

NANTUCKET community events DECEMBER 5 ~ DECEMBER 12

calendar

HOLIDAY EVENTS

December Delight

The NHS Senior Class with Santa, white elephant, raffles, silent auction, breakfast, lunch and baked goods. 508-228-0617. Nantucket High School, 10 Surfside Rd. **Saturday** (8th), 10 am - 3 pm.

Nantucket Lighthouse School's Annual Yuletide Fair

Seventh Annual: handcrafts, holiday gifts, wrapped baked goods suitable for giving as gifts, holiday photos by Cary Hazlegrove, entertainment by local musicians, kids activities, seasonal fare. Nantucket Lighthouse School, 1 Rugged Rd. **Saturday** (8th), 10 am - 2 pm.

Nantucket Police Charitable Assn Annual Children's Christmas Party

A visit from Santa, lunch, face painting, a gift and more. All welcome. 508-228-1212. American Legion Hall, Washington St. **Saturday** (8th), noon to 3 pm.

Christmas Desserts Demonstration

Mj Mojer and Jo Polowy share recipes and directions for making desserts. Bartlett's Farm Hayloft. **Saturday** (8th), 10 am.

Stenciled Wine Bag

With Craft Instructor Nancy Tyrer, as wrap for wine bottles for gift giving, Each participant will decorate six paper sacks. All paints, brushes, stencils and brown craft paper bags will be supplied. Materials fee: \$6. Sign up at www.nantucketatheneum.org. Nantucket Atheneum Gallery. **Saturday** (8th) at 2 pm.

Holiday Gift Wrapping: Recycled Materials

A class on creative gift wrapping with recycled material, using usual and unusual materials (supplied). Instructor: Jeanne van Etten. \$35. CPS 08. **Monday** (10th and 17th), 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Natural Ornament Making with Saltmarsh Senior Center

Some will attract the birds while others will attract compliments from friends and family but all will be fitting for the holiday season. Call The Saltmarsh Center for details and to register 508-228-4490. **Tuesday** (11th), 1 - 3 pm.

German Paper Stars

Learn to make these handmade paper stars that have been found in various forms through all cultures worldwide, and are often referred to as Moravian Stars, Christmas Stars, German Star, or Froebel's Stars - not really origami, but closer to a form of basketry. Nancy Tyrer, Craft Instructor. Free, but pre-registration required. Atheneum Gallery. **Tuesday** (11th), 5 - 6:30 pm.

Holiday Floral Workshop

With Tim Walker. Create your own holiday centerpiece. Reservations required. Limited availability. Sponsored by Marine Home Center. 508-228-1177. Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum, 49 Union St. **Wednesday** (12th), 5:30 to 7 pm.

Festival of Trees Exhibition

Nantucket Historical Association's 14th Festival of Trees, featuring over 70 decorated trees designed by local merchants, nonprofit organizations, community members, artists, artisans, and schoolchildren. General admission: \$15; Nantucket year-round residents, \$5 with a valid driver's license; free for children and NHA members. 508-228-1894, x0. Whaling Museum, 13 Broad St. Runs through December 17: Thursday through Monday, 11 am - 4 pm; Friday, 11 am - 8 pm.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

See complete listing under "Theater".

ART AND CRAFTS

Open House at ACKFire Studios

Special holiday art exhibit with Brian Araujo, Aliza Augustine, Kasia Baker, Patrick Beaupard, Diane Dicker, Kathleen Duncombe, Susanne Greene, Iren Handschuh, Alison MacDonald, Robert McKee, Katherine Moore, Gail Sharretts, Billy Sherry. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, print, jewelry, glass. 508-680-1272. 5 Folger Ave. **Saturdays** through December 8th from 5 to 9 pm. **Sundays** through December 9th from 10 am to 1 pm.

BOOKS, SPEAKERS & GAMS

Trains, Boats, Planes and Automobiles

These various modes of transportation have helped define Nantucket throughout its history. Boats were the original island taxis; however, the other modes all arrived after long debates and at their own prices. A Nantucket historian and NHA Research Fellow, Bob Mooney will discuss these colorful and sometimes contentious chapters of Nantucket's past. Free; bring your lunch. Food for Thought Series, presented by the Nantucket Historical Association. Discovery Room, Whaling Museum, 13 Broad St. **Thursday** (6th), 12 - 1 pm.

Veterans' Gam: An Evening of Music and Remembrance on Pearl Harbor Day

On the anniversary of the United States involvement in WWII, the Gam will honor veterans from all wars, including the Korean and Vietnam Wars. It will feature eight speakers who will share anecdotes and personal memories from their war-time experiences, with music and sing-a-longs from each era. Veterans from the audience may also share their wartime stories. Free for veterans and NHA members, \$5 nonmembers. 508-228-1894 x0. Whaling Museum, 13 Broad Street. **Friday** (7th) at 7 pm.

Storyteller/Musician John Porcino

Family Night: Celebrations of Light. Porcino will spin a patchwork quilt of tales and songs to celebrate the holiday season. Free tickets at the Weezie Library and at the door. Nantucket Atheneum Great Hall, 1 India St. **Friday** (7th), 7 pm.

Author Talk: Marc Songini

"The Lost Fleet: A Yankee Whaler's Struggle Against the Confederate Navy and Arctic Disaster". In the mid-19th century, Yankee whalers are contending with icebergs, storms, rogue whales, sharks, hostile natives, and disease, and conditions are getting worse with the scarcity of whales and roving Confederate privateers. The book recounts Whaling Captain Thomas Williams' remarkable career, including a daring escape from the Confederate cruiser Alabama and a daring rescue and salvage of lost ships off Alaska's coast. Free. Nantucket Atheneum Great Hall, 1 India St. **Sunday** (9th) 2:00 pm.

CHILDREN & FAMILY AT THE NANTUCKET ATHENEUM

Gift Books for the Holidays

The staff of the Weezie Library review 25 children's books from 2007. Mitchell's Book Corner will offer titles for sale. Child care during book presentation. Call the ECC at 508-228-7257 x1166 to register for the pizza supper and child care. Parents, teachers, book lovers welcome. Free. Great Hall. **Wednesday** (5th), 6 pm for pizza; book talk 6:30 - 8 pm.

Story Time

Free. Attendance is limited. 228-1110. The Gallery. Ages 18 - 36 months: **Wednesday** (5th and 12th) from 10 to 10:30 am; 3 years and older: 11 to 11:30 am.

Music with Mollie Glazer

Ages 2 to 6 with a parent or caregiver. Free drop-in music classes. No reservations, but attendance is limited. 228-1110. The Gallery, **Thursday** (6th), 10 to 10:30 am.

Family Night: Celebrations of Light

Storyteller and musician John Porcino with tales and songs to celebrate the holiday season. Free tickets at the Weezie Library and at the door. Atheneum Great Hall. **Friday** (7th), 7 - 8:00 pm.

After School Story Time

A special literature program geared for 1 - 3 graders, including stories, activities and Book Bingo. Free. Atheneum Gallery. **Friday** (7th), 3 - 3:45 pm.

Home Schooling Club

For home schooling families and those interested in home schooling; share ideas and information, offer support to each other, work on projects together, and use library space and resources. Gallery, **Fridays** (7th), 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Design Your Own Gingerbread House

Start with a family potluck supper. Gingerbread house kits and decorations will be available. Registration required: 508-228-0916 or email Mary Casey caseym@stpaulsc hurchnantucket.org to register. Bartlett Farm Hayloft. **Wednesday** (12th).

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Have Fun with Books

Share the joy of reading and books with other children and parents through story, arts and crafts, music and movement. 5 and younger with a parent/caregiver. Drop In: no registration necessary. ECC, Room 106, Nantucket High School, **Wednesday** (5th), 9 - 10 am.

Free Dental Exams

For Nantucket Elementary and Cyrus Peirce School children, by Forsyth Dental. Call Pauline Proch 508-228-7257 x1162, or pick up an enrollment packet at the office of NES & CPS. **Wednesday - Friday** (5th - 7th).

Thursday Morning Parents Group

Forsyth Dental will discuss the importance of oral hygiene and dental health from an early age, and what you can do to help your children look after their teeth and gums. Free. 508-228-7257 x1166. Early Childhood Center, Room 02, Nantucket High School, **Thursday** (6th), 9 - 10:15 am.

Dads and Kids and Pizza Night: Christmas Theme

After the pizza party, an opportunity for children 5 and younger to play and work on a Christmas project. NHS Cafeteria and the Early Childhood Center, Room 106, Nantucket High School Cafeteria and ECC. 508-228-7285 x1166 to register. **Thursday** (6th), 5:30 to 7.

Holiday Cards and Crafts

AAN artists Lori Garrabrant, Nicole Gross, Erica Ciarmataro and Jo Slavitz make cards, ornaments, bead making, and other crafts for the holidays. Refreshments will be served. 228-0722. Free. For children ages 5 - 10 with their parents. Artists Association of Nantucket, 1 Gardner Perry Lane. **Saturday** (8th), 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday Morning Parents and Tots Group

Free informal play and discussion group. Meet other parents and discuss a variety of parenting topics while you children explore the ECC. Birth through 5 years old. 508-228-7257 x1166. Early Childhood Center, Room 02, Nantucket High School. **Saturdays** through December 15, 9:30 - 10:45 am.

The Young and the Young at Heart

Inter generational opportunity for you and your children to spend time with the residents of Our Island Home. Birth - 5 years old with parent/caregiver. Drop in. No registration necessary. Our Island Home, 9 East Creek Rd. **Monday (10th)**, 10:00 - 10:45 am.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Meet with Dr. Robert Pellicone, Superintendent of Nantucket Public Schools to discuss educational topics, and share your thoughts. Nantucket High School LGI, Monday (10th), 9:30 am.

Ice Skating

Kids on Ice, free after school skating for children only. Nantucket Ice. **Mondays** grades Pre-k-3 and **Wednesdays** grades K-12. 2:30 - 4 pm. Group and private skating lessons. For public skating hours: 508-228-2516 or www.nantucketice.org.

Parent/Guardian & Tot Skate

Fee includes half hour "on ice" lesson with practice time during public skate, skate rentals and mini treat. Designed to make a child's first skating experience a positive one with their favorite skating companion. Register or drop in. 508-228-2516. Nantucket Ice. **Tuesdays**, Dec 11, 18 at 9 am.

Let's Dance

Playgroup for children to explore movement in a fun and creative atmosphere using music, while allowing them to be expressive and gain self-awareness of their bodies. Dress comfortably and bring a mat or towel. For children 2 - 5 years old with a parent or caregiver. Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium. **Wednesday** (12th), 9 - 9.45 a.m.

Raising an Organized Child

As a former teacher, Lisa offers information on the relationship between organization and success and success in school - tips and advice for working with toddlers to teenagers. Childcare provided for 5 and younger in the ECC. lisabatesblivingbetter.com. Free. 508-228-7257, x1166 to register.

COMMUNITY

Nantucket Women's Association Luncheon

Call for reservations. 508-228-1164. Fairgrounds Restaurant, Fairgrounds Rd. **Tuesday** (11th), 11:30 am social; noon lunch.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an introductory course, "Fulfilling Our Mission", to anyone who wants to become a Red Cross volunteer on Nantucket. December 8th, 10 am to 1 pm at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Bartlett Rd. Contact the Red Cross Training Administrator Michael Robins at 508-775-1540 or trainingadministrator@cciredcross.org.

COMMUNITY - EDUCATION

Working From Home, Managing Your Office

Deals with the challenges of time manage-