GULF COAST**

**1—ROSENBERG: Christmas in Rosenberg**  
Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season along with food, crafts, pictures with Santa, a children's carnival, entertainment and shopping. Hours are noon-9 p.m. Historic downtown. www.rosenbergevents.com 832/595-3525 **GULF COAST**

**1—ROUND TOP: Christmas in Round Top**  
Features a parade, Santa, holiday music and hot stew for sale. Town Square. www.roundtop.org 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—ROUND TOP: Round Top Home Tour by the Historical Society** www.roundtop.org 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—SAN ANGELO: First Saturday at Old Chicken Farm Art Center** See works by specially invited artists as all galleries open to visitors. 2505 Martin Luther King Blvd. [www.chickenfarmartcenter.com](http://www.chickenfarmartcenter.com) 325/653-4936  
**PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—SAN ANTONIO: Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza** More than 1,000 mariachi musicians convene in San Antonio for more than 100 performances during this 18th-annual festival. Lila Cockrell Theatre. [www.mariachimusic.com](http://www.mariachimusic.com) 210/225-3353  
**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1—SAN ANTONIO: Tamales! At Pearl—A Holiday Family Festival** Explore a Mexican streetscape full of the sounds, sights and tastes of the holiday season. Hours are noon–7 p.m. Pearl, 200 E Grayson St. <http://atpearl.com> 210/212-7260  
**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1—SAN MARCOS: Sights and Sounds of Christmas** Enjoy ice skating, a giant snow globe, carnival, holiday music, and special appearances by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. San Marcos Plaza Park. [www.sights-n-sounds.org](http://www.sights-n-sounds.org) 512/393-8400  
**HILL COUNTRY**

**1—SMITHVILLE: Festival of Lights** This small-town Christmas celebration features a 5K run, arts-and-crafts vendors, live entertainment, train rides, photos with Santa, Kids' Fest and a lighted parade. Main and First streets. [www.smithvilletx.com](http://www.smithvilletx.com) 512/237-2313  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—SOMERVILLE: Santaville** Meet Santa and enjoy a parade, children's activities and a holiday home tour. Downtown. 979/596-2383  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND/PORT ISABEL: Christmas Lighted Boat Parade** After the decorated boats are judged in Port Isabel, they travel to South Padre Island for viewing and awards around 8 p.m. 2305 Laguna Blvd. [www.portisabel.org](http://www.portisabel.org) 956/943-2262  
**GULF COAST**

**1—STAMFORD: Texas Cowboy Christmas on the Square** Downtown. [www.stamfordcoc.org](http://www.stamfordcoc.org) 325/773-2411  
**PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1—SUGAR LAND: Opry on the Square** Concert features holiday favorites with a country twist. Begins at 7 p.m. Sugar Land Town Square, 15958 City Walk. [www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com) 281/276-6000  
**GULF COAST**

**1—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Christmas in the Park** An outdoor museum of historic buildings is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Drive or walk through. Heritage Park, 416 N. Jackson. [www.visitsulphurspringstx.org](http://www.visitsulphurspringstx.org) 888/300-6623 or 903/885-2387  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Christmas Light Parade** Downtown. [www.visitsulphurspringstx.org](http://www.visitsulphurspringstx.org) 888/300-6623  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—TAYLOR: Christmas Parade of Lights and Christmas Bazaar** Parade welcomes Santa to Taylor. Also shop for arts, crafts and other gifts. Main Street. [www.taylorchamber.org](http://www.taylorchamber.org) 512/352-6364 or 512/352-3675  
**HILL COUNTRY**

**1—THE COLONY: Holiday in the Park and Parade of Lights** Kick off the holidays with festive music and performances, a holiday craft station, a baking contest and Christmas lights.

Perryman Park. [www.visitthecolonytx.com](http://www.visitthecolonytx.com) 877/264-4386  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—VAN: Derrick Lighting** Hours are 7–9 p.m. Van Oil Museum. 903/963-5513  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—VICTORIA: Lighted Christmas Parade** Downtown, 101 N. Main St. [www.victoriatx.org](http://www.victoriatx.org) 361/485-3200  
**GULF COAST**

**1—WAXAHACHIE: Christmas Market and Gift Show** Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. [www.waxahachiejstl.org](http://www.waxahachiejstl.org) 972/938-3434  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—WAXAHACHIE: Christmas Parade** Historic downtown, 100 W. Main St. [www.waxahachiecvb.com](http://www.waxahachiecvb.com) 972/937-2390  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—WEATHERFORD: Christmas on the Square** Downtown. [www.christmas-on-the-square.com](http://www.christmas-on-the-square.com) 817/596-3801  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1—WIMBERLEY: Market Day** Lions Pavilion, 601 R.M. 2325. [www.shopmarketdays.com](http://www.shopmarketdays.com) 512/847-2201  
**HILL COUNTRY**

**1—WOODVILLE: Christmas in Tyler County** "Dickens in the Country" celebration includes 1890s costumes, live entertainment, horse-and-buggy rides, breakfast with Santa, an antique car show, parade, and bed-and-breakfast tours. Downtown. [www.tylercountychamber.com](http://www.tylercountychamber.com) 409/283-2632  
**PINEY WOODS**

**1—WOODVILLE: Twilight Tour** Heritage Village, decorated in period Christmas decorations, comes alive for an evening of seasonal music and food. [www.heritage-village.org](http://www.heritage-village.org) 409/283-2272  
**PINEY WOODS**

**1-2—AUSTIN: Wild Ideas Holiday Shopping** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. [www.wildflower.org/holiday](http://www.wildflower.org/holiday) 512/232-0100  
**HILL COUNTRY**

**1-2—BEAUMONT: Very Merry Main Street Market** [www.juniorleaguebeaumont.com](http://www.juniorleaguebeaumont.com) 409/832-0873  
**GULF COAST**

**1-2—BIG SPRING: Living Christmas Tree** Musical event includes more than 100 voices, 36 orchestra members and a cast of adults and children. Tickets required. First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry St. [www.fumcbs.org](http://www.fumcbs.org) 432/267-6394  
**PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-2—BUDA: Buda Fest** This holiday kick-off event includes a 10 a.m. parade Saturday, carnival, live music, food, crafts and antiques for sale. Downtown, 121 Main St. [www.budafest.org](http://www.budafest.org) 512/422-7863 or 512/295-7170  
**HILL COUNTRY**

**1-2—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days** Includes more than 7,000 vendors. On I-20 in Canton from exits 523, 526, 527 and 528. [www.visitcantontx.com](http://www.visitcantontx.com) 877/462-7467 or 903/567-1849  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—COPPERAS COVE: Krist Kindl Markt** Browse crafts, collectibles, holiday gift ideas and food. Downtown. [www.copperascove.com](http://www.copperascove.com) 254/547-7571  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—CORPUS CHRISTI: Art in the Park** Visit the art gallery and artists' studios, and enjoy live music, vendors and make-and-take projects for children. Merriman-Bobys Home in Heritage Park. [www.creativeconnectionsc.com](http://www.creativeconnectionsc.com) 361/883-2787 or 361/985-9466  
**GULF COAST**

**1-2—DALLAS: The Nutcracker** AT&T Dallas Performing Arts Center. [www.texasballettheater.org](http://www.texasballettheater.org) 214/954-9925  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—GARLAND: The Nutcracker by the Dallas Ballet Company** Granville Performing Arts Center. [www.dallasballetcenter.com](http://www.dallasballetcenter.com) 972/205-2790  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—GONZALES: Winterfest Tour of Historic Homes** Features five homes. Tickets required. [www.gonzalezestexas.com/events](http://www.gonzalezestexas.com/events) 830/672-6532  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—GRANBURY: Candlelight Tour of Homes** Victorian and Greek Revival historic homes are decked out in holiday decor and feature a docent telling the tales of the families who lived there. [www.granburysquare.com](http://www.granburysquare.com) 817/573-5299  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—HENDERSON: East Texas Team Penning Association** Riders compete in team penning, arena sorting and ranch sorting events. Rusk County Expo Center, 3303 F.M. 13 West. [www.ettpa.com](http://www.ettpa.com) 903/445-7482  
**PINEY WOODS**

**1-2—HUMBLE: Trade Days** Humble Civic Center. [www.humblecc.com](http://www.humblecc.com) 281/446-4140  
**GULF COAST**

**1-2—LUFKIN: Grand Opening of The Pines Theater With Irish Tenor Paul Byrom** This historic 1920s theater comes alive again with music by Irish tenor Paul Byrom on Saturday, and holiday treats and a day of classic Christmas movies Sunday. 936/633-0349  
**PINEY WOODS**

**1-2—MCKINNEY: A Christmas Carol** McKinney Performing Arts Center. [www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org](http://www.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org) 214/544-4630  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—MCKINNEY: Holiday Tour of Homes** Homes in the historic district are decorated for the holidays and opened for public tours. Tickets required. [www.chestnutssquare.org](http://www.chestnutssquare.org) 972/562-8790  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—SAN ANTONIO: Songs of Social Significance: Designs from the Tobin Collection** Scene and costume designs on view feature items from theater productions of Henrik Ibsen's *Enemy of the People*, James Baldwin's *Amen Corner* and others. McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels. [www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org)  
**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-2—SAN ANTONIO: Hecho a Mano Fine Arts and Crafts Market** Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. [www.guadalupeculturalarts.org](http://www.guadalupeculturalarts.org)  
**SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-2—SEGUIN: Christmas Home Tours** Tour beautiful, historical homes—including some Queen Anne-style Victorians—that are decorated for the Christmas season. [www.visitseguin.com](http://www.visitseguin.com) 830/401-0810  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Northeast Texas Choral Society Christmas Concert** This year's theme is "A Dickens Christmas," with choir members in Victorian-era costumes. Saturday concert is at 7 p.m., and Sunday's is at 2 p.m. Hopkins County Regional Civic Center. [www.netchoral.org](http://www.netchoral.org)  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 4-8—GRAND PRAIRIE: Radio City Christmas Spectacular** Verizon Theatre. [www.verizontheatre.com](http://www.verizontheatre.com) 888/929-7849  
**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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**1-2, 7-8—CLUTE: Elizabethan Madrigal Feast** The majesty and pageantry befitting the court of Queen Elizabeth I fills the senses at a spectacular holiday feast with live entertainment. Center for the Arts and Sciences. www.bcfas.org 979/265-7661 **GULF COAST**

**1-2, 7-9—WAXAHACHIE: Bethlehem Revisited** Walk the streets of biblical Bethlehem in this portrayal of the night Jesus was born. 402 N. College. www.waxahachiecvb.com 972/937-2390 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 7-9—WINNSBORO: Holiday Show** Winnsboro Center for the Arts, 200 Market St. www.winnsborocenterforthearts.com 903/342-0686 **PINEY WOODS**

**1-2, 7, 9—SALADO: Christmas Stroll and Parade** Holiday festivities include a parade, tour of homes, shopping, entertainment, food, carriage rides and decorations. www.salado.com 254/947-5040 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23—GRAPEVINE: Christmas on Main** Features jolly Christmas characters, Santa on stilts, tractor-drawn wagon rides and decorations along Main Street. www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas 817/410-8136 or 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23—GRAPEVINE: North Pole Express** Enjoy carols, stories and an enchanting encounter with Santa Claus on a 30-minute holiday-themed train ride. Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main St. www.gvrr.com 800/457-6338 or 817/410-3123 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 8-9—RICHMOND: Candlelight Tours of the Historic John M. Moore Home** Experience the sights and sounds of Fort Bend County's 175-year history on this tour. Fort Bend Museum, 500 Houston St. www.fortbendmuseum.org 281/342-6478 **GULF COAST**

**1-2, 8-9—WACO: Christmas on the Brazos Home Tours** Visit four historic homes decorated in Christmas finery. Includes visits with Santa from 10 a.m.–noon on Dec. 1 and candlelight tours Dec. 8 from 5:30–8:30 p.m. www.historicwaco.org 254/753-5166 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-2, 8-9—WAXAHACHIE: Candlelight Home Tour** Nine unique homes, historic and modern, don their holiday finery. Historic downtown. www.waxahachiecvb.com 972/938-3434 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-3, 5-10, 12-23, 27-30—WOLFFORTH: The Polar Express Train Ride** Read along with the book as the train makes its magical round trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, treats and a gift for each child. West Texas and Lubbock Railway. www.westtexaspolarexpressride.com 877/726-7245 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1, 6-8—JEFFERSON: Candlelight Tour of Homes** This 30th-annual tour presents three historic homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets required. 116 W Austin St. www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com 903/665-7064 **PINEY WOODS**

**1-7—WICHITA FALLS: Santa House** Take a tour of the historic Kell House decorated for the holiday season, bake cookies with Mrs. Claus in the kitchen and make a keepsake tree ornament with the elves. 900 Bluff St. www.wichita-heritage.org 940/723-2712 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22—LEDBETTER: Christmas Lane of Lights** Enjoy a hayride or

a walk through almost a mile of lighted Christmas scenes, stop at the campfire for winter treats and tour two decorated early-Texas houses. Hours are 6–9 p.m. U.S. 290 at F.M. 1291. www.ledbetterschristmaslaneoflights.com 979/249-3729 or 979/966-3477 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22—WICHITA FALLS: ElectricCritters** Lighted trail features more than 60,000 lights on 150 lighted critters. Hours are 6:30–8:30 p.m. River Bend Nature Center. www.riverbendnaturecenter.org 940/767-0843 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1, 7-8, 14-15—BEAUMONT: White Christmas** Presented by Beaumont Community Players. www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409/833-4664 **GULF COAST**

**1, 7-8, 14-15—LA GRANGE: Trail of Lights** Follow a quarter-mile trail with thousands of lights and take in the view from a trail overlooking the town. Hours are 6–8 p.m. Monument Hill and Kreishe Brewery State Historic Site. www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/monument-hill-kreishe-brewery 979/968-5658 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 7-8—COLLEGE STATION: Christmas at the Creek** Features live entertainment, photos with Santa and hayrides. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Wolf Pen Creek. http://cstx.gov/christmas 979/764-3486 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 7-8—GONZALES: Stars in the Village** Trail of lights is presented by the Gonzales Pioneer Village Living History Center. www.gonzalestexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 7-8—JEFFERSON: It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play** Jefferson Playhouse. 903/665-2513 **PINEY WOODS**

**1, 7-8—LONGVIEW: Christmas at the Courthouse** Includes snow hills, arts and crafts, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the courthouse, 101 Methvin St. 903/237-4040 **PINEY WOODS**

**1-8—AMARILLO: Christmas in the Gardens** Stroll through the lighted gardens from 6–8 p.m. and enjoy caroling and warm beverages. Amarillo Botanical Gardens. www.amarillobotanicalgardens.org 806/352-6513 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-8—INGRAM: Dashing Thru the Snow** The Point Theatre. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5121 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-8—NACOGDOCHES: Nine Flags Festival** Relive the city's history and honor its three rebellion flags at the annual Nine Flags Festival. The event includes Holiday in the Pines, the Tour de Nac bike race, Wassail Fest, lighting ceremony, lighted parade, Jingle Bell 5K, Christmas in the Plaza and tour of homes. http://nineflags.visitnacogdoches.org 888/653-3788 **PINEY WOODS**

**1, 8, 15, 22—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main** Features a Western display in front of the county courthouse and strolling entertainers on Main Street from 1–4 p.m. www.frontiertimesmuseum.com 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1, 8, 15, 22—CALDWELL: Harvest Saturdays** Enjoy orchard tours, hayrides, raffles and other activities. Royalty Pecans, 10740 Texas 21 E. www.royaltypecans.com 979/272-3904 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 8, 15, 22—FORT WORTH: A Rockin' Rollin' Christmas** Presented by the DFW All-Stars. Sanders Theatre at the Fort Worth

Community Arts Center. www.thedfwallstarstickets.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1, 8, 15, 22—THE WOODLANDS: Caroling on the Square** Enjoy live holiday music from 6–8 p.m. Santa makes special visits Dec. 1 and Dec. 22. Waterway Square. www.thewoodlands cvb.com 281/363-2447 **PINEY WOODS**

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29—MESQUITE: Classic Country Saturday Nights** New and experienced vocalists take the stage at this old-fashioned event. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Rodeo City Music Hall. www.rodeocitymusicall.com 972/285-9343 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-9—COTTONWOOD SHORES: A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol** Presented by Hill Country Community Theatre, 4003 F.M. 2147. www.hcct.org 830/798-8944 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-9—KERRVILLE: Texas Furniture Makers' Show** Statewide competition features the finest custom-furniture makers in Texas. Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. www.kaccokerrville.com 830/895-2911 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-10—VAN HORN: Trans Pecos Big Buck Tournament** Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway. www.vanhorn-texas.org 432/283-2682 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1-14—INGRAM: ARTMART** Enjoy a juried exhibition of handcrafted items for holiday shopping. Hill Country Arts Foundation. www.hcaf.com 830/367-5121 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-15—ARLINGTON: Christkindl Market** Explore a winter wonderland with food, shopping and entertainment from Deutschland. Near Rangers Ballpark. www.arlingtonchristkindl.com 817/265-7721 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-15—DALLAS: Milagritos/Little Miracles** By remembering her family, Chayo discovers what the Virgin of Guadalupe signifies to her in this play based on a Sandra Cisneros story. Latino Cultural Center. http://caramiatheatre.com 214/717-5297 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-15—VICTORIA: Cattle Boom!** This exhibit tells the story of ranching families, cattle drives and ranching culture through artifacts, historical photographs, documents and maps. Museum of the Coastal Bend. www.museumofthecoastalbend.org 361/582-2511 **GULF COAST**

**1, 15—LAKE JACKSON: Alden B. Dow Office Tours** Tour the re-created 1943 office where the city of Lake Jackson was designed, and experience what life was like here during World War II. Alden B. Dow Museum. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

**1-16—BRENHAM: A Tuna Christmas** Unity Theatre. www.unitybrenham.org 979/830-8358 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-16—CLEBURNE: Babes in Toyland** Presented by the Carnegie Players. Cleburne Conference Center. www.carnegieplayers.com 817/645-9255 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-16—FREDERICKSBURG: Holiday Wine Trail** Purchase tickets online to receive a grapevine wreath to decorate with ornaments from each winery visited on this self-guided tour. www.texaswinetrail.com **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-16—HUNTSVILLE: Amateur Photography Contest Exhibit** Sam Houston Memorial Museum. www.samhouston.memorial.museum 936/294-1832 **PINEY WOODS**



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## NOVEMBER

Open House - Chicken Farm Art Center

## DECEMBER

Nutcracker Ballet

Christmas at Old Fort Concho

A Christmas Carol

Concho Christmas Celebration

Santa's Santa Fe Christmas

Christmas Light Tour along Concho River

## JANUARY

Celebration of Champions

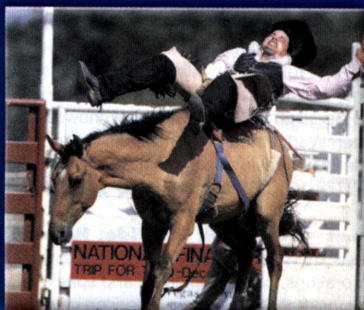
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## FEBRUARY

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

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**1-16—JOHNSON CITY: Holiday Wine Trail**  
Includes 22 wineries in the region. [www.texaswine-trail.com](http://www.texaswine-trail.com) 872/216-9463 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-20—CORPUS CHRISTI: Christmas Around the World** Christmas trees are decorated in the holiday symbols and cultures of 30 countries from around the world. The Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. [www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org) 361/825-3500 **GULF COAST**

**1-22—CLEBURNE: A Christmas Carol**  
Presented by the Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main. [www.plaza-theatre.com](http://www.plaza-theatre.com) 817/202-0600 or 817/625-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-22—SALADO: Christmas is On the Air**  
The WSPR radio station crew readies for the annual Christmas Eve broadcast, but of course, nothing goes as planned and hilarity ensues. Silver Spur Theatre. [www.saladosilverspur.com](http://www.saladosilverspur.com) 254/947-3456 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-23—BAYTOWN: Arts and Crafts Gift Show** The Art Center of Baytown, 110 W. Texas Ave. [www.art-league-of-baytown.org](http://www.art-league-of-baytown.org) 281/427-2222 **GULF COAST**

**1-23—DALLAS: A Christmas Carol**  
Presented by the Dallas Children's Theater. Kalita Humphreys Theater. [www.dallastheatercenter.org](http://www.dallastheatercenter.org) 214/522-8499 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-24—FREDERICKSBURG: Rockbox Theater Christmas Show** 109 N. Llano St. [www.rockboxtheater.com](http://www.rockboxtheater.com) 830/997-3936 or 866/349-6688 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-24—SPRING: Home For The Holidays**  
Each weekend, enjoy free live entertainment, carriage and train rides, thousands of holiday lights, visits with Santa and other children's activities in this village of 150 shops. Old Town Spring. [www.oldtownspring.com](http://www.oldtownspring.com) 800/653-8696 **GULF COAST**

**1-29—MIDLAND: Christmas at the Mansion** See the historic Turner Mansion filled with Christmas trees and decor, plus activities and Santa Claus on select Saturdays. Museum of the Southwest. <http://museumsww.org> 432/683-2882 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1-29—PALESTINE: "The Polar Express" Train Ride** Experience the magic of *The Polar Express* as the classic storybook comes to life on a round-trip train ride to the North Pole. Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot. [www.texasstaterr.com](http://www.texasstaterr.com) 888/987-2461 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-29—SAN ANGELO: Santa's Santa Fe Christmas** The Historic Orient Santa Fe Railway Museum comes alive with operating model train layouts in Christmas scenes. 703 S. Chadbourne. <http://railwaymuseumsanangelo.homestead.com> 325/657-4880 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-30—BEAUMONT: Christmas at the McFaddin-Ward House** McFaddin-Ward House Museum. [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org) 409/832-1906 **GULF COAST**

**1-30—DENISON: Holiday Lights Tour**  
Drive-through Christmas displays light up Loy Lake Park. [www.cityofdenison.com](http://www.cityofdenison.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-30—FORT WORTH: The Kimbell at 40: An Evolving Masterpiece** This exhibition celebrates the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Kimbell Art Museum, showcasing the architectural achievements, pivotal acquisitions, important exhibitions and historic events that

have made it into the world-renowned institution it is today. Kimbell Art Museum. [www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org) 817/332-8451 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-30—HOUSTON: The Winter Wonderettes**  
Stages Repertory Theatre. [www.stagetheatre.com](http://www.stagetheatre.com) 713/527-0123 **GULF COAST**

**1-30—HOUSTON: CraftTexas** Showcases the best in Texas-made contemporary craft. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. [www.crafthouston.org](http://www.crafthouston.org) 713/529-4848 **GULF COAST**

**1-31—BURNET: Christmas Trail of Lights**  
Celebrate Christmas on Burnet's historic square with seasonal activities. The trail from Wallace Riddell Park to Hamilton Creek Park sparkles with Christmas lights. [www.cityofburnet.com](http://www.cityofburnet.com) 512/756-6093 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-31—CHILDRESS: Christmas in the Park**  
More than 200 holiday displays light up Fair Park. 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-31—CLEBURNE: Whistle-Stop Christmas Light Display** More than 11 acres of lights shine in Hulen Park through the holidays, from dusk to dawn. [www.cleburnechamber.com](http://www.cleburnechamber.com) 817/645-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—CORPUS CHRISTI: American Western Art from the Mary Grace and Frank Horlock Collection** Features 50 paintings and sculptures of Western and wildlife subjects. The Art Museum of South Texas. [www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org) 361/825-3500 **GULF COAST**

**1-31—DALLAS: Small Houses of Great Artists** See five playhouses designed by local architects to reflect the location and work of well-known artists such as Georgia O'Keefe, Vincent Van Gogh and others. Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road. [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) 214/515-6500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—DALLAS: Ornament Extravaganza**  
Features glass ornaments from artists nationwide. Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass, 5100 Beltline Road, Suite 820. [www.kittrellriffkind.com](http://www.kittrellriffkind.com) 888/865-2228 or 972/239-7957 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—FARMERS BRANCH: Christmas Tour of Lights** Starts at I-35 and Valley View. [www.farmersbranch.info](http://www.farmersbranch.info) 972/919-2620 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—GALVESTON: Lasers, Lights and Magic in the Park** See a 15-minute laser light show nightly at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays (except Dec. 1-2), Santa is available for photos from 1-5 p.m., and choirs perform at 5 p.m. Saengerfest Park. 409/762-0062 **GULF COAST**

**1-31—GRAND PRAIRIE: Prairie Lights Drive-Through Holiday Light Display** Be dazzled by 4 million lights on a two-mile path, plus a holiday village and live show. Lynn Creek Park. [www.prairielight.org](http://www.prairielight.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—IRVING: Holiday Exhibition and Tree-Decorating Competition** The Irving Arts Center's Main Gallery is transformed into a holiday wonderland filled with festive trees. Irving Arts Center. [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com) 972/252-7558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—LLANO: Starry, Starry Nights** Christmas lights glow on the banks of the Llano River each night. Badu Park. [www.llanochamber.org](http://www.llanochamber.org) 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-31—MESQUITE: Six Score + 5 = Quasiquicentennial Exhibit** This exhibit features historic items and anecdotes related to Mesquite history from 1880 to 2012. Main Gallery at Mesquite Arts Center. [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—MOUNT VERNON: Jingle Bells and Gingerbread** See artfully decorated windows downtown, Christmas trees at the Old Depot Museum, and gingerbread houses at the Cultural Arts Center. [www.franklincountytx.com](http://www.franklincountytx.com) 903/537-4034 or 903/434-9130 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-31—WIMBERLEY: EmilyAnn Trail of Lights** Walk a path of lighted displays and stop at the Yule Log to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. The Emily Ann Theatre. [www.emilyann.org](http://www.emilyann.org) 512/847-6969 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 1—BANDERA/LLANO/WIMBERLEY: Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail** Come to the Hill Country for the holidays to the communities of Bandera, Blanco, Boerne, Burnet, Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Johnson City, Kerrville, Llano, Marble Falls and Wimberley. Includes lighting displays, pageants and other festivities. [www.tex-fest.com](http://www.tex-fest.com) 830/997-8515 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 1—BASTROP: River of Lights** Enjoy 120 lighted seasonal displays and music along a half-mile trail on the Colorado River. Fisherman's Park. [www.lostpineschristmasbastroptx.com](http://www.lostpineschristmasbastroptx.com) 512/303-0558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 1—BROWNSVILLE: Holiday Village**  
Playhouse-sized cottages form a miniature neighborhood, featuring individual decorative holiday themes that can be viewed through the cottage windows. Dean Porter Park. [www.holidayvillage.cob.us](http://www.holidayvillage.cob.us) 956/546-2646 **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 1—CUERO: Christmas in the Park Lighted Driving Tour** Hours are 6-10 p.m. Cuero Municipal Park. [www.christmasincuero.com](http://www.christmasincuero.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 1—GOLDTHWAITE: Light Up Goldthwaite** Enjoy lighted displays, including a nativity and Christmas tree, in City Park. [www.goldthwaite.biz](http://www.goldthwaite.biz) 325/648-3619 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 1—GRAPEVINE: ICE! and Lone Star Christmas** Features more than 1.5 million lights, a 52-foot rotating Christmas tree, lavish decorations, and a winter wonderland of ice hand-carved into life-sized holiday sculptures, showcasing DreamWorks' Merry Madagascar. Gaylord Texan Hotel. [www.gaylordtexan.com](http://www.gaylordtexan.com) 817/410-3185 or 817/778-1000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 1—HOUSTON: Yuletide: Holiday Time at Bayou Bend** Features festive lights, decorations, candlelight tours and special room settings that bring historic American celebrations to life. Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens. [www.mfah.org/bayoubend](http://www.mfah.org/bayoubend) **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 1—JOHNSON CITY: Hill Country Christmas Lights Display** More than half-a-million lights illuminate this drive-through display. 1685 U.S. 281 N. 830/992-7646 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 1—JOHNSON CITY: Lights Spectacular Hill Country Style** The town glows with 100,000 lights on the Blanco County Courthouse and more than 1 million lights at the Pedernales Electric Co-op's Headquarters on Avenue F. [www.tex-fest.com/regional](http://www.tex-fest.com/regional) **HILL COUNTRY**



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**1-Jan. 1—LUBBOCK: Texas Tech Carol of Lights** Kickoff event on Dec. 1 starts at 6:30 p.m. with a carillon concert before the Texas Tech Masked Rider and Horse, along with a torchlight procession, ride through campus along the Luminaria Lighted Route. Lights on 13 buildings stay on nightly from dusk to midnight. [www.ttu.edu](http://www.ttu.edu) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 1—LULING: Lighted Yule Trail** Downtown Luling lights up with blocks of brightly painted holiday scenes and whimsical characters. Davis Street. [www.lulingmainstreet.com](http://www.lulingmainstreet.com) 830/875-3214 ext. 3 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 2—ATHENS: Christmas Park Land of Lights** This drive-through Christmas park is more than a mile long with more than 4 million lights. 1500 N.W. Loop 7. [www.athenstx.org](http://www.athenstx.org) 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 2—LUFKIN: Festival of Trees** The Museum of East Texas is transformed into a Winter Wonderland with a variety of decorated trees. 503 N. Second St. [www.metlufkin.org](http://www.metlufkin.org) 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**

**1-Jan. 2—MARBLE FALLS: Walkway of Lights** Open 6–10 p.m. (weather permitting). Lakeside Park. [www.marblefalls.org](http://www.marblefalls.org) 830/693-4449 or 800/759-8178 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 4—THE COLONY: The Colony Christmas Spectacular** Thousands of twinkling lights choreographed to music on 99.9 FM can be seen every evening from sunset to 10 p.m. Central Fire Station. [www.visitthecolonytx.com](http://www.visitthecolonytx.com) 877/264-4386 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 5—AMARILLO: The Paintings of Colleen Browning** Amarillo Museum of Art. [www.amarilloart.org](http://www.amarilloart.org) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 6—AUSTIN: I Have Seen the Future: Norman Bel Geddes Designs America** Never-before-exhibited drawings, models, photographs and films explore the career of Norman Bel Geddes. The Harry Ransom Center. [www.hrc.utexas.edu](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu) **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 6—BEAUMONT: Espoused** This group exhibition features Texas artists who are partners in personal relationships or as a working team. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. [www.amset.org](http://www.amset.org) 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 6—DALLAS: Qualities of Jade** For this exhibition, Chinese carved jades have been chosen from the Crow Collection and matched with each of the equivalencies in Confucius' text from a passage from the Book of Rites. Crow Collection of Asian Art. [www.crowcollection.org](http://www.crowcollection.org) 214/979-6430 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 6—DALLAS: The Trains at Northpark** Toy train exhibit brings joy to the young and young at heart. NorthPark Center. [www.rmhdallas.org](http://www.rmhdallas.org) 214/363-7441 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 6—FORT WORTH: To See As Artists See: American Art from The Phillips Collection** Features a broad range of American art from 1850–1960. Amon Carter Museum of American Art. [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org) 817/989-5067 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 6—FREDERICKSBURG: Eisbahn** Enjoy outdoor ice-skating in the Marktplatz. [www.skateinfred.com](http://www.skateinfred.com) 830/997-6597 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 6—FRISCO: Christmas in the Square** Features one of the largest choreographed

holiday light-and-music shows in Texas, an ice-skating rink and a real snow slide. Drive or walk through nightly. Frisco Square. [www.fricosquare.com/cits](http://www.fricosquare.com/cits) 469/633-1721 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 6—GRAPEVINE: Light Show Spectacular** This 25-minute synchronized Christmas light display runs continuously from 6–11 p.m. through the holidays. Town Square Gazebo. [www.grapevinetexasusa.com](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com) 817/410-3185 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 6—HOUSTON: Panto Mother Goose** This play offers a wild all-ages spin on classic nursery rhymes. Stages Repertory Theatre. [www.stagestheatre.com](http://www.stagestheatre.com) 713/527-0123 **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 6—MIDLAND: Eat Well, Play Well** This exhibition, directed at children and families, emphasizes the importance of making good food choices and staying active. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. [www.museumsw.org](http://www.museumsw.org) 432/683-2882 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 11—SUGAR LAND: Conservation Quest** Learn about energy—what it is, where it comes from, how we use it and why it's important to use it wisely. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land. [www.hmns.org/sugarland](http://www.hmns.org/sugarland) 281/313-2277 **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 13—AUSTIN: Into the Sacred City: Tibetan Buddhist Deities From the Theos Bernard Collection** This focused presentation features three rare *thangkas*—ritual scroll paintings of fierce and sublime Buddhist deities. Blanton Museum of Art. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org) 512/471-7324 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 13—AUSTIN: The Rules of Basketball: Works of Paul Pfeiffer and James Naismith's Original Rules of Basketball** These works highlight the sublime potential and metaphoric undertones of athletic perfection. Blanton Museum of Art. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org) 512/471-7324 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Jan. 13—DALLAS: Rediscoveries: Modes of Making in Modern Sculpture** This exhibition traces the roots of new methods of conceiving and making sculpture in the past 125 years. Nasher Sculpture Center. [www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org](http://www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 13—DALLAS: Sculpture in So Many Words: Text Pieces 1960–80** This exhibition of text sculptures continues the examination of sculpture by tracing the legacy of Marcel Duchamp's radical reimagining of what constitutes a work of art. Nasher Sculpture Center. [www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org](http://www.nasher-sculpturecenter.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 13—FORT WORTH: Dead Sea Scrolls and The Bible** Seven never-before-exhibited Dead Sea Scroll fragments are on display. Also see several fragments on loan from around the world. MacGorman Performing Arts Center, 4616 Stanley Ave. [www.seethescrolls.com](http://www.seethescrolls.com) 877/789-0876 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 13—HOUSTON: Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit** Features more than 100 works by acclaimed African-American painter Henry Ossawa Tanner. The Museum of Fine Arts Houston. [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org) **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 20—ALBANY: Gene Owens: Modern Vision** The Old Jail Art Center. [www.theoldjailartcenter.org](http://www.theoldjailartcenter.org) 325/762-2269 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 20—ALBANY: Cell Series Featured Artist: Carol Benson** Carol Benson's paint-

ings, drawings and sculpture utilize recognizable imagery that she uses as metaphors. The Old Jail Art Center. [www.theoldjailartcenter.org](http://www.theoldjailartcenter.org) 325/762-2269 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 20—DALLAS: Sightings: Eva Rothschild** London-based artist Eva Rothschild created an intricate installation for the transitional space of the Nasher's entrance bay. Nasher Sculpture Center. [www.nashersculpturecenter.org](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org) 214/242-5125 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 20—MCALLEN: Benini: New Masterworks** Born in Italy in 1941, Benini has lived and painted in 12 countries, and now lives in the Texas Hill Country. International Museum of Art and Science. [www.imasonline.org](http://www.imasonline.org) 956/682-0123 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 20—SAN ANTONIO: America's Finest: Recent Works by Vincent Valdez** San Antonio-based artist brings incredible draftsmanship to his works, including these recent drawings that feature warriors and the strain of combat. McNay Art Museum. [www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 20—SAN ANTONIO: Estampas de la Raza: Contemporary Prints from the Romo Collection** Features colorful and contemporary screenprints and lithographs by Chicano, Latino and Mexican American artists. McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels. [www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 20—SAN ANTONIO: Prints of the People: The Taller de Grafica Popular** Selections from the museum's renowned collection of Mexican prints represent one of the most influential print workshops of the 20th century. McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels. [www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 21—THE WOODLANDS: Winter Wonderland and the Woodlands Ice Rink** Glide across the largest seasonal outdoor ice rink in the Southwest and wander through illuminated holiday scenes. Lake Robbins Drive at Six Pines Drive. [www.holidayinthewoodlands.com](http://www.holidayinthewoodlands.com) 877/963-2447 **PINEY WOODS**

**1-Jan. 26—ORANGE: National Geographic Greatest Photographs of the American West** Stark Museum of Art. [www.starkmuseum.org](http://www.starkmuseum.org) 409/886-2787 **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 27—HOUSTON: Scandinavian Design** This exhibit features furniture, glass, ceramics, metalwork and lighting from the 1920s through the 1970s. The Museum of Fine Arts Houston. [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org) **GULF COAST**

**1-Jan. 27—IRVING: Faces of Classical Music: Photographs by William McEwen** Intimate black-and-white portraits represent one-on-one photo sessions with classical musicians. Irving Arts Center. [www.irvingartscenter.com](http://www.irvingartscenter.com) 972/252-7558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Jan. 27—SAN ANTONIO: For Jerry: Masterpieces from the Lawson Bequest** Includes works by Eugene Delacroix, Paul Gauguin, Francisco Goya, Winslow Homer, Jasper Johns, Pablo Picasso and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. McNay Art Museum. [www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**1-Jan. 27—SAN ANTONIO: Mummies of the World** This exhibit presents a never-before-seen collection of rare mummies from across the world, spanning eons of time. Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway. [www.witteuseum.org](http://www.witteuseum.org) 210/357-1900 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**



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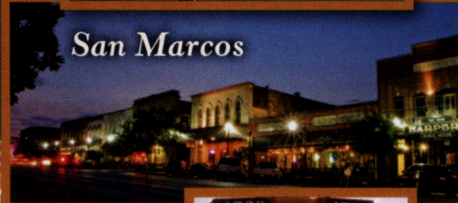
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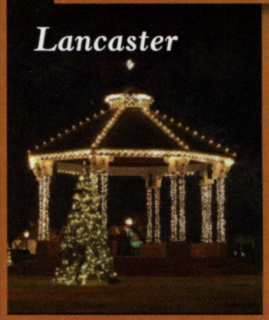
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**1-Jan. 31—DALLAS: Linder Exhibition** This show presents a large group of collages and large-scale photographs by artist Linder Mulvey from the private collection of George Michael and Kenny Goss. The Goss-Michael Foundation. [www.gossmichaelfoundation.org](http://www.gossmichaelfoundation.org) 214/696-0555 or 214/219-9191 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Feb. 3—ALPINE: Removing the Shroud of History: Archaeology in the Big Bend** Learn about the early people of the Big Bend region through the tools, shelters, clothing, bones, food and artwork they left behind. Museum of the Big Bend. [www.sulross.edu/museum](http://www.sulross.edu/museum) 432/837-8143 or 432/837-8730 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**1-Feb. 3—HOUSTON: War/Photography: Photographs of Armed Conflict and its Aftermath** This exhibit examines the war through the eyes of 280 photographers, spanning six continents and presenting 480 pictures from 1846 through the present day. The Museum of Fine Arts Houston. [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org) **GULF COAST**

**1-Feb. 3—LUBBOCK: Walk of Fame II: The Crickets** This installment of exhibits highlighting inductees into the West Texas Walk of Fame features The Crickets. Across the street from the Buddy Holly Center. [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org) 806/775-3560 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Feb. 3—MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live!** Features nine animatronic dinosaurs stationed along the nature trails at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org) 972/562-5566 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Feb. 16—CANYON: Collecting Art History: Taste on the Southern Plains** This exhibit follows trends in art history and explains how regional collectors brought art masterpieces to West Texas. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. <http://panhandleplains.org> **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-Feb. 28—DALLAS: Rising Up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College** Murals depict key moments in black history. African American Museum of Dallas, 3536 Grand Ave. [www.aamdallas.org](http://www.aamdallas.org) 214/565-9026 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Feb. 28—WACO: Big Red's 75th Anniversary Exhibit** Learn about Big Red, the other famous soft drink invented in Waco. Dr Pepper Museum. [www.drpeppermuseum.com](http://www.drpeppermuseum.com) 254/757-1024 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 10—DALLAS: Koala Walkabout Exhibit** Dallas Zoo, 650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway. [www.dallaszoo.com](http://www.dallaszoo.com) 469/554-7500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 24—AUSTIN: Building a Community: The First Century of African-American Life in Travis County** The exhibit explores the achievements and obstacles Austin's black community experienced from 1839 through 1940. Austin History Center. <http://library.austintexas.gov> **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Mar. 24—FORT WORTH: Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition** Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RMS Titanic and experience its tragic voyage from beginning to end through this exhibition of more than 250 artifacts. Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. [www.fwmuseum.org](http://www.fwmuseum.org) 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 24—HOUSTON: Blood Memory: A View From the Second Generation** Artist

Lisa Rosowsky explores the "second generation" experience as the daughter of a hidden child and refugee from the Holocaust. Morgan Family Center. [www.hmh.org](http://www.hmh.org) 713/942-8000 **GULF COAST**

**1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Face to Face: Portraits from the Photography Collection** More than 50 photographs bring viewers face-to-face with a study in humanity through portraiture from Texas State's Wittliff Collections. Seventh Floor of the Alkek Library at Texas State University. [www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu](http://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu) 512/245-2313 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Las Sombras/The Shadows: Photograms by Kate Breakey** Breakey's contact prints—known as photograms—have the sepia-toned look of Victorian images, yet their sensibility is distinctly modern. Seventh Floor of the Alkek Library at Texas State University. [www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu](http://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu) 512/245-2313 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Apr. 30—NEW BRAUNFELS: Roll Call Civil War Exhibit** Sophienburg Museum and Archives, 401 W. Coll St. [www.sophienburg.com](http://www.sophienburg.com) 830/629-1572 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-May 10—SAN MARCOS: Global Odyssey: From Texas to the World and Back** This exhibition examines how generations of Texas writers have traveled the world and encountered new experiences that inspired their creativity while also underscoring their heritage as Texans. Seventh Floor of the Alkek Library at Texas State University. [www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu](http://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu) 512/245-2313 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—AUSTIN: Austin Symphonic Band and Austin Civic Orchestra in Concert** The Long Center for the Performing Arts. [www.austinsymphonicband.org](http://www.austinsymphonicband.org) **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—AUSTIN: The Mare-y Christmas Barn Tour** Includes a polo exhibition at the County Line Polo Arena in Kyle, Texas. E-mail: [countylinepolo@gmail.com](mailto:countylinepolo@gmail.com). 512/504-3525 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—BEAUMONT: Fire Museum of Texas Christmas Open House** Tour the museum and enjoy holiday music and activities. Fire Museum of Texas. [www.firemuseumoftexas.org](http://www.firemuseumoftexas.org) 409/880-3927 **GULF COAST**

**2—BEAUMONT: John Jay French Museum Candlelight Tour** Come celebrate a mid-19th-century holiday season with fresh greenery, candles and music evoking the old-fashioned Christmas spirit. 3025 French Road. [www.jjffrench.com](http://www.jjffrench.com) 409/898-0348 **GULF COAST**

**2—BEAUMONT: Lamarissimo! A Capella Choir Holiday Concert** Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St. [www.lamar.edu/music](http://www.lamar.edu/music) 409/880-8144 **GULF COAST**

**2—BURTON: Christmas at the Depot and Country Homes Tour** The Heritage Society offers lunch starting at 11 a.m. Home tours are hosted from 1–5 p.m. Burton Railroad Depot. [www.burtonheritagesociety.org](http://www.burtonheritagesociety.org) 979/353-0050 or 979/289-2485 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**2—CHILDRESS: Tour of Homes** Tour several beautiful homes in Childress decorated for the holiday season. 240 Main St. E-mail: [braddock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:braddock@sbcglobal.net) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2—FORT WORTH: Drawing from the Collection** Learn from local artists as they lead informal, basic drawing classes for adults in the galleries. Children's programs also are available.

Begins at 2 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 866/824-5566 or 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**2—HENDERSON: Handel's Messiah** Community sing-along features professional soloists and orchestra. First Baptist Church. [www.visithendersontx.com](http://www.visithendersontx.com) 903/722-5221 **PINEY WOODS**

**2—LUFKIN: Winter Concert** Enjoy a performance by the Angelina College Chamber Winds and Lufkin Community Band. Angelina College Temple Theater. 936/633-5233 **PINEY WOODS**

**3—FORT WORTH: Handel's Messiah** Performed by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the Southwestern Seminary Master Chorale. Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**3—GIDDINGS: Country Music Monday** Giddings High School Cafetorium. [www.lonestaropry.com](http://www.lonestaropry.com) 979/366-9341 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**3—TEMPLE: Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting** Dozens of floats, marching bands and decorated rides make their way through downtown. [www.discovertemple.com](http://www.discovertemple.com) 254/298-5690 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**3—TEXARKANA: Main Street Texarkana Christmas Parade** An "electric parade" runs through two states led by live camels. Begins at 7 p.m. Downtown. [www.mainstreettexarkana.org](http://www.mainstreettexarkana.org) 903/277-4603 **PINEY WOODS**

**4—BANDERA: Cowboy Capital Opry** Begins at 7 p.m. Silver Sage Corral. [www.silversagecorral.org](http://www.silversagecorral.org) 830/796-4969 **HILL COUNTRY**

**4—CORPUS CHRISTI: Michael Martin Murphey: A Cowboy Christmas** Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. <http://pac.tamucc.edu> 361/825-2787 **GULF COAST**

**4—FORT WORTH: American Art's Changing Modes and Contexts Lecture Series** Examine the artistic and historical contexts of American art from the colonial period through the 1950s during this series led by TCU art history professor Mark Thistlethwaite. Amon Carter Museum of American Art. [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org) 817/989-5030 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**4—FORT WORTH: Public Knowledge** This adult gathering offers informative presentations on science and nature topics at a rotating selection of Fort Worth watering holes. Begins at 7 p.m. [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**4—FORT WORTH: Tuesday Evenings at the Modern** This popular series of lectures and presentations by artists, scholars, and critics begins at 7 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**4—FULTON: Winter Texan Fish Fry** Paws and Taws Convention Center. 361/729-2388 **GULF COAST**

**4—GLADEWATER: Christmas Parade** Begins at 6 p.m. Downtown. [www.gladewaterchamber.com](http://www.gladewaterchamber.com) 903/845-5501 or 800/627-0315 **PINEY WOODS**

**4—LUBBOCK: Matador Christmas** The Texas Tech University Matador Singers all-men's choir presents traditional and contemporary seasonal music. Begins at 7 p.m. YWCA Legacy Great Hall. [www.ywcalubbock.org](http://www.ywcalubbock.org) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



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- 4—PORT LAVACA: Christmas Tree Lighting** Begins at 6:30 p.m. Bayfront Peninsula. www.portlavacatx.org 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**
- 4—SAN BENITO: Narciso Martinez Writers' Forum** Develop writing skills with this creative group. Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center. 956/350-3905 **GULF COAST**
- 5—MCKINNEY: Texas Art History Series** Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures that tell the stories behind the art. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House. www.heardcraig.org 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—NEW BRAUNFELS: Art on the Beach** Features local artists' work up for display and sale, children's activities and adult painting classes. Hours are 6–8 p.m. Texas Ski Ranch. www.texasiskiranch.com 512/627-1020 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5-6—ORANGE: Christmas with Santa** Visit Santa and enjoy a tour of the Heritage House Museum. www.heritagehouseoforangecounty.com 409/886-5385 **GULF COAST**
- 6—CLEVELAND: Keep Cleveland Beautiful's Christmas Home Tour** E-mail: kshelton@clevelandtexas.com 281/592-2395 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6—COLEMAN: Lighted Christmas Parade** Downtown. www.colemantexas.org 325/625-2163 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 6—COLUMBUS: Ladies' Night Out** Enjoy late hours at local shops, vendors at the Stafford Opera House, holiday music and snacks from

- 5–9 p.m. Downtown. www.columbustexas.org 979/732-8385 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—DALLAS: Books 'n' Bugs** Children's program includes games, crafts, storytelling, a butterfly release and a chance to meet a beetle up close. Hours are 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—EDEN: Christmas on the Square** This event begins with a parade and includes caroling, a country stew dinner, a visit from Santa, shopping and activities. Downtown. www.edentexas.com 325/869-3336 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 6—EL CAMPO: Christmas Parade** Begins at 7 p.m. Downtown. www.elcampochamber.com 979/543-2713 **GULF COAST**
- 6—FREEPORT: Holiday on the Brazos** Freeport Municipal Park. www.freeport.tx.us 979/233-6061 **GULF COAST**
- 6—GAINESVILLE: Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade** Begins at 6 p.m. On California Street. E-mail: info@gainesvillecofc.com 940/665-2831 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—GARLAND: Christmas on the Square** Holiday festival includes the official tree lighting, horse-drawn carriage rides, snow tubing, music and pictures with Santa. Downtown, 150 W. Sixth St. www.christmasonthesquare.com 972/205-2749 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—GLADEWATER: Holiday Community Dinner** Enjoy dinner and holiday entertainment. 903/845-5501 or 800/627-0315 **PINEY WOODS**

- 6—GRAPEVINE: Parade of Lights** Begins at 7 p.m. On Main Street. www.grapevinetexasusa.com/christmas 817/410-8136, 817/410-3185 or 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—JACKSONVILLE: Christmas Parade and Lighting of Hazel Tilton Park** Downtown off Larissa Street. www.jacksonvilletexas.com 903/586-2217 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6—KERRVILLE: "Christmas Through the Ages" Concert** Presented by the Symphony of the Hills. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. www.symphonyofthehills.org 830/792-7469 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 6—LA GRANGE: Schmeckenfest** Includes the lighting of the Christmas tree, music, Santa Claus, carolers, a bake sale, wassail tasting and holiday treats. Begins at 5 p.m. Downtown. 979/968-8701 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—LEVELLAND: Christmas on the Square** Includes a lighted Christmas parade, the arrival of Santa Claus and choirs singing holiday favorites. Courthouse square. www.levelland.com 806/894-9079 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 6—LONGVIEW: Christmas Parade** Downtown. 903/237-4000 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6—MARBLE FALLS: Suzy Bogguss in Concert** Uptown Marble Theater. www.uptownmarble.com 830/693-9996 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 6—NEW BRAUNFELS: Wassailfest** Enjoy a stroll through holiday lights and sample wassail from downtown merchants. www.nbtexas.org 830/221-4350 **HILL COUNTRY**

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-  **Movie in the Park**
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- 6—PORT LAVACA: Parade of Lights Christmas Parade** Begins at 6:30 p.m. On Virginia Street. [www.portlavacatx.org](http://www.portlavacatx.org) 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**
- 6—SAN ANTONIO: Christmas with Aaron Neville** Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry. [www.thecarver.org](http://www.thecarver.org) 210/207-2234 or 210/207-7211 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 6—SUGAR LAND: Tree-Lighting Ceremony** See the lighting of a 40-foot Christmas tree and enjoy live music, children's activities and photos with Santa. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Sugar Land Town Square. [www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com) 281/276-6000 **GULF COAST**
- 6—VICTORIA: Conspirare Christmas** Beloved holiday performance features the Conspirare choir conducted by Craig Hella Johnson. First United Methodist Church. [www.victoriabachfestival.org](http://www.victoriabachfestival.org) 361/570-5788 **GULF COAST**
- 6—WEIMAR: Down-Home Christmas** Features a holiday market, wine tastings, music, food, games and a visit from St. Nicholas. Hours are 5:30–8:30 p.m. Downtown. [www.weimartexas.org](http://www.weimartexas.org) 979/725-9511 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6-8—CLUTE: Christmas in the Park** Clute Municipal Park. 979/265-8392 **GULF COAST**
- 6-8—KILGORE: Drive-Through Nativity** Re-creates the night of Christ's birth. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Forest Home Baptist Church. 903/984-2117 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6-8—MESQUITE: Christmas in the Park** Winter wonderland features dazzling light displays,

crafts, games, a children's area, holiday treats and Santa. Westlake Park. [www.cityofmesquite.com/pard](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/pard) 972/216-6260 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 6-9—AMARILLO: The Nutcracker** Performed by the Lone Star Ballet and Amarillo Symphony Orchestra. Civic Center Auditorium. [www.lonestarballerit.org](http://www.lonestarballerit.org) 806/372-2463 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 6-9—VICTORIA: The Nutcracker** Presented by Victoria Ballet Theatre. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. [www.victoriaballet.org](http://www.victoriaballet.org) 361/575-2313 **GULF COAST**
- 6-23—ENNIS: Christmas Belles** Presented by Ennis Public Theatre. [www.visitennis.org](http://www.visitennis.org) 972/878-4748 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6-24—ABILENE: Christmas Lane** Lighted outdoor Christmas displays and an indoor display include animated dolls and figures. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Abilene State Supported Living Center, 2501 Maple. 325/795-3547 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 6-Jan. 20—VICTORIA: Ann Harithas: Dimensional Frontiers** New works in this exhibit employ a broad diversity of mixed media, including paper, glue and paint. Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. [www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com](http://www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com) 361/575-8227 **GULF COAST**
- 6-Feb. 10—SAN ANTONIO: Justin Boyd and Anita Valencia Solo Exhibitions** Russell Hill Rogers Galleries, Navarro Campus of the Southwest School of Art. [www.swschool.org](http://www.swschool.org) 210/224-1848 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 6-9, 13-16, 20-24—JEFFERSON: Rail of Lights Christmas Train** Take a ride on an old-

fashioned steam train to see lighted scenes along the Cypress Bayou River and hear about the "Christmas Traditions Around the Globe." Historic Jefferson Railway. [www.railofflights.com](http://www.railofflights.com) 866/398-2038 **PINEY WOODS**

- 7—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk** Stroll among the displays at The Galleries at Sunset Center and the sculpture garden from 5–9 p.m. 3701 Plains Blvd. [www.amarilloartists.com](http://www.amarilloartists.com) 806/353-5700 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 7—BANDERA: Shopper's Jubilee** Enjoy an evening around the courthouse with youth choirs, merchants, the arrival of Mary and Joseph, and the lighting of the Christmas decorations. [www.banderabusinesassociation.com](http://www.banderabusinesassociation.com) 830/796-4447 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7—BISHOP: Christmas in the Park** Get into the holiday spirit with a visit from Santa, music, cookies and hot chocolate. Bishop City Park. [www.bishoptx.com](http://www.bishoptx.com) 361/584-2214 **GULF COAST**
- 7—BRADY: Christmas in the Heart** The park comes alive with dazzling displays of lights as Santa arrives to visit with children. Richards Park. [www.bradytx.com](http://www.bradytx.com) 325/597-3491 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7—CASTROVILLE: Fiorella Friday/A Night in Old Castrovilla** Features local artisans, shopping, live music and food. Hours are 6–9 p.m. In the Historic District. [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) 830/931-2525 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7—CORPUS CHRISTI: Public Art Tram Tour** Take a 50-minute guided tour of public art around the city. Tours depart at 9:30 and 11 a.m. La Retama Park. E-mail: [info@creativeconnectionscc.org](mailto:info@creativeconnectionscc.org) 361/883-2787 **GULF COAST**

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**Texas Furniture Maker's Show**  
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**Chocolate Fantasy**  
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KerrvilleTexasCVB.com

**7—DE LEON: Country Christmas** Includes arts and crafts, entertainment, a bake sale and decorated trees. Downton. [www.deleontexas.com/chamber](http://www.deleontexas.com/chamber) 254/893-2083 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—EAGLE PASS: Christmas/Festival de Luces** Tree lighting begins at 5:30 p.m. San Juan Plaza. 830/773-4343 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**7—FLATONIA: Wonderful Winter Wine Walk** Enjoy wine tasting and shopping. Flatonia Chamber of Commerce. [www.flatoniachamber.com](http://www.flatoniachamber.com) 361/865-3920 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—FORT STOCKTON: Christmas Parade** Holiday parade ends at Zero Stone Park, where visitors can enjoy Christmas music, visits with Santa, treats and fireworks. [www.fortstockton.org](http://www.fortstockton.org) 432/336-2264 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**7—FORT WORTH: First Fridays at The Modern** Enjoy music, film showings, cocktails and dinner from 5–8 p.m. A 20-minute docent-led tour of the galleries begins at 6:30 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—FREDERICKSBURG: First Friday Art Walk** Tour fine-art galleries offering special events, refreshments and extended viewing hours. [www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com) 830/997-6523 or 830/990-2707 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7—FREDERICKSBURG: Lighted Community Christmas Parade** Along Main Street. [www.fredericksburg-texas.com](http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com) 830/997-6523 or 888/997-3600 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7—FREDERICKSBURG: Pearl Harbor Day Observance** Program features speakers, color

guard and music. The National Museum of the Pacific War. [www.pacificwarmuseum.org](http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org) 830/997-8600 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7—HARLINGEN: Christmas Parade** Downton on Jackson Street. [www.rgvjaycees.com](http://www.rgvjaycees.com) 956/639-1777 **GULF COAST**

**7—LUBBOCK: First Friday Art Trail** Maps available at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts. [www.ffat.org](http://www.ffat.org) 806/762-8606 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7—LUFKIN: DANU: An Nollaig in Eirinn (A Traditional Irish Christmas)** DANU rings in the season with traditional carols, reels and contemporary Irish songs. Angelina College Temple Theater. 936/633-5454 **PINEY WOODS**

**7—MESQUITE: First Friday Gospel Show** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Rodeo City Music Hall, 214 W. Davis St. [www.ransomedonline.com](http://www.ransomedonline.com) 214/537-2097 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—NEW BRAUNFELS: Volksfoto** Participants take pictures, learn about photography and enter their photos in a competition. Historic downtown. [www.nbtexas.org](http://www.nbtexas.org) 830/221-4370 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7—NOCONA: Christmas in Nocona** Santa arrives in the Christmas parade, and merchants stay open late. Downton. [www.noconachamber.org](http://www.noconachamber.org) 940/825-3526 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—NOCONA: Tommy Alverson Cowboy Christmas Ball** Enjoy dinner and dancing. Reservations required. Veranda Inn Events Center, 1523 U.S. 82 E. [www.nocona-nights.org](http://www.nocona-nights.org) 940/825-3526 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—PEARSALL: Country Christmas and Parade** Enjoy photos with Santa, raffles, live music, food and the parade. Fireman's Park. 830/334-9414 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**7—PLANO: Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano** Celebrate the season with carolers, live music, visits with Santa, shopping and food. Haggard Park. [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org) 972/941-7250 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—PORT ARANSAS: First Friday** Enjoy live music and refreshments from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Port Aransas Art Center. [www.portaransasartcenter.org](http://www.portaransasartcenter.org) 361/749-7334 **GULF COAST**

**7—SCHULENBURG: Lighted Christmas Parade** Downton, 618 North Main St. [www.schulenburgchamber.org](http://www.schulenburgchamber.org) 979/743-4514 or 866/504-5294 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—SPICEWOOD: Guy Forsyth and Carolyn Wonderland in Concert** Advance tickets recommended. Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 C.R. 409. [www.spicewoodvineyards.com](http://www.spicewoodvineyards.com) 512/264-2820 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7—THE WOODLANDS: Holly Jolly Pops** Houston Symphony performs holiday classics. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. [www.woodlandscenter.org](http://www.woodlandscenter.org) 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**

**7—WESLACO: Mid-Valley Lighted Christmas Parade** Begins at 6 p.m. on Texas Boulevard, going from Pike to Sixth Street. [www.weslaco.com](http://www.weslaco.com) 956/968-2102 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**7-8—AMARILLO: Christmas Open House** Enjoy favorites including Santa and Mrs. Claus, adult and kids' crafts, storytelling, role players and musical entertainment. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. [www.panhandleplains.org](http://www.panhandleplains.org) 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



**7-8—CALDWELL: Old-Fashioned Christmas on the Square** Enjoy a parade, Santa's arrival, entertainment and shopping Friday evening. The fun continues Saturday with a songwriters' showcase, chili and salsa cook-offs, pictures with Santa and shopping. [www.burlesoncountytx.com](http://www.burlesoncountytx.com) 979/567-0000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-8—CASTROVILLE: Old-Fashioned Christmas** This event is one of South Texas' largest craft fairs, with more than 250 booths. Houston Square. [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) 830/538-3142 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7-8—FREDERICKSBURG: St. Nikolausmarkt** Christmas festival and market offers German food, drinks and vendors on the Marktplatz. [www.stnikolausmarkt.com](http://www.stnikolausmarkt.com) 888/997-3600 or 830/997-6523 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7-8—KILGORE: Snow Hill Festival** Celebrate the season at the Mt. Kilgore Snow Hill with Santa, wagon rides, train rides and children's activities. At Kilgore and Main streets. [www.kilgorechamber.com](http://www.kilgorechamber.com) 903/984-5022 **PINEY WOODS**

**7-8—LUBBOCK: Candlelight at the Ranch** Experience yuletide celebrations as they were on the prairie more than 100 years ago. National Ranching Heritage Center. [www.nrhcc.ttu.edu](http://www.nrhcc.ttu.edu) 806/742-0498 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-8—LUFKIN: Evening in Old Bethlehem** Stroll the streets of Old Bethlehem in this re-creation of the night Jesus was born. George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. [www.lufkinfirst.com](http://www.lufkinfirst.com) 936/639-3141 **PINEY WOODS**

**7-8—MAGNOLIA: Hometown Christmas** Welcome the holiday season with the annual

Christmas parade. Then join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the historic Magnolia Depot for a chili cook-off and children's activities. [www.magnolia.texas.org](http://www.magnolia.texas.org) 281/356-1488 **PINEY WOODS**

**7-9—BIG SPRING: Drive-Through Nativity** First Church of the Nazarene. [www.nazfamily.com](http://www.nazfamily.com) 432/267-7015 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-9—COMANCHE: Old Cora's Christmas** At the Old Cora Courthouse, enjoy visits with Santa, wagon rides, a lighted parade and music. Downtown. [www.comanchechamber.org](http://www.comanchechamber.org) 325/356-3233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-9—DALLAS: Christmas Celebration Concert** Features the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Chorus and children's choir. Meyerson Symphony Center [www.dallassympphony.com](http://www.dallassympphony.com) 214/871-4000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-9—DALLAS: Lone Star State Classic Dog Show** Dallas Market Hall. [www.lonestarstateclassic.com](http://www.lonestarstateclassic.com) 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-9—PALESTINE: A Christmas Carol** Texas Theatre. <http://historicalexatheatre.wordpress.com> **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-9—SAN ANGELO: Christmas at Old Fort Concho** Living-history display of military encampments and holiday traditions of the 1800s includes wagon rides, cowboy cavalry, artillery and infantry demos, music and dancing. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. [www.fortconcho.com](http://www.fortconcho.com) 325/481-2646 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-9—STAFFORD: Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show** Stafford Centre. [www.heartoftexas.com](http://www.heartoftexas.com) 281/304-0160 **GULF COAST**

**7-9—TOMBALL: German Christmas Market and Festival** Street festival features music, shopping, strolling carolers, children's activities, Santa and German food. Old Town. [www.tomballgermanfest.org](http://www.tomballgermanfest.org) 281/379-6844 **GULF COAST**

**7-22—WICHITA FALLS: Miracle on 34th Street** Wichita Theatre Performing Arts Center, 919 Indiana Ave. [www.wichitatheatre.com](http://www.wichitatheatre.com) 940/723-9037 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

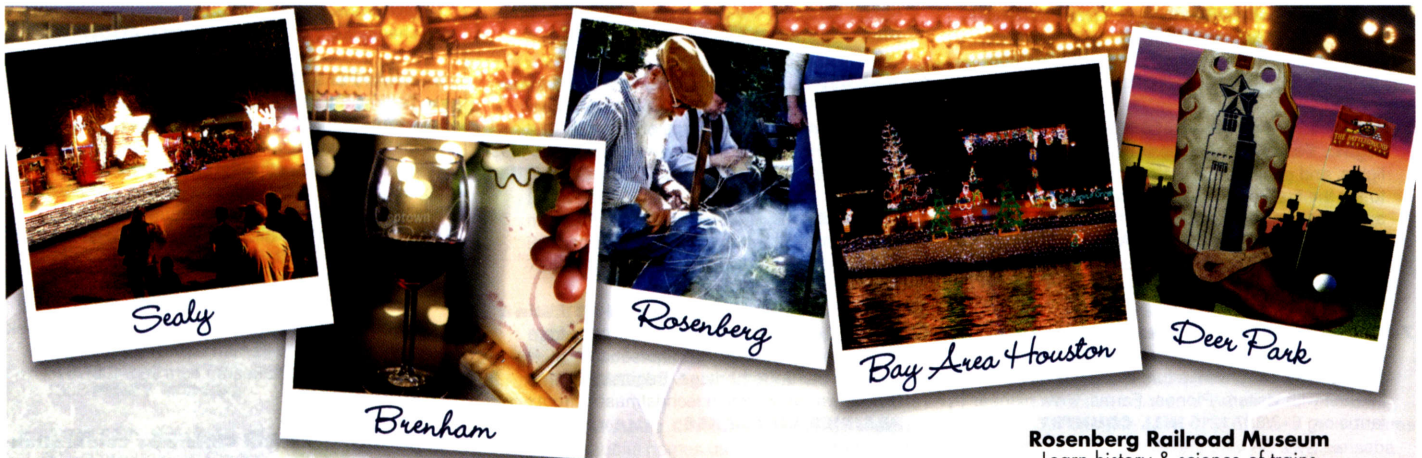
**7-23—FORT WORTH: The Nutcracker** Texas Ballet Theater presents this holiday classic. Bass Performance Hall. [www.basshall.com](http://www.basshall.com) 827/212-4280 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-31—SAN ANGELO: Concho Christmas Celebration** More than 3 million lights, animated scenes, oversized greeting displays and more light up the banks of the Concho River. Downtown. [www.conchochristmascelebration.com](http://www.conchochristmascelebration.com) 325/655-5000 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-Jan. 1—WICHITA FALLS: Fantasy of Lights** Holiday display comes to life with more than 20,000 lights and 34 lighted scenes. Mid-western State University. [www.mwsu.edu/fantasy](http://www.mwsu.edu/fantasy) 940/397-4352 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-9, 13-16—TYLER: 'Twas the Lights Before Christmas** Enjoy a walk through a lighted village filled with activities and visit Santa. East Texas State Fairgrounds. [www.parkofeasttexas.com](http://www.parkofeasttexas.com) 903/597-2501 **PINEY WOODS**

**7-9, 14-16—BURNET: Main Street Bethlehem** Popular live nativity scene is set amid a re-creation of the town of Bethlehem. Hours are 6-9 p.m. First Baptist Church of Burnet. [www.fbcburnet.org/mainstreetbethlehem.htm](http://www.fbcburnet.org/mainstreetbethlehem.htm) 512/756-4481 **HILL COUNTRY**



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- *Dreaming of a Green Christmas* at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- *Holiday Open House* at The W.H. Stark House, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *Holiday Exhibit Celebration* at Stark Museum of Art, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *Lighted Evening Christmas Strolls* at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *A Christmas with Shoji Tabuchi* at Lutchter Theater, 4:00p.m.; 7:30 p.m.



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**7-9, 14-16—HENDERSON: A Little Princess**

Presented by Henderson Civic Theatre.  
122 E. Main St. [www.hendersoncivictheater.com](http://www.hendersoncivictheater.com)  
903/657-2968 **PINEY WOODS**

**7-8, 14-15, 19-22—AMARILLO: Zoo**

**Lights Safari** The zoo is set up with holiday lights, and guest carolers sing jolly holiday tunes to set the festive mood. Children can meet Santa and make a special take-home toy in the elves' workshop. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Amarillo Zoo in Thompson Park. [www.amarillozoo.org](http://www.amarillozoo.org) 806/381-7911 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-8, 14-15—AUSTIN: Ebenezer's Journey**

Journey through time as Ebenezer Scrooge along this 3/4-mile path, with actors along the way to interact with visitors. Pioneer Farms. [www.pioneerfarms.org](http://www.pioneerfarms.org) 512/837-1215 **HILL COUNTRY**

**7, 14, 21-22—SUGAR LAND: Holidays in the Plaza**

Enjoy holiday music in the plaza from noon–1 p.m. Sugar Land Town Square, 15958 City Walk. [www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com) 281/276-6000 **GULF COAST**

**7, 14, 21—DALLAS: Keith and Margo's Ultimate Murder Mystery Dinner at The Old Mill Inn**

Dinner theater performance includes reception and a three-course meal. Reservations required. Old Mill Inn Restaurant. <http://murdermysterytexas.com/reservations/dinners> 972/263-5178 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—ARLINGTON: Breakfast with Santa**

Cliff Nelson Recreation Center. 817/561-2819 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk** Explore a wetland trail and other areas of the hatchery from 9–11 a.m. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center,

5550 F.M. 2495. [www.athenstx.org](http://www.athenstx.org) 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—BANDERA: Cowboy Campfire Christmas**

Gather at 5 p.m. for caroling, Christmas stories and a live nativity with camp coffee and hot cocoa. Bandera City Park. [www.banderabusinessassociation.com](http://www.banderabusinessassociation.com) 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—BANDERA: Holiday Parade**

Begins at 11 a.m. Main Street. [www.banderatex.com](http://www.banderatex.com) 830/796-3280 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—BASTROP: Christmas Parade on Main Street**

Features more than 125 entries from lighted floats to cowboys on horseback celebrating Bastrop's heritage. Begins at 6 p.m. Downtown. [www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com](http://www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—BASTROP: Christmas Sale-a-bration on Main Street**

Booths offer food, antiques, arts and crafts, jewelry, gifts, ornaments and more on Main Street. [www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com](http://www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—BASTROP: Holiday Homes Tour**

Visit historic homes and businesses with a variety of architectural styles and decor on this self-guided tour from noon–5 p.m. Downtown. [www.bastrop-holidayhomestour.com](http://www.bastrop-holidayhomestour.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—BAYTOWN: Christmas on Texas Avenue Street Festival**

Downtown. [www.christmas-on-texas-avenue.com](http://www.christmas-on-texas-avenue.com) 281/427-2222 **GULF COAST**

**8—BAYTOWN: Christmas Past and Present**

Baytown Historical Preservation Association volunteers in period attire welcome visitors to the historic 1894 Wooster School and 1910 Brown-McKay Farmhouse, both decorated for the holiday season.

Republic of Texas Plaza Park. [www.baytownhistory.org](http://www.baytownhistory.org) 281/421-2099 **GULF COAST**

**8—BEAUMONT: Wildcatter Weekend**

Families enjoy an afternoon of crafts and activities that help them discover new ideas, skills and stories about the past. See the replica gusher blow at 4 p.m. Spindletop/Gladys City Boomtown. [www.gladyscity.org](http://www.gladyscity.org) 409/835-0823 **GULF COAST**

**8—BELTON: Old Fashion Christmas**

Held in conjunction with Market Days, this event features Santa, ornament making, hayrides, entertainment and more. Parade begins at 10 a.m., and activities continue until 8 p.m. On Central Avenue in downtown Belton. [www.downtownbelton.com](http://www.downtownbelton.com) 254/939-5699 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—BOERNE: Second Saturday Art and Wine**

Enjoy a glass of wine and stroll through the art galleries. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Various venues. [www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com](http://www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com) 877/833-0621 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—BUFFALO GAP: Chautauqua Learning Series**

Lecture series based on the Chautauqua movement, which brought educational talks and entertainment to rural U.S. areas in the late 1800s and early 1900s, covers a different topic each month. Begins at 11 a.m. Buffalo Gap Historic Village. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**8—BURNET: Christmas at Old Fort Croghan**

Families dressed in frontier attire welcome visitors to celebrate the Christmas season as people did in the 1800s. Fort Croghan. [www.fortcroghan.org](http://www.fortcroghan.org) 512/756-8281 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—BURNET: Christmas on the Square**

Enjoy the lighting of the courthouse and the arrival of Santa, along with entertainment, arts and crafts, giveaways and food. 229 S. Pierce. [www.burnetchamber.org](http://www.burnetchamber.org) 512/756-4297 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—CHAPPELL HILL: Holiday Home Tour and Teddy Bear Parade**

Tour beautiful country homes, churches and historic sites decorated for the holidays from 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. At 3 p.m., children are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear to join a parade starting at the Visitor's Center. [www.chappellhillmuseum.org](http://www.chappellhillmuseum.org) 979/836-6033 or 888/273-6426 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Christmas Boat Lane Parade**

More than 100 decorated boats parade from Nassau Bay through the Clear Creek Channel past the Kemah Boardwalk. Begins at 6 p.m. [www.clearlakearea.com](http://www.clearlakearea.com) 281/488-7676 **GULF COAST**

**8—CONROE: Annual Christmas Celebration**

Includes a parade, snow hill, Christmas tree, Santa, carriage rides, a nativity scene, petting zoo, pony rides and other children's activities. Heritage Place, 500 Collins St. [www.cityofconroe.org](http://www.cityofconroe.org) 936/522-3200 **PINEY WOODS**

**8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Community Open House**

Enjoy Christmas trees, live holiday music, Santa and goodie bags. The Art Museum of South Texas. [www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org) 361/825-3500 **GULF COAST**

**8—DALLAS: A Dallas Symphony Orchestra Family Christmas**

Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/871-4000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**8—DALLAS: Mayor's Race 5K and Fun Run**

Run crosses the new Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. Singleton Boulevard. [www.dallasmarathon.com](http://www.dallasmarathon.com) 214/891-7668 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



- 8—DRIPPING SPRINGS: Christmas in the Hills Home Tours** Tour homes decorated for the holidays. [www.drippingspringstx.org](http://www.drippingspringstx.org) 512/858-7000 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—DRIPPING SPRINGS: Christmas on Mercer** See the Christmas tree lighting at dark and enjoy food, craft booths and live music. Downtown on Mercer Street. [www.cityofdripping springs.com](http://www.cityofdripping springs.com) 512/858-7000 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—FLATONIA: Christmas in Flatonia** At the Civic Center. [www.flatoniachamber.org](http://www.flatoniachamber.org) 361/865-3920 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—FREDERICKSBURG: Tannenbaum Ball** Enjoy an elegant evening with catered meal, live entertainment, dancing, raffle and auction from 7–11 p.m. St. Mary's Event Center. [www.pioneer museum.com](http://www.pioneer museum.com) 830/990-8441 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—GAINESVILLE: Historic South Gainesville Holiday Home Tour** Tour historic homes decorated for the holidays. Hours are 4–8 p.m. [www.historicsouthgainesvilletexas.blogspot.com](http://www.historicsouthgainesvilletexas.blogspot.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GALVESTON: The Nutcracker Afternoon Tea** Enjoy an afternoon tea with snacks and take a complimentary photo with the ballet dancers. Begins at 1 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 8—GATESVILLE: Christmas Parade** Includes a special guest appearance by Santa. Main Street. [www.gatesvilletx.info](http://www.gatesvilletx.info) 254/865-2617 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GLEN ROSE: Holiday Around the Rim** Meet at 5 p.m. for holiday treats and shopping before an evening safari at 6:30 p.m. A holiday dinner awaits at the Foothills Safari Camp. Reservations are required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. 254/897-2960 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GOLIAD: Market Day** Hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Town square, at Market and End streets. [www.goliadcc.org](http://www.goliadcc.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 8—KEMAH: Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade** Decorated boats light up the night from the South Shore Harbor Marina and the Nassau Bay Lagoon to Galveston Bay. [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com) 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**
- 8—KILGORE: Holiday Happenings in Historic Homes** Tour several historic homes built during the oil boom. Hours are 2–6 p.m. Kilgore Historic District. [www.khpf.org](http://www.khpf.org) 903/984-1333 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—LINDSAY: Handel's Messiah Concert** St. Peter's Catholic Church. [www.northcentraltexaschorale.com](http://www.northcentraltexaschorale.com) 940/387-1886 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—LLANO: Llano Country Opry: Fiddlin' Frenchy Burke** LanTex Theater. [www.hillbillyhits.com](http://www.hillbillyhits.com) 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—LLANO: Show Day in Llano** Badu Park becomes a winter wonderland. Hours are 1–9 p.m. 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—LONGVIEW: A CHARMing Holiday** Browse apparel, jewelry, cosmetics, home decor and unique holiday gifts while enjoying holiday entertainment and food. Maude Cobb Activity Center. 903/237-7776 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—LUBBOCK: Miracles Christmas Parade** Along 34th Street. [www.miraclesparade.com](http://www.miraclesparade.com) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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- 8—MCALLEN: Candlelight Posada** Event begins with a Christmas parade on Main Street and Christmas tree lighting. Also enjoy games and activities, the nativity procession and live music. Archer Park. [www.mcallencvb.com](http://www.mcallencvb.com) 956/682-2871 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 8—MESQUITE: Historic Florence Ranch Homestead Tours** Tour an early settler's homestead. Hours are 10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. [www.cityofmesquite.com](http://www.cityofmesquite.com) 972/613-7547 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—MESQUITE: Symphonic Band Concert** Begins at 7 p.m. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. [www.mesquitesymphonicband.com](http://www.mesquitesymphonicband.com) 972/216-8125 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—MONAHANS: Christmas Tour of Homes** Tour beautiful homes decorated for the holidays. [www.monahans.org](http://www.monahans.org) 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 8—PLANO: Plano Lions Christmas Parade** Begins at 2700 E. 15th St. [www.planotxchristmasparade.com](http://www.planotxchristmasparade.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—PORT ARTHUR: Lighted Holiday Parade** Downtown. 409/983-8105 **GULF COAST**
- 8—PORT LAVACA: Christmas on Main Street** Enjoy live entertainment and shopping from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Main Street. [www.portlavacatx.org](http://www.portlavacatx.org) 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**
- 8—ROUND TOP: Christmas in Winedale** Experience a re-creation of Christmas in the 1800s with pioneer skill demonstrations, historic home tours, stagecoach and wagon rides, old-fashioned crafts, games, music and hands-on chores for children. Winedale Historical Complex, 3738 F.M. 2714. [www.cah.utexas.edu](http://www.cah.utexas.edu) 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—ROUND TOP: Texas Master Chorale in Concert** Begins at 3 p.m. Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Road. [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—SAN ANTONIO: Art.i.copia** Ring in the holidays with creative, unusual gifts for loved ones, plus refreshments and holiday delights. Ursuline Campus of the Southwest School of Art, 300 Augusta. [www.swschool.org](http://www.swschool.org) 210/224-1848 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 8—SAN SABA: Christmas on the Square and Lighted Parade** Kick off the day with Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. Then at 6 p.m., enjoy the lighted Christmas parade, and pictures with Santa. Courthouse square. [www.sansabachamber.com](http://www.sansabachamber.com) 325/372-5141 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—SATTLER: Canyon Lake Christmas Parade** Santa's arrival in Canyon Lake includes a flyover by the CENTEX Wing Commemorative Air Force. Begins at 11 a.m. On F.M. 2673. [www.clnoonlions.com](http://www.clnoonlions.com) 830/964-2461 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—SUGAR LAND: Sugar Land Heritage Foundation Historic Walking Tour** Guides lead tours through a historic neighborhood and share stories about people and events that shaped Sugar Land's history. Begins at 10 a.m. Historic Imperial Sugar Refinery site. [www.slheritage.org](http://www.slheritage.org) 281/494-0261 **GULF COAST**
- 8—TOMBALL: Christmas on Commerce** Features live holiday music, children's activities, shopping and a free holiday film screening. Commerce Street. [www.ci.tomball.tx.us](http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us) 281/351-5484 **GULF COAST**



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- 8—TYLER: Holiday in the Pines Home Tour** Visit beautiful Tyler homes decorated for the holidays. Hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. <http://tyler-tx.aauw.net> 903/534-6563 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—TYLER: The Magic Lantern Theater Christmas Show** Experience the wonder of a Victorian Christmas with an 1890s-style magic lantern theater show of classic Christmas stories. Shows begin at 2 and 7 p.m. Liberty Hall. [www.magiclanternshows.com](http://www.magiclanternshows.com) **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—UVALDE: Hill Country Opera: An Evening of Christmas Music** Grand Opera House. 830/278-4184 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—VAN: Van Christmas Parade** Begins at 10 a.m. Main Street. 903/312-9982 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—VERNON: Christmas on the Western Trail** Enjoy fun, food, arts and crafts around the square, plus a lighted Christmas parade at 6 p.m. Wilbarger County Courthouse, 1700 Main St. 940/553-3766 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 8—WHITNEY: Christmas Bazaar and Lighted Christmas Parade** Shop the bazaar from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and afterward, enjoy the lighted parade and lighting of the city's Christmas tree at 7 p.m. [www.lakewhitneychamber.com](http://www.lakewhitneychamber.com) 254/694-2540 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—AUSTIN: Conspirare Christmas Concert** Conspirare weaves music and poetry into a holiday concert. The Carillon on Exposition. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—AUSTIN: Luminations** See thousands of luminarias and twinkling lights in the gardens with music and festivities from 6–9 p.m. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [www.wildflower.org/luminations](http://www.wildflower.org/luminations) 512/232-0100 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—BOERNE: Market Days** Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. [www.boernemarketdays.com](http://www.boernemarketdays.com) 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—GALVESTON: The Nutcracker** The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 8—GEORGETOWN: Holiday Home Tour** Hours are noon–5 p.m. both days. Tickets available online or at the Grace Heritage Center. [www.georgetownheritagesociety.com](http://www.georgetownheritagesociety.com) 512/869-8597 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—INGLESIDE: Renaissance Faire** Features live music, jousting, archery, belly dancers, 17th-century attire, food and vendors. Hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Live Oak Park. [www.inglesidetxchamber.org](http://www.inglesidetxchamber.org) 361/776-2906 **GULF COAST**
- 8—KERRVILLE: Dog Agility Competition** Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3805 Hwy 27. [www.hillcountryagility.com](http://www.hillcountryagility.com) 830/792-4728 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—LONGVIEW: Trade Days** Maude Cobb Exhibit Building. 903/753-4478 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—SUGAR LAND: Nutcracker on Ice** Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center. [www.sugarlandice.com](http://www.sugarlandice.com) 281/265-7465 **GULF COAST**
- 8—TAYLOR: Christmas Historic Homes Tour** Tour six or seven homes in the area. Tickets required. [www.taylorheritagesociety.org](http://www.taylorheritagesociety.org) 512/352-6364 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8, 15, 29—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry** Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment with

- a different theme each week and a little comedy, too. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. [www.libertyopry.com](http://www.libertyopry.com) 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**
- 9—DALLAS: Dallas Marathon** Downtown. [www.dallasmarathon.com](http://www.dallasmarathon.com) 214/953-1184 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—DENTON: Denton Bach Society: JS Bach Christmas** Begins at 3 p.m. Winspear Performance Hall at UNT. [www.thempac.com](http://www.thempac.com) 940/369-7802 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—FORT WORTH: Sundays with the Modern** Special tours and talks offer unique perspectives on the museum's architecture, permanent collection, and special exhibitions. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist** Serves awe-inspiring gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet from 10:30 a.m.–noon. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall. [www.gruenehall.com](http://www.gruenehall.com) 830/629-5077 or 830/606-1601 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—JACKSONVILLE: Tour of Homes** Tour beautiful homes in the Jacksonville area during the holiday season. 903/586-2217 **PINEY WOODS**
- 9—KERRVILLE: Suzy Bogguss Christmas Show** Dinner is served at 6 p.m., and Suzy Bogguss takes the stage at 7. Buckhorn Lake Resort. [www.buckhornlake.com](http://www.buckhornlake.com) 830/895-0007 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—MCALLEN: Valley Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Concert** Begins at 4 p.m. International Museum of Art & Science. [www.valleyorchestra.org](http://www.valleyorchestra.org) 956/661-1615 or 956/655-7654 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 9—NEW BRAUNFELS: Mid-Texas Symphony Concert: "Sleigh Bells Ring"** Begins at 4 p.m. Jackson Auditorium at Texas Lutheran University. [www.mtsymphony.org](http://www.mtsymphony.org) 830/372-8089 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—SAN ANTONIO: Die Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier: Traditional German Christmas Celebration** This program shares the Christmas Story in the German language through scripture readings, prayers, choral and congregation hymns, German Christmas poetry, and instrumental music. Begins at 5:30 p.m. At the Margarite B. Parker Chapel at Trinity University. 210/213-7564 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 9—SEGUIN: Mid-Texas Symphony Concert: "Sleigh Bells Ring!"** Jackson Auditorium, Texas 46 at Court Street. [www.mtsymphony.org](http://www.mtsymphony.org) 830/372-8089 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—WEIMAR: Christmas Homes Tour** Visit three homes decorated for the season, starting at the Heritage Society Museum, 123 E. Main St. 979/725-8203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—AUSTIN: Conspirare Christmas Concert and Holiday Gala** This choir's collage-style programming melds music of many centuries and styles. Gala event includes dinner before the performance, and champagne and dessert afterward. Long Center for the Performing Arts. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) 512/474-5664 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 10-23—LUBBOCK: Santa Land** This holiday village features Christmas trees, twinkling lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus ready to hear children's wishes. Open 6–10 p.m. nightly. Mackenzie Park. [www.playlubbock.com](http://www.playlubbock.com) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



- 11—EL PASO: Cirque Dreams Holidayze**  
Marvel at gingerbread men flipping in midair, toy soldiers marching on thin wires, and reindeer soaring high above a landscape of holiday wonderment. The Plaza Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza. www.visitelpaso.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 11—HOUSTON: Houston Early Music Presents the Baltimore Consort's "Wassail, Wassail!"** Features singing and a festive variety of instruments to perform a melange of old carols and dance tunes. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Cathedral. www.houstonearlymusic.org 281/846-4222 **GULF COAST**
- 11—NEDERLAND: Lighted Christmas Parade** Boston Avenue. www.nederlandtx.com 409/722-0279 **GULF COAST**
- 11-23—HOUSTON: Peter Pan** Tony-Award nominee Cathy Rigby takes flight in an all new production of *Peter Pan*. Presented by Theatre Under the Stars. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 888/558-3882 **GULF COAST**
- 12—EL PASO: Bryan Adams in Concert** The Plaza Theatre. www.visitelpaso.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 12—MCKINNEY: Holiday Tea and Conversation** The historic Heard-Craig House hosts a holiday tea with music and a tour of the historic home. 205 W. Hunt St. www.heardcraig.org 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12-14—FULTON: Christmas in Fulton** Includes live entertainment, caroling, Santa and other activities. Paws and Taws Convention Center. 361/729-5533 **GULF COAST**
- 12-20—BUDA: Trail of Lights** Enjoy displays of twinkling lights with various Christmas scenes and themes. Hours are 6-10 p.m. nightly. Stagecoach Park, 880 Main St. www.ci.buda.tx.us 512/295-7170 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12-24—AUSTIN: Armadillo Christmas Bazaar** Palmer Events Center. www.armadillobazaar.com 512/477-1605 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12, 19—FORT WORTH: Wonderful Wednesdays** This 45-minute docent-led program for families with young children includes a gallery project designed by the education department. Begins at 4 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. www.themodern.org 866/824-5566 or 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13—ABILENE: ArtWalk** Enjoy entertainment and special events at restaurants, shops, museums and galleries from 5-8:30 p.m. Historic downtown. 325/677-8389 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 13—BEE CAVE: Wine Walk** Start at Twin Liquors to pick up a map for this self-guided tour to try wines from all over the world. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Hill Country Galleria. www.hillcountrygalleria.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 13—FORT WORTH: Art Quest Program for Adults** Put seeking skills to the test, and discover connections between artworks in the galleries in this fun program for adults. Begins at 6 p.m. Amon Carter Museum of American Art. www.cartermuseum.org 817/989-5030 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13—SAN ANTONIO: The Romeros: The Royal Family of the Classical Guitar** The Romeros perform *Concierto Navidad*, a Christmas concert with Concierto Malaga String Orchestra. Charline McComb Empire Theatre, 226 N. Saint Mary's St. www.artssa.org 210/226-2891 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 13—TEAGUE: Lighted Parade and Christmas with Santa** Santa arrives at 3:30 p.m. for visits with children. Also enjoy a hamburger supper at the senior center. Lighted parade begins at 5 p.m. Main Street and BRI Museum. 254/739-2061 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13-14—GAINESVILLE: Holiday on the Square** Enjoy carriage rides, caroling, shopping, food and Christmas tree displays. Downtown. www.gainesvillemainstreet.com 940/665-2831 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13-14—GATESVILLE: Holiday Hayride** The Cotton Belt Depot. www.gatesvillex.info 254/865-2617 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13-16—JEFFERSON: John, His Story** Theatrical performance chronicles the seven great signs performed by Jesus in the Biblical gospel of John. 305 W. Henderson. www.sanctuaryplayers.org 903/665-3268 **PINEY WOODS**
- 13-23—FREDERICKSBURG: The 1940s Radio Hour** Features the Sentimental Journey Orchestra and a cast of radio-station characters. Steve W. Shepherd Theater. www.fredericksburgtheater.org 830/997-3588 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 13-Jan. 6—KERRVILLE: Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Member Show and Sale** 228 Earl Garrett St. www.kackerrville.com 830/895-2911 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 13-14, 16, 20-22—GRAPEVINE: Texas Tenors in Concert** Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre. www.palace-theatre.com 817/410-3100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13, 20—GRAPEVINE: Christmas Wine Train** Begins with a 7 p.m. reception. Grapevine Vintage Railroad. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 817/410-8136 or 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever** See a variety of antique and modern cars and trucks on display, and enjoy music and shopping. 1955 U.S. 90 E. www.castroville.com 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 14—CROCKETT: Shoji Tabuchi Christmas Show** Japanese-born fiddler's show has made him one of the most popular performers in Branson, Mo. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Crockett Civic Center. www.pwfaa.org 936/544-4276 **PINEY WOODS**
- 14—DALLAS: Meet the Museum: Collection Spotlight on the Online Collections Database** Learn how to use an online gallery of artifacts, photos, films and oral histories related to the Kennedy assassination. Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. www.jfk.org 214/747-6660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14—EL PASO: Jeff Dunham** Abraham Chavez Theatre, 1 Civic Center Plaza. www.visitelpaso.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 14—GARLAND: Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert** Granville Arts Center. www.garlandsymphony.org 972/926-0611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14—LULING: Cocoa and Carols** Includes warm drinks, caroling and a visit from Santa as local shops stay open late. www.lulingmainstreet.com 830/875-3214 ext. 3 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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- 15—ORANGE: A Christmas With Shoji Tabuchi** Celebrate the music of the season as well as Shoji favorites. Lutcher Theater. [www.lutcher.org](http://www.lutcher.org) 409/886-5535 **GULF COAST**
- 15—OZONA: Crockett County Junior Livestock Show** Crockett County 4-H Barn. 325/392-2721 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 15—ROUND TOP: Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker** Begins at 4 p.m. Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Road. [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org) 979/249-3129 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—SAN BENITO: Market Days** Plaza de San Benito. [www.cityofsanbenito.com](http://www.cityofsanbenito.com) 956/399-5321 **GULF COAST**
- 15—VICTORIA: Market Day** DeLeon Plaza. [www.victoriatx.org](http://www.victoriatx.org) 361/485-3200 **GULF COAST**
- 15—WAXAHACHIE: Arena of Lights** Features hayrides and rodeo trailers decorated with lights. Waxahachie Rodeo Complex. [www.waxahachiecvb.com](http://www.waxahachiecvb.com) 972/937-7330 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-16—BALMORHEA/ FORT DAVIS: Christmas Bird Count** Birders are invited to help collect data in this international event. The count takes place in the Davis Mountains on Saturday and at Balmorhea Lake on Sunday. [www.cdri.org](http://www.cdri.org) 432/364-2499 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 15-16—BOERNE: Boerne Christmas Market Days** Main Plaza. [www.boernemarketdays.com](http://www.boernemarketdays.com) 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 15-16—DALLAS: Buchanan's Show** Features antiques and collectibles. Dallas Market Hall. [www.buchananmarkets.com/Dallas.html](http://www.buchananmarkets.com/Dallas.html) 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-31—BIG SPRING: Comanche Trail Festival of Lights** See more than 3 million lights on display, plus giant lighted poinsettias around the dam, historic spring and scenic mountain. Comanche Trail Park [www.ctfol.com](http://www.ctfol.com) 432/263-8235 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 16—ALPINE: Tour of Historic Homes** A selection of historic Alpine homes are opened to the public for guided viewing. [www.historicalalpine.org](http://www.historicalalpine.org) 432/837-8813 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 16—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Presents "Home for the Holidays"** Enjoy popular holiday tunes and a sing-along. Begins at 3 p.m. Julie Rogers Theater. [www.sost.org](http://www.sost.org) 409/892-2257 **GULF COAST**
- 16—EL PASO: Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker** The Plaza Theatre. [www.visitelpaso.com](http://www.visitelpaso.com) **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 16—GALVESTON: Houston's Children's Chorus Holiday Pops Show** The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 16—LONGVIEW: Michael Bolton in Concert** S. E. Belcher Center. [www.belchercenter.com](http://www.belchercenter.com) 903/233-3080 **PINEY WOODS**
- 16—LUFKIN: Family Day at the Museum of East Texas** Families participate in art workshops, storytelling and a visit with jolly old St. Nick. Museum of East Texas, 503 N. Second St. 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**

**14—PFLUGERVILLE: Holidays at Heritage Park** Enjoy hayrides, caroling and crafts from 6–9 p.m. Heritage Park. [www.pflugervilletx.gov](http://www.pflugervilletx.gov) 512/990-6355 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Annual SPI Christmas Parade** Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and runs down Padre Boulevard from Mars Street to Campeche. 956/772-1974 **GULF COAST**

**14—UVALDE: Four Square Friday** Enjoy music, shopping, food and drinks from 6–10 p.m. Downtown. 830/278-4184 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14-15—FREDERICKSBURG: The Christmas Journey** Drive-through displays of the Christmas story feature live characters and animals. Bethany Lutheran Church. [www.bethanyfredericksburg.com](http://www.bethanyfredericksburg.com) 830/997-2069 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14-15—MCKINNEY: Holiday Trail of Lights** Walk down trails that are illuminated for the season, take a photo with Father Christmas and Mother Nature, and enjoy holiday music and treats. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary. [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org) 972/562-5566 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**14-16—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days** Seven miles east of town off U.S. 290, at 355 Sunday Farms Lane. [www.fbtradedays.com](http://www.fbtradedays.com) 830/990-4900 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14-16—LUBBOCK: The Nutcracker** Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre. [www.balletlubbock.org](http://www.balletlubbock.org) 806/785-3090 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**14-16—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days** One of the largest flea markets in North Texas. 4550 W. University. [www.tmtd.com](http://www.tmtd.com) 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**15—BEAUMONT: Holiday Open House** See the museum decorated for the holidays, and enjoy live music and family-friendly activities on the grounds. McFaddin-Ward House. [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org) 409/832-1906 **GULF COAST**

**15—BIG SPRING: Big Spring Symphony Orchestra: A Symphonic Christmas** Enjoy a symphonic Christmas with the Coahoma Choir Kids, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. [www.bigspringsymphony.com](http://www.bigspringsymphony.com) 432/264-7223 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**15—GALVESTON: Bishop's Palace Behind-the-Scenes Tour** See parts of this Galveston mansion that are normally off limits. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Bishop's Palace. [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org) 409/762-2475 **GULF COAST**

**15—GALVESTON: The Texas Tenors in Concert** The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

**15—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Days** Courthouse Square. [www.kerrmarketdays.org](http://www.kerrmarketdays.org) 830/895-7962 **HILL COUNTRY**

**15—LAKE JACKSON: Bird Banding** The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations from 8 a.m.–noon. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. [www.gcbo.org](http://www.gcbo.org) 979/480-0999 **GULF COAST**

**15—NEW BRAUNFELS: A Flick with St. Nick** Enjoy caroling, a Christmas movie viewing, and a guest appearance by Santa. Landa Park. [www.nbtexas.org](http://www.nbtexas.org) 830/221-4370 **HILL COUNTRY**

**15—NEW BRAUNFELS: Impressionist Jeff Trachta** Impressionist transforms himself into



**16—STONEWALL: LBJ Tree Lighting** Enjoy carolers, a live nativity, Santa Claus, refreshments and the tree lighting in this traditional event started 43 years ago by President and Mrs. Johnson. Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and LBJ State Park and Historic Site. [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson) 830/644-2252 ext. 222. **HILL COUNTRY**

**16—TEXARKANA: Texarkana Symphony Orchestra presents Christmas at the Perot** Perot Theatre. [www.texarkanasymphony.org](http://www.texarkanasymphony.org) 870/773-3401 **PINEY WOODS**

**18—AUSTIN: Big Sing** The audience is the choir at this popular musical event. The Conspirare Symphonic Choir provides musical support. St. Martin's Lutheran Church. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) 512/476-5775 **HILL COUNTRY**

**18—COLLEGE STATION: Celtic Woman: A Christmas Celebration** Rudder Auditorium at Texas A&M University. [www.msccopas.org](http://www.msccopas.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**18—LUBBOCK: Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Chamber Series Holiday Concert** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Civic Center. [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**18-19—GALVESTON: The Shoji Tabuchi Road Show** The captivating Japanese fiddler who has ruled Branson for two decades makes a rare concert tour appearance. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

**18, 20—ORANGE: Holiday Exhibit Celebration and Open House** Enjoy two evenings of holiday music, refreshments and gallery spotlights on medieval Books of Hours, at the Stark Museum of Art. At the historic W.H. Stark House, enjoy seasonal decorations and refreshments. [www.starkmuseum.org](http://www.starkmuseum.org) 409/886-2787 or 409/883-0871 **GULF COAST**

**20—BEAUMONT: Egnog Evening** Start at the visitor center for tasty treats and eggnog before strolling over to the house for a self-guided tour. McFaddin-Ward House. [www.mcfaddin-ward.org](http://www.mcfaddin-ward.org) 409/832-1906 **GULF COAST**

**20—GRUENE: Come and Taste It** Three wines are featured each month, along with live music, food samples, giveaways and more. Grapevine Texas Wine Bar. [www.grapevinegruene.com](http://www.grapevinegruene.com) 830/606-0093 **HILL COUNTRY**

**20—WESLACO: Alfresco Weslaco** Enjoy live jazz music, art displays, sidewalk sales, food and drinks. Texas Boulevard. [www.weslacoNOW.com](http://www.weslacoNOW.com) 956/969-0838 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**21-22—BEAUMONT: Don Gay's Championship Bull Ride** Nutty Jerry's. [www.nuttjerrys.com](http://www.nuttjerrys.com) 877/643-7508 **GULF COAST**

**21-22—GRAND PRAIRIE: It's a Wonderful Life** Presented by Texas Family Musicals. Uptown Theater. [www.texasfamilymusicals.com](http://www.texasfamilymusicals.com) 972/237-8272 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**21-23—SAN ANTONIO: The Nutcracker Starring Olga Pavlova** This holiday classic is performed by Mejia Ballet International. Lila Cockrell Theatre. [www.artssa.org](http://www.artssa.org) 210/226-2891 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**22—AUSTIN: Grand Reopening of the LBJ Presidential Library** The library reopens on what would have been Lady Bird Johnson's 100th birthday with birthday cake, live music and

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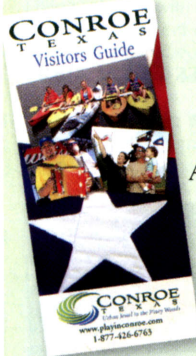


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**22—GALVESTON: The Kingston Trio Holiday Show** The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

**22—GARLAND: Breakfast With Santa** Enjoy a buffet, pictures with Santa, and arts and crafts. At The Branding Iron, 600 W. Campbell Road. 972/205-3958 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**22—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org) 972/216-8127 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**22—WICHITA FALLS: Candlelight Tours at the Kell House** Enjoy the magic of an early 20th-century Christmas at the historic Kell House Museum as a guide with a single candle leads visitors through the museum. Historic Kell House Museum. 940/723-2712 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**22-23—BOERNE: Cowboy Christmas at Enchanted Springs Ranch** Celebrate Christmas, "Old West" style. Enchanted Springs Ranch, 242 Texas 46 W. [www.enchantedspringsranch.com](http://www.enchantedspringsranch.com) 830/249-8222 **HILL COUNTRY**

**22-23—KEMAH: Christmas on the Bay** Festival holiday arts-and-crafts show is presented from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days. 281/451-7728 **GULF COAST**

**26-30—GRAPEVINE: After-Christmas Train Rides** Enjoy a trip from Grapevine to the Fort Worth Stockyards and back on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. Cotton Belt Depot. [www.gvrr.com](http://www.gvrr.com) 817/410-3123 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**27-28—DALLAS: Mannheim Steamroller in Concert** America's biggest-selling holiday concert returns with updated Christmas classics. Meyerson Symphony Center. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**28—DRIPPING SPRINGS: D-Bar-S Roping Series** Dripping Springs Ranch Park 512/423-1877 **HILL COUNTRY**

**28-29—BASTROP: Lost Pines Christmas Bird Count** Features all-day land, morning land, morning river and all-ages-friendly Bird Count 101 excursions that explore various sections of the Lost Pines area. Also includes a Friday dinner presentation, workshops, a night owls outing and a nature journaling program. Hyatt Regency Lost Pines. [www.visitlostpines.com](http://www.visitlostpines.com) 512/308-4863 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**28-29—MESQUITE: Mesquite Pro Rodeo** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Resistol Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. [www.mesquiteprorodeo.com](http://www.mesquiteprorodeo.com) 972/285-8777 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**29—FORT WORTH: Armed Forces Bowl** Amon G. Carter Stadium on TCU campus. [www.armedforcesbowl.com](http://www.armedforcesbowl.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**29—GALVESTON: Jerry Jeff Walker in Concert** The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

**30-31—EL PASO: Sun Bowl and Fan Fiesta** On Sunday, catch performances by mascots and cheerleaders, a battle of university bands and fireworks at the El Paso Convention Center. The 79th annual football classic kicks off the next day at Sun Bowl Stadium. [www.sunbowl.org](http://www.sunbowl.org) **BIG BEND COUNTRY**



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- 31—AUSTIN: Austin's New Year** This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers, and other festive performances. Auditorium Shores. [www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-new-year](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-new-year) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—DALLAS: New Year's Eve with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra** Meyerson Symphony Center. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—FORT WORTH: New Year's Event: A Night in Vienna** The Fort Worth Symphony offers a night of Strauss waltzes and other Viennese classics and soprano arias. Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—FREDERICKSBURG: USO-Style Hangar Dance** Enjoy 1940s-style Big Band music with swing-dancing lessons, a costume contest and refreshments. Hangar Hotel Pacific Showroom, 155 Airport Road. [www.hangarhotel.com](http://www.hangarhotel.com) 830/997-9990 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—KEMAH: New Year's Eve Celebration at Kemah Boardwalk** Enjoy family fun and fireworks. On Kipp Avenue. [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com) 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**
- 31—LUCKENBACH: New Year's Eve in Luckenbach** Features music by Dale Watson and complimentary breakfast tacos and champagne at midnight. Luckenbach Dance Hall, on R.M. 1376. [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 830/997-3224 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—OZONA: New Year's Eve Dance** Features live Tejano music. Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center, 1301 Avenue AA. 325/266-4444 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—PORT LAVACA: Lion's Club New Year's Extravaganza** Bauer Community Center, 2300 Highway 35 Bypass. [www.portlavacatx.org](http://www.portlavacatx.org) 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**
- 31—ROUND TOP: New Year's Eve Gala** Enjoy appetizers, a buffet dinner, and a night of music and dancing. At midnight, welcome the new year with champagne, sparklers, desserts and Auld Lang Syne. Round Top Festival Institute. [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—SAN ANTONIO: Celebrate San Antonio** Revel in spectacular fireworks, live music on multiple stages, food booths and family activities at this New Year's Eve celebration. On Alamo Street between Market and Cesar Chavez. [www.saparksfoundation.org/celebrate\\_sa.html](http://www.saparksfoundation.org/celebrate_sa.html) 210/225-5851 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 31—SUGAR LAND: New Year's Eve Celebration** Ring in the New Year in the town square with a children's celebration from 7–9 p.m. and adult events from 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. Sugar Land Town Square. [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation) 281/275-2885 **GULF COAST**
- 31—WACO: Barkin' Ball** Benefits Fuzzy Friends Rescue. Hours are 8 p.m.–1 a.m. Extraco Events Center. [www.fuzzyfriendsrescue.com](http://www.fuzzyfriendsrescue.com) 254/714-2150 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31-Jan. 2—JACKSONVILLE: New Year's Ride** River Run ATV Park. [www.riverrunpark.com](http://www.riverrunpark.com) **PINEY WOODS**



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**Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change.**

Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

- 1—BANDERA: Cowgirl Round-up and Show-deo** Features demonstrations by the Bandera County Cowgirls, plus storytellers, singers and songwriters. Hill Country State Natural Area. [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/hill-country](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/hill-country) 830/796-4413 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BANDERA/LLANO/WIMBERLEY: Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail** Includes lighting displays, pageants and other festivities in 11 communities. [www.tex-fest.com](http://www.tex-fest.com) 830/997-8515 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BASTROP: River of Lights** Take a nighttime stroll along the Colorado River to enjoy 120 lighted seasonal displays and music. Fisherman's Park. [www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com](http://www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com) 512/303-0558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BROWNSVILLE: Holiday Village** Decorative scenes can be seen through the windows of playhouse-sized cottages decorated for the holidays. Dean Porter Park. [www.holidayvillage.cob.us](http://www.holidayvillage.cob.us) 956/546-2646 **GULF COAST**
- 1—CUERO: Christmas in the Park Lighted Driving Tour** Hours are 6–10 p.m. Cuero Municipal Park. [www.christmasincuero.com](http://www.christmasincuero.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—DALLAS: TicketCity Bowl** Cotton Bowl. [www.visitdallas.com/TicketCityBowl](http://www.visitdallas.com/TicketCityBowl) 214/670-8400 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—FREDERICKSBURG: Black-Eyed Pea and Cornbread Cook-Off** Start the new year with live music, wine, cornbread and black-eyed peas. Torre di Pietra Vineyards. [www.texashillcountrywine.com](http://www.texashillcountrywine.com) 830/644-2829 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—GOLDTHWAITE: Light Up Goldthwaite** Enjoy light displays in City Park. [www.goldthwaite.biz](http://www.goldthwaite.biz) 325/648-3619 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—GRAPEVINE: ICE! and Lone Star Christmas** Features more than 1.5 million lights, a 52-foot rotating tree, lavish decorations and a winter wonderland of ice hand-carved into life-sized holiday sculptures. Gaylord Texan Hotel. [www.gaylordtexan.com](http://www.gaylordtexan.com) 817/410-3185 or 817/778-1000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—HOUSTON: Yuletide: Holiday Time at Bayou Bend** Holiday tradition features festive lights, decorations, candlelight tours and special room settings that bring historic American celebra-

tions to life. Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens. [www.mfah.org/bayoubend](http://www.mfah.org/bayoubend) **GULF COAST**

- 1—JOHNSON CITY: Hill Country Christmas Lights Display** 1685 U.S. 281 N. 830/992-7646 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—JOHNSON CITY: Lights Spectacular, Hill Country Style** The entire town glows with 100,000 lights twinkling on the county courthouse and more than 1 million lights at the Pedernales Electric Co-op's Headquarters on Avenue F. [www.tex-fest.com/regional/](http://www.tex-fest.com/regional/) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—LUBBOCK: Texas Tech Carol of Lights** Lights stay on nightly from dusk to midnight. [www.ttu.edu](http://www.ttu.edu) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—LULING: Lighted Yule Trail** Downtown Luling lights up with blocks of brightly painted holiday scenes and whimsical characters. [www.lulingmainstreet.com](http://www.lulingmainstreet.com) 830/875-3214 ext. 3 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—PFLUGERVILLE: Pfreeze Pflöp** Are you brave enough to jump in? Hours are 10 a.m.–noon. Scott Mentzer Pool. [www.pflugervilletx.gov](http://www.pflugervilletx.gov) 512/990-6355 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Annual Polar Bear Dip** Register at 10 a.m.; jump in at noon. Boomerang Billy's. 800/767-2373 **GULF COAST**
- 1—WICHITA FALLS: Fantasy of Lights** Mid-western State University. [www.mwsu.edu/fantasy](http://www.mwsu.edu/fantasy) 940/397-4352 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-2—ATHENS: Christmas Park Land of Lights** This drive-through Christmas park is more than a mile long. 1500 N.W. Loop 7. [www.athenstx.org](http://www.athenstx.org) 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—JACKSONVILLE: New Year's ATV Ride** See Dec. 31 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—LUFKIN: Festival of Trees** The halls of the Museum of East Texas are transformed into a winter wonderland of decorated trees. [www.metlufkin.org](http://www.metlufkin.org) 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—MARBLE FALLS: Walkway of Lights** Open 6–10 p.m. (weather permitting). Lakeside Park. [www.marblefalls.org](http://www.marblefalls.org) 830/693-4449 or 800/759-8178 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-4—THE COLONY: The Colony Christmas Spectacular** Thousands of lights choreographed to music on 99.9 FM can be seen sunset–10 p.m. Central Fire Station. [www.visitthecolonytx.com](http://www.visitthecolonytx.com) 877/264-4386 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-5—AMARILLO: The Paintings of Colleen Browning** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-6—AUSTIN: I Have Seen the Future: Norman Bel Geddes Designs America** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

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- 1-6—BEAUMONT: Espoused** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-6—DALLAS: Qualities of Jade** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-6—DALLAS: The Trains at Northpark** Toy train exhibit brings joy to the young and young at heart. NorthPark Center. [www.rmhdallas.org](http://www.rmhdallas.org) 214/363-7441 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-6—FORT WORTH: To See As Artists See: American Art from The Phillips Collection** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-6—FREDERICKSBURG: Eisbahn** Enjoy outdoor ice-skating at the Marktplatz. [www.skateinfred.com](http://www.skateinfred.com) 830/997-6597 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-6—FRISCO: Christmas in the Square** Features one of the largest choreographed holiday light-and-music shows in Texas, plus an ice-skating rink and real snow slide. Drive or walk through nightly. Frisco Square. [www.friscosquare.com/cits](http://www.friscosquare.com/cits) 469/633-1721 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-6—GRAPEVINE: Light Show Spectacular** This 25-minute synchronized Christmas light display runs continuously from 6–11 p.m. Town Square Gazebo. [www.grapevinetexasusa.com](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com) 817/410-3185 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-6—HOUSTON: Panto Mother Goose** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-6—KERRVILLE: Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Member Show and Sale** See Dec. 13 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-6—MIDLAND: Eat Well, Play Well** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1-11—SUGAR LAND: Conservation Quest** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-13—AUSTIN: Into the Sacred City: Tibetan Buddhist Deities From the Theos Bernard Collection** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-13—AUSTIN: The Rules of Basketball: Works of Paul Pfeiffer and James Naismith's Original Rules of Basket Ball** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-13—DALLAS: Rediscoveries: Modes of Making in Modern Sculpture** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-13—DALLAS: Sculpture in So Many Words: Text Pieces 1960-80** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-13—FORT WORTH: Dead Sea Scrolls and The Bible** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-13—HOUSTON: Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-20—ALBANY: Gene Owens: Modern Vision** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-20—ALBANY: Cell Series Featured Artist: Carol Benson** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



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- 1-20—DALLAS: Sightings: Eva Rothschild**  
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- 1-20—MCALLEN: Benini: New Masterworks**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-20—SAN ANTONIO: America's Finest: Recent Works by Vincent Valdez**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-20—SAN ANTONIO: Estampas de la Raza: Contemporary Prints from the Romo Collection**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-20—SAN ANTONIO: Prints of the People: The Taller de Grafica Popular**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-20—VICTORIA: Ann Harithas: Dimensional Frontiers**  
See Dec. 6 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-21—THE WOODLANDS: Winter Wonderland and the Woodlands Ice Rink**  
An outdoor ice rink and illuminated holiday scenes are open for the season. Lake Robbins Drive at Six Pines Drive. [www.holidayinthewoodlands.com](http://www.holidayinthewoodlands.com) 877/963-2447 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-26—ORANGE: National Geographic Greatest Photographs of the American West**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-27—HOUSTON: Scandinavian Design**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-27—IRVING: Faces of Classical Music: Photographs by William McEwen**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 1-27—SAN ANTONIO: For Jerry: Masterpieces from the Lawson Bequest**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-27—SAN ANTONIO: Mummies of the World**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-31—DALLAS: Linder Exhibition**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Feb. 3—ALPINE: Removing the Shroud of History: Archaeology in the Big Bend**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1-Feb. 3—HOUSTON: War/Photography: Photographs of Armed Conflict and its Aftermath**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Feb. 3—LUBBOCK: Walk of Fame II: The Crickets**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-Feb. 3—MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live!**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Feb. 10—SAN ANTONIO: Justin Boyd and Anita Valencia Solo Exhibitions**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Feb. 16—CANYON: Collecting Art History: Taste on the Southern Plains**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-Feb. 28—DALLAS: Rising Up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Feb. 28—WACO: Big Red's 75th Anniversary Exhibit**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 1-Mar. 10—DALLAS: Koala Walkabout Exhibit**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Mar. 24—AUSTIN: Building a Community: The First Century of African American Life in Travis County**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Mar. 24—FORT WORTH: Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Mar. 24—HOUSTON: Blood Memory: A View From the Second Generation**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Face to Face: Portraits from the Photography Collection**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Las Sombras/The Shadows: Photograms by Kate Breakey**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Apr. 30—NEW BRAUNFELS: Roll Call Civil War Exhibit**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-May 10—SAN MARCOS: Global Odyssey: From Texas to the World and Back**  
See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 2—MCKINNEY: Texas Art History Series**  
Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures that tell the stories behind the art. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House. [www.heardcraig.org](http://www.heardcraig.org) 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 2-12—ABILENE: Abilene Spectacular Cutting Horse Competition**  
Taylor County Expo Center Coliseum, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/583-2785 or 325/677-4376 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-5—WACO: Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo**  
Extraco Events Center. [www.hotfair.com](http://www.hotfair.com) 254/776-1660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3-26—EASTLAND: The Way Things Were: Texas Settlers and Their Buildings, 1860s-1930s**  
Eastland County Museum. 254/631-6894 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-6, 31-Feb. 3—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days**  
Includes more than 7,000 vendors. On 1-20 in Canton. [www.visitcantontx.com](http://www.visitcantontx.com) 877/462-7467 or 903/567-1849 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk**  
The Galleries at Sunset Center and the sculpture garden. 3701 Plains Blvd. [www.amarilloartists.com](http://www.amarilloartists.com) 806/353-5700 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 4—FORT WORTH: First Fridays at The Modern**  
Enjoy music, film showings, cocktails, a gallery tour and dinner from 5-8 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—FREDERICKSBURG: First Friday Art Walk**  
Explore fine art galleries and events downtown. [www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com) 830/997-6523 or 830/990-2707 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 4—GRANBURY: First Friday at Barking Rocks Winery**  
Features live music and wine tastings. [www.barkingrockswine.com](http://www.barkingrockswine.com) 817/579-0007 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—LUBBOCK: First Friday Art Trail**  
Maps available at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K. [www.fft.org](http://www.fft.org) 806/762-8606 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



- 4—MESQUITE: First Friday Gospel Show**  
Rodeo City Music Hall. [www.ransomedonline.com](http://www.ransomedonline.com)  
214/537-2097 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—PORT ARANSAS: First Friday** Enjoy live music and refreshments from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Port Aransas Art Center. [www.portaransasartcenter.org](http://www.portaransasartcenter.org) 361/749-7334 **GULF COAST**
- 4-6—ROCKPORT: Gospel Music Festival**  
Rockport-Fulton High School Auditorium.  
[www.gospelforce.org/festival.html](http://www.gospelforce.org/festival.html) 361/205-2789  
**GULF COAST**
- 5—FORT WORTH: Bernadette Peters in Concert** Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—FRISCO: NCAA Division I Football National Championship Game** FC Dallas Stadium. [www.ncaa.com/championships/football/fcs](http://www.ncaa.com/championships/football/fcs) 972/422-9500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—MCKINNEY: Winter Night Hike** Fearless trail guides lead visitors on an adventure through the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. [www.heardmuseum.org](http://www.heardmuseum.org) 972/562-5566 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—MONAHANS: Resolution Run** Includes 5K and 10K runs and a Health Walk. Monahans Sandhills State Park. [www.monahans.org](http://www.monahans.org) 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 5—SAN ANTONIO: Army All-American Bowl** East vs. West high school all-star football game is aired on live TV. The Alamodome. [www.allamericangames.com](http://www.allamericangames.com) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5-6—HOUSTON: Houston Cat Club Charity Cat Show** This 60th-annual cat show benefits animal welfare groups and the Winn Foundation. Hall A, George R. Brown Convention Center. [www.houstoncatclub.com](http://www.houstoncatclub.com) 713/688-9007 or 281/497-0790 **GULF COAST**
- 5, 12, 19, 26—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry**  
Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment and a little comedy, too. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. [www.libertyopry.com](http://www.libertyopry.com) 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5-Feb. 3—MESQUITE: Mesquite Creative Arts Club Exhibition** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—FORT WORTH: Drawing from the Collection** Local artists lead basic drawing classes for adults in the galleries. Children's programs also are available. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 866/824-5566 or 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—FORT WORTH: Sundays with the Modern** Special tours and talks offer unique perspectives on the museum's architecture, permanent collection, and special exhibitions. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—GALVESTON: William Shatner in Shatner's World...We Just Live In It** "Boldly go" to The Grand 1894 Opera House for laugh-out-loud humor and poignant moments in this one-man show. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 6—LONGVIEW: Starving Artists Art Sale** Maude Cobb Activity Center. [www.starvingartistsgroup.com](http://www.starvingartistsgroup.com) 281/360-3420 **PINEY WOODS**
- 7—GIDDINGS: Country Music Monday** Giddings High School Cafeterium. [www.lonestaropry.com](http://www.lonestaropry.com) 979/366-9341 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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- 7—ORANGE: Shatner's World...We Just Live In It** Lutcher Theater. [www.lutcher.org](http://www.lutcher.org) 409/886-5535 **GULF COAST**
- 8—GALVESTON: My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, and I'm Home for the Holidays** Steve Solomon's latest comedy tells the story of a riotous holiday gathering. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 8—KINGSLAND: Winter Texan Dinner** Main dish is provided—bring sides and desserts. Kingsland Community Center. [www.kingslandchamber.org](http://www.kingslandchamber.org) 325/388-6211 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9-10—MCALLEN: McAllen International Travel Show** Features exhibits of motorcycles and RVs and Mexican artisans. McAllen Convention Center. [www.internationaltravelshow.com](http://www.internationaltravelshow.com) 956/682-2871 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 9, 16—FORT WORTH: Wonderful Wednesdays** This 45-minute program for young children includes an educational gallery project. Begins at 4 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. [www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org) 866/824-5566 or 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—ABILENE: Dancing with the Abilene Stars** Local "celebrities" are paired with professional dancers in this friendly competition. Civic Center. 325/692-0112 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 10—LUFKIN: Jennifer Holliday in Concert** The original *Dreamgirls* star performs. The Pines Theater. 936/633-0349 **PINEY WOODS**
- 10-12, 17-20, 24-27—DALLAS: Dallas Symphony Orchestra Classical Concerts** Meyerson Symphony Center. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever** See antique and modern cars and trucks on display. Wommack Chevrolet. [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11—KERRVILLE: Hill Country Cowboy Breakfast** On the square, 700 Main St. [www.kerrvilletx.com](http://www.kerrvilletx.com) 830/896-1155 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11-12—LLANO: Junior Livestock Show** Llano County Community Center, 2249 R.M. 152. 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11-13—FORT STOCKTON: Pecos County Livestock Show** Youth show and auction their livestock. Also includes a dance. Pecos County Coliseum. 432/336-2541 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 11-13—FORT WORTH: Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Performances** Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-13—MESQUITE: Texas Tackle and Hunting Show** Dallas/Mesquite Convention Center. [www.texastackleandhuntingshow.com](http://www.texastackleandhuntingshow.com) 918/343-4868 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-13—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI Market Days** South Padre Island Convention Centre. 956/554-9899 **GULF COAST**
- 12—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk** Begins at 9 a.m. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. [www.athenstx.org](http://www.athenstx.org) 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—BEAUMONT: Spindletop Anniversary Celebration** The Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum hosts re-enactments of the gusher and life in the oil-boom era. [www.spindletop.org](http://www.spindletop.org) 409/835-0823 **GULF COAST**



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**12—BUFFALO GAP: Chautauqua Learning Series** This lecture series, based on the Chautauqua educational movement of the late 1800s and early 1900s, covers a different topic each month. Begins at 11 a.m. Buffalo Gap Historic Village. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**12—CONROE: Donnie Gay's Buckin' for the Cure** Features PBR bull riding and live entertainment. Lone Star Convention Center. [www.supremecowgirlchallenge.org](http://www.supremecowgirlchallenge.org) **PINEY WOODS**

**12—KERRVILLE: Symphony Pops From Broadway To Hollywood** Symphony of the Hills performs at the Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. [www.symphonyofthehills.org](http://www.symphonyofthehills.org) 830/792-7469 **HILL COUNTRY**

**12—MCKINNEY: Second Saturday on the Downtown Square** Includes live music, art demonstrations, art exhibit openings and meet-the-artist receptions. Hours are 7–10 p.m. Downtown square. [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**12—PORT ARTHUR: Krewe of Neptune 12th Night Mardi Gras Party** Includes bands, beads and costumed royalty. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/962-9860 **GULF COAST**

**12—PORT ISABEL: Longest Causeway Run and Fitness Walk** On the Queen Isabella Causeway. <http://portisabel.org/chamber> 956/943-2262 **GULF COAST**

**12—SPICEWOOD: Marshall Ford Swing Band in Concert** Advance tickets recom-

mended. Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 C.R. 409. [www.spicewoodvineyards.com](http://www.spicewoodvineyards.com) 512/264-2820 **HILL COUNTRY**

**12—SUGAR LAND: Sugar Land Heritage Foundation Historic Walking Tour** Guided tour highlights Sugar Land history. Begins at 10 a.m. Historic Imperial Sugar Refinery site. [www.slheritage.org](http://www.slheritage.org) 281/494-0261 **GULF COAST**

**12-13—ARANSAS PASS: Texas Winter Market** Aransas Pass Civic Center. [www.texasmarketguide.com](http://www.texasmarketguide.com) 888/225-3427 **GULF COAST**

**12-13—BOERNE: Market Days** Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. [www.boernemarketdays.com](http://www.boernemarketdays.com) 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**

**12-13—BRENHAM: Brenham Winter Antiques and Decorative Arts Show** Knights of Columbus Hall, 2804 Gun & Rod Road. [www.ruraltexasantiquesshows.com](http://www.ruraltexasantiquesshows.com) 888/273-6426 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**12-13—DALLAS: National Cheerleaders Association Jr. and Sr. High School National Championships** Dallas Convention Center. [www.nca.varsity.com/high\\_school\\_nationals.aspx](http://www.nca.varsity.com/high_school_nationals.aspx) 214/939-2700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**12-13—GRAPEVINE: Butchering and Curing Demonstration** See how the smokehouse was used to preserve pork on the frontier. Registration fee required. Nash Farm. [www.nashfarm.org](http://www.nashfarm.org) 817/410-3185 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**13—AUSTIN: 3M Half Marathon** Begins at 9505 Stonelake Blvd. [www.3mhalfmarathon.com](http://www.3mhalfmarathon.com) 512/984-7223 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14-19—KERRVILLE: Hill Country Junior Livestock Show** Kerr County Hill Country

Youth Event Center, 3805 Texas 27. [www.hcdjls.org](http://www.hcdjls.org) 830/792-4102 **HILL COUNTRY**

**14-Sep. 23—AUSTIN: Go West! Representations of the American Frontier** Blanton Museum of Art. [www.blantonmuseum.org](http://www.blantonmuseum.org) 512/471-7324 **HILL COUNTRY**

**15—GALVESTON: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** Features a brilliant cast, imaginative stagecraft and gospel music. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

**15-20—FORT WORTH: Westside Story** Presented by Performing Arts Fort Worth. Bass Performance Hall. [www.basshall.com](http://www.basshall.com) 817/212-4280 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**16-22—DALLAS: Total Home and Gift Market** Dallas Market Center, 2100 Stemmons Freeway. <http://dallasmarketcenter.com> 214/655-6100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**16, 23, 30—CORPUS CHRISTI: Winter Lecture Series at the South Texas Botanical Gardens** Explores nature and horticultural topics. 8545 S. Staples St. [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org) 361/852-2100 **GULF COAST**

**17—WESLACO: Alfresco Weslaco** Enjoy live jazz music, art displays, sidewalk sales, food and drinks. Texas Boulevard. [www.weslaconow.com](http://www.weslaconow.com) 956/969-0838 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**18—GARLAND: Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert** Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. [www.garlandsymphony.org](http://www.garlandsymphony.org) 972/926-0611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**18—SAN ANTONIO: Dance Concert with TU Dance Company** Minnesota-based company draws on many dance styles. Carver Community Cultural Center. [www.thecarver.org](http://www.thecarver.org) 210/207-2234 or 210/207-7211 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**18-19—GALVESTON: Yaga's Chili Quest and Beer Fest** Enjoy hot chili and cold beer at this event featuring 80 cook-off teams, a homebrew competition, washer-pitching tournament, margarita contest and jalapeno-eating contest. Historic Strand District. [www.yagasrepresents.com/chiliquest](http://www.yagasrepresents.com/chiliquest) 409/770-0999 **GULF COAST**

**18-19—LUBBOCK: Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Concert** Prodigy Conrad Tao, 17, joins the LSO for this concert. Civic Center. [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**18-19—ROUND TOP: Winter Antiques Show** Big Red Barn, 475 Texas 237 N. [www.roundtopexasantiques.com](http://www.roundtopexasantiques.com) 512/237-4747 or 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**18-19, 25-26, 31-Feb. 2—BEAUMONT: Hay Fever** Presented by Beaumont Community Players. [www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com](http://www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com) 409/833-4664 **GULF COAST**

**18-20—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days** Shop with more than 350 vendors in six barns. Seven miles east of town off U.S. 290. [www.fbgtradedays.com](http://www.fbgtradedays.com) 830/990-4900 **HILL COUNTRY**

**18-20—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days** One of the largest flea markets in North Texas. 4550 W. University. [www.tmtd.com](http://www.tmtd.com) 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**18-20, 25-26—AMARILLO: The Kwahadi Dancers' Winter Night Ceremonials** Enjoy a pageant of song and dance in the intimate setting of the museum's kiva. Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian. [www.kwahadi.com](http://www.kwahadi.com) 806/335-3175 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



- 18-Feb. 9—FORT WORTH: Southwestern Exposition Livestock Show and Rodeo**  
Experience the nation's oldest livestock show and daily performances of the world's original indoor rodeo. Includes the Cowboys of Color Rodeo on Jan. 21. Will Rogers Memorial Center. www.fwssr.com 817/392-7469 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 18-Feb. 17—DALLAS: King Lear** AT&T Dallas Performing Arts Center. www.dallastheatercenter.org 214/954-9925 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Concert** Julie Rogers Theater. www.sost.org 409/892-2257 **GULF COAST**
- 19—COPPERAS COVE: TBI Bike Race** Ride on 54-mile or 83-mile loops through rolling Central Texas farmland. www.copperascove.com 254/547-7571 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—EDNA: Brackenridge Winter Carnival and Snow Day** Play in the snow, enjoy a hay ride and play carnival games. Brackenridge Main Event Center. www.brackenridgepark.com 361/782-7272 **GULF COAST**
- 19—GALVESTON: Bishop's Palace Behind-the-Scenes Tour** See parts of this famous Galveston mansion that are normally off-limits. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Bishop's Palace. www.galvestonhistory.org 409/762-2475 **GULF COAST**
- 19—GARLAND: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and March** Granville Performing Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. www.garlandtxnaacp.org 972/381-5044 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—KERRVILLE: John Conlee Dinner Show** Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Conlee takes the stage about 7. Buckhorn Lake Resort. www.buckhornlake.com 830/895-0007 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 19—LLANO: Citywide Garage Sale** American Legion Hall. 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 19—ROUND TOP: Organ Recital: Alain G. Declert** Round Top Festival Institute. www.festivalhill.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—ROUND TOP: Round Top Family Library Chili Cook-Off** Includes chili tasting, auction and live music. Town Square. www.roundtop.org 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—SAN BENITO: Market Days** Plaza de San Benito, 210 E. Heywood. www.cityofsanbenito.com 956/399-5321 **GULF COAST**
- 19—VICTORIA: "Live from Sweden: Music of ABBA"** Victoria Fine Arts Center. www.victoria-symphony.com 361/576-4500 **GULF COAST**
- 19-20—EL PASO: El Paso Puzzler Endurance Weekend** Includes mountain-bike races and a 50-mile relay trail run. Begins at Bowen Ranch Round House. http://puzzlerendurance.wordpress.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 19-20—FREDERICKSBURG: Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show** Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org 830/990-9823 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 19-20—FULTON: Texas Gourmet Food Show** Features local restaurants and vendors. Paws and Taws Convention Center. www.texasmarketguide.com 888/225-3427 **GULF COAST**
- 19-20—GALVESTON: The Oak Ridge Boys in Concert** The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

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- 19-20—PLANO: Dallas-Area Model Train Show** Plano Center. www.dfwtrainshows.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: David Gibson Photographs** Features large-scale, black-and-white landscape photographs of East Texas by artist David Gibson. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org **GULF COAST**
- 19-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: Sarah Williams: Remote America** Includes a selection of luminous but desolate rural nightscapes by emerging Texas painter Sarah Williams. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org **GULF COAST**
- 19-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: Ceramics Exhibit** Features ceramic artwork on loan from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org **GULF COAST**
- 20—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Music Club Presents Vocalist Ava Pine** This 2011 Grammy nominee excels in a wide variety of styles. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. www.fredericksburgmusicclub.com 830/990-2886 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 21—ABILENE: Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner** Begins at 6:30 p.m. Abilene Civic Center. 325/338-7572 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 21—AUSTIN: Martin Luther King March and Festival** March travels from the MLK statue at UT Austin to Huston-Tillotson University, where music and fun await. www.mlkcelebration.com 512/323-6773 ext. 102 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 21—HARLINGEN: Winter Texan Appreciation Fiesta** Food, games and entertainment welcome Winter Texans to the area. Casa de Amistad. 956/216-5990 **GULF COAST**
- 21—LA GRANGE: Fayette County Country Music Club Opry** Knights of Columbus Hall. 979/968-5117 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21—SAN ANTONIO: Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally** March begins at 10 a.m. at the MLK Academy and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa. www.sanantonio.gov/mlk 210/207-2213 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 21—WAXAHACHIE: Martin Luther King Day Parade** Downtown. www.waxahachie.com 972/937-7330 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—TEXARKANA: West Edge String Quartet** The group performs an original composition to accompany the 1918 silent film *Tarzan of the Apes*. Texarkana Convention Center. www.texarkana-symphony.org 870/773-3401 **PINEY WOODS**
- 22—TYLER: West Side Story** UT Tyler Cowan Center. www.cowancenter.org 903/566-7424 **PINEY WOODS**
- 22-23—ORANGE: STOMP** Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/886-5535 **GULF COAST**
- 22-26—EAGLE PASS: Maverick County Junior Livestock Show** In the showbarn at Maverick County Lake. 830/513-0398 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 22-Feb. 3—HOUSTON: Camelot** Presented by Theatre Under the Stars. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.tuts.com 888/558-3882 **GULF COAST**
- 23—GALVESTON: Ed Asner as FDR** Award-winning actor Ed Asner brings to life one of America's best-loved presidents. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**



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- 23-Feb. 17—HOUSTON: Wittenberg** This play imagines Dr. Faustus and Martin Luther as professors at Wittenberg University in 1517, where they're competing for the loyalty of their star student, Hamlet. Stages Repertory Theatre. [www.stagestheatre.com](http://www.stagestheatre.com) 713/527-0123 **GULF COAST**
- 24-25—AMARILLO: West Side Story** Amarillo Civic Center. [www.panhandletickets.com](http://www.panhandletickets.com) 806/378-3096 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 24-26—JOHNSON CITY: Blanco County Youth Livestock Show** Blanco County Fairgrounds. <http://blanco.agrilife.org> 830/868-7167 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 24-Feb. 9—PLANO: Something's Afoot** Courtyard Theater. [www.roverdramawerks.com](http://www.roverdramawerks.com) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-26—BEAUMONT: Hot Hearts** Combines youth ministry, contemporary Christian music and state-of-the-art visuals for a high-energy weekend. Ford Arena. [www.hothearts.org](http://www.hothearts.org) 409/951-5400 **GULF COAST**
- 25-27—ABILENE: World of Wheels** Auto show features hot rods, customs, racing show cars, motorcycles and more. Civic Center. 325/676-6211 or 818/999-3212 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 25-27—FORT WORTH: Oz with Orchestra** Multimedia concert features *The Wizard of Oz* on screen backed by live music. Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—JEFFERSON: Quilts on the Bayou** Offers workshops, demonstrations and lectures. Cypress Valley Education Center. [www.jeffersonquiltshow.com](http://www.jeffersonquiltshow.com) 903/755-2095 **PINEY WOODS**

- 25-27—LONGVIEW: East Texas Outdoor Expo** Maude Cobb Activity Center. [www.texaslakecountryexpo.com](http://www.texaslakecountryexpo.com) **PINEY WOODS**
- 25-27—MCALLEN: McAllen International CarFest** Includes more than 300 classic cars on display, a road skill test track, swap meet, live entertainment and vendors. McAllen Convention Center. [www.mcallencarfest.com](http://www.mcallencarfest.com) 956/681-3800 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 25-May 5—CORPUS CHRISTI: Contemporary Studio Glass from the Collection of the Mobile Museum of Art** The Art Museum of South Texas. [www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org](http://www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org) 361/825-3500 **GULF COAST**
- 26—ABILENE: Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert** Abilene Civic Center. 325/677-6710 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 26—AUSTIN: Mozart's Birthday Concert** Presented by Austin Chamber Music. Begins at 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. [www.austinchambermusic.org](http://www.austinchambermusic.org) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 26—AUSTIN: Tree Talk Winter Walk** Experts talk about tree care, planting and other topics. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. <http://wildflower.org/ttw> 512/232-0100 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 26—BANDERA: Wild Game Dinner** Try dishes such as venison chili, wild boar, bear and elk. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church. 830/796-3091 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 26—BELLVILLE: Spring Creek Bluegrass Club Show and Jam** Jamming starts at 4 p.m., with a show at 6:30 p.m. Coushatta Recreation Ranch. [www.springcreekbluegrass.com](http://www.springcreekbluegrass.com) 979/865-5250 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 26—CASTROVILLE: Kid Fish Celebration** Children ages 5 to 12 years old fish in a stocked

pond. Landmark Inn State Historic Site. [www.visitlandmarkinn.com](http://www.visitlandmarkinn.com) 830/931-2133 **HILL COUNTRY**

- 26—CROCKETT: Travis Tritt in Concert** Crockett Civic Center, 1100 Edmiston Drive. [www.pwfaa.org](http://www.pwfaa.org) 936/544-4276 **PINEY WOODS**
- 26—DALLAS: Big D Climb** Run a race up 52 flights of stairs at Fountain Place. 1445 Ross Ave. 214/855-7766 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 26—FREDERICKSBURG: Hill Country Artifact Show** Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. E-mail: [richard.mentzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richard.mentzer@sbcglobal.net) 830/626-5561 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 26—LIVINGSTON: Alabama-Coushatta Children's Powwow** Includes a children's dance competition and gourd dance. Alabama-Coushatta Reservation. [www.alabama-coushatta.com](http://www.alabama-coushatta.com) 936/239-0771 **PINEY WOODS**
- 26—LONGVIEW: California Guitar Trio + Montreal Guitar Trio** Concert features progressive rock, world, jazz and classical music. S.E. Belcher Center. [www.belchercenter.com](http://www.belchercenter.com) 903/233-3080 **PINEY WOODS**
- 26—LUCKENBACH: Luckenbach Blues Festival** Features local, regional and Texas blues artists. Luckenbach Dance Hall. [www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com) 830/997-3224 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 26—MCALLEN: Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert** McAllen Civic Center, 1575 S. 10th St. [www.valleyorchestra.org](http://www.valleyorchestra.org) 956/661-1615 or 956/655-7654 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 26—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org) 972/216-8127 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 26—MISSION: Texas Citrus Fiesta** Includes the Parade of Oranges, a carnival, cook-off, live music and fun fair. [www.texascitrusfiesta.org](http://www.texascitrusfiesta.org) 956/585-9724 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 26-27—ARANSAS PASS: Sandollar Jewelry and Accessories Extravaganza** Aransas Pass Civic Center. [www.texasmarketguide.com](http://www.texasmarketguide.com) 888/225-3427 **GULF COAST**
- 26-27—LUBBOCK: West Side Story** City Bank Auditorium. [www.selectseatlubbock.com](http://www.selectseatlubbock.com) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 27—BROWNSVILLE: Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert** University of Brownsville Fine Arts Center. [www.valleyorchestra.org](http://www.valleyorchestra.org) 956/661-1615 or 956/655-7654 **GULF COAST**
- 28-Feb. 1—MONAHANS: Ward County Livestock Show** Includes a carnival, livestock show, barbecue and dance. Ward County Coliseum. 432/943-4112 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 30—BOERNE: Drumline Live** Boerne Champion H.S. Auditorium. [www.boerneperformingarts.com](http://www.boerneperformingarts.com) 830/331-9079 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—AUSTIN: Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro** By Austin Lyric Opera. The Long Center. [www.austinlyricopera.org](http://www.austinlyricopera.org) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—FREDERICKSBURG: "The Sacred Spirit of Russia"** Conspirare choral concert features vibrant works by Russian composers. St. Mary's Catholic Church. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) 830/997-9554 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 31—GALVESTON: The True Story of The Three Little Pigs** This hilarious musical adaptation begins where Robert Kauzlaric's popular book leaves off. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**



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Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

- 1—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk** Stroll among the displays at The Galleries at Sunset Center and the sculpture garden from 5–9 p.m. 3701 Plains Blvd. [www.amarilloartists.com](http://www.amarilloartists.com) 806/353-5700 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—DENTON: Morris Martin 40th Anniversary Concert** Celebrates Morris Martin's 40th year as Head of the UNT Music Library. Voertman Hall, UNT's College of Music Building. <http://music.unt.edu> **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—FREDERICKSBURG: First Friday Art Walk** Tour fine art galleries offering special events, refreshments and extended viewing hours. [www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfriday-fbg.blogspot.com) 830/997-6523 or 830/990-2707 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—GRANBURY: First Friday at Barking Rocks Winery** Features live music and wine tastings. Barking Rocks Winery. [www.barkingrocks.com](http://www.barkingrocks.com) 817/579-0007 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—LUBBOCK: First Friday Art Trail** Maps are available at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K. [www.fat.org](http://www.fat.org) 806/762-8606 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—MCKINNEY: Texas Art History Series** Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures that tell the stories behind the art. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House. [www.heardcraig.org](http://www.heardcraig.org) 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—MONAHANS: Ward County Livestock Show** See Jan. 28 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1—PORT ARANSAS: First Friday** Enjoy live music and refreshments from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Port Aransas Art Center. [www.portaransasartcenter.org](http://www.portaransasartcenter.org) 361/749-7334 **GULF COAST**
- 1-2—BEAUMONT: Hay Fever** See Jan. 25 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-3—ALPINE: Removing the Shroud of History: Archaeology in the Big Bend** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

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- 1-3—AUSTIN: "The Sacred Spirit of Russia"** Conspirare choral concert features works by Russian composers. St. Martin's Lutheran Church. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-3—BANDERA: Cowboy Mardi Gras** Enjoy a country-style Mardi Gras with a parade and Cajun-style music. Downtown. [www.11thstreetcowboybar.com](http://www.11thstreetcowboybar.com) 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-3—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days** See Jan. 31 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-3—HOUSTON: Camelot** See Jan. 22 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-3—HOUSTON: War/Photography: Photographs of Armed Conflict and its Aftermath** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-3—LUBBOCK: Walk of Fame II: The Crickets** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-3—MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live!** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-3—MESQUITE: Mesquite Creative Arts Club Exhibition** See Jan. 5 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-3—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI KiteFest** Indoor exhibition is held at the convention center

- USO Tribute Dance
- Bubba Fest
- Christmas Around the Square
- Lighted Boat Parade
- Festival of Trees, November and December
- Market Day on the Square
- Lighted Christmas Parade
- A Hollywood Christmas Play
- Christmas Market Day

- Friday. The next two days feature kite displays and performances on the flats north of the South Padre Island Convention Centre. E-mail: [bskiltes@hotmail.com](mailto:bskiltes@hotmail.com) 956/761-1248 **GULF COAST**
- 1-3, 8-10—GALVESTON: Mardi Gras Galveston** The island celebrates its 102nd Mardi Gras with spectacular parades, elaborate masked balls, flamboyant costumes and live entertainment. Historic downtown. [www.mardigrasgalveston.com](http://www.mardigrasgalveston.com) 409/770-0999 **GULF COAST**
- 1-3, 22-24—FORT WORTH: Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Performances** Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-9—FORT WORTH: Southwestern Exposition Livestock Show and Rodeo** This popular event attracts nearly 1 million people to the nation's oldest livestock show and daily performances of the world's original indoor rodeo. Will Rogers Memorial Center. [www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com) 817/392-7469 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-9—PLANO: Something's Afoot** See Jan. 24 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-10—SAN ANTONIO: Justin Boyd and Anita Valencia Solo Exhibitions** See Dec. 6 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-10—TEXARKANA: Godspell** Stilwell Theatre at Texarkana College. [www.texrep.org](http://www.texrep.org) 903/831-7827 **PINEY WOODS**

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**1-16—CANYON: Collecting Art History: Taste on the Southern Plains** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**1-17—DALLAS: King Lear** See Jan. 18 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-17—HOUSTON: Wittenberg** See Jan. 23 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-24—WIMBERLEY: The Elephant Man** The EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens. [www.emilyann.org](http://www.emilyann.org) 512/847-6969 **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-28—DALLAS: Rising Up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-28—WACO: Big Red's 75th Anniversary Exhibit** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 10—DALLAS: Koala Walkabout Exhibit** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 24—AUSTIN: Building a Community: The First Century of African-American Life in Travis County** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Mar. 24—FORT WORTH: Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**1-Mar. 24—HOUSTON: Blood Memory: A View from the Second Generation** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: David Gibson Photographs** See Jan. 19 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: Sarah Williams: Remote America** See Jan. 19 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-Apr. 7—BEAUMONT: Ceramics Exhibit** See Jan. 19 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Face to Face: Portraits from the Photography Collection** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Apr. 11—SAN MARCOS: Las Sombras/The Shadows: Photograms by Kate Breakley** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Apr. 30—NEW BRAUNFELS: Roll Call Civil War Exhibit** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-May 5—CORPUS CHRISTI: Contemporary Studio Glass from the Collection of the Mobile Museum of Art** See Jan. 25 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

**1-May 10—SAN MARCOS: Global Odyssey: From Texas to the World and Back** See Dec. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**1-Sep. 23—AUSTIN: Go West! Representations of the American Frontier** See Jan. 14 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—ABILENE: Mardi Gras** Celebrate with an evening of Creole food, jazz and auctions. Tickets required. 220 Cypress St. 325/677-8389 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2—ABILENE: West Texas Sports and Fitness Expo** Interactive event features sports contests,

booths, autographs and prizes. Abilene Civic Center. 325/692-2972 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2—AUSTIN: Carnaval Brasileiro** Features flamboyant costumes, samba music and the spirited atmosphere that makes this carnival one of the largest outside Brazil. Palmer Events Center [www.sambaparty.com](http://www.sambaparty.com) **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—BELLVILLE: Market Day on the Square** Features arts and crafts, antiques, collectibles and jewelry. Includes live entertainment. Downtown. [www.bellville.com](http://www.bellville.com) 979/865-3407 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**2—BIG SPRING: Big Spring Symphony: "Classic Wonders"** Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. [www.ctfol.com](http://www.ctfol.com) 432/264-7223 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Chorale Mid-Winter Concert** St. Joseph's Hall. [www.fredericksburgchorale.com](http://www.fredericksburgchorale.com) 830/997-6869 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—NEW BRAUNFELS: Mid-Texas Symphony Concert: "Superbows"** The Brauntex Theatre. [www.mtsymphony.org](http://www.mtsymphony.org) 830/372-8089 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2—POST: Post City Trade Day** Main Street. [www.postcitytexas.com](http://www.postcitytexas.com) 806/559-0835 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2—ROCKPORT: Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair** More than 30 world-class potters display works for sale. A silent auction also is held. Rockport-Fulton High School. [www.bountifulbowl.org](http://www.bountifulbowl.org) 361/729-5352 **GULF COAST**

**2—UVALDE: Humane Society of Uvalde Fur Ball** Enjoy dinner, dancing and an auction. Uvalde Country Club. 830/591-9229 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2-3—AUSTIN: Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro** Presented by Austin Lyric Opera. The Long Center. [www.austinyricopera.org](http://www.austinyricopera.org) **HILL COUNTRY**

**2, 9, 16, 23—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry** Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment with a different theme each week and a little comedy, too. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. [www.libertyopry.com](http://www.libertyopry.com) 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**

**2-12—FREDERICKSBURG: Fasching Week: Fest Nacht, Fasching Ball and Fat Tuesday** Enjoy Mardi Gras activities during Fest Nacht on Feb. 2, the sophisticated Fasching Masquerade Ball and Benefit on Feb. 9, and Fat Tuesday on Feb. 12. [www.faschingfredericksburg.com](http://www.faschingfredericksburg.com) 830/998-1981 **HILL COUNTRY**

**2-Mar. 3—ROUND TOP: The Art in Fiber** Invitational show focuses on the work of Texas fiber artists. Copper Shade Tree, 206 E. Mill St. [www.coppershadetree.com](http://www.coppershadetree.com) 979/249-4042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**2-May 19—ALBANY: Cell Series Featured Artist: Kana Harada** Kana Harada creates works that embody her love of nature and joy for living. The Old Jail Art Center. [www.theoldjailartcenter.org](http://www.theoldjailartcenter.org) 325/762-2269 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**2-May 19—ALBANY: Selections from the Barrett Collection** Selected works by contemporary artists include recent acquisitions. The Old Jail Art Center. [www.theoldjailartcenter.org](http://www.theoldjailartcenter.org) 325/762-2269 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**



**3—KERRVILLE: Nikolai Massenkoff and the Russian Folk Festival** Traditional balalaika musicians, costumes, folk dancers and songs dazzle the senses. Cailloux Theater [www.caillouxtheater.com](http://www.caillouxtheater.com) 830/896-9393 **HILL COUNTRY**

**3—LUBBOCK: Remembering The Day the Music Died** February 3, 2013, marks the 54th anniversary of the plane crash that killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper), and pilot Roger Peterson. The Buddy Holly Center presents an all-day event celebrating their lives and legacies. [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org) 806/775-3560 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**3-Apr. 14—FORT WORTH: Bernini: Sculpting in Clay** This exhibit showcases almost all of the known terracotta models of 17th-century artist Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd. [www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org) 817/332-8451 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**4—DENTON: UNT Concert and Symphony Orchestra Performances** Begins at 8 p.m. Winspear Performance Hall at UNT. [www.thempac.com](http://www.thempac.com) 940/369-7802 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**4—GIDDINGS: Country Music Monday** Giddings High School Cafetorium. [www.lonestaropry.com](http://www.lonestaropry.com) 979/366-9341 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**5—BANDERA: Cowboy Capital Opry** Begins at 7 p.m. Silver Sage Corral. [www.silversagecorral.org](http://www.silversagecorral.org) 830/796-4969 **HILL COUNTRY**

**5—LUBBOCK: Lubbock Symphony Orchestra: Winter Chamber Concert** The Legacy, 1500 14th St. [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**5-6—TYLER: Ed Asner as FDR** This one-man drama explores the dynamic life and times of one of America's best-loved presidents. UT Tyler Cowan Center. [www.cowancenter.org](http://www.cowancenter.org) 903/566-7424 **PINEY WOODS**

**6, 13, 20, 27—CORPUS CHRISTI: Winter Lecture Series at the South Texas Botanical Gardens** Learn about intriguing nature and horticultural topics. 8545 S. Staples St. [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org) 361/852-2100 **GULF COAST**

**6-24—MESQUITE: Billy Renfro Stone Sculpture Exhibit** Main Gallery at Mesquite Arts Center. [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7—ORANGE: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** Musical director and trumpeter Wynton Marsalis leads 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players in music today. Lutch Theater [www.lutcher.org](http://www.lutcher.org) 409/886-5535 **GULF COAST**

**7-9—ABILENE: Big Country Celebrity Ultimate Hunt** Enjoy hunting and dining with celebrities on several beautiful West Texas ranches. 325/677-6815 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-9—LUBBOCK: Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic** Features agricultural equipment displays, speakers, educational events and other activities. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. [www.swclassic.com](http://www.swclassic.com) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**7-10—ODESSA: Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show** Ector County Coliseum. [www.midessaboatshow.com](http://www.midessaboatshow.com) 432/381-3324 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

**7-10—PORT ARTHUR: Mardi Gras Southeast Texas** Features headliner bands, parades, car-

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**7-24—BRENHAM: The Chalk Garden** Unity Theatre, 300 Church St. [www.unitybrenham.org](http://www.unitybrenham.org) 979/830-8358 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-24—ENNIS: Moonlight and Magnolias** Play is presented by Ennis Public Theatre. 2705 N. Kaufman St. [www.ennispublictheatre.com](http://www.ennispublictheatre.com) 972/878-7529 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**7-24—SAN ANTONIO: San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo** Enjoy star-studded concerts, carnival, livestock centers, the Stock Show Stampede, shopping and PRCA rodeo action. AT&T Center. [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com) 210/225-5851 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

**8—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever** See a variety of antique and modern cars and trucks on display, and enjoy music and shopping. Wommack Chevrolet. [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8—LUBBOCK: Life Is What You Make It: A Concert and Conversation with Peter Buffett** The son of philanthropist Warren Buffett combines cello-accompanied live piano and vocal performance with video clips from his film, TV and philanthropic work. Begins at 7 p.m. Allen Theatre. [www.depts.ttu.edu](http://www.depts.ttu.edu) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**8—SAN ANGELO: "Texas and Slavery" Lecture** Fort Concho. [www.fortconcho.com](http://www.fortconcho.com) **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**8—SAN MARCOS: Eddie Durham Jazz Festival** This event, named for hometown jazz-guitar legend Eddie Durham, is part of the Texas Hill Country Jazz Festival. Evans Auditorium, Texas State University. 512/245-2651 **HILL COUNTRY**

**8-9—LAMAR: Lamardi Gras** Features live music, a casino, a parade, children's area and pageantry. Hagy Drive. [www.lamarvfd.com](http://www.lamarvfd.com) 361/790-7543 or 361/790-3036 **GULF COAST**

**8-9, 15-16—AMARILLO: The Kwahadi Dancers' Winter Night Ceremonials** Enjoy a spectacular pageant of song and dance in the intimate setting of the museum's kiva. Optional dinner available. Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian. [www.kwahadi.com](http://www.kwahadi.com) 806/335-3175 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**8-9, 15-16, 22-23—ABILENE: (Title of Show)** Musical explores the process of creating a musical. Presented by ACU Theatre. Abilene Christian University's Williams Performing Arts Center. 325/674-2787 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

**8-10—DALLAS: Concert Tribute to John Williams and Arthur Fielder** Part of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Pops Series. Meyerson Symphony Center. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/871-4000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

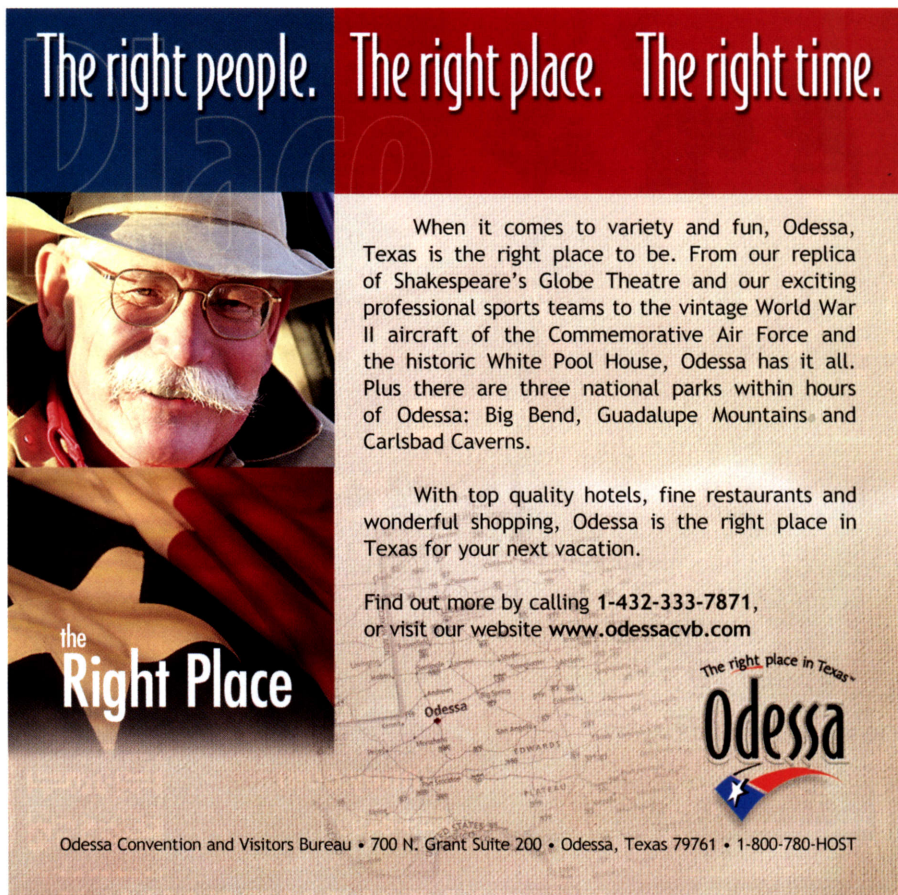
**8-10—JEFFERSON: Mardi Gras Upriver** Celebrate Mardi Gras at this festival that recalls the days when steamboats came up the river to Port Jefferson from New Orleans. Includes parades and live entertainment. Downtown. [www.mardigrasupriver.com](http://www.mardigrasupriver.com) **PINEY WOODS**

**8-10, 15-17—ENDERSON: Driving Miss Daisy** Presented by Henderson Civic Theatre. 122 E. Main St. [www.hendersoncivictheater.com](http://www.hendersoncivictheater.com) 903/657-2968 **PINEY WOODS**

**8-17—FREDERICKSBURG: Wine Lovers Trail** Get tickets online to take a self-guided tour through sleepy vineyards and cozy wineries and enjoy special events, tours, tastings and live music. [www.texaswinetrail.com](http://www.texaswinetrail.com) **HILL COUNTRY**



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- 8-18—DENTON: Thin Line Film Fest** Showcases the best and newest documentary films from around the world. Campus Theater and Fine Arts Theater on the square. [www.thinlinefilmfest.com](http://www.thinlinefilmfest.com) 888/893-4560 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8, 22—GRANBURY: Merlot, Music and Massage** Enjoy music, wine and massage from 6–8 p.m. D' Vine Wine. [www.dvinewineusa.com](http://www.dvinewineusa.com) 817/573-7200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8-23—MESQUITE: Rex's Exes** When Rex, who had been presumed dead, makes a surprise return, his wife learns she isn't the only one carrying a torch for him. Black Box Theatre at Mesquite Arts Center. [www.mctweb.org](http://www.mctweb.org) 972/216-8126 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8-Mar. 10—DALLAS: Red** Kalita Humphreys Theater. [www.dallastheatercenter.org](http://www.dallastheatercenter.org) 214/522-8499 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk** Explore the TFFC interpretive wetland trail and other areas of the hatchery from 9–11 a.m. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. [www.athenstx.org](http://www.athenstx.org) 888/294-2847 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—BOERNE: Chocolate Walk** Tickets required. Downtown. [www.ci.boerne.tx.us/calendar.aspx](http://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/calendar.aspx) 830/249-9511 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—BOERNE: Second Saturday Art and Wine** Enjoy a glass of wine and stroll through the art galleries. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Various venues. [www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com](http://www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com) 877/833-0621 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—BOERNE: The Five Browns in Concert** One family plus five pianos equals a huge classical music sensation. Boerne Champion High School Auditorium. [www.boerneperformingarts.com](http://www.boerneperformingarts.com) 830/331-9079 **HILL COUNTRY**

- 9—CRYSTAL BEACH: Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe Mardi Gras Parade** This year's theme is "Endless Summer." Begins at 11:30 a.m. On Texas 87. [www.bolivarchamber.org](http://www.bolivarchamber.org) 409/684-5940 or 409/684-1829 **GULF COAST**
- 9—DALLAS: Hot Chocolate 15/5K** Fair Park Dallas. 214/670-8400 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—DALLAS: The Musical Magic of John Williams** Part of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Family Concert Series. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St. [www.dallassymphony.com](http://www.dallassymphony.com) 214/871-4000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—ENNIS: Ennis Czech Music Festival** Features five bands playing Czech favorites. Sokol Activity Center. [www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com](http://www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com) 972/878-4748 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—FORT WORTH: The Splendor of the Strads: A Gala Event** The Fort Worth Symphony presents a night of music highlighting two priceless Stradivari violins on loan from local donors. Bass Performance Hall. [www.fwsymphony.org](http://www.fwsymphony.org) 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—KEMAH: Yachty Gras Boat Parade** Parade judges are at the Kemah Boardwalk and the "After Party" at Outrigger's under the Seabrook/Kemah bridge, making these the best places to see the boat parade and catch beads. [www.yachtygras.com](http://www.yachtygras.com) 713/882-4040 **GULF COAST**
- 9—LUFKIN: Corks and Forks** Lufkin chefs showcase their creations paired with wine and champagne. Also enjoy live music, dancing and art. Downtown. 936/633-0349 **PINEY WOODS**
- 9—MCKINNEY: Second Saturday on the Downtown Square** Includes live music, art demonstrations, art exhibit openings and

meet-the-artist receptions. Hours are 7–10 p.m. Downtown square. [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 9—NEW BRAUNFELS: Hill Country Doll Show and Sale** New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. [www.dollldr.com](http://www.dollldr.com) 830/606-5868 or 830/372-5868 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9—NOCONA: Mardi Gras Nocona Style** Family-friendly event offers a parade, music, beads and food. Downtown. [www.noconachamber.org](http://www.noconachamber.org) 940/825-3526 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—ROUND TOP: Valentine's Day Library Fundraiser Concert** Begins at 2 p.m. Round Top Festival Institute [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org) 979/249-3129 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—SALADO: Salado on the Rocks** Participants in this dining and shopping event receive a goody bag and signature glass. Tickets required. Various locations. [www.saladoevents.com](http://www.saladoevents.com) 254/947-8634 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9—SAN ANTONIO: Jazz Night with Christian McBride and Inside Straight** Carver Community Cultural Center. [www.thecarver.org](http://www.thecarver.org) **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 9—SUGAR LAND: Sugar Land Heritage Foundation Historic Walking Tour** Guides lead tours through a historic neighborhood and highlight Sugar Land history. Begins at 10 a.m. Historic Imperial Sugar Refinery site. [www.slheritage.org](http://www.slheritage.org) 281/494-0261 **GULF COAST**
- 9—TYLER: Quilt-A-Thon** Help make quilts or just come to watch. Quilts are donated to community groups. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. [www.oslctyler.org](http://www.oslctyler.org) 903/581-1865 **PINEY WOODS**
- 9—WAXAHACHIE: Mardi Gras on the Square and Parade** Singleton Plaza. [www.collegestreetpub.com](http://www.collegestreetpub.com) 972/938-2062 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 9-10—BOERNE: Market Days** Main Plaza. [www.boernemarketdays.com](http://www.boernemarketdays.com) 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 9-Apr. 5—DENTON: Materials Hard and Soft** This exhibition attracts hundreds of entries in all mediums of visual arts from every state. Center for Visual Arts. [www.dentonarts.com](http://www.dentonarts.com) 940/382-2787 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—GALVESTON: Galveston Symphony Orchestra** The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 10—KERRVILLE: Chocolate Fantasy Weekend** Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. [www.kackerrville.com](http://www.kackerrville.com) 830/895-2911 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 10—MCKINNEY: Krewe of Barkus Costumed Dog Parade** In celebration of Mardi Gras, downtown McKinney "goes to the dogs" with a parade, costume contest, canine training and exercise demos. Hours are 12:30–4:30 p.m. Mitchell Park. [www.downtownmckinney.com](http://www.downtownmckinney.com) 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-23—ROUND TOP: Winedale Quilt Exhibit** Features part of the Winedale Quilt Collection, with historic quilts dating back to the 1700s. 3738 F.M. 2714. [www.cah.utexas.edu](http://www.cah.utexas.edu) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
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- 12—COLLEGE STATION: Women of Ireland in Concert** Performance showcases some of Ireland's finest talent. Rudder Auditorium at Texas A&M University. [www.mscofas.org](http://www.mscofas.org) 979/845-1234 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—HOUSTON: Houston Early Music Presents Armonia Celeste's "Udite Amanti—Lovers Beware!"** This group of three women accompanied by period instruments specialize in rarely heard music from the Italian Renaissance and early Baroque eras. Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church. [www.houstonearlymusic.org](http://www.houstonearlymusic.org) 281/846-4222 **GULF COAST**
- 12—KERRVILLE: Fat Tuesday with Jo-EI Sonnier** Buckhorn Lake Resort. [www.buckhornlake.com](http://www.buckhornlake.com) 830/895-0007 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12—KERRVILLE: Mardi Gras on Main** Features fine food, fine music and fine wine. [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov) 830/792-8395 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12—KINGSLAND: Winter Texan Dinners** Chamber of Commerce provides main dish and guests bring sides and desserts. Kingsland Community Center. [www.kingslandchamber.org](http://www.kingslandchamber.org) 325/388-6211 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12—LUFKIN: Danny Wright in Concert** Wright is one of the nation's finest pianist/composers. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. 936/633-0349 **PINEY WOODS**
- 12-17—MERCEDES: Rio Grande Valley Music Festival** Includes traditional country, western, bluegrass and gospel music. Also enjoy workshops and covered seating. Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds. [www.rgvvmf.com](http://www.rgvvmf.com) 956/373-0130 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 14—CLEBURNE: Brazos Chamber Orchestra Valentine's Gala Concert and Meal** Begins at 6 p.m. Cleburne Conference Center Theater. [www.brazoschamberorchestra.org](http://www.brazoschamberorchestra.org) **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16—CANTON: Western Swing Valentine's Party** Features eight top Western Swing bands and two dance floors. Canton Civic Center. [www.swingcanton.com](http://www.swingcanton.com) 800/243-6502 or 903/245-6300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16—LUFKIN: Betrayal By Harry Pinter** Angelina College Temple Theater. 936/633-5233 **PINEY WOODS**
- 14-17, 21-24, 28-2—DALLAS: Dallas Symphony Orchestra Classical Concerts** Meyerson Symphony Center. [www.dallasymphony.com](http://www.dallasymphony.com) 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-24—COTTONWOOD SHORES: Funny Valentines** Presented by Hill Country Community Theatre, 4003 F.M. 2147. [www.hcct.org](http://www.hcct.org) 830/693-2474 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 15—CORPUS CHRISTI: Annual Stage Door Canteen** Dance to the USS Lexington Big Band at this event that recalls the canteen shows of WWII. USS Lexington Museum on the Bay. [www.ussexington.com](http://www.ussexington.com) 361/888-4873 ext. 307 **GULF COAST**
- 15—GARLAND: Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert** Granville Arts Center. [www.garlandsymphony.org](http://www.garlandsymphony.org) 972/926-0611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-16—CORPUS CHRISTI: Kickin' Quilts of Texas** Includes judged quilts, needlework and wearable art displays, live and silent auctions, vendors and appraisal. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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- 15-17—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days** One of the largest flea markets in North Texas. 4550 W. University. [www.tmtd.com](http://www.tmtd.com) 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-17—ROSENBERG: Houston Glass Show and Sale/The Best Little Antique Show in Texas** Preview party is 6-9 p.m. Friday. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. [www.houstonglassclub.org](http://www.houstonglassclub.org) 713/410-4780 or 214/734-7216 **GULF COAST**
- 15-17—WAXAHACHIE: Gingerbread House Chili Cook-Off** Food, music and a CASI-sanctioned chili cook-off benefit the Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center. Ellis County Expo Center. [www.elliscountycac.org](http://www.elliscountycac.org) 972/937-1870 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-17, 21-23—VICTORIA: The Marvelous Wonderettes** Holiday show features 1950s pop hits. Presented by Theatre Victoria. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts [www.theatrevictoria.org](http://www.theatrevictoria.org) 361/576-6277 **GULF COAST**
- 15-17, 22-24—HUNTSVILLE: Trip to Bountiful** J. Philip Gibbs, Jr., Centre for the Performing Arts. [www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org](http://www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org) 936/291-7933 **PINEY WOODS**
- 15-24—SAN ANTONIO: A Raisin in the Sun** Presented by The Renaissance Guild. Carver Community Cultural Center. [www.thecarver.org](http://www.thecarver.org) 210/207-2234 or 210/207-7211 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 16—ABILENE: Rescue the Animals Fur Ball** Enjoy dinner and dancing with animals, a costume contest, doggie buffet and more. Hours are 7-10 p.m. Abilene Civic Center. 325/698-7722 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 16—BELLVILLE: Austin County Go Texan Dance and Auction** Austin County Fair Convention and Expo Center. 979/865-3136 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 16—CORPUS CHRISTI: The One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra** The music world lost Tommy Dorsey at an early age, but his musical legacy lives on. Performing Arts Center. <http://pac.tamucc.edu> 361/825-2787 **GULF COAST**
- 16—CROCKETT: The Coasters, The Platters and The Drifters Tribute Concert** This show presents Cornell Gunter's The Coasters, Larry Marshak's Tribute to The Platters and Bobby Hendrick's Drifters tribute. Crockett Civic Center. [www.pwfaa.org](http://www.pwfaa.org) **PINEY WOODS**
- 16—GILMER: Hog-Wild Hunt** Hunters compete for cash prizes. [www.gilmerareachamber.com](http://www.gilmerareachamber.com) 903/843-2413 **PINEY WOODS**
- 16—LUBBOCK: Lubbock Lions Club Pancake Festival** The Lubbock Lions Club hosts the largest pancake festival in the world to support local charities. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. [www.lubbocklions.org](http://www.lubbocklions.org) 806/763-4789 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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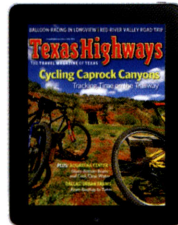
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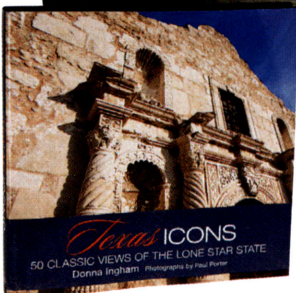
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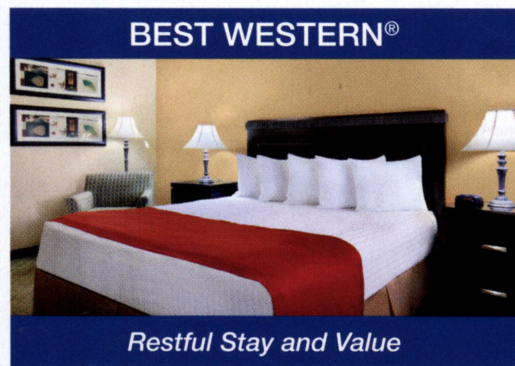
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