



Bellefonte Victorian Christmas

2024



OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE

December 13th-15th



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Welcome to the 43rd Annual



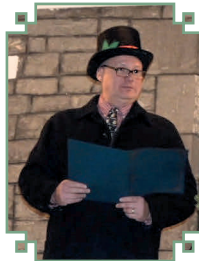
Bellefonte Victorian Christmas is one of the community's most cherished Christmas traditions. This year's theme is Christmas Trains. We hope you enjoy the special events, find unique gifts, and get a tasty meal at one of our local restaurants. Visit our website for the latest information: bellefontevictorianchristmas.com
Happy Christmas!

Mayor's Welcome

Welcome to our 2024 Victorian Christmas Celebration.

I am Buddy Johnson, the proud Mayor of Bellefonte. My family and I would like to welcome all to our beautiful borough and we hope that this year's festivities create special memories for you and your loved ones.

**Happy Christmas,
Mayor Buddy Johnson**



The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau

welcomes you to the 43rd Bellefonte Victorian Christmas.

This crown jewel event surely puts all of Happy Valley, Pennsylvania into the holiday spirit each year. We hope that you enjoy your stay and the festivities in Bellefonte. Please take time to explore the many wonderful shops and restaurants in town.

Happy Holidays!

Fritz Smith, President & CEO
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Front cover photo credit: **Jeff Shultz**

Jeff's artwork appears as a theme for this year's Victorian Christmas guidebook, website, and limited edition collectible cookie tins.



We proudly support the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas celebration, Historic Bellefonte Inc, and the many community events that celebrate the great history of our town.



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Holiday Cookie Crawl Saturday December 14, 2024

Purchase a beautiful Limited Edition Cookie Tin featuring a picture of the Santa by the Courthouse, by hometown photographer, Jeff Shultz.

Cookie Crawl event tins will be available for purchase (\$25 cash or check only) from one of three locations in town:

- Woodring's Floral Gardens
- Centre County Library
- Bellefonte YMCA

When you purchase a tin, you will receive a card listing all participating merchants/businesses. The day of the event, take your tin and card to each merchant to receive a free cookie.

Have a fun day while you shop, eat, drink, and fill your beautiful keepsake tin!



Tins will also be available for purchase at the Winter Market. (not eligible for the cookie crawl)



Friday, December 13

Opening Evening Events

on Howard Street outside of the Centre County Historical Museum (Miles-Humes House)

6PM: Gathering

Be cheered by the holiday sounds of Victorian Brass. The Class Act Productions creative troupe will be strolling amongst the crowd. Magician Richard Benninghoff will entertain with some close-up magic (sponsored by Phoenix Physical Therapy). Holiday treats to keep you warm and cozy, prepared and served by the Bellefonte Presbyterian Church and supported by a gift from the Bellefonte Lions Club

7PM: Christmas Carol on the Rails

Stave 1: A Ghostly Engineer, by Class Act Productions

7:15PM: Welcome & Proclamation

Welcome from our corporate sponsor North Shore Railroad Company. Proclamation by Mayor Buddy Johnson officially opening the 2024 Bellefonte Victorian Christmas.

Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Celebration

at Bellefonte Presbyterian Church

7:30PM: Music

Nittany Valley Symphony Encore Ensemble
under the direction of Timothy Farrand

followed by

The Bellefonte Community Choir
under the direction of Tricia Andriaccio

(Opening night concerts supported by a gift from The Historic Bellefonte Cruise - pg. 30)

Visit www.bellefontevictorianchristmas.com and follow Bellefonte Victorian Christmas on Facebook and Instagram

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Winter Market

TALLEYRAND PARK
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10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

DOWNTOWN BELLEFONTE INC.

Let the Music Guide You

Weekend Christmas Concert Tour in Bellefonte

Saturday, December 14

10am - 3pm Concert series in the Centre County Historical Museum (Miles-Humes)

11am - 4pm Street performances throughout the downtown area. Come out to listen and support local musicians.

11am - 5pm "Concert Crawl" at the following downtown churches:

11am – Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

12pm – St. John's United Church of Christ

2pm – St. John's Episcopal Church

4pm – Trinity United Methodist Church


11am to 3pm - Strolling Music - Watch for Picker and Papa along with Rama Lama while they make rounds through the town.

Sunday, December 15

2pm - Bellefonte Community Band concert at Bellefonte High School auditorium. Free parking and admission.


4pm - Faith Church (512 Hughes St.) presents a FREE musical entitled "A King for All Nations." Come hear holiday songs from Africa, France, West Indies, Israel and more. Faith bells will perform immediately prior to the musical performance.

6pm - St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 134 E Bishop St., celebrates with the Parish Christmas Concert.



**DECEMBER 14
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PERFORMANCES AT



**11 AM
12 NOON
1 PM**

128 W. HOWARD STREET ON THE LAWN

Children's Santa Parade Sunday, Dec. 15 - 2pm



Come and join the Girl Scouts for their first annual Santa Parade! Dress in your Santa, Mrs. Claus, Reindeer, or even Elf gear and walk with us to bring some holiday magic to Bellefonte.

Location: Outside the Bellefonte Little House, 115 W. Howard Street

This event is dependent upon weather. Please watch our Facebook page (Bellefonte Little House) for updates!

Victorian Christmas For Children

Saturday, Dec. 14

8:30-11:30 am: Breakfast with Santa at Faith United Methodist Church, 512 Hughes Street. Free crafts and activities including Chip Mock Caricatures and Adam Schwartz's Puppet Show. An optional full breakfast is offered (\$6/adult, \$3/child 12 & under). Tickets available at the door.

9am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm: Victorian Children's Tea event. A light lunch and teatime treats along with a beverage will be served while listening to tales of Christmas past.

Price per child (ages 3-12): \$15, accompanying adults: \$15

Location: Bellefonte Little House, 115 W. Howard Street

Watch for reservations on our Facebook event (Bellefonte Little House)

9am-4pm: Holiday Thaumatrope craft activity available to make on site or as a take-and-make-at-home. Bellefonte Library, 200 N. Allegheny St.

10am-1pm Make and take activity by the Master Gardeners (p. 27)

10:30am: Reading of the Nutcracker at Bellefonte Library.

12pm-4pm: Santa's House open **Saturday & Sunday.** (Planned arrival of Santa at his House on Diamond at Courthouse at 11:45 on Saturday)

12-4:30pm: The Makery will have a free, self-led activity in the makery studio during Victorian Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 15

2pm Come and join the Girl Scouts for their first annual Santa Parade! (p. 7)

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See [www.BellefonteVictorianChristmas](http://www.BellefonteVictorianChristmas.com) for more details and ticket information.

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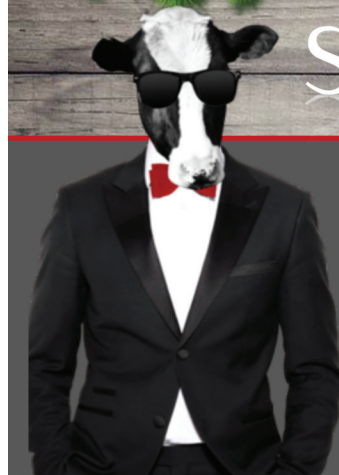
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Dec. 14 & Dec. 15: 12PM and 3PM

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Cost is \$30 per person. Each tea is one hour long and includes a selection of teas, accompanied by savories and sweets.

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Victorian Christmas Events at a Glance

All venues and activities are subject to change.

Please visit bellefontevictorianchristmas.com for updates.

Friday, December 13

12-4:30pm The Makery Activity at Bellefonte Art Museum (p. 8)

2pm-5pm Curtin and Armor Railroad Operating at Belle Mercantile (p. 9)

4pm-8pm Festival of Trees, CPI, 540 N. Harrison Rd. (p. 19)

5pm-8pm Horse-drawn carriage rides departing from Brockerhoff (p. 14)

6pm: Opening Ceremonies at Historical Museum (Miles-Humes House) including a brass band, Class Act, magician Richard Benninghoff, and refreshments. (p. 15)

7pm "Christmas Carol on the Rails" - Stave I (p. 5)

7pm - Cutthroat Christmas: Deadly Deals - Dinner Theater (p. 18)

7:15pm Mayor delivers the opening proclamation (p. 5)

7:30pm Opening night Christmas concerts with Nittany Valley Symphony & Bellefonte Community Choir

8:30-10:30pm "A Christmas Cordial" at State Burger (p. 11)

Saturday, December 14

7:30am 3rd Annual Raider Reindeer Race 4k, Train Station. Register at: www.runreg.com/raider-reindeer-4k-runwalk

8:30am-11:30am Breakfast with Santa at Faith United Methodist Church (p. 8)

9am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm Victorian Children's Tea Party at the Little House (p. 8)

9am-4pm: Craft activity at the Bellefonte Library (p. 8)

9am-4pm: Jingle Bell Bazaar at Lambert Hall

9am- 6pm Festival of Trees (p. 19)

10am-4pm Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Pop-Up Market at Smith & Front, 160 Dunlop Street (p. 27)

9am-5pm Victorian Christmas Arts and Crafts Show at the YMCA and Elementary School (p. 6)

10am-4pm Bellefonte Winter Market at Talleyrand Park (p. 6)

10am-5pm Cookie Crawl (p. 4)

10am-5pm Curtin and Armor RR Operating at Belle Mercantile (p. 9)

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Saturday, December 14

All day - Christmas at Titan Market: Music, Food, Shopping (p. 18)

10am-3pm Miles-Humes House, 203 N. Allegheny Self-Guided House and Museum tours, piano performances

10am-3:30pm Bellefonte Garden Club activities at the Centre County Historical Museum (p. 21)

11am, 12pm, 1pm Live Nativity at Trinity United Methodist Church (p. 7)

11am-3pm Horse-drawn carriage rides, departing from Brockerhoff (p. 15)

11am-4pm: Street performances by local students (p. 7)

11am-5pm: Concert series at local churches (p. 7)

11:45am Santa arrives at Diamond (p. 8)

12pm Santa's house open (p. 8)

11am-3pm Picker & Papa and Rama Lama around town

12pm-4:30pm The Makery activity at Bellefonte Art Museum (p. 10)

12pm & 3pm Victorian Christmas Teas at local B&Bs - reservations required (p. 13)

6:30pm Christmas Express Dinner (ticketed event) at the American Philatelic Society (p. 23)

7pm - Cutthroat Christmas: Deadly Deals - Dinner Theater (p. 18)

Sunday, December 15

10am-4pm Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Pop-Up Market at Smith & Front, 160 Dunlop Street (p. 27)

11am-4pm Curtin and Armor RR Operating at Belle Mercantile (p. 9)

12pm-4pm Festival of Trees (p. 19)

12pm-4:30pm Crafts and activities at the Makery (p. 10)

12pm & 3pm Victorian Christmas Teas at local B&Bs (reservations required) (p. 13)

2pm Bellefonte Community annual Christmas concert at Bellefonte High School (p. 7)

2pm Children's Santa Parade (p. 7)

4pm "King for All Nations" at Faith Church (p. 7)

6pm Parish Christmas concert at St. John the Evangelist church (p. 7)

Carriage Rides:

Horse-drawn carriage rides, departing from Brockerhoff on Allegheny St.

Friday 5pm-8pm

Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm (Weather permitting)

For reservations, contact Melissa at melissa.hershey@gmail.com

\$16 per person



Free Parking and Shuttle Bus Service

Free parking is available at the Bellefonte High School on **Saturday only** from 9:00am-6pm. Bus routes will run from the High School (Bishop St.) to the Diamond at the Courthouse, the Festival of Trees at CPI (Harrison Road), and Titan Market (Axemann Rd.)



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Register by November 22, 2024.
 Forms available at Diamond Deli, Train Station in Bellefonte, or visit:
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Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Cutthroat Christmas: Deadly Deals

Dec 12th, 13th, & 14th
 7pm at Titan Hollow
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Advanced ticket purchase required. Ticket includes admission to the show. Dinner may be purchased separately. Show features simulated gunshots.

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December 15
December 21
December 22

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Saturday Dec 14,
10AM-3:30PM
Centre County
Historical
Museum - Miles
Humes House

Using Nature's Gifts

View hand-made symbols of Christmas: Lacy angel ornaments, delicate flower wreaths and cones, rustic wooden items, plus stems of flowers and grasses interwoven around modern items serving to replicate the past.

Members of the Bellefonte Garden Club will showcase fruit/vegetable arrangements often associated with winter. Members will suggest ways to treat bulbs and plants to keep them healthy into the new year.



Come visit the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 at 120 W High Street for an Open House on Saturday December 14th from 10am to 5pm. Inside, there will also be gift wrapping (by donation) to support Elks Lodge charities. Great opportunity to learn about membership into our local Elks Lodge.

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2024: Christmas Carol on the Rails

Friday Dec. 13:
Miles Humes House
(Centre County Historical Museum)
7PM: STAVE I: A Ghostly Engineer

Saturday Dec. 14:
Courthouse Steps
1PM: STAVE II: The Trunk
2PM: STAVE III: The Ticket
3PM: STAVE IV: The Nightmare
4PM: STAVE V: The Next Stop




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| April 13, 2025 | May 18, 2025

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Christmas Express Dinner Holiday Dinner Party

Saturday Dec. 14th at 6:30PM

American Philatelic Society - Sundman Hall

Step aboard a magical dining car this Christmas season, where the spirit of the holidays comes to life! Dinner will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 1314. Guests will enjoy a grand feast featuring roasted turkey with all the classic trimmings. The evening's entertainment will come alive with the talents of Class Act Productions, who will enchant the audience with an old-time radio performance filled with Christmas cheer inspired by the Christmas Express. Their show will feature lively musical numbers and mystery, creating a magical experience for all ages.



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Father's Day Weekend

Bellefonte Arts & Craft Fair
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Last Saturday in October
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Kids Events at:
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**Watching & Feeding
Winter Birds**

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am – 1pm:
Bellefonte Library and Children's
Garden (behind Centre County
Historical Museum)
Create two bird ornaments to feed
the birds during Winter. (hosted by
The Penn State Master Gardeners)

Holiday Thaumatrope

Saturday, Dec. 14, 9am-4pm:
Holiday Thaumatrope craft
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Nutcracker Reading

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30am:
Reading of the Nutcracker



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- our local police and fire companies that both serve and protect all year long but provide additional support during the holiday season.
- our local churches that open their doors to offer beautiful spaces to hold the sounds of the season.
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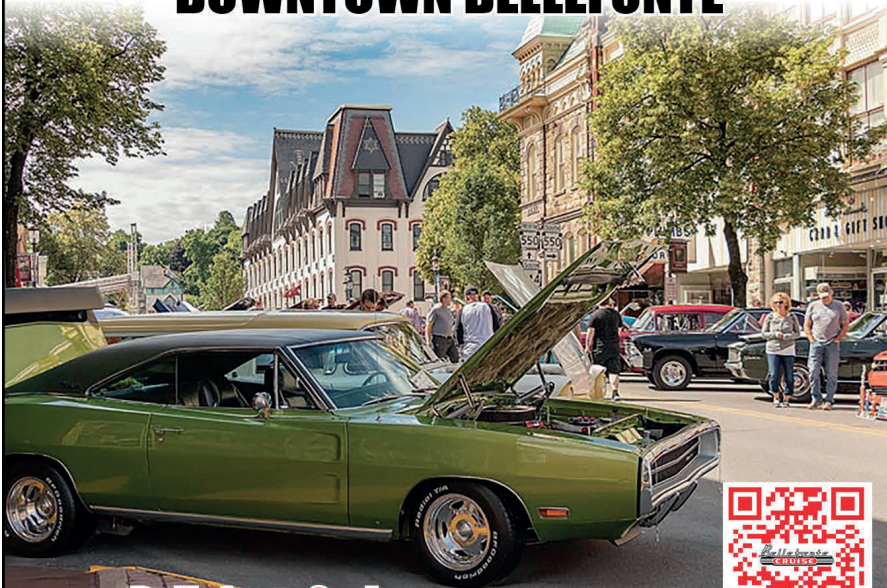
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