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### Lots of holiday entertainment to choose from

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For those who plan ahead, this is a partial listing of holiday happenings.

Tonight is The Tree of Love by Friends of Hospice. A memorial service will be held at the Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City, at 6 p.m., followed by a lighting of the Tree of Love and a reception.

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&#149; Paul Perry plays Advent Organ Series at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley (828 W. Main St.) Wednesdays through Dec. 21 from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. Free.

&#149; The Sierra Gold Chorus, a local chapter of the Sweet Adelines International, is singing Saturday at St. Joseph's Cultural Center in Grass Valley. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 and can be purchased by calling Joan Frink at

The beloved "Nutcracker" plays once again at The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley for 3 days: Dec. 16-18; 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$15 adults, \$12 children 12 and under.  
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367-3532. At the door tickets are \$15 and \$8.

&#149; A performance of "Messiah" takes place Sunday at the Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City, at 3 and 6 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 adult and \$6 youth, obtainable at the church, Record Connection Plus, Mountain Mail Plus (Raley's Center), and Wayside Christian Bookstore (Pine Creek Center); or for \$12 and \$8 at the door. Call 265-3291 for information.

&#149; Also Sunday at 2:30 p.m. is a free Nevada County Concert Band holiday concert at the First Baptist Church, Ridge Road (opposite Nevada Union High School), Grass Valley.

&#149; Dec. 9-11, Music in the Mountains presents its holiday concert at the Amarel Family Festival Center, at the fairgrounds in Grass Valley. Tickets are \$5 (youth) to \$27. Call the box office at 265-6124.

&#149; The Nevada Union High School Choir will present its "Winter Concert" at the Don Baggett Theatre Dec. 13 and 15 at 7 p.m., \$5 and \$6 at the door. Members of the Chamber Choir will also sing at Nevada City's Victorian Christmas, around 8 p.m. Wednesday nights (Dec. 7, 14, 21) in the vicinity of JJ Jackson's, and 5 p.m. on Dec. 18.

&#149; "A Christmas Concert" with the Grass Valley Male Voice Choir and Wesley Bell Ringers takes place Dec. 18, with one concert at 3 p.m and the other at 7 p.m. at the Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City. Then on Dec. 21 the choir is singing during Nevada City's 6-9 p.m. Victorian Christmas at the Methodist Church atop Broad St. The choir doesn't charge for its appearances, but donations are accepted. Call choir member Allan Rogers at 265-4248 for more information.

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Saturday is the third annual Christmas Celebration at the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and Transportation Museum, 5 Kidder Court, Nevada City. Photo op with Santa Claus included. All free. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 470-0902.

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The 28th year of Nevada City's Victorian Christmas begins Wednesday and runs for two more Wednesday

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nights (Dec. 14 and 21) and one Sunday afternoon (Dec. 18, 1:30-6 p.m.) in downtown Nevada City. The evenings run from 6-9 p.m. Shops are open, and there are street vendors, music and food. A \$2 shuttle service is offered from the Nevada County Government Center at Hwy. 49 and Maidu Drive. Call 265-2692 or go online at [www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com).

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Grass Valley's grand tradition of Cornish Christmas started the day after Thanksgiving and will continue for four subsequent Fridays, through Dec. 23, 6-9 p.m., downtown. A couple of happenings during Cornish Christmas are:

Friday at Studio 131, a reading by poet William O'Daly, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 at The Center for the Arts, a "Cornish Holiday Celebration of the Arts starting at 6 p.m.

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Dec. 8-11, Neighborhood Center of the Arts is having its "Holiday Show and Sale," which opens Dec. 8 with a reception from 5-8 p.m., then continues Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and concludes Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Neighborhood Center of the Arts is a nonprofit organization serving the developmentally disabled. Its regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. This Friday, however, the gallery will close at 6 p.m.

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Dec. 8 and 15 are the annual Christmas Candlelight Tours of historic inns in Grass Valley and Nevada City, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. both days. Many innkeepers dress in period costume, and refreshments are served. For \$10 tickets call 477-6634 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily, contact the area's chambers of commerce, or go online at [www.goldcountryinns.net](http://www.goldcountryinns.net).

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