

THE LANCASTER DOWNTOWN DIFFERENCE



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Kick-Off the Holiday Season Downtown!

The Mayor's Tree Lighting and Tuba Christmas kick-off the festivities for the season on Black Friday, November 28th. Central Market will be open the evening of November 28th from 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. at Penn's Square and includes great holiday entertainment, the arrival of Santa and the infamous Tuba Christmas.

After the lighting of the tree, follow Santa and his elves to his new location in Binns Park. Here, kids of all ages can get their picture taken with Santa during the holiday weekends.

Other activities throughout the season include visits with Santa, strolling entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides, a tremendous model train display, holiday window decorating contest and, of course, shopping at over 200 businesses. Visit www.lancastercityevents.com for a full listing of holiday events.

This Month's Events

Through Nov 2nd: The Philadelphia Ten on the Road

The Demuth Museum (120 E. King St.) presents the re-creation of early 20th century exhibitions by female artist group "The Philadelphia Ten". This historic artist group began exhibited together in 1917 Philadelphia before growing to 23 members and touring all over the U.S. through 1945. An opening reception will be held on Friday, from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. in conjunction with First Friday festivities. For more information, go online to www.demuth.org.

Through Nov 9th: Stones In His Pockets

Theater of the Seventh Sister (438 N. Queen St.) opens its 20th Season with the show *Stones in His Pockets* by Marie Jones and directed by Charlie DeIMarcelle. Jones' play explores how the lives of the residents of a small Irish community are turned upside down when a Hollywood film crew comes to town. The show runs with performances Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$25, with discounts available. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at 717-396-7764 or e-mailing theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, visit Theater of the Seventh Sister on the web at www.seventhsister.com.

Through Nov 9th: Glorious! The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the Worst Singer in the World

If you like those early audition weeks of American Idol, you'll love this affectionate look at one of the most unusual performing careers in the history of the American stage. In the first half of the twentieth century, an oddly unique musical sensation burst upon the New York social scene. Blessed with an unshakable confidence in her vocal skills, and an uncanny ability to stay consistently off-key, the musical stylings of Florence Foster Jenkins provided perverse pleasure to legions of devoted fans. The show takes place at The Fulton Theatre, 12 N. Prince St. For show times and other information, go online to www.thefulton.org or call 717-394-7133.

Through Nov 15th: Sleeping Beauty

The Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre (126 N. Water St.) will be presenting "Sleeping Beauty" every Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. through Nov 15th. Tickets are \$9. For reservations call 717-394-8398.

Through Nov 17th: fauxREAL

Come to the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) to see fauxREAL: Paintings by Matthew Ivan Cherry. These paintings feature self-portraits, and larger-than-life nudes. Cherry's paintings are an exploration of identity within the realms of observation and invention. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on First Fridays. For more information, call 717-396-7833 or go online to www.pcad.edu.

Through Nov 31st: Food Drive at Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal

Bring a bag of packaged food to Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal (310 N. Queen St.) during the month of November and receive a 10% off coupon. Call 717-299-0827 or stop by the shop for details.

For a complete listing of all Downtown events please visit [Community Calendar](#)



This Month's Events

Through Jan 18th: Raucous! Everything Raven

Explore the natural history of the Raven with Raucous! Everything Raven, roosting at the North Museum (400 College Ave.). Challenge a friend to Raven Games, have a seat in the Raven Nest, search for "bling" in the scavenger hunt, and find out what's a raven's favorite snack food. Raucous! Admission to the Museum is \$7.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for juniors (ages 3-17) and seniors (65 and over). Planetarium shows are an additional \$1.50 to the price of admission. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 2nd: Family Science Sunday

Science fun for everyone! Explore the North Museum (400 College Ave.) and participate in hands-on activities, science demonstrations, interactive displays and more! Family Science Sunday is from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 2nd, 28th & 29th: St. Cecilia Concert Series

Come to the sanctuary of Saint James Church (119 N. Duke St.) and enjoy the St. Cecilia Concert Series. Evensong, featuring the Franklin and Marshall College Chamber Singers, will be held Nov 2nd at 4 p.m. At the end of the month, the Series will also present the Holiday Brass Concert with The Rodney Mack on Nov 28th and the Philadelphia Big Brass on Nov 29th, both shows begin at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 410-374-9059 or go online to www.brownpapertickets.com.

Nov 2nd–30th: Sunday Market

Come to the 300 Block of North Queen Street in Downtown Lancaster and discover the new SUNDAY MARKET @ BUILDING CHARACTER, as well as great shopping at oodles of delightful stores. SUNDAY MARKET runs every Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. in the parking area outside the store. Look for a smattering of interesting finds, including antiques, collectibles, artists' handiwork and other delightful treasures. And don't miss treats from Nick's Pizza, famous BBQ from Catering Concepts Unlimited and sweet creations from pastry chef Eric Moshier. Vendor spaces is available by calling 717-394-7201, or info@buildingcharacter.biz. For details, go to www.buildingcharacter.biz/assembly.

Nov 5th: 2008 YWCA Day of Commitment

On Wednesday, November 5th, groups of three people, each person from a different ethnic background, will meet for a meal at restaurants all over Lancaster County. They will each be making a commitment to bridge the social divisions that separate us by getting to know two people from a diverse background they might never have met. You can become part of this celebration by contacting the YWCA Coordinator of Racial Justice & Advocacy at rjcoordinator@ywcalancaaster.org.

Nov 6th & 13th: Read, Touch and Discover

The North Museum (400 College Ave.) hosts the Read, Touch and Discover program. Highlighting a different book each week, Children ages 3 to 5 are encouraged, with their parents, to explore their world. Activities are from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 6th–29th: David Moss

David Moss will be exhibiting his oil paintings and drawings at Isadore Gallery (228 N. Prince St.). Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and by appointment. The artist will be present for the First Friday reception on November 7th, 5 p.m.–9 p.m. For more information, call 717-299-0127.

Nov 7th: First Friday

First Fridays are a great time to experience Downtown Lancaster! Join the thousands who have enjoyed the evening's artistic energy. Over 90 art venues and shops extend their hours to 9 p.m. — some even later! For a complete listing of monthly First Friday activities, visit www.LancasterARTS.com.

Nov 7th: Fiber Art at Festoon

The form and function of fiber art will take center stage at Festoon (25 W. King St.). Festoon promotes the concept of inspiration in the eclectic array of natural fiber apparel, home décor and personal care items carefully selected from around the world. This First Friday, Festoon will feature the work of local fiber artist, Nancy Myer whose unique display of winter hats is a feast for the eyes and a pleasure to touch. Working in the theme of conservation, Myer was motivated to find new and practical uses for her many remnant yarns. Half of the proceeds of each hat sold will benefit Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County. Festoon is located in the Shops at Hagar. The festivities will run from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-299-2232 for more information.

Nov. 7th: Ben DeLuca & Kaylin Kostret at Gallery 141

Gallery 141 (113 N. Water St.) Features Ben DeLuca and Kaylin Kostret paintings and Sanderson Images, wedding photography as fine art. The gallery will have music all evening and a photobooth where you can get your picture taken to buy online for charity. Event hours are from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. For more information call, 717-397-2003.

Nov 7th: Artist's Reception with Connie De Alva Higgins

The Puerto Rican Cultural Center (150 S. Prince St.) is hosting an artist reception for Painter Connie De Alva Higgins. De Alva Higgins' work will be on display Nov. 4th–30th, and the artist will be meeting with visitors and discussing her work First Friday Nov. 7th from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-397-8597 For more information.

Nov 7th: "Marriage of Art" Barbara & Robert E. Buchanan Paintings

Living Light Gallery (150 N. Prince St.) will be featuring the work of award-winning husband and wife artists, Robert E. Buchanan and Barbara Buchanan. The Buchanan's work consists of many depictions of Lancaster County. Barbara is exhibiting recent realist drawings in a variety of dry media, while Robert is showing highly detailed watercolors and oil paintings in the realist tradition as well as abstract mixed media. Artists reception 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-390-9011 or visit www.livinglightgallery.com for more information.

Nov 7th & Dec 5th: First Friday Kirtan

Come and join First Friday Kirtan at The Yoga Path (428 N. Duke St.) and experience the uplifting energy of Kirtan, a form of group chanting from ancient India, from 7:45-9 p.m. Afterwards enjoy a sampling of delicious Ayurvedic vegetarian foods flavored with exotic and healing Indian spices, presented by Spice of Life. The cost is \$10 at the door. For more information, call 717-392-3992 or email yogapath@voicenet.com.

Nov 7th–Dec 26th: New Strings

Come to Parlor Gallery (320 Laurel St.) and see the latest collection of work by Christian Herr, titled New Strings. The First Friday opening reception will be November 7th, 5 p.m.–10 p.m. as well as a reception on December's First Friday. To top things off, Parlor will be hosting their pre-holiday opening on December 20th, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call 717-392-1772 or go online to www.parlorgallery.org.

This Month's Events

Nov 7th–30th: Three Decades of Painting

Only at Lancaster Galleries (34 N. Water St.) you'll find Robert Andriulli's landscape paintings spanning three decades. This retrospective exhibition includes both plein air and studio work. Andriulli's compositions are often connected with the Susquehanna Valley landscapes. Oil paintings from Maine and various coast lines will also be exhibited. For more information, call 717-397-5552 or go online to www.lancastergalleries.com.

Nov 7th–Dec 31st: The National Christmas Center Presents a Lancaster Christmas

With a vision of what Christmas in Downtown Lancaster was like in past eras, nationally-known Christmas historian and founder of the National Christmas Center, Jim Morrison, has prepared a major exhibition of old-fashioned Christmas at the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum (37 N. Market St.). Visitors will see recreations of Christmas celebrations from the 1850s through the 1970s. On November 7th, 5 p.m.–9 p.m., visit with Saint Nicholas and learn about the history of Christmas. Admission for adults is \$6 and free for children 17 and under. Discount rates are available for groups of 15 or more through advance registration. The exhibition is free on First Fridays, 5 p.m.–9 p.m. and on the Mayor's Tree Lighting on November 28, 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Call 717-299-6440 for more information, or go online to www.lancasterheritage.com.

Nov 7th–Jan 14th: David Brumbach Unbound

The Demuth Museum (120 E. King St.) will present David Brumbach Unbound: Pages from his Book. This two-part exhibition will explore the work of Lancaster artist, David Brumbach (1948-1992). David Brumbach Unbound is presented in celebration of what would have been the artist's sixtieth birthday. An illustrated booklet will be available for purchase with an essay by Demuth Museum Executive Director, Anne M. Lampe. An opening reception will be held on November 7th, from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. at the Demuth Museum in conjunction with First Friday activities. For more information, call 717-299-9940 or go online to www.demuth.org.

Nov 8th: Grands Are Grand

The North Museum of Natural History & Science (400 College Ave.) is giving grandparents and their grandchildren (ages 3-5) an opportunity to work together and explore the world around them. Using stories, touchable specimens and craft activities during their Grands Are Grand Event 10:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m. This month, discover the animal kingdom's legendary tricksters, and how they fool each other and how they fool us. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 8th: Needlefelt Snowmen

Join Kim Hondares, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Heritage Center Museum (5 W. King St.), and make some festive snowmen or snowwomen using raw wool. The cost is \$30 (\$28 members of the Heritage Center) and includes the kit. For more information, call 717-299-6440.

Nov 13th: Science Forum

Join the North Museum (400 College Ave.) for an engaging discussion on a variety of science topics. This month will focus on animal intelligence. Find out if humans really are smarter than their primate relatives! The Science forum is from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 14th & 15th: Pop Science

How do machines improve our lives? Learn about the current research on the future of "machine helpers" at the North Museum (400 College Ave.). In partnership with the National Science Foundation's Portal to the Public program, The North Museum's Pop Science series provides the opportunity for local scientists to present their research and connect with the general public. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 16th: F&M Orchestra comes to First UMC

On Sunday, 3 p.m., in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church (29 E. Walnut St.), The Franklin and Marshall Orchestra will perform a concert titled "Church Windows". The 80-member orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Brian Norcross. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. For more information, go online to www.EngageGodFirst.org.

Nov 20th: Demuth Museum's Auction for Artists & Collectors

The Demuth Museum will be holding its 11th auction at the Iris Club (323 N. Duke St.) on Thursday Nov. 20th. Nearly 70 works will be available for bidding by artists David Brumbachs, Luigi Rists, and all of Lancaster's local and regional favorites. The auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with a preview at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Demuth Museum. For more information, call 717-299-9940 or visit www.demuth.org.

Nov 21st: Music Friday

The third Friday of every month, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Downtown Lancaster will host Music Friday. Performances will abound throughout the 300 Block of North Queen Street as well as restaurants and businesses all over Downtown Lancaster on sidewalks and inside stores. Performances will include belly dancing, a jazz quintet, solo acoustic, rock and Americana groups. Each month will bring new performers to Music Friday. There is free parking available at BUIlDiNG CHARACTER, behind Onions Cafe. Many shops will offer alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.DowntownLancaster.com.

Through Nov 21st & 22nd: Cabaret at the Fulton

The Fulton's Cabaret Series (12 N. Prince St.) continues with Marieann Meringolo's "In The Spirit" beginning at 8 p.m. for two nights in November. Award Winning performer, Meringolo's signature blend of stunning vocals and intense passion will reinvent enchanting holiday classics at this new show. For show times, details, or tickets, go online to www.thefulton.org or call 717-394-7133.

Nov 22nd–Dec 27th: Cinderella's Christmas

The Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre (126 N. Water St.) will be presenting "Cinderella's Christmas" every Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. from Nov 22nd–Dec 27th. Tickets are \$9. For reservations call 717-394-8398.

Nov 23rd: The Ancestors Workshop at Radiance

Poet Amanda Kemp will be hosting a workshop at Radiance (9 W. Grant St.) to open the door to compassion, forgiveness and a deeper awareness of what we are called to do in this life. Integrating yoga postures, meditation, and creative writing, Amanda will create a space for participants to connect with and draw strength from their ancestors. The Ancestors Workshop will run from 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advanced and \$25 at the door. Call Radiance at 717-290-1517, or stop in to register.

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This Month's Events

Nov 24th–Jan 9th: PCA&D Faculty Biennial

Come to the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) to see all-new artworks created by faculty members that teach studio classes in the BFA program, and to adults and youth in continuing education classes. Various media include photography, painting, printmaking, mixed media, graphic design, illustration, and more. Artists include Christine Welch, Daniel Lobdell, David Snyder, Thomas Scullin, Jay Noble, Tim Campbell, Matt Novak, Scott McMahan, and Thomas Bejgrowicz. A gallery reception will be held on December 5th from 5 p.m.–8 p.m. during Lancaster's First Friday. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on First Fridays. Closed weekends and holidays. For more information, call 717-396-7833 or go online to www.pcad.edu.

Nov. 26th: ThanksGivin' Back

The Lancaster Elks Club Lodge (219 N. Duke St.) will be hosting a benefit concert to raise money for Hospice of Lancaster County. Enjoy live music by the horn-powered rockin' blues band D.C & Co. with special performances by Billy Trimble and Pocket O' Soul. Event begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 advanced, and \$15 at the door, available for purchase at Valentino's Cafe and Alley Kat. Cash bar and food will be available at the event. Call 717-293-0851 for more information.

Nov. 28th: New Holiday Planetarium Shows

The North Museum of Natural History & Science will have new Planetarium Shows beginning at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for the holiday season. For more information call 717-291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Nov 28th: Greek Day

The Red Rose (101 E. King St.) will be hosting Greek Day the last Friday of the month. It includes a menu of Greek specialties, including pastitsio, mousaka and spanakopita, and desserts such as baklava and ravani. In addition to authentic Greek dishes, The Red Rose will have specialty Greek drinks, including their new Socratini. For more information, call 717-392-8620 or go online to www.redroselancaster.com.

Nov 29th: 5th Christmas Open House

Festoon (25 W. King St.) invites you to their 5th Christmas Open House on Saturday November 29th, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Please join them for this festive event loaded with lots of holiday spirit including give-aways, product demos, free drawings, and great refreshments! For more information, call 717-299-2232.

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Welcome New Businesses

Carmen & David's Creamery

Specializing in homemade ice-creams, this long awaited café will open in early November at 25 N. Prince Street

Queue Studio

New Art Gallery – that will soon offer salon services at 218 N. Duke St.

Sambalin Hair & Nail Studio

447 N. Mulberry St.
717-509-1973

Zap Home Collective

Zap & Co. brings a modern furniture store with vendors showcasing mid-20th century home furnishings.
24 W. Walnut Street

Liz Hess Gallery

Gallery 2 has changed their name while continuing the production and sale of great art.
140 N. Prince St., 717-390-7222

Obra d'Edo Gallery

The latest addition to the impressive stretch of galleries on Gallery Row.
126 N. Prince St, 2nd Floor

DID You Know?

Lancaster served as the capital city of Pennsylvania from 1799 to 1813, until it was replaced by Harrisburg.

Title photo provided by [Russell Frost](#)

Downtown Highlights

Art Attack



Mark-Finberg Gallery

Though one of the newest galleries to join the Lancaster arts scene, the Mark-Finburg Gallery (104 W. Chestnut St.) is no stranger to art or to Lancaster. Husband and Wife team Barry Finberg and Laura Mark-Finberg first moved to the area in the 1970's and they have been exhibiting Laura's paintings for almost as long. Laura creates the paintings and Barry creates and frames limited edition prints of her work. These award-winning paintings have been exhibited all over the U.S. and the husband and wife business team has traveled extensively to research many of their subjects. This extensive research shows in the amount of detail

Laura puts into her paintings. One can see layers of color through the paintings, masterfully rendering mammals, reptiles, birds and the environments they inhabit. The Mark-Finberg Gallery exhibits Laura's original wildlife paintings as well as prints of her work. Mark-Finberg Gallery, 104 W. Chestnut St., 717-393-2996,

www.markfinberggallery.com.

Local Appetite



The Loft

The Loft (201 W. Orange St.) exudes a warmth from the moment you step into the place. After entering from Water Street, you head upstairs to an intimate and beautifully lit dining room. The staff has a well-earned reputation of being friendly and attentive, the menu is top-notch, and attention is given to every detail. Casual diners are welcome and made to feel right at home in this intimate setting. The Loft's menu offers an extensive wine-list, beautifully prepared dishes, and exquisite desserts. Everything is prepared on location by Owner and Chef Gunter Backhaus. Ideal for lunches, intimate dinners or evening drinks, The Loft offers one of the best

fine-dining experiences in Downtown Lancaster in a casual intimate setting. The Loft, 201 W. Orange St., 717-299-0661, www.theloftlancaster.com.

Photo Contest



Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Trivia Contest. Congratulations to **Dino Cesarini** of Warfel Construction for correctly

guessing Irish Gypsy as last month's photo! Be the next person to correctly identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: This little shop is a fabulous place to find great fashion accessories.

Send your guess to ckieffer@teamlanc.org.

Have an Event?

Have an Event? Submit to us by the 10th day of each month prior to the publication month. December events are due by November 10th. Submit Events to: publications@goodproductions.us

Have A Photo?

Submit your favorite photo of Downtown Lancaster for a chance to see it featured in a future issue of The Lancaster Downtown Difference. Submit Photo to: publications@goodproductions.us

Store Front



Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal

Vintage never goes out of style and the ladies at Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal (310 N. Queen St.) know vintage. Mixing modern styles with shabby-chic finds, Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal offers an eclectic mix of furniture, home accents, and retro fashions from the mid-20th century. Their fashions for women and men are colorful and stylish with a large selection of evening gowns and dresses for the ladies, suits and jackets for the men, and everything in between. Their home accents are hip and nostalgic, ranging from kitchen and dinnerware to vases and vintage frames. With daring patterns and bright colors the furnishings offer the best of the mid-20th century. Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal tie all of this together with retro-inspired jewelry, locally made soaps, sassy notepads and post cards, and classic candy from the days of five and dimes. Mommalicious & Smilin' Gal, 310 N. Queen St., 717-299-0827.

Now & Later



The Brickyard

Sports fans and night owls rejoice, The Brickyard (415 N Prince St.) fills their nights with everything you need. For football lovers, The Brickyard boasts all the major games on Sundays and Monday nights. The most important games are featured on The Brickyards Giant screens in the main bar. If you want to watch your favorite team away from the crowd, each booth is equipped with its own flat-screen TV built into the wall. Tuesdays are for gamers with Rock Band competitions on the big screen, bring your virtual band and compete with the new Rock Band 2, or just belt out the tunes solo on Thursdays with Karaoke. DJ's spin three nights a week, MC Taylor Made on Wednesdays and DJ P3 rounds out the week on Friday's and Saturdays. The Brickyard offers twenty beers on tap, a full bar and a large menu with finger food, salads, sandwiches, pastas, desserts and everything in between. The Brickyard 415 N. Prince St., 717-509-6090, www.brickyardsportspub.com.

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Central Market
At Penn Square



LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Downtown Dollars are still available

Downtown Dollars make great gifts and benefit Downtown Lancaster retailers. The dollars come in denominations of five and ten dollars and can be purchased at the Downtown Investment District office, 44 North Queen Street, in the Central Market Mall. For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.



To be redeemed at any participating Downtown Lancaster business. Visit DowntownLancaster.com for a complete list of these businesses.

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Upcoming Events

Dec 3rd–9th: Think Local First

The Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network (SSBN) is alerting holiday shoppers to participate in the Think Local First campaign. This exciting event will happen in Downtown Lancaster and aims to encourage residents of all ages to explore the colorful selection of locally-owned businesses and restaurants. Participating businesses will feature anything from prize baskets to customer discounts and in-store activities for kids. For more information, contact SSBN at 877-500-6552 or visit www.susquehannasbn.org.

Dec 5th: First Friday at Shaub's

Shaub's (18 N. Queen St.) will be hosting, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m., 2008 Miss Pennsylvania, Kendria Perry and 2008 Miss Teen Pennsylvania, Julia Rae Schlucter demonstrating informal modeling and singing holiday songs. Also, the last week in November, Shaub's will feature Shari Lutz's Santas and elves on display for purchasing. Shari designs and creates each individually, no two being exactly alike. Each piece reflects a time and period and is hand sculpted of artist-quality clay, recycled furs and fabrics. The result is a truly one-of-a-kind collectable. For more information, call 717-397-0336.

Dec 6th & 7th: Eastern Market

Come to Eastern Market (308 E. King St.) for City Arts Market. You'll find over fifty local arts and crafts vendors for two full days from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Buy handmade for holidays! For more information, and how to become a vendor, call 717-358-9368 or go online to www.HistoricEastSide.org.

Dec 10th–28th: A Christmas Carol

Theater of the Seventh Sister (Stahr Armory, 438 N. Queen St.) will present A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted by Gary Smith. Charles Dickens' incomparable tale is truly the Christmas gift that keeps on giving. This profound tale of spiritual redemption is perfectly captured in Gary Smith's imaginative and faithful adaptation. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at (717) 396-7764 or e-mailing theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, visit Theater of the Seventh Sister on the web at www.seventhsister.com.

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