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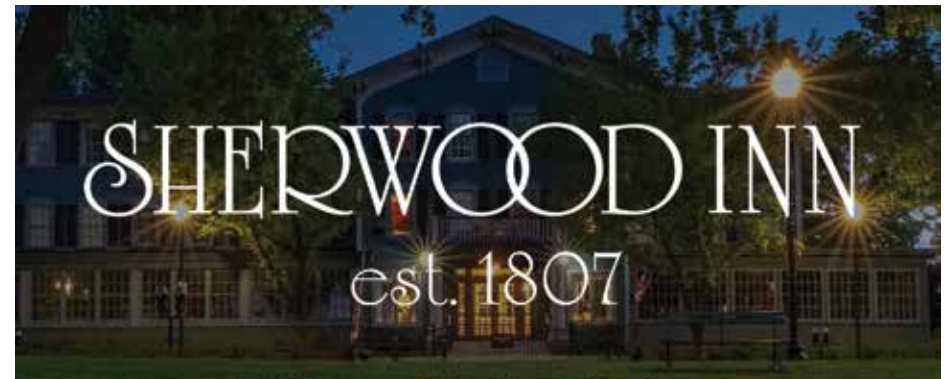
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Message From Charles Dickens

Hallo Dear Friends!

Her Majesty Queen Victoria and I are so excited to be back in Skaneateles for our Christmas visit! We would not care to miss the Fezziwig's Annual Christmas Ball after all!

I'm looking forward to some roasted chestnuts and all the singing and celebration that is part of the Holiday magic we find in the Village! I even have a new Christmas Ghost story in the works and will be performing it each afternoon at the library.

Our hearts are filled with glee, and we look forward to seeing old friends and making new!

—Cheers!



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Paid parking is available in the municipal lot between Jordan and State streets. Free parking is available in the Austin Park Pavilion lot at the corner of Jordan and Austin streets, and in the lower gravel lot of Skaneateles High School across from Leitch Avenue. Opening day and all four weekends, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., a free shuttle will run between these lots and the village, stopping on Fennell Street in front of Hidden Fish. The shuttle is made possible by support from First Student buses, Doug's Fish Fry, Tour Cayuga and the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

RAFFLE DRAWING

Raffle Drawing Sunday, December 21st, 2:30 p.m., at the Gazebo. Tickets are available at the Skaneateles Chamber, 22 Jordan St. Visit Skaneateles.com for prize details.

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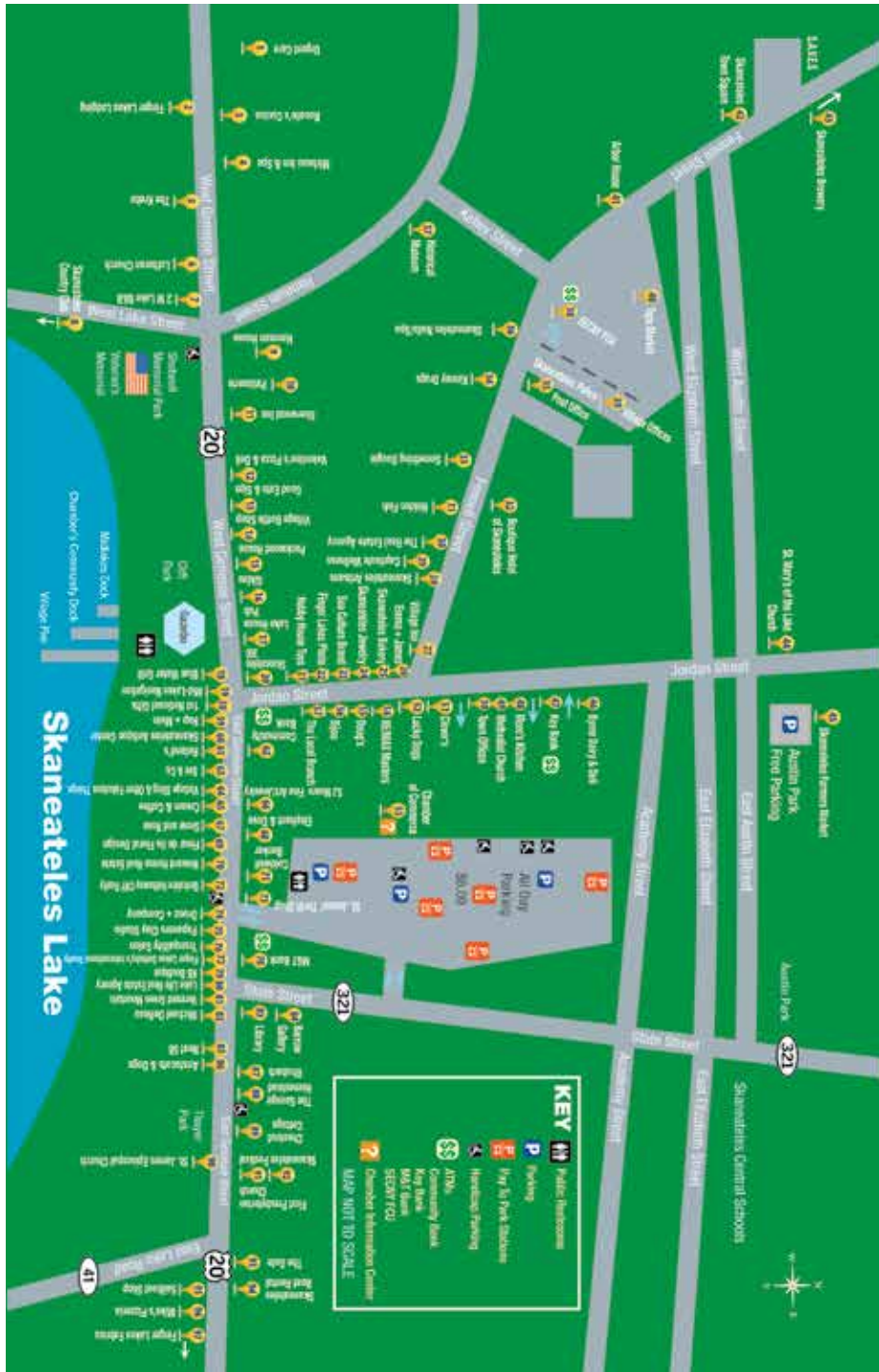
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Behind the Scenes of Dickens



Dickens Christmas has over 60 cast members, including young apprentice talent, who are joined by a variety of guest musicians and caroling groups. The show comes together in just six rehearsals.

"We pack a lot in and streamline the process of building a character," says Jim Greene, of Dryden, who is producing director and plays Dickens. "Every actor learns music and uses improvisational techniques to build their character and become part of the ensemble."

Greene is assisted by:

- Maria DeMitchell, of Marcellus, who is artistic director.
- John Michael Decker, of Queensbury, who is associate artistic director and plays Scrooge.
- Patrick Glaub, of Hazel Park, Michigan, who is music director and plays Washington Irving.
- Megan Gagnier, of Pompey, who is associate music director.
- Brett Norsworthy, of Wolcott, who is production manager and plays undertaker Barry M. Deep.
- Tracey Greene, of Dryden, who is costumer.
- Kristin Palazzoli, of Fayetteville, who is associate costumer.

Dickens Christmas is made possible by the sponsorship support of over 130 local businesses.

The festival is further supported through ticket sales from a Dickens Raffle. Tickets — \$5 each, three for \$10, 10 for \$25 — are on sale at the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce and other village locations. Winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the gazebo.



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Dickens Christmas — Opens Nov. 28

A New Queen Makes Her Entrance

Happy Christmas!

The 32nd edition of Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles opens Nov. 28, enchanting holiday shoppers as it brings “A Christmas Carol” to life. The iconic street theater production runs weekends through Christmas. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with a limited show (noon to 2:30 p.m.) Christmas Eve.

But take note: The year is 1842.

Queen Victoria has arrived in town with Charles Dickens, whom she has commissioned to write a Christmas story. During their monthlong stay, Dickens gains inspiration from a bevy of now-familiar characters, along with finishing school girls, pickpockets and other villagers. The story unfolds each week as Dickens and his entourage interact with cast members and passersby.

Also visiting is Dickens’ friend Washington Irving, who is working on his latest ghost story, “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.”

“Her Majesty Queen Victoria and I are so very excited about our return to Skaneateles,” says producing director Jim Greene, who plays Dickens. “We look forward to some roasted chestnuts and all the singing and celebration that is part of the holiday magic we find in the village.”

Making her debut this year as Queen Victoria is Tarin Campanella, who succeeds Maria DeMitchell in the role. DeMitchell, who is also the production’s artistic director, had played Queen Victoria for over 20 years.

While in college, Campanella played a matchstick girl in Dickens Christmas. Last year, after several years away, she returned to play Princess Vicki, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria.

To prepare for her new role, Campanella has been researching Queen Victoria’s life and legacy, taking voice lessons and “rewatching some of my favorite movies and shows, paying attention to what makes the performances compelling, the choices they make, and how they bring the characters to life.”

“I’m really looking forward to making connections with people who come to the show,” she says. “It’s such a joy to make people laugh and to lift their spirits. I can’t wait to play a major role in this performance that touches so many.”

Dickens Christmas is produced by Scarlett Rat Entertainment and presented by the Sherwood Inns & Appetites, the Skaneateles Area Chamber

of Commerce Foundation and the Skaneateles-area business community.

Highlights of this year’s season include:

- **World’s Smallest Christmas Parade.** Nov. 28, starting at noon at the Skaneateles Village Hall on Fennell Street, proceeding east to Jordan and Genesee streets and arriving at the Hannum House porch in time for the 12:10 p.m. grand opening.

- **Midday Revels — Christmas carol sing-along —** 2 p.m. every day at the gazebo. Twelve groups form, representing the 12 days of Christmas. The groups vie for attention, and at the end, Queen Victoria awards a silver teasel to the most spirited performer. Winners have been known to wear their coveted silver teasels throughout the season.

- **Trunk shows,** in which Washington Irving and Charles Dickens perform lighthearted versions of their Christmas stories with help from the audience, 12:30 p.m. at the gazebo and 3 p.m. at the library each day.

- **Horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides** Nov. 28 and every Sunday (weather permitting), departing from The Sherwood Inn, provided by Rt. 80 Quarry Ridge Stables. Wagon rides are \$5 per person, \$20 per family (up to five), \$5 for each additional person thereafter. Private carriage rides are \$15 per person, up to \$60 (cash only).

- **Appearances by the Bright Friday Brass,** Nov. 28 and every Saturday.

- **Musical performances** by the Classic Guitar Ensemble from the Music School of CNY and a variety of other groups; dance performances by the cast’s finishing school girls; traditional Punch and Judy puppet shows by Jamison Boudreau; and magic shows by the Prestidigitating Packwoods.

- **Fezziwig’s Christmas Ball,** 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, with festive English country dancing led by the Syracuse Country Dancers. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and are available online at <https://skaneateles.com/calendar/annual-events/dickens-christmas>. Attendance is limited to 70.

- **A snowman-building contest** in Clift Park Dec. 14 (weather permitting). Bring your own supplies and creativity! Queen Victoria will judge the entries at 2:45 p.m. First prize is a \$50 gift card from The Sherwood Inn; second prize is two Dickens mugs with cocoa.

- **“Miracle on 34th Street — The Radio Play,”** presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at Auburn Public

Theater. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under.

- **Free refreshments,** including roasted chestnuts donated by Tops Friendly Markets, and Byrne Dairy eggnog served by the Girl Scouts (Saturdays only).

For children, Mother Goose will read holiday stories at Lake Life Laser Studio, and Father Christmas will hand out treats from the porch of the Masonic Temple.

“We can’t wait to welcome everyone back for another fun-filled holiday season — and the wondrous gift that is Dickens Christmas,” says Lindsey Babbles, executive director of the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation. “While you’re in town, be sure to visit our unique shops and restaurants — the perfect complement to a holiday outing. And stop by the Chamber, at 22 Jordan St., for commemorative scarves (\$20, with an embroidered logo), mugs (\$10), scarf and mug combos (\$25), mugs with hot cocoa packets (\$12) and ornaments (\$5).”

Paid parking is available in the municipal lot between Jordan and State streets. Free parking is available in the Austin Park Pavilion lot at the corner of Jordan and Austin streets, and in the lower gravel lot of Skaneateles High School across from Leitch Avenue.

Opening day and all four weekends, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., a free shuttle will run between these lots and the village, stopping on Fennell Street in front of Hidden Fish.

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For more information on Dickens Christmas, go to skaneateles.com, call 315-685-0552 or follow the event on Facebook (Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce or Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles).



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Dickens Schedule of Events

The following occur every Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 29 through Dec. 21 PLUS Friday, Nov. 28, noon to 4 p.m. Also, Wednesday, Dec. 24, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Presented by: The Sherwood Inns and Appetites, Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Skaneateles-Area Business Community

- **PARKING** - Paid parking is available in the municipal lot between Jordan and State streets.

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- Noon kick-off to Dickens each day on the porch of the Hannum House (corner of Genesee and Hannum streets).

- Strolling Dickens characters perform interactive street theatre.

- Father Christmas greets children at the Masonic Temple Porch (3 E. Genesee St.), 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

- Mother Goose reads to children at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot), 12:30 to 4 p.m.

- Free roasted chestnuts in front of The Savage Homestead (61 E. Genesee St.). Brought to you by The Savage Homestead and TOPS Friendly Markets.

- Horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides Nov. 28 and every Sunday (weather permitting), departing from The Sherwood Inn, provided by Rt. 80 Quarry Ridge Stables. Wagon rides are \$5 per person, \$20 per family (up to five), \$5 for each additional person thereafter. Private carriage rides are \$15 per person, up to a \$60 donation (cash only).

- Free eggnog served by local Girl Scouts every Saturday at 42 E. Genesee St. Eggnog courtesy of Byrne Dairy.

- Caroling at the Gazebo - The Mid-Day Revels! (Inclement weather location: Hannum House Porch), 2 p.m.

- Appearances by the Bright Friday Brass, Nov. 28 and every Saturday.

- Live shows and music at the Skaneateles Library, 1 and 3 p.m. daily. See calendar below.

- Sing Christmas carols with the Dickens Singers — listen for them throughout the village.

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.)

Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

NOVEMBER DICKENS EVENTS

Bright Friday, Nov. 28 - World's Smallest Christmas Parade, down Fennell, Jordan and Genesee streets. Starts at NOON, don't be late or you will miss it! Grand entrance of Charles Dickens and his entourage. Meet Queen Victoria, Father Christmas, Scrooge, Tiny Tim, the Spirit of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Jacob Marley, along with finishing school girls, pickpockets and other villagers. Grand opening immediately following the parade on the steps of the Hannum House next to the Sherwood Inn.

Fri., Nov. 28 - "A Sleepy Hollow Christmas" trunk show with Washington Irving at the Gazebo in Clift Park, 12:30 p.m.

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Fri., Nov. 28 - Mother Goose reads holiday stories to children at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot), 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 28 - Live entertainment for the entire family at Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 1 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 28 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

Fri., Nov. 28 - Midday Revels. Christmas carol sing-along with the Dickens cast at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 28 - "A Christmas Carol" trunk show will be acted out with your help. Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 3 p.m.

Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29 - Support your local businesses and shop small!

Sat., Nov. 29 - Cookies & Cocoa at the Skaneateles Community Center (97 State St.). Start your day with free cookies and cocoa, 9 to 11:30 a.m. 315-685-2266.

Sat., Nov. 29 - Keila Makes It Holiday Pop-Up at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). Handmade gifts — tumblers, mugs and more! Noon to 4 p.m.

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Sat., Nov. 29 - Glow N Skate at the Skaneateles Community Center (97 State St.). Free. 7 to 8:30 p.m. 315-685-2266.

Sun., Nov. 30 - Horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides (weather permitting), departing from The Sherwood Inn, provided by Rt. 80 Quarry Ridge Stables. Wagon rides are \$5 per person, \$20 per family (up to five), \$5 for each additional person thereafter. Private carriage rides are \$15 per person, up to a \$60 donation (cash only).

Sun., Nov. 30 - Youth Membership Appreciation Day at the Skaneateles Community Center (97 State St.). Free to members, \$15 for non-members. Fun-filled morning celebrating the youngest members! Enjoy carnival-style games, art activities, sensory play and create your own snacks. 315-685-2266.

Sun., Nov. 30 - Let's Get Lit Lighting Holiday Pop-Up at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). Handmade, custom light fixtures. Noon to 4 p.m.

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Sun., Nov. 30 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Music with Bishop & Bone, 1 to 3 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

Sun., Nov. 30 - Midday Revels. Christmas carol sing-along with the Dickens cast at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 30 - "A Christmas Carol" trunk show will be acted out with your help. Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 3 p.m. 315-685-0552.

DECEMBER DICKENS EVENTS

Fri., Dec. 5 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

Fri., Dec. 5 - The Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.) hosts a Dickens Christmas Book Sale. Gift-quality used books and more for all ages — buy for yourself, or buy for a friend! 1 to 5 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 5 - Skaneateles Sings starts at 6 p.m. at the Skaneateles Library. Dedication of the crèche, caroling, and tree lighting at the Gazebo. Sponsored by the Skaneateles Bakery and organized by the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Skaneateles Girl Scouts and the Skaneateles Garden Club. Reception at the Skaneateles United Methodist Church immediately following the tree lighting. 315-685-0552, skaneateles.com.

Sat., Dec. 6 - Look for our very own Dickens newsboys hawking today's paper. All monies raised from the sale of today's Post-Standard will go directly to The Christmas Bureau, which is run by the Salvation Army and the United Way.

Sat., Dec. 6 - Lakeside Artistry Holiday Fair. Over 25 artists, artisans, crafters, ceramics, textile, photography, culinary treats, upcycling, jewelry, candles and much, much more - the best holiday show in town! First Presbyterian Church (97 E. Genesee St.). 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information on Facebook (Lakeside Artistry), 315-440-0221.

Sat., Dec. 6 - The Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.) hosts a Dickens Christmas Book Sale. Gift-quality used books and more for all ages — buy for yourself, or buy for a friend! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 6 - Forge Gone Conclusions Holiday Pop-Up at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). Custom jeweler that designs and hand-fabricates one-of-a-kind jewelry for various occasions. They work with you to bring your jewelry dreams to life! Noon to 4 p.m.

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Sat., Dec. 6 - Midday Revels, Christmas carol sing-along with the Dickens cast at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.



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Sun., Dec. 7 - "A Sleepy Hollow Christmas" trunk show with Washington Irving at the Gazebo in Clift Park, 12:30 p.m.

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Sun., Dec. 7 - The Local Crust Wood-Fired Pizza at Skaneateles Brewery (4022 Mill Rd.), 1 to 5:30 p.m. Music by Jim Scala, 2 to 5 p.m.

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Thur., Dec. 11 - Shop Skaneateles! Shop, Sip and Stroll in the Village of Skaneateles, 5 to 8 p.m. Sales, refreshments and complimentary gift-wrapping at participating merchants. Free drink coupon with purchase, to be redeemed at participating establishments. 315-685-0552.

Fri., Dec. 12 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Skaneateles United Methodist Church (26 Jordan St.) Holiday Luncheon and Craft Fair. Crafters, warming room, and soup and sandwich kitchen. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Celebrate and Decorate Holiday Gingerbread House, Skaneateles Community Center, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Goodies will be supplied; leave the cleanup to us! House kits come neatly

packaged — easy to carry home to build or gift. Please pre-order your edible house kit by Dec. 6. \$20/kit. 315-685-2266.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Snake Oil Glassworks (4251 Jordan Rd.) Holiday Open House. The studio will be open for customers to watch the glassblowers make beautiful and unique pieces; holiday treats and refreshments available. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 315-685-5091, snakeoilglassworks.com.

Sat., Dec. 13 - West & Co. Holiday Pop-Up at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). Permanent jewelry! Noon to 4 p.m.

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Sat., Dec. 13 - The Classic Guitar Ensemble from the Music School of CNY performs at the Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Come hear Christmas music and the beautiful sound of acoustic guitars. Upstairs, lift available. 1 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Midday Revels, Christmas carol sing-along at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Snowman-building contest in Clift Park (weather-permitting). Queen Victoria will judge the entries at 2:45 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 - "A Christmas Carol" trunk show will be acted out with your help. Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 3 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Christmas Suite, a holiday celebration hosted by the Skaneateles Festival, Hobbit Hollow, 6 p.m. \$125/person. For tickets and information, contact music@skanfest.org.

Sat., Dec. 13 - Scarlett Rat Entertainment and Auburn Public Theater present "Miracle on 34th Street — The Radio Play," Auburn Public Theater, 7 p.m. \$15/adults, \$10/children 12 and under. Visit auburnpublictheater.org for tickets and more information.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides (weather permitting), departing from The Sherwood Inn, provided by Rt. 80 Quarry Ridge Stables. Wagon rides are \$5 per person, \$20 per family (up to five), \$5 for each additional person thereafter. Private carriage rides are offered for \$15 per person, up to a \$60 donation (cash only).

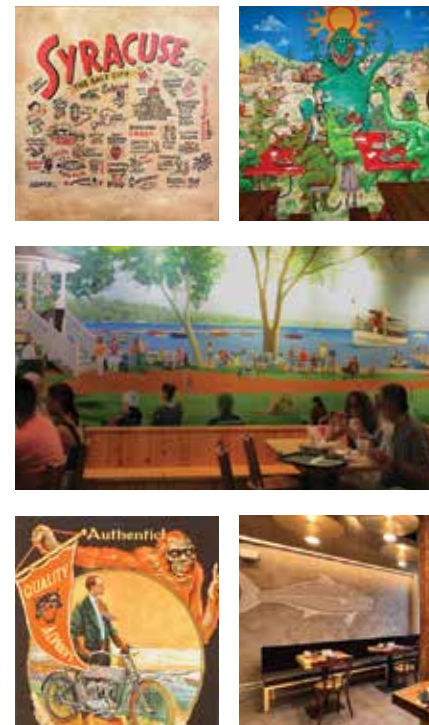


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Sun., Dec. 14 - Snake Oil Glassworks (4251 Jordan Rd.) Holiday Open House. The studio will be open for customers to watch the glassblowers make beautiful and unique pieces; holiday treats and refreshments available. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 315-685-5091, snakeoilglassworks.com.

Sun., Dec. 14 - History's Hometown Holiday Traditions Open House returns to the City of Auburn with events to celebrate the spirit of the season, noon to 5 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - "A Sleepy Hollow Christmas" trunk show with Washington Irving at the Gazebo in Clift Park, 12:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Father Christmas greets children at the Masonic Temple Porch (3 E. Genesee St.), 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Mother Goose reads holiday stories to children at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Christmas carols with Off The Dock Chamber Choir at the Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 1 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. Santa comes to the Museum, 1 to 3 p.m. 315-685-1360.

Sun., Dec. 14 - Midday Revels, Christmas carol sing-along at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - "A Christmas Carol" trunk show will be acted out with your help. Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 3 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14 - MasterWorks Chorale Christmas Concert — chorale gifts of a magical season, aglow with the harmony of a string quartet. First Presbyterian Church (97 E. Genesee St.), 4 p.m. Suggested donation at door: \$10/adults, 18 and under free.

Fri., Dec. 19 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 315-685-1360.

Fri., Dec. 19 - Off The Dock Chamber Festival Winter Gala, First Presbyterian Church (97 E. Genesee St.), 7 p.m. Free admission; donations appreciated.

Sat., Dec. 20 - Custom Leather by Allen Sprague Holiday Pop-Up at Lake Life Laser Studio (22 Jordan St., facing the municipal lot). Noon to 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 20 - "A Sleepy Hollow Christmas" trunk show with Washington Irving at the Gazebo in Clift Park, 12:30 p.m.

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Sun., Dec. 21 - "A Sleepy Hollow Christmas" trunk show with Washington Irving at the Gazebo in Clift Park, 12:30 p.m.

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Sun., Dec. 21 - Skaneateles Historical Society Museum (28 Hannum St.) Festival of Wreaths, 1 to 4 p.m. Also by appointment. Music with Harmony Katz, 1 to 3 p.m. 315-685-1360.

Sun., Dec. 21 - The Local Crust Wood-Fired Pizza at Skaneateles Brewery (4022 Mill Rd.), 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 21 - Midday Revels, Christmas carol sing-along at the Gazebo, 2 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 21 - Dickens Christmas Raffle Drawing at the Gazebo, 2:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 21 - "A Christmas Carol" trunk show will be acted out with your help. Skaneateles Library (49 E. Genesee St.). Upstairs, lift available. 3 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 21 - Fezziwig's Christmas Ball — festive English country dancing led by the Syracuse Country Dancers. First Presbyterian Church, 6 to 8 p.m. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets available at the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce (22 Jordan St.) or online at skaneateles.com.

Wed., Dec. 24 - Abbreviated edition of Dickens Christmas. Noon to 2:30 p.m.

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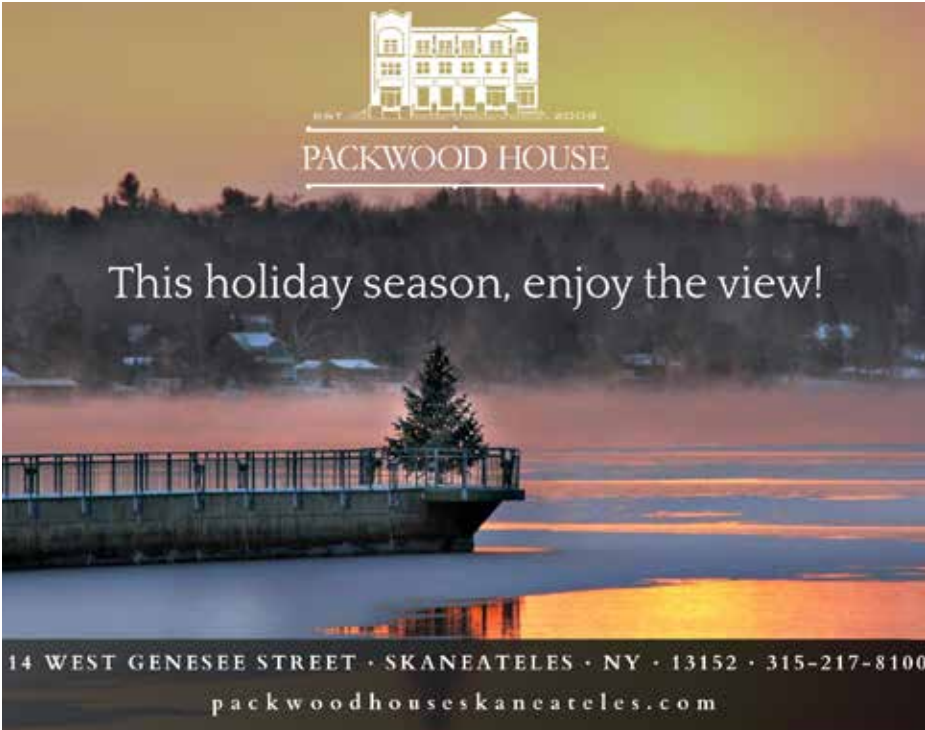
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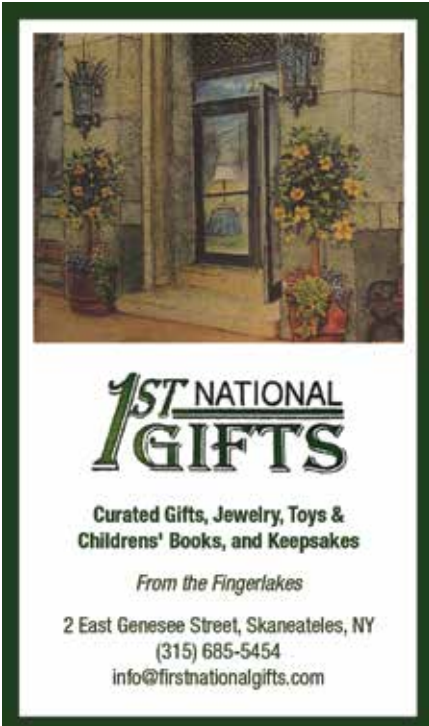
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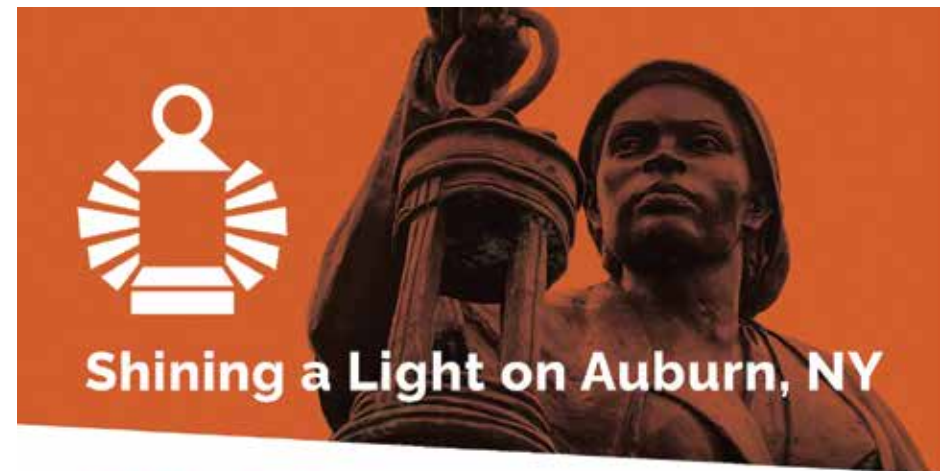
On the evening of Dec. 5, the community will gather for Skaneateles Sing.

Father Christmas will greet children and pose for photos starting at 6 p.m. at the Gazebo. Candlelight caroling with the Dickens characters and lighting of the Christmas tree will follow, at 6:30 p.m. The evening concludes with a reception at the United Methodist Church featuring Father Christmas, a magic show by the Prestidigitating Packwoods and a traditional Punch and Judy puppet show by Jamison Boudreau, along with an open house at village stores.

Leading up to the event, from 4 to 6 p.m., the Barrow Art Gallery will host a Holiday Open House with live piano music and refreshments.

Skaneateles Sing is sponsored by the Skaneateles Bakery and organized by the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Skaneateles Girl Scouts and Skaneateles Garden Club.

"The Chamber would like to extend a special thank you to Strawberry Fields, which donated the Christmas trees for the Masonic Temple and the gazebo, and the Girl Scouts, who decorated the gazebo tree," says executive director Lindsey Babbles. "We'd also like to thank the village and town for their financial support of the decorations and the Village Electric Department for its help in putting up the decorations, which will be enjoyed by the community all season long."



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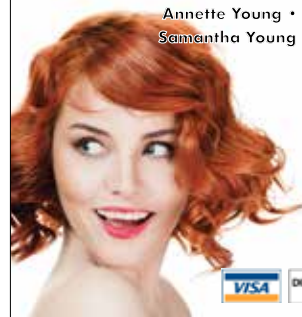
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Each year, they participate in Auburn's Holiday Parade and carol in the Junior League of Syracuse's Holiday Shoppes.

During Dickens' monthlong run, characters support the Old Newsboys Hope for the Holidays campaign and the Salvation Army kettle drive, which, since 2001, has raised over \$70,000 in Skaneateles.

Dickens also serves as a platform for local organizations to engage the community.

Girl Scouts decorate the gazebo, serve eggnog and help host the Skaneateles Sings after-party. Local churches host community events.

"We give back because we take our obligation to the community seriously," says Jim Greene, who is producing director and plays Dickens. "Not only is it the right thing to do, it lightens our hearts and helps us remember that the holidays are really about giving. It's important to teach our young people the value of charity through our example."

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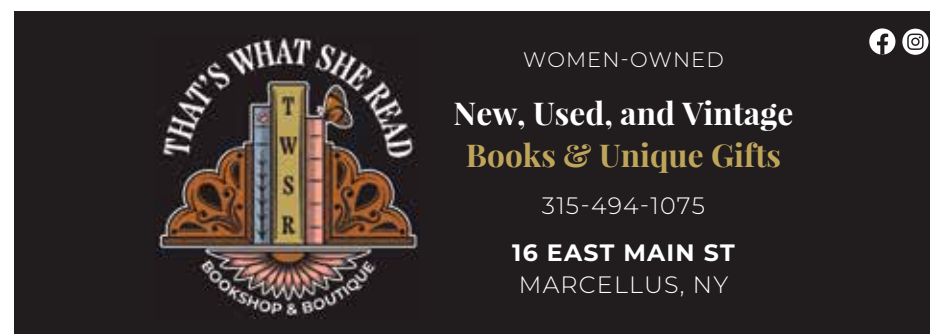
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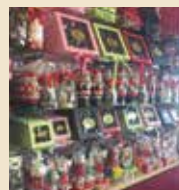


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