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# City of Lights Parade

& HOLIDAY ART STROLL

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*Saturday, November 28, 2009 - Downtown Lowell*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **12 pm – 4 pm Holiday Art Stroll Activities**

Stroll Lowell Downtown, enjoy street performers and art exhibits, taste wintery treats, and find affordable and original gifts for your Holiday!

### *Street Performances*

- 2 pm – 4 pm: Lowell Gentlemen Songsters performing at street corners & stores
- 12 pm – 4 pm UML Students performing at 10 businesses downtown

### *Daytime Arts Programming*

- **“All Aboard!” Tour of Lowell** - The Trolley Express is coming to town! Experience the magic of The Polar Express©!  
Join us for a round-trip ride aboard the Lowell National Historical Park Trolley. Listen to a reading of this classic children’s story. At the end of the line, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and receive a special Trolley Express remembrance.

Departing from the Boott Cotton Mills Museum at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00.

Space is limited and reservations are required for this FREE program. To make sure you are on board, call 978-970-5000.

- 12:00-3:30 **Stocking Scavenger Hunt**  
New this year, join our Holiday Stocking Scavenger Hunt! Pick up a stocking at the National Park Visitors Center anytime between noon-3:00, decorate it at the ALL Art Gallery between noon-3:30, and then explore the downtown to find gifts from over 13 participating locations. Once you’ve collected all of your gifts, head to the Brush Art Gallery for holiday family photos before 3:30pm.



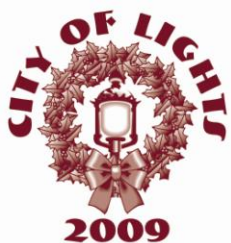
Participating businesses include:

- Monkey's
- Athenian Corner
- Lowell National Historic Park
- ERA Morrison
- Tutto Benne Wine and Cheese Cellar
- Brew'd Awakening
- ALL Gallery
- Chantilly Place
- Quilt Museum
- 980 WCAP
- Dharma Buns Sandwich Co.
- Giovanni's Trends
- Groovy Grub
- Downtown Dancewear
- Brush Art Gallery and Studios
- Van Gogh's Gear

- Back by popular demand, **2nd Annual Hot Chocolate Competition**. Visit participating locations and cast your vote for the winner! Participating businesses include:

- Dharma Buns Sandwich Co.
- Chantilly Place
- Second Wind
- Caffe Paradiso
- Tutto Benne Wine and Cheese Cellar
- Brew'd Awakening Coffeehaus
- Welles Emporium
- C'est
- Groovy Grub
- Dharma Buns
- Mambo Grill
- Coffee Mill
- Market Street Market

- **Music performances and strolling carolers** on downtown streets and in local businesses: Market, Middle, Merrimack, Central Streets. 12:00-4pm.
- **Festival of Wreaths at the Masonic Temple 12:00-7:00pm**  
Lowell Transitional Living Center hosts this vibrant display of more than 40 wreaths, sponsored and decorated by area businesses, individuals and organizations. Sample warm refreshments and stroll a craft & jewelry marketplace for holiday shopping. Vote for your favorite wreath and a chance to win it!



## Daytime Arts & Crafts Shopping

- **The Brush Art Gallery & Studios**

*256 Market St (behind the National Park Visitor Center)*

Find the perfect gift! Browse handcrafted items, including stained glass, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, prints, ceramics, textiles, photography and more. Consider a gift certificate for one of our many art classes and get a sneak peak at the Holiday Marketplace which will run for all of December.

- **ALL Arts Gallery**

*246 Market Street (across from the Visitor Center)*

Stop by for the Members Super Duper Holiday Exhibition at the gallery with "Cookies, Carols and Cards" a Holiday Celebration, and card sale.

Those who want something different for that very special person, can find all kinds of original holiday, all occasion, and art cards.

Also, St. Patrick's school's young artists will be making cards for a contest and for sale. A limited edition of the winning design will be professionally printed and available for sale. At 3pm some of the students will be on hand to treat us to the season's best carols.

- **American Textile History Museum**

*491 Dutton Street*

The museum will be open from 10am – 5pm and will host family-friendly activities in the Textile Learning Center. Open exhibits will include the newly revamped "Textile Revolution: An Exploration through Space and Time" as well as "Changing Landscapes: Contemporary Chinese Fiber Art", and "Aprons: Fifties FUNtional Fashion." Wear your favorite apron and receive \$2 off full price adult admission!

- **Jean Winslow/Studio II**

*256 Market St. National Historical Park Building*

Find monoprints, collages, reproductions and cards, sized and priced for gift giving.

- **New England Quilt Museum**

*18 Shattuck Street*

Exhibit "Masters: 40 Contemporary Master Quilters"

Visit our shop with handmade quilts, quilted table runners, holiday ornaments, and a variety of handcrafted gifts. Find "HOW-TO" books and kits to make your own gifts or find the perfect gift certificate. Cookies and hot cider will be served.



- **Whistler House Museum of Art**

*243 Worthen St.*

View the Parker Gallery Annual Juried Member's Exhibition - a group show of 40 artists presenting works in various media & in the Member's Room: New England Fiber Collective; "Surface Design" featuring dyed fabric art from the collective.

- **Merrimack Repertory Theatre**

*50 East Merrimack Street*

"Heroes" by Gerald Sibleyras, adapted by Tom Stoppard- Regional Premiers  
4pm and 8pm

Henri, Gustave and Philippe survived World War I. Forty years later, as residents in a veterans' home and armed only with what is left of their wits and a 200-pound stone dog, they battle old age, nagging war injuries, and a masochistic nun. A heartwarming tale of camaraderie and a moving portrait of the frustrations inherent in growing older. (Contains Suggestive Dialogue, Estimated Run Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes with no intermission)

### **Evening Activities**

- **City of Lights Parade 4:30-6:30**

From Jackson Street to City Hall, enjoy over 60 participating groups and a special visit by winter's biggest stars!

- **Parade of Lights Choral Concert at St. Anne's Church 6:30-8:00**

Merrimack Street

End your day with a performance by the Lowell Gentlemen Songsters and the St. Anne's choir singing "Noel, Night of Everlasting Love" narrated cantata. The choir will feature singers from local choirs as well as UMass Lowell.

- **Photos with Santa @ Lowell City Hall 6:30-8:00**

After the parade, we invite kids & families inside to warm up and stay for a holiday photo with Santa. (\$3 each)

- **City of Lights After Party 7:00-9:00**

Keep the holiday spirit running high by joining the after party at Village Smokehouse for The Happy Accident sponsored by 92.5 The River.

