

**High Country Regional Visitor Center**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**AFTERNOON ART CLUB**

**Every Tuesday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

*Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*

Children ages 6 to 10 years of age are invited to join us at the Museum for creative art-making activities. Participants will find inspiration from current exhibitions and will introduce them to different art mediums, from watercolor to clay.

Registration is required. Email [Jennifer@BlowingRockMuseum.org](mailto:Jennifer@BlowingRockMuseum.org)

**DOODLEBUG CLUB**

**Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

*Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*

Preschool-age children and a parent/guardian are invited to Doodlebug Club -- a fun, educational art program focused on basic art skills (holding your paintbrush, identifying primary colors, etc.) while introducing children to different art media, from watercolor to clay. After clean-up it is storytime! This program is a great way to introduce your child to art and meet other children and parents. \$5 Space is limited, reservation required. email: [jennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org](mailto:jennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org) or call 828-295-9099

**WEEKLY FREE LIVE MUSIC**

**Nightly throughout the High Country**

Find live bluegrass, country and modern music nightly on our list of free live music.

Visit: [highcountryhost.com/NC-High-Country-FREE-Music](http://highcountryhost.com/NC-High-Country-FREE-Music)

**BOONE FARMERS MARKET**

**Every Saturday, Horn in the West, Boone**

Find fresh fruit, veggies, meats, pastas, breads and more! Some markets feature craft vendors, food trucks, live music and children activities.

**VALLE CRUCIS PARK BIRDWALK**

**Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 10:30am**

Join the High Country Audubon Society for a bird walk at Valle Crucis Community Park every Wednesday. Enjoy an opportunity to see our beautiful birds in the area in a walk led by one of your community members. These walks will start on April 3rd and end on October 30th, 2019.

**LINE DANCING AT ALLEGHANY JUBILEE**

**Every Monday, 6pm**, Alleghany Jubilee, 25 North Main St., Sparta

Come on out to learn or just have fun! (336) 200-4949 or FaceBook

**Cone Exhibits at BRAHM**

**Through November 30**, Blowing Rock Art and History Museum

Two special exhibitions will tell stories about the Cone family. For the first time ever, the renowned art collection of sisters Claribel and Etta Cone will be presented with historical context with their lives in North Carolina. *Modern Visions, Modern Art: The Cone Sisters in North Carolina* presents a selection from the Cone Collection with artwork by Henri Matisse, Rembrandt, Sarah Stein, Jacques Villon, and others. *Modern Visions, Mountain Views: The Cones of Flat Top Manor* tells the story of NC's "Denim King," Moses H. Cone, and his wife, Bertha. These exhibitions can only be seen in Blowing Rock, and are free and open to the public.

[www.blowingrockmuseum.org](http://www.blowingrockmuseum.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FALL APPALACHIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE (FADE)

**Wednesday, November 20 through Saturday, November 23, at 7pm, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, November 24,** Valborg Theatre, ASU. This dance showcases features eight pieces that are having their world premiere performances this month. All shows are general admission and ticket prices are \$17 for adults, \$15 for faculty and staff, and \$10 for students. For more information, call the Schaefer Center box office toll free at 800-841-ARTS (2787) or visit the website at [theatreanddance.appstate.edu](http://theatreanddance.appstate.edu).

*FADE* is an annual dance concert comprised of original works in the modern dance genre showcasing a wide variety of dance styles and themes, with each piece created by a different choreographer. "There are eight dances, so you are going to like at least one of them," says Associate Professor of Dance Studies, Susan Lutz, faculty coordinator for the ensemble. The pieces are "very eclectic, but accessible," she states.

### 27th HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT (Tickets Required)

**Friday, November 22, 7:30 Schaefer Center**

Featuring: Steely Pan Steel Band, Brass Choir, Cello Ensemble, Trombone Choir, Treble Choir, Sax Quartet, Glee Club, Flute Ensemble, University Singers, Trumpet Choir, Chamber Singers, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Ensemble.

For tickets, please call the Schaefer Center Box Office at 800-841-2787.

### SAM BUSH

**November 22, 2019 7:30 PM,** Appalachian Theatre, Downtown Boone

There is only one Sam Bush. The Americana Music Association awarded Bush the Lifetime Achievement Award as an Instrumentalist. Punch Brothers, Steep Canyon Rangers, and Greensky Bluegrass are just a few present-day bluegrass vanguards among so many musicians he has influenced. His performances are annual highlights of the festival circuit, with Bush's joyous perennial appearances at the town's famed bluegrass fest earning him the title, "King of Telluride." 828.865.3000

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### Downtown Boone Small Business Saturday

November 23

Visit the heart of Boone and take advantage of small business sales. Purchase local and unique Christmas gifts.

### North Wilkesboro Light Up the Town

November 23, 6pm

Watch the tree lighting, enjoy food and live music

### HIGH COUNTRY TURKEY TROT

**November 28, 9:00am,** Boone Greenway Trail

9th Annual High Country Turkey Trot - The LARGEST 5K in the High Country - takes place on Thanksgiving morning!

### Florence Thomas Art School Christmas Market

*November 29 & 30: 11-6pm, Downtown West Jefferson*

Inspired by the historic outdoor Christmas Markets, this market features local fine artists, crafters and more.

### Beech Mountain Sledding Hill

*Nov 25-Feb (weather permitting) M-F: 1-5pm; Holidays & Weekends: 9am-5pm*

Children under 12 can enjoy free sledding on this [sledding hill](#) with on-site snow making! Call for conditions: 800-468-5506

### Blowing Rock NC Christmas in the Park & Lighting of the Town

November 29: 3-8pm

Held in Memorial Park, this event features visits with Santa, games & activities for children, hayrides and more

### Annual Hometown Christmas

*November 29: 5-7 pm*

Watch the official lighting of the West Jefferson NC and stay for awhile and visit Santa, join carolers and more

High Country Host Regional Visitor Center 6370 US Hwy 321 S, Blowing Rock

Hrs: M-S 9-5, S 9-3

**Chetola Resort Festival of Lights**

November 29-January, Blowing Rock

Chetola Resort becomes a Winter Wonderland with over 50,000 dazzling lights around Chetola lake. Free to public

**Thanksgiving Weekend at Chetola Resort**

November 29-30: 5:30-7:30pm, Blowing Rock

Enjoy horse and carriage rides around Chetola Lake, visits with Santa with professional photos and children's cookie decorating.

**West Jefferson NC Christmas Crawl**

*November 29: 5-8pm*

Visit the arts district of downtown West Jefferson and see galleries and shops decked out in their best holiday attire!

**Beech Mountain Holiday Market**

*November 30, 10-4*

Get a jump start on holiday arts and crafts at the Holiday Market held at Buckeye Recreation Center.

**Blowing Rock NC Christmas Parade**

November 30: 2pm

Held on Main Street in Blowing Rock, this small town parade is one of the longest in the state

**Ashe Arts Council Saturday with Santa & Tree Fest Open House**

*November 30: 8:30am- 11:30am, Downtown West Jefferson*

See 8 thematically decorated Christmas trees, Holiday gift shop with locally-made art and crafts onsite as well

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS...Further Out

### **Boone NC Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and First Friday Holiday Art Crawl**

December 6: 5:45-8 pm

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at the Jones House with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

### **Ensemble Stage: A Banner Elk Christmas**

December 6, 8, 20-22

Enjoy a holiday musical variety show patterned after the Andy Williams and Bing Crosby TV Christmas special.

### **THE GATHERING**

**December 6, 2019 7:30 PM**, Appalachian Theatre, Downtown Boone

The Gathering is as lively and eclectic as any good family Christmas gathering! The holiday concert features Laurelyn Dossett, April Verch, Joe Newberry and Mike Compton. With inspiring vocal harmonies and virtuoso instrumentals, The Gathering breathes new life into traditional Christmas music and introduces fresh new songs of the season. "It's what the holidays were before shopping and Irving Berlin." Wall Street Journal. 828.865.3000

### **Wilkesboro NC Christmas Parade & Christmas in the Commons**

*December 7: 3pm, Main Street*

Features a classic holiday parade, following by live entertainment and more in town

### **Banner Elk Christmas in the Park**

December 7: 6:30-8:30

Visit Tate-Evans park in downtown Banner Elk and enjoy a luminary lit train-ride, Santa's workshop and more.

### **Banner Elk Parade of Lights**

December 7: 5:30pm

The downtown night parade in downtown Banner Elk is truly magical as the marching band, floats and more

### **Boone NC Christmas Parade & Celebration**

December 14: 11 am

Celebrate the holiday season in Boone! The parade will travel down King Street with lots of treats and surprises.

### **Santa Comes to Beech Mountain**

*December 14*

Join us in the lobby of the 4 Seasons at Beech Hotel, 608 Beech Mountain Parkway, from 2-4pm to meet Santa Claus!

### **An Appalachian Christmas Concert**

December 14: 7:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church, Downtown Boone

This free Mountain Home Music concert features Appalachian-style holiday music

### **A Celtic Christmas Concert**

December 21: 7:30 pm

This Mountain Home Music concert at The Appalachian Theater in Boone NC highlights stories and holiday music from Ireland

### **Beech Mountain Yule Log Bonfire and Hayride**

*December 23: 5-8pm*

Warm yourself by the fire, make s'mores, and take an evening hayride from 5-7pm at the firepit beside the [Brick Oven Pizzeria](#)