

A Dickens Holiday

**All schedules are subject to change.*

Preserve a Lifetime Memory — Remember *A Dickens Holiday* with a picture of you and your loved ones with our authentic Victorian sleigh and Father Christmas. \$5 per print. In front of the Arts Council Building at 301 Hay Street.

Create an Original Victorian Ornament to take home or hang on the community holiday tree. Free admission. 1 p.m.-dusk at Fascinate-U Children's Museum.

Amazing Holiday Entertainment!

Just a sampling of the delights that await you:

- Enjoy the sounds of the Oakwood Waits, an a cappella ensemble that has sung at the White House ("Waits," from early English, refers to street musicians.)
- John Tudor: award-winning magician
- Coventry Carolers
- Salvation Army Band
- TUBACHRISTMAS brass ensemble
- Sneak peeks from The Gilbert Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Find Unique Gifts

Visit the downtown shops for one-of-a-kind gifts and great holiday ideas. Pick up your free Dickens candle at select merchants.

Carriage Rides*

Queen Victoria's Carriage – ride like royalty for only \$15! Rides depart from the Transportation Museum, where model trains are on display.

Ye Olde Hitch Wagon – enjoy the big group experience for only \$10! Rides depart from 222 Hay Street.

**Come early for carriage rides. They sell out fast!*

Keep an eye out for Ebenezer Scrooge and other Dickens characters, carolers and strolling entertainers.



Dickens Costume Contest and Fireside Chat with Charles Dickens 6:30-8 p.m., Metropolitan Room on Green Street. Free admission. Come see authentic Victorian costumes modeled by the seamstresses and tailors who created them. Or enter to win \$500 in cash prizes. Register at 222 Hay St. for only \$10.

H&H Homes Professional Gingerbread House Competition 1-9 p.m., Rainbow Room. Free admission. Watch professional chefs decorate their creations and race the clock to win the \$500 top prize. Join in the fun with a People's Choice Award. Vote for your favorite with a dollar bill!

This Victorian Life 1-9 p.m, second floor of the Market House. Artifacts and exhibits of the mid-late Victorian era.

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The Arts Council's A Dickens Holiday

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Friday, Nov. 27, 1-9 p.m.
Downtown Fayetteville



*Original Dickens paintings
by Bob Rector*



Candlelight Procession and Tree-lighting Ceremony

Pick up your free candle at select merchants or the Arts Council. *(Candles can be kept or returned to the Arts Council.)*

5 p.m. Gather at the Arts Council on Hay and Maxwell streets. Enjoy the 21st Century Food Court while lining up!

5:30 p.m. Candlelight Procession, led by Queen Victoria herself! Procession ends at the Market House where Charles Dickens and Tiny Tim entertain the crowd, followed by singing, bells and a wonderful tree-lighting.

If you're not joining the procession, please stay on the sidewalks, leaving the street clear.