



HIGHLIGHTS

2011 marks the 26th consecutive year of Christmas in Rockport, our month-long celebration offering a unique blend of the old and the new. Traditional programs include Santa's arrival by lobster boat and the Dock Square tree lighting (December 3), the Seaside Village Open House and Gallery Stroll Weekend (December 10-11), the 66th annual Christmas Pageant (December 17), and Santa's return to Dock Square on Christmas morning. A new feature for this year's festivities is the "Seashells & Jingle Bells" Inn and Home Kitchen Tour on December 10.

The programs will conclude on December 31 with one of the Town's youngest traditions, New Year's Rockport Eve 2011, celebrating its 15th anniversary. Sites throughout downtown Rockport will host children's activities (clowns, puppets, magic, story tellers, etc.), and music for all tastes (classical, jazz, rock 'n roll, country and western, folk, blues, songs of the sea, etc.). Join us in Dock Square for a midnight celebration to welcome 2012. Buttons are on sale in advance at many Rockport and Gloucester businesses and on December 31. For further information and a full schedule of events, check the New Year's Rockport Eve web site: newyearsrockporteve.com or call 978-546-9038.



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The Chamber of Commerce appreciates the financial support given to the month-long Christmas in Rockport program by the following businesses and community organizations, who welcome your patronage and support during the holiday season and throughout the year. We particularly wish to acknowledge and thank **Granite Savings Bank, Rockport National Bank, and the Rockport Rotary Club**, this year's lead sponsors for Rockport's annual **Christmas Pageant**.

GALLERIES

An Artful Touch Gallery
Borsari Gallery
Cynthia Curtis Pottery
Michael Stoffa Gallery
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R. Lerch Gallery
Rockport Art Association

* as of November 22



RESTAURANTS

Bean & Leaf Café
Brothers Brew
Dunkin' Donuts
Fish Shack Restaurant
Grand Café
Rockport House of Pizza and Roast Beef
Roy Moore Lobster

SHOPS

Alexander's Pottery
Bearskin Neck Leathers
Christmas Dove
Happy Whale
House of Glass
John Tarr Store
Katie's Gift Shop
La Provence
London Venturers
Sand Castles
The Last Resort
The Pewter Shop
Toad Hall Bookstore
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INNS

Addison Choate Inn
Beech Tree Bed & Breakfast
Captain's House
Emerson Inn by the Sea
Eagle House Motel
Inn on Cove Hill
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Linden Tree Inn
Peg Leg Inn
Pleasant Street Inn
Rockport Inn & Suites
Sally Webster Inn
Seven South Street Inn
Tuck Inn B&B

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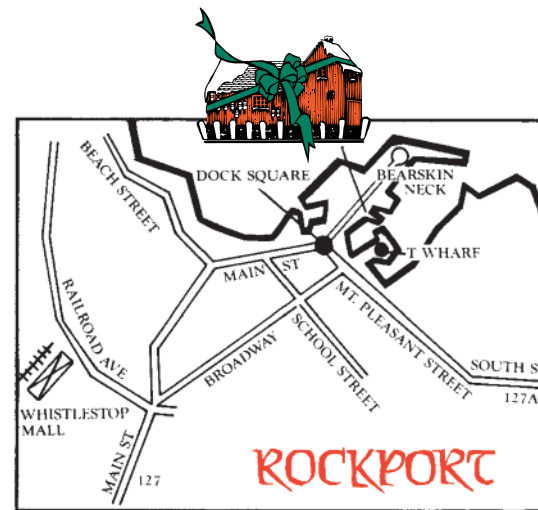
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Rockport Music



GENERAL INFORMATION

Feel the warmth of the season in one of New England's most picturesque towns, where Christmas is still celebrated the way it used to be. Join us for the tree lighting and the Pageant; the fairs and the festivals; the concerts and the strolling minstrels. Plus, over 100 quaint shops and art galleries offer an abundance of unique gifts for the whole family in every price range. And a variety of seaside inns and restaurants remain open for your holiday enjoyment.

Rockport is easily accessible by car (Route 128) and train (MBTA). As the map below indicates, the downtown business area is extremely compact and most of the shops are within walking distance of one another. Public restrooms are located on T-Wharf and Beach Street, and are open on a daily basis. Free on-street parking is available throughout the holiday season.



THIS HOLIDAY CALENDAR IS A PRODUCT OF

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Holiday Calendar And Guide

2011

DECEMBER

1 MASTERPIECES IN MINIATURE SHOW at the Rockport Art Association. A holiday show of small works, including over 300 original pieces of art. Continues through Dec. 31.

NEW MEMBERS' SHOW at the Rockport Art Association, 12 Main St. Continues through Dec. 7.

CLAUDIA KAUFFMAN SOLO SHOW at the Rockport Art Association. Continues through Dec. 8.

ROCKPORT MUSIC PRESENTS A NEW PLAY BY JOHN HODGE at the Shalin Liu Performance Center, 7 pm

THEATRE IN THE PINES PRESENTS "The Cradle Song" Spiran Hall, Broadway and School St., 7:30 p.m. Donation \$15 (\$10 students).

2 "CHRISTMAS IN THE COVE" FAIR at Pigeon Cove Circle, Breakwater Ave., 9 am – 1 pm. Featuring handmade items, baked goods, Christmas greens, Christmas Past items, coffee, and lunch.

ROCKPORT LEGION BAND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the Rockport United Methodist Church, 36 Broadway, 7 pm. Free.

THEATRE IN THE PINES PRESENTS "The Cradle Song" at Spiran Hall, 7:30 pm. (See December 1 listing.)

3 CANDY- MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS Tuck's Candy Factory, 7 Dock Sq., 10 am - 4 pm. Free demonstrations of candy-cane, ribbon candy, and satin stick making. Come in and watch and sample! Enter the drawing for a 6-foot candy-cane! 978-546-6352.

HANDEL'S "RODELINDA" at the Met live in HD at the Shalin Liu, 12:30 pm. Renée Fleming reprises the title role. Ticket prices: \$26, \$29, \$32. \$15 pre-opera lunches at 11:30 am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the First Congregational Church, 12 School St., 8 am – 2 pm. Featuring a wide range of Christmas decorations and ornaments, including fresh hand-crafted wreaths, greenery arrangements, baked items, and unique gifts.

ADVENT FAIR at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 24 Broadway, 9 am – 1 pm. Holiday gift items, Salvadoran crafts, African jewelry, delicious soup luncheon and the best decorated Holiday Greens on Cape Ann!

7th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR Unitarian Universalist Society, 4 Cleaves St., 9 am – 1 pm. Featuring craft items, home baked goodies, and "almost new" holiday decorations and ornaments.

8th ANNUAL SANTA PAWS IS COMING! to Smith Ace Hardware, 3 Station Sq., 11 am - 2 pm. Take home a Holiday photo of your dog with Santa! \$10 donation benefits Cape Ann Animal Aid Shelter (978-283-6055). Refreshments, treats, music, prizes, fun!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S ANNUAL CLAM CHOWDER IN A BREAD BOWL Old Firehouse, Dock Sq., 12 – 5 pm. Coffee and hot chocolate available.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE at Scout Hall, 47 Mt. Pleasant St., 9 am – 5 pm. \$35 while supplies last.

HANGING OF THE GREENS Rockport United Methodist Church, 36 Broadway, 11 am. Music by Lighthouse Brass.

CAPE ANN JAZZ BAND performing brassy Christmas music throughout downtown, 2 – 4 pm.

SANTA'S ARRIVAL BY BOAT Bradley Wharf on Bearskin Neck. 3:45 pm.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Dock Sq., 4 pm. Carol singing around the tree.

ROCKPORT TREE LIGHTING DINNER Brackett's Oceanview Restaurant, 25 Main St. from 4 – 8 pm, \$10 / \$5 for children. Sponsored by the Rockport Rotary Club for the benefit of the scholarship fund and other community projects.

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4 BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE CONTINUES at Scout Hall, 47 Mt. Pleasant St., 12 – 5 pm. \$35 while supplies last.

THEATRE IN THE PINES PRESENTS "The Cradle Song" at Spiran Hall, 3 pm. (See December 1 listing.)

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SEWALL-SCRIPTURE HOUSE Sandy Bay Historical Society, 40 King St, 3 – 5 pm. Carol singing to an old-fashioned pump organ and an electric train for the children. 978-546-9533.

PETER SERKIN, PIANO at the Shalin Liu Performance Center, 3 pm. \$39, \$49, \$58

8 ROCKPORT LEGION BAND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the Congregational Church, 12 School St, 7 pm. Free.

9 A SPECIAL EVENING OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING Get your holiday shopping off to a festive start on Friday evening from 4 - 8 pm, with more than 37 shops and galleries staying open for extended hours and offering exclusive promotions, raffles, and giveaways throughout downtown.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE The Old Firehouse in Dock Square will be a holiday drop off center accepting non-perishable donations from 4 - 8 pm for the Open Door Food Pantry.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION at the Rockport Art Assoc., through Dec 31.

10 "SEASHELLS AND JINGLE BELLS" INN & HOME KITCHEN TOUR Rockport Inn and Suites, 183 Main St., is the place to buy tickets. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 on event date. Separate tickets for Santa's Cottage - \$5 if on the tour/\$8 if **not** on the tour. Visit the beautiful seaside homes and inns of Rockport, decked out for the holidays. Along with wonderful winter scenes, there will be demonstrations and fun events at each location! 1-6 pm.

OLD SLOOP COFFEEHOUSE Rockport Congregational Church, 12 School St., 7:30 pm, Carolann Solebello with the Westerlings will be playing.

SCANDINAVIAN JUL FEST at Spiran Hall (corner of School St. and Broadway), 9 am – 1 pm. Santa Lucia Pageant, children's dancing, Spiran musicians, traditional foods and gifts, holiday greens, and luncheon. Free admission.

SEASIDE VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE Featuring hayrides, holiday fairs and shows, strolling musicians, and more. Find unique gift ideas and refreshments in the shops throughout downtown Rockport.

SOLSTICE SINGERS strolling and singing songs of the season throughout downtown, 12 – 2 pm.

CANDY- MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS at Tuck's Candy Factory, 10 am - 4 pm. (See Dec. 3 listing for details.)

MRS. CLAU'S ANNUAL COOKIE SALE & CRAFT FAIR at Rockport United Methodist Church, 36 Broadway, 9 am – 2 pm. Cookies, crafts, gifts, and homemade soup.

7th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport, 9 am – 1 pm. (See Dec. 3 listing for details.)

HAY RIDES departing from Dock Sq. and riding along Bearskin Neck and back, from 12 - 2 pm, courtesy of Rockport's Seaview Farm.

10th ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALLERY STROLL 12 – 4 pm. The first day of this popular introduction to Rockport's galleries, studios, artists, and artisans.

6th HOLIDAY STUDENT AND STUDIO POTTER SHOW at Cynthia Curtis Pottery, 80 Pigeon Hill St., 10 am – 4 pm. Artists' Reception 4 pm – 7 pm. Free admission, refreshments and plenty of parking. All welcome!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE at Scout Hall, 47 Mt. Pleasant St., 9 am – 5 pm. \$35 while supplies last.

QUINTESSENTIAL BRASS 1 – 3 pm, performing traditional carols, holiday classics, and jazzy Christmas favorites throughout downtown.

THE MET – LIVE IN HD: GOUNOD'S "FAUST" at Shalin Liu Performance Center. Tony Award-winning director Des McAnuff updates the story to the first half of the 20th century. 12 pm pre-opera lunch, \$15. Ticket prices: \$26, \$29, \$32.

11 PAMELA GIARRATANA SOLO SHOW Rockport Art Assoc., Opening reception 2 – 4 pm. Show continues through Dec. 31.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING AROUND ROCKPORT beginning at the First Baptist Church, 4 High St., 2 pm. Join others from the community to go Christmas caroling through the town.

GRACE KELLY AND PHIL WOODS 18-year-old Boston native Grace Kelly is the youngest musician to be named the "Alto Saxophonist Rising Star" by Downbeat Magazine. Grace makes a return engagement to Shalin Liu Performance Center with the legendary, three-time Grammy Award winner Phil Woods Tickets: \$27, \$39, \$49. Shows at 2 & 5 pm.

14 A CHRISTMAS CELTIC SOJOURN Celebrate the holidays with WGBH radio host Brian O'Donovan and his acclaimed Celtic holiday program in the intimate setting of the oceanfront Shalin Liu Performance Center at 7:30 pm.

15 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE Tuck's Candy Factory, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Santa joins Senator Bruce Tarr and North Shore 104.9 for this annual benefit for children of the North Shore. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy live music, refreshments, and more.

RHS & RMS CONCERT BAND WINTER CONCERT at the John Lane Performing Arts Center, 24 Jerden's Ln., 7:30 pm.

17 BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE at Scout Hall, 47 Mt. Pleasant St., 9 am – 5 pm. \$35 while supplies last.

7th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport, 9 am – 1 pm. (See Dec. 4 listing for details.)

NORTH SHORE CHRISTIAN MEN'S CHOIR present a free Christmas concert at the First Baptist Church, 4 High St., 2 pm. A time of socialization and refreshments will follow.

66th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Dock Sq. and Main St., 5 pm. A torch-lit live re-enactment of the Nativity. (Inclement weather date Dec. 18)

CANDY- MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS at Tuck's Candy Factory, 10 am - 4 pm. (See Dec. 3 listing for details.)

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at the Rockport National Bank, 16 Main St. Stop in after the Pageant and enjoy some holiday refreshments.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HAM & BEAN SUPPER First Congregational Church, 12 School St., right after the Pageant. A traditional ham and baked bean supper, served by members of the church. Adults, \$9; Children 12 and under, \$6. Desserts and drinks included. For information call 978-546-6638, 978-546-8021, 978-546-3157. Open to the public.

CHRISTMAS TREE PRIME RIB DINNER at the Emerson Inn by the Sea, One Cathedral Ave., 5 – 9 pm. This three-course meal is \$33 and 10% of proceeds will go to the Christmas Tree Fund. Reservations recommended. 978-546-6321.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" WITH A HOLIDAY SING-ALONG Enjoy festive holiday cheer at the Shalin Liu Performance Center 7 pm. Sing many of our favorite carols in Rockport Music's first holiday sing along then enjoy an exclusive screening of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" in the 1951 version featuring Alastair Sim as Ebenezer Scrooge. Free. No tickets required.

18 BOY SCOUT TROOP 20'S CHRISTMAS TREE SALE CONTINUES at Scout Hall, 47 Mt. Pleasant St., 12 – 5 pm. \$35 while supplies last.

23 EVE OF CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER at the Emerson Inn by the Sea, One Cathedral Ave., 5 – 9 pm. Full restaurant menu available. We are closed on Dec. 24-25.

25 SANTA VISITS DOCK SQUARE to greet the children of Rockport, 10:30 am.

31 NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER at the Emerson Inn by the Sea, One Cathedral Ave. Seatings begin at 5 pm. Five course gourmet dinner with music. \$75 per person. Reservations required. Overnight packages available. 978-546-6321.

N.Y.R.E. AT THE SHALIN LIU Rockport Music offers three shows at 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm. Attendees must show N.Y.R.E. button for admittance. This is a community event.

NEW YEAR'S ROCKPORT EVE 2011 6 pm - midnight. Six hours of continuous entertainment. 85 shows to choose from! (See Highlights section on the back for more details.) 978-546-9038.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL/RECYCLING Rockport Boy Scout Troop 20 will pick up your old Christmas tree and recycle it. Tree pickup on Saturdays, December 31, January 7, and January 14, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trees must be free of ornaments, lights, and tree stands. Trees should be put outside prior to our arrival. \$4 donation. Call 978-546-9501 or email treepickup@verizon.net to schedule pickup, providing your name, address, telephone number, and which day is best to pick up your tree. Service for Rockport and Gloucester.