



# Holiday Happenings & Gift Guide

**Savor it: The holiday season has just begun. The Christmas music soundtrack has not yet initiated its endless loop. The relatives still occupy a distant and vaguely fond part of your psyche. The fruitcake is, mercifully, ungifted.**

**Which means it's a perfect time to casually, luxuriously browse Folio Weekly's Holiday Guide. This seasonal issue is chock full of gift ideas, holiday events and volunteer opportunities designed to make your season truly brighter, instead of just rushed and expensive. Consider it our gift to you.**

## TUESDAY, NOV. 16

The 26th annual EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON is held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Attendees receive a handmade ceramic dish, and bowls painted by celebrities are featured. Tickets range from \$25-\$500. 353-3663, 630-4000. [lssjax.org](http://lssjax.org), [wenourishhope.org](http://wenourishhope.org)

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

Claudia Bates presents the Fun With Flowers floral display workshop, THANKSGIVING TABLES, at 10 a.m. at the Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$18. 355-4224.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 18

OneJax holds its 91st annual INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE SERVICE featuring traditions from Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism from 6-7 p.m. at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville. 396-7745.

The 20th annual BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU FESTIVAL — featuring cabaret-style music and contemporary

French cuisine — celebrates the arrival of 2010 Beaujolais Nouveau wine and beginning of the winter holidays at 6 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. 277-1100.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 19

A WINTER WONDERLAND features snow, a real ice skating rink, an ice slide, sleigh rides and visits from Santa from 4-11 p.m. at St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine Beach. Hours through Dec. 17 are 4-10 p.m. every Mon.-Thur., 4-11 p.m. on Fri., noon-11 p.m. on Sat. and noon-10 p.m. on Sun.; from Dec. 18-Jan. 2, the Wonderland is open from noon-10 p.m. every Sun.-Thur. and noon-11 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. 461-0825.

One-of-a-kind items are featured at HOLIDAY SHOPPES from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 19 and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 20 at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. Admission is \$5. 280-0614.

The Island Chamber Singers perform works by Benjamin Britten and Conrad Susa during A

CEREMONY OF CAROLS at 8 p.m. at Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, Fernandina Beach. The show is also performed at 3 p.m. on Nov. 21. Advance tickets are \$15; \$5 for students. 225-0575. [islandchambersingers.com](http://islandchambersingers.com)

## SATURDAY, NOV. 20

Support local animal shelters while sampling Christmas cookies and collecting recipes at the HOLIDAY COOKIE TOUR OF INNS from 1-5 p.m. at The Fairbanks House Bed & Breakfast, 227 S. Seventh St., Amelia Island. Tickets are \$20. 277-0500.

Mayor Joe Boles hosts the MAYOR'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING GALA, featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, at 5:30 p.m. at the Government House, 48 King St., St. Augustine. With the flick of a switch, St. Augustine's historic district kicks off its 17th annual NIGHTS OF LIGHTS at 6:30 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución. The ceremony is followed by dinner and dancing at Casa Monica Hotel, for which tickets are \$150. 825-1004. The lights shine nightly through Jan. 31. (800) 653-2489.

St. Vincent's Healthcare presents the ST. JOHNS TOWN CENTER HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR featuring live

music with headliner Vertical Horizon, a kids fun zone, tree lighting and fireworks from noon-8:30 p.m. at St. Johns Town Center, 4663 River City Drive, Jacksonville. 998-7156.

Husband-and-wife musical duo Julie Davis and Kelly Dow present COOL YULE at 7:30 p.m. at Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, St. Johns River Community College, 283 College Drive, Orange Park. The pair also performs at 3 p.m. on Nov. 21. Tickets are \$15. 276-6750.

The Beaches Museum & History Center hosts HOLIDAY IN THE PARK from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 380 Pablo Ave., Jax Beach. Arts and crafts, holiday choirs, local authors, performers and a chance to take a picture with Santa on the train are featured. 241-5657.

The Maitreya Kadampa Buddhist Center hosts its Meditation Mini-Retreat for Thanksgiving, APPRECIATING OTHERS' KINDNESS, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the center, 85 Sailfish Drive, Atlantic Beach. Admission is \$25; \$15 for students. 222-8531.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 21

Douglas Westberry conducts the ORANGE PARK

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CHORALE at 3 p.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park St., Jacksonville. 355-4585. [rpcjax.org](http://rpcjax.org)

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY TROLLEY features tours with caroling, hot cider, cookies and complimentary magical viewing glasses from 6-8 p.m. at Visitors Information Center, 10 W. Castillo Drive, St. Augustine. Tours continue through Jan. 31. Tickets are \$7; \$4 for ages 6-12. 825-1000.

## MONDAY, NOV. 22

The 17-foot-long, 12-foot-tall USS Amelia GINGERBREAD PIRATE SHIP returns in homage to Amelia Island's buccaneer history at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. 277-1100.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

Santa, elves and reindeer host a HOLIDAY CHARACTER DINNER at 6:30 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. Dinners are \$49; \$25 for ages 5-12. Refreshments, live entertainment, fireworks and a spectacular 50-foot holiday tree are featured at the annual TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at 5:30 p.m. 277-1100.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 25

Pete's Bar holds its annual THANKSGIVING PRE-TURKEY GET-TOGETHER from 9:30 a.m.-2 a.m. at 117 First St., Neptune Beach. 249-9158.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 26

The Omni's Spa & Shops host a HOLIDAY CELEBRATION with a Christmas tree lighting, carousel rides, train rides, live entertainment and pictures with Santa from 5-9 p.m. at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, 6800 First Coast Highway, Amelia Island. 491-4646.

Shoppers dress in pajamas and shop for discounts while enjoying refreshments during the annual Black Friday PAJAMA PARTY SALE & CONTEST from 8-11 p.m. in the Fernandina Beach Historic District, Fernandina Beach. [ameliaisland.com](http://ameliaisland.com)

SANTA'S BIG RED CHRISTMAS TRAIN TOURS treat families to a holiday movie at San Marco Theater, refreshments and visits to Santa's Village from 6-8 p.m. at Ripley's Believe it or Not! Museum, 19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. Tours also depart from the Sightseeing Train Station, 3 Cordova St. The tours continue through Jan. 2. Tickets are \$7; \$3 for ages 2-12. 824-1606.

CANDLELIGHT TOURS OF VILLA ZORAYDA feature holiday decorations, a courtyard Christmas tree, nativity scene and guided candlelit tours through the historic villa at 7 p.m. at Villa Zorayda, 83 King St., St. Augustine. Tours continue on Nov. 28, Dec. 18 and Dec. 27-30. Tickets are \$15; \$7 for ages 7-12. 829-9887.

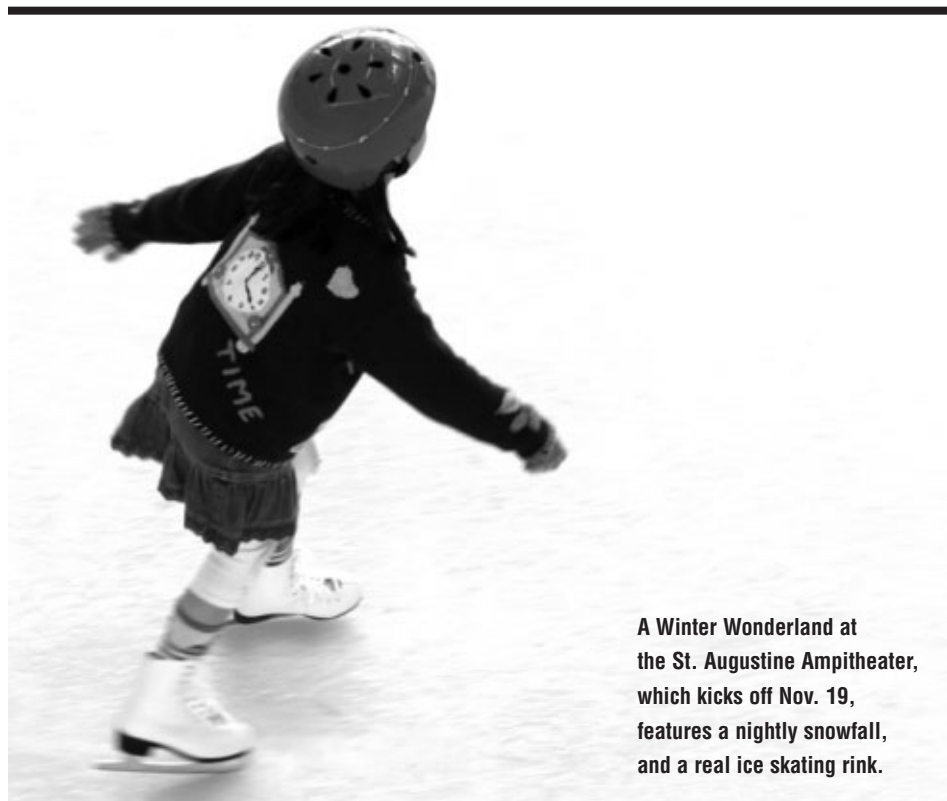
The 22nd annual CHRISTMAS MADE IN THE SOUTH features original items by hundreds of artists and craftsmen from all over the Southeast from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. The show continues from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Nov. 27 and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nov. 28. Admission is \$6. (704) 847-9480. [madeinthesouthshows.com](http://madeinthesouthshows.com)

The Jacksonville Landing presents its 24th annual CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY at 7 p.m. in the courtyard at 2 Independent Drive, Jacksonville. Synchronized Christmas tree light shows are held nightly from 6 p.m.-12:15 a.m. through Dec. 31. 353-1188.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 27

Decorated boats light up the St. Johns River for Jacksonville's annual HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE at 7 p.m. along the Downtown Riverfront. The festival features a fireworks finale choreographed to holiday music. 353-1188.

Carriage rides, carousel rides and an outdoor screening of "It's a Wonderful Life" are featured during HOLIDAY



**A Winter Wonderland at the St. Augustine Amphitheater, which kicks off Nov. 19, features a nightly snowfall, and a real ice skating rink.**

# Holiday Gift Guide



## “POP ART” TOP FROM \$49 JEWELS FROM \$12

360 Boutique

50 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, 342-4064

360 Boutique is a fashion oasis of eclectic, affordable, limited edition treats and treasures from around the globe. Invite intrigue with striking creative, original “wearable art” clothing or discover the perfect gift for all occasions from our collection of beautiful, unique, fair-trade silver jewelry and fun, high glam, tough chic, sparkly, metallic fashion accessories for the season and beyond.

## MONTECRISTO CLASSIC CIGARS, \$8-\$12 EACH

Island Girl Cigar Bar

7860 Gate Parkway (at 9A), Southside, 854-6060

108 First St. (at Atlantic), Neptune Beach, 372-0943

islandgirljax.com

Island Girl Cigar Bar has everything you need for the cigar lover on your list: The largest selection of cigars, humidors, lighters and cutters and a knowledgeable staff to help with your selections. The featured Montecristo Classic medium-bodied cigars are simply the best — flawless construction produces smoke aplenty with each draw, and a supercharged version of creamy, familiar Montecristo mellowness melts into notes of cocoa and spice. More than just a fine cigar, it is the finest Montecristo.



## SHIMANO NEXUS 3-SPEED, \$499

A1A Cycle Works

1059 A1A Beach Blvd. (in Publix plaza),  
St. Augustine, 471-9009, [electrabike.com](http://electrabike.com)

Electra Blanc et Noir: Shimano Nexus 3-Speed bicycle features a coaster brake, 26" x 2.125 tires, with a matching bell and leather streamers.

Visit A1A Cycle Works and see more stylin' bicycles and accessories. See our website for sale items.

[A1Acycleworks.com](http://A1Acycleworks.com)



## SUNBEAM SCOOTER, \$995\*

Beach Blvd. Automotive

6833 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

724-3511 [beachblvdautomotive.com](http://beachblvdautomotive.com)

We have more than 100 gas-friendly vehicles in stock for less than \$10,000. Does Santa need a new sleigh? \*Plus tag, title and tax

## HOLIDAY SPECIAL: BUY ONE PRINT, GET A SECOND ONE AT HALF PRICE! 16"X20" OR LARGER.

Offer expires 12/20/10

Put It On Canvas

319 10th Ave. N., Jax Beach

252-3225 [putitoncanvas.com](http://putitoncanvas.com)

Put your favorite photos on canvas to make the perfect customized holiday gift! Locally owned and operated, Put It On Canvas offers the ideal gift for anyone on your list. Just bring your pictures to our gallery or email them to [putitoncanvas@aol.com](mailto:putitoncanvas@aol.com) and we'll make a beautiful quality piece of artwork to treasure forever. The printing quality is of the highest standard, and adds richness and depth to your images. It's a gift that will last a lifetime! Get the best quality for the lowest price anywhere — even online.

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FAMILY FUN held from 6-9 p.m. the Spa & Shops at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, 6800 First Coast Highway, Amelia Island. 491-4646.

The official FERNANDINA BEACH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY kicks off the holiday season with a photo-friendly Santa Claus from noon-7 p.m. at the corner of Front Street and Center Street, Fernandina Beach. [ameliaisland.com](http://ameliaisland.com)

Santa and Mrs. Claus offer refreshments and carriage rides at 11:30 a.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. Children create their own edible masterpieces during a GINGERBREAD CREATIONS WORKSHOP at 3 p.m. Each participant receives a chef's hat, apron, diploma and photo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 for kids age 5 and older. 277-1100.

Kick in the holiday season punk-rock style when SKANKSGIVING presents KONAMI CODE, CEREPHEISIS, SUCKERFISH, H1N1, CHILLED MONKEY BRAINS, GENERAL TSO'S FURY and THE AMBASSY at The Lomax Lodge, 822 Lomax St., Jacksonville. Admission is \$10. 634-8813.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 30

Lutheran Social Services hosts the TEDDY BEAR TOUCHDOWN, for children affected by HIV/AIDS, from 6-8 p.m. at LSS headquarters, 4615 Philips Highway, Jacksonville. "The Night Before Christmas" is performed, kids get pictures made with Santa, and bicycles, scooters and other items are raffled. 388-3995. [lssjax.org](http://lssjax.org)

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

Holiday music, lights, cider and Santa are on hand for LUMINARY NIGHT from 6-9 p.m. at St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine. 829-0745.

The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra presents its HOLIDAY CONCERT at 7 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$12; \$7 for children. 354-5479.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY" is

staged at 8 p.m. at Alhambra Theatre & Dining, 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. The play is also presented at 8 p.m. every Tue.-Sun., at 1:15 every Sat. and at 2 p.m. every Sun. through Dec. 24. Tickets are \$42 and \$49; \$35 for children. 641-1212.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 2

The CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT features a candlelight processional as well as carols, anthems and motets at 7:30 p.m. at Jacksonville University's Terry Concert Hall, 2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville. 256-7677.

Crafty types create holiday gifts at Michelle Davidson's FUSED GLASS PENDANTS WORKSHOP from 9 a.m.-noon; Roann Elias teaches how to make MEMORY COLLAGE ARTWORK from 9 a.m.-noon on Dec. 3. Both classes are held at P.A.S.T.A. Art Gallery, 214 Charlotte St., St. Augustine. Each class fee of \$95 includes tools and supplies. 824-0251.

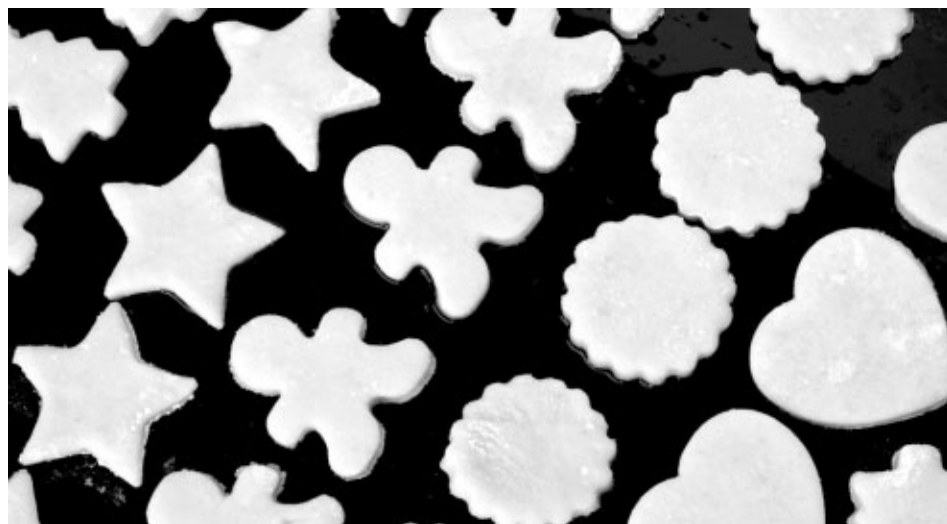
The legendary RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR STARRING THE ROCKETTES is staged at 7:30 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Moran Theater, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Matinee and evening performances are held daily through Dec. 12. Tickets range from \$32.50-\$74.50. 632-3373. [artistseriesjax.org](http://artistseriesjax.org)

## FRIDAY, DEC. 3

The HOLIDAY RUNWAY features fine wine, food and fashion at 6 p.m. at Florida Bank, 4211 San Juan Ave., Jacksonville. Proceeds benefit charities for Sub-Saharan Africa. Tickets are \$20. Reservations are required. 562-6000.

Dr. Tara Casher conducts the UNF Chamber Singers and UNF Chamber Players with student soloists in a performance of HANDEL'S MESSIAH at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4129 Oxford Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students. 388-2681.

The First Coast Wind Ensemble and Don Thompson Chorale present SOUNDS OF THE SEASON at 7:30 p.m. at Jacksonville University's Terry Concert Hall, 2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville. 256-7677.



Support local animal shelters while sampling Christmas cookies and collecting recipes at the Holiday Cookie Tour of Inns on Amelia Island on Nov. 20.

Five of Amelia Island's private residences are decorated and open to the public for the Museum of History's fourth annual HOLIDAY HOME TOUR from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are available at Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach. The tour continues on Dec. 4. Advance tickets are \$25; \$30 on the day of the event. 261-7378.

CHRISTMAS IN AVONDALE is held from 5-9 p.m. at the corner of Dancy Street and St. Johns Avenue, at the Historic Shoppes of Avondale. This pet-friendly event features live music, food, an ice slide, a horse-drawn sleigh and a kids' crafts area. 240-4869. shoppesofavondale.com

Children make ornaments, eat treats and visit the jolly big guy himself at SANTA'S FAMILY FUN HOLIDAY VILLAGE from 6-9 p.m. at the Sightseeing Trains Depot, 3 Cordova St., St. Augustine. The Village is open on Dec. 4, 10, 11 and 17-23. Admission is \$3. 829-6545.

BRITISH NIGHT WATCH features historical re-enactments of St. Augustine's British winter occupation at 4 p.m. at the Government House, 48 King St., St. Augustine. Additional sites include Plaza de la Constitucion, City Gates and St. George Street. 825-5079.

The Friday Musicale Chorus presents a CHRISTMAS CONCERT at 11 a.m. at 645 Oak St., Jacksonville. 355-7584.

## **SATURDAY, DEC. 4**

U.S. Marine Corps personnel demonstrate remote-control airplanes at its seventh annual TOYS FOR TOTS FLY-IN from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Model Airplane Park, 3461 Lannie Road, Jacksonville. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy donation. 733-6627.

Pet owners showcase their furry friends in festive attire for Nassau Humane Society's and Redbones Dog Bakery's 11th annual PARADE FOR PAWS at 11 a.m. at Central Park, Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. Registration is \$10; free for those with \$100 in collected pledges. 491-1511.

Guides highlight the architectural and historical significance of downtown churches for Jacksonville's fourth annual DOWNTOWN HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR from 1-5 p.m. starting at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$5. 634-0303.

Civil War re-enactors portray the holiday season as it would have been in 1864, by decorating their station for a UNION HOLIDAY ENCAMPMENT from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave.,



**The official Fernandina Beach Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony kicks off the season on Saturday, Nov. 27.**

Fernandina Beach. The event continues on Dec. 5. Admission is \$6 for vehicles with 2-8 people, \$4 for single-occupant vehicles, \$2 for pedestrians, bicyclists and extra passengers. 277-7274.

Children enjoy tea, sandwiches, sweets, a souvenir photo and a special performance during SANTA'S STORY BOOK TEA at noon at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. The tea is held again on Dec. 11 and 18. Reservations are required. Admission is \$39 for ages 5 and older. 277-1100.

The PALATKA HOLIDAY TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES features 10 homes, ranging in architectural styles from the 19th to early 20th century, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. starting at the Woman's Club of Palatka, 600 S. 13th St., Palatka. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10. (386) 325-9318.

British Night Watch continues with the BRITISH ENCAMPMENT featuring Fife and Drum Corps, 18th-century British soldiers re-enactors, and a musket competition, from 9 a.m.-dusk at Colonial Spanish Quarter, 29 St. George St., St. Augustine. 825-6830.

The 36th annual GRANDE ILLUMINATION and BRITISH NIGHT WATCH invite visitors to carry candles and lanterns through the streets of St. Augustine at 8 p.m. to the Government House, 48 King St., Historic District. 825-5079.

The COMMUNITY CONCERT ORCHESTRA and CHORUS present seasonal classics at 8 p.m. at the Lightner Museum, 75 King St., St. Augustine. Admission is \$10. 824-2874.

The 56th annual ST. AUGUSTINE CHRISTMAS PARADE features floats, marching bands, cars, horses and

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Santa Claus at 10 a.m. at Mission Nombre de Dios, 27 Ocean Ave., Historic District. 824-2809.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents HANDEL'S MESSIAH at 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets range from \$26-\$66. 354-5547.

R.J. Washington Sr. presents I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS by T.J. HEMPHILL at 7 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. The show is also performed at 3 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 5. Tickets are \$30.50 and \$40.50. 355-2787.

The Jewish Community Alliance of Jacksonville presents its THEATRE OF YOUTH SHOW at 7:30 p.m. at 8505 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. 730-2100.

The REINDEER RUN includes both a 5K and 10K race that start at 8:30 a.m. at Atlantic Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach. 277-7350.

The fifth annual FEAST OF CAROLS features UNF chorales, orchestra, brass ensemble and guest ensembles performing holiday classics at 2 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10. UNF faculty and ensembles perform the inaugural HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP SHOWCASE CONCERT at 7:30 p.m. to raise scholarship funds. Tickets are \$30. Both performances are held at the University of North Florida's Lazzara Hall, 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville. 620-2878.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 5

The COMMUNITY CONCERT ORCHESTRA and CHORUS present seasonal classics at 3 p.m. at Switzerland Community Church, 2179 S.R. 13, Switzerland. Admission is \$10. 287-0330.

The 42nd annual GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES showcases eight private homes decked out with floral arrangements, from noon-5 p.m. along the bayfront on Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine. A Tea and Boutique are featured from 1-5 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 215 St. George St., St. Augustine. Advance tickets are \$20; \$25 day of tour. 824-2876.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents THE POLAR EXPRESS at 3 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets range from \$7-\$20. 354-5547.

J.B. Scott directs the UNF JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1 CHRISTMAS CONCERT at 7 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Church, 190 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. 285-8009.

The combined choirs of Riverside present A FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS AND ADVENT MUSIC at 5 p.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park St., Jacksonville. 355-4585. rpcjax.org

## MONDAY, DEC. 6

A CHANUKAH PARTY is held at 5:45 p.m. at the Jewish

Community Alliance of Jacksonville, 8505 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. 730-2100.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 7

A LITTLE XMAS PARTY featuring the DUBLIN CITY RAMBLERS is held at 7 p.m. at Culhane's Irish Pub, 967 Atlantic Blvd., Atlantic Beach. 249-9595.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 9

Riverside Fine Arts presents QUARTETTO GELATO performing holiday music at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville. The quartet includes multi-instrumentalists who've been called the "Cirque de Soleil" of classical music. Tickets are \$25; \$10 for students. 389-6222.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 10

The 19th annual COMMUNITY NUTCRACKER is presented at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. The show is also staged at 2 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 11. Tickets range from \$23-\$33.50. 355-2787.

G.I. HOLIDAY JUKEBOX takes the stage with a mock USO Christmas special at 7:30 p.m. at The Limelight Theatre, 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. The show continues through Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. every Tue.-Sat. and at 2 p.m. every Sun. Tickets are \$25; \$22 for seniors; \$20 for students or military. 825-1164.

The guided HOLIDAY ON THE PARK SPRINGFIELD HOME TOUR starts at 5:30 p.m. at Karpeles Manuscript Museum, 101 First St. W., Jacksonville. Advance tickets are \$10; \$12 at the door. The tour is also held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 11. 353-7727. sparcouncil.org

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents HOLIDAY POPS at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. The concert is also performed at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 12. Tickets range from \$25-\$66. 354-5547.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 11

Singing ensemble BIG ORANGE CHORUS performs its Christmas Show at 7:30 p.m. at the University of North Florida's Lazzara Hall, 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville. 287-1896, 620-2878.

RITZ HOLIDAY SOUNDS featuring LEDISI and THE RITZ VOICES is staged at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theater & Museum, 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$25. 632-5555.

A LAND AND SEA PARADE light up the night at 6 p.m. on Ash Street, Second Street and Centre Street, Fernandina Beach. The boat parade starts 30 minutes after the end of the land parade, at Fernandina Beach Marina. ameliaisland.com.

Festive sailboats, trawlers and shrimp boats parade and compete in the decoration contest REGATTA OF LIGHTS at 6 p.m. along Matanzas Bay, St. Augustine. 824-9725.

The St. Augustine Community Choir performs HANDEL'S MESSIAH and other seasonal selections at 8

p.m. at Cathedral Basilica, 38 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The choir also performs on Dec. 12. Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door; \$5 for students and ages 12 or younger. 824-0761.

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 5K & 1 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN start at 5:30 p.m. (1 mile) and 6 p.m. (5K) at Baptist Eye Institute, 1235 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville. Entry fee is \$20 for each race. 244-9354. 1stplacesports.com

The Jacksonville Roller Girls present the fourth annual NAUGHTY VS. NICE charity event at 7 p.m. at Jax Ice & SportsPlex, 3605 Philips Highway, Jacksonville. Admission is free with a new, packaged toy donation valued at \$10 or more; or \$12 at the door. 357-0102.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY OF JACKSONVILLE is held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. This donation-driven event gives toys to more than 10,000 children annually. 350-1616 504-3589. ccpoj.org

## **SUNDAY, DEC. 12**

St. Augustine Community Chorus presents its annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT at 2 p.m. at Cathedral Basilica, 38 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. Tickets are \$20; \$5 for students and children. 824-2806.

Hundreds of candles glow during the PILOT CLUB LUMINARIES held from 5-8 p.m. at Lightner Museum, 75 King St., St. Augustine. 824-2874.

Clay Ballet Theatre presents THE NUTCRACKER at 6:30 p.m. at The Florida Theater, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. 355-2787.

## **TUESDAY, DEC. 14**

Theatreworks presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL at 10 a.m. and noon at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Admission is \$7. 355-2787.

## **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15**

A PETER WHITE CHRISTMAS featuring RICK BRAUN and MINDI ABAIR is featured at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$31 and \$40. 355-2787.

Jan Sillik presents the Fun With Flowers workshop, SERVING UP THE HOLIDAYS, on holiday floral design at 10 a.m. at the Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$18. 355-4224.

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The St. Augustine Community Ballet presents THE NUTCRACKER at 7:30 p.m. at Flagler College Auditorium, 14 Granada St., St. Augustine. The classic is also staged at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 and at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 19. Tickets are \$25. 819-6413.

An evening of music and holiday pageantry, CLAY COUNTY CHRISTMAS, is presented at 7:30 p.m. at Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, St. Johns River Community College, 283 College Drive, Orange Park. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$18. 276-6750.

# Holiday Happenings

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents its FIRST COAST NUTCRACKER at 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. The show is also presented at 2 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 18 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 19. Tickets range from \$18-\$43. 354-5547.

The Florida Ballet presents THE NUTCRACKER at 7:30 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. The show is also staged at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 and at 3 p.m. on Dec. 19. Tickets range from \$19-\$28. 355-2787.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 18

The eighth annual CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE is held at noon at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 C.R. 220, Orange Park. 269-4198.

THE GAITHER HOMECOMING CHRISTMAS TOUR is staged at 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$32.50 and \$42.50. 630-3900.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 19

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS is held at 11 a.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park St., Jacksonville. 355-4585. rpcjax.org

The 26th annual LUMINARIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS begins at sundown in the historic district of Riverside Avondale. Tour the neighborhood with your lanterns; luminaria kits can be purchased on weekends in December at the RAP house, 2623 Herschel St. Proceeds benefit Riverside Avondale Preservation's efforts to preserve and enhance the neighborhood. 389-2449.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

The a cappella group STRAIGHT NO CHASER performs at 8 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$30 and \$35. 355-2787.

The Performers Academy presents the kids' holiday musical camp HO HO HO — IT'S TIME FOR A HOLIDAY SHOW from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 3674 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. The camp continues from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 24. The camp fee is \$150. 322-7672.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 28

The Ritz Theater & Museum holds a KWANZAA CELEBRATION at 829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville. For details and schedule, call 632-5555.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 30

JJ GREY & MOFRO perform at 8 p.m. at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jax Beach. The local band also performs at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Tickets range from \$20-\$60. 246-BIRD.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 31

The Alhambra Theatre & Dining NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY featuring "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" starts at 8 p.m. at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. The evening features a performance of the musical, dinner, champagne toast and breakfast. Tickets are \$125. 641-1212.

Flagler College's black-tie formal SCHOLARSHIP BALL is held at 8 p.m. at Ponce de Leon Dining Hall, 74 King St., St. Augustine. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, champagne, an early-morning breakfast buffet and a silent auction are featured, along with live music by The Company. Tickets are \$365 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Flagler College Scholarship Fund, which helps offset tuition costs for students with financial need. 819-6282.

Comedian and radio personality RICKY SMILEY hits the stage at 8 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Moran Theater, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$55 and \$65. 630-3900.

The DEREK TRUCKS AND SUSAN TEDESCHI BAND rock in the New Year at 9 p.m. at The Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. Tickets range from \$42-\$75. 355-2787.

Welcome in 2011 at A GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE

CELEBRATION featuring food, an open bar, music, dancing and fireworks at 9 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island. Admission is \$150. 277-1100.

BEACH BLAST OFF 2011 features ice sculptures, fireworks and a Fire and Ice Chili Cook-off at 4 p.m. at the St. Johns County Fishing Pier & Pavilion, 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach. beachblastoff.com

JJ GREY & MOFRO continue their three night stand at Freebird Live, 200 N. First St., Jax Beach. The local band also performs at Jan. 1. Tickets range from \$20-\$60. 246-BIRD.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents TOAST! TO THE NEW YEAR! at 8:30 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 W. Water St., Jacksonville. Tickets are \$50 and \$75. 354-5547. □

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GIVING BACK

**It is, as they say, a time of giving — giving of oneself, giving thanks and giving a few choice parties in the name of local charities. Here's a list of charitable events, volunteer opportunities and services for those in need this holiday season.**

## CHARITABLE EVENTS

### EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON

The 26th annual Empty Bowls Luncheon is held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Local celebs serve a simple meal, symbolic of the meals served in the soup kitchens to which Second Harvest delivers food. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds benefit Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida's Second Harvest Food Bank. 448-5995. lssjax.org, wenourishhope.org

### HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Bereavement specialists lead discussions and group exercises on coping with grief from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 at McGraw Center for Caring, 4715 Worrall Way, Mayo Clinic campus, Jacksonville and at Neviaser Educational Institute of Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Bldg. 100, Jacksonville; from 6:30-8 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Acosta-Rua Center for Caring, 5450 Ramona Blvd., Jacksonville and from 6-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Flagler Hospital's Cancer Education and Support Center, 400 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine. 268-5200.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE

The eighth annual Rotary Gingerbread House Extravaganza displays holiday houses from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily from Dec. 8-23, and by appointment on Dec. 7 and 14, at Jacksonville Historical Society, located at the Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 317 Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. The gingerbread houses are created by local chefs, architects and civic organizations, and all money raised goes to area charities. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 3-16 and free for kids younger than 2. 391-3425. 994-7355. rotaryexecsec@aol.com

### TREE OF LIFE CELEBRATION

The 30th annual Tree of Life Celebration is held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Dec. 9 at Community Hospice's Hadlow Center, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville. Each of the more than 60,000 lights on the tree represents the life of a person cared for in Community Hospice's 30 years of service. A candlelight Service of Remembrance is featured. Proceeds benefit Community Hospice Foundation. 886-3883.

### TOYS FOR TOTS ROLLER DERBY

The New Jax City Rollers Team Naughty

# Holiday Gift Guide



## STUDIO PETRA AZAR COLLECTION

**ENTIRE COLLECTION, FROM \$125-\$899**  
**MYSTERIUM COLLECTION**  
**ENTIRE COLLECTION, FROM \$489-\$999**  
**Classic Jewelers**  
**8221-6 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville,**  
**641-8999**  
**classicjewelers.com**

The collection by the German sculptor Petra Azar is unique in its power of the Magnetic Clasp. She describes her work as “wearable poetry” — rarely has a piece of jewelry spoken of love and togetherness more profoundly. The design of your pendant is revolutionary and proprietary. A utility patent was recently awarded to Petra Azar for the inventive clasping system: Instead of an ordinary, difficult to close clasp on the back of the neck, yours closes in front, right under your chin. At first glance, the amulet is mysterious. Where is the clasp? How can it be worn? The secret of this exquisite work of wearable art is hidden in the amulet itself.

Tomasz Plodowski combines contemporary with a high-tech, almost architectural flair into his jewelry designs, available in 14k gold and sterling silver, with a variety of gemstones. His intriguing “Tension Set” rings have unusual settings, and each is handcrafted with the artist’s stamp.



## HOT STONE MASSAGE 60 MINUTES, \$120; 75 MINUTES, \$140

**Anthony & Sandra European Salon & Day Spa**  
**10092 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 6, Jacksonville**  
**398-9777 anthonyandsraspa.net**

Experience a luxurious and relaxing massage, combined with deep heat therapy. Smooth, polished lava stones are heated and incorporated into a massage. It’s the ideal treatment to loosen tight muscles, relieve stress and ease tension. A perfect gift for anyone! If you’re not sure a massage is the right gift, an Anthony & Sandra gift certificate is sure to please any holiday soul.



## GO-PRO HD SURF HERO WATERPROOF CAMERA, \$269 RIP CURL TIDE WATCH, TRESTLES OCEANSEARCH, \$150

**Sunrise Surf Shop**  
**834 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach**  
**241-0822 sunrisesurfshop.com**

Available in a variety of colors, the Rip Curl Tide Watch is preprogrammed for more than 200 beaches worldwide, including Jacksonville! High-impact construction, stopwatch and alarm.

GoPro’s HD Surf HERO is the only 1080p HD on-board video and still-photo camera. Pro quality 1080p, 960p, 720p resolutions record at 30 and 60 fps, for up to 2.5 hours of video or auto shooting — record with a push of the shutter button when you paddle out. Easily mounts to any surfboard in seconds. Lightweight — top pros say they don’t notice it on their boards.

## SPECIALIZED 16” HOTROCK GIRLS BIKE \$190

**Open Road Bicycles**  
**4460 Hendricks Ave., San Jose, 636-7772**  
**3544 St. Johns Ave., Avondale, 388-9066**  
**Shops of Eagle Harbor on C.R. 220, Orange Park,**  
**541-1816**  
**2220 C.R. 210 W., Ste. 303, St. Johns, 819-0422**  
**openroadbicycles.com**

This holiday season, give the gift of fun and fitness. Surprise your special someone with a bike from Open Road Bicycles. With bicycles for the whole family, we have the perfect bike for your favorite rider — young or old, beginner to expert. Bicycles come with 15 percent off parts and accessories for 90 days and one year of free service. Layaway now!



## ART BAGS \$140 GUCCI SUNGLASSES \$339

**Art for Eyes Optical Shop & Accessories Boutique**  
**401 Bay St., Green Cove Springs**  
**529-9062 artforeyesoptical.com**

Unique, upscale eyewear and accessories — from face to foot, we ensure that you receive the quality you expect and the service you deserve. Accessories include shoes, purses, purse hangers, totes, wallets, card holders, Switchflops, Onsoles, Sydney Love, Mud Pie, Miché, Art Bags, wine lights, jewelry, custom snake skin items and more. Other designers include Gucci, Coach, Natori, Vanni, Jai Kudo, Ogami, Imago, Oakley, Costa and more. Through individual and personal care we will create ... “Art for Eyes.”



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

skates against Team Nice at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Jax Ice Sports Complex, 3605 Philips Highway, Jacksonville. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 357-0102.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This annual children's event needs folks to hand out toys and bikes donated by sponsor companies and delivered to almost 10,000 kids 12 years old and younger at the annual gathering held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the 12th annual party held at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. 350-1616. ccpoj.org

## J.P. HALL CHARITIES CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 28th annual children's event is held from 8 a.m.-noon on Dec. 18 at Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 S.R. 16 W., Green Cove Springs. 284-7398.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These are seasonal-specific needs, but the organizations need supplies, donations and support all year long, too.

### BEAM MINISTRIES

850 Sixth Ave. S., Ste. 400, Jax Beach, 241-7437  
jaxbeam.org  
Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry holds a Thanksgiving basket giveaway to registered clients on Nov. 18, 19, 22 and 23 and needs packages of food for the traditional meal, as well as volunteers to put it all together. BEAM is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mon., Tue. and Thur., or call 610-4699 to schedule a drop-off. BEAM also hosts a free holiday party for more than 500 Beaches children from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec. 4 at Carver Community Center, 738 Fourth Ave. S., Jax Beach. Church groups, school clubs and other organizations are invited to participate in this free event. Crafts, food and a fire truck with Santa are featured. Volunteers, storekeepers and assistance with special events are also needed and the Adopt-A-Family program needs donated gift items and host families.

### BETTY GRIFFIN HOUSE

Crisis Hotline 824-1555  
Holiday Program, 1375 Arapaho Ave., St. Augustine, 808-8544  
info@bettygriffinhouse.org  
Betty Griffin House provides emergency shelter to abused women and their minor children, and victims of rape. Volunteer opportunities include an adopt-a-family program for Thanksgiving and Christmas, providing gift certificates, and gifts for kids' wish lists.

### THE BRIDGE OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

1824 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, 354-7799  
Families at The Bridge of Northeast Florida

are in need of gifts and gift cards for the Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Teen for Christmas programs. For more information, call 354-7799 ext. 137.

### BRIGHT HOLIDAYS OF JACKSONVILLE INC.

24532 Deer Trace Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, 280-2163  
Bright Holidays needs volunteers in early December to shop, wrap and deliver gifts of clothing, food, school supplies and other essentials. Pssst, high school students: It's an easy way to earn service hours.  
brightholidays.org

### CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA

P.O. Box 5616, Jacksonville FL 32247, 493-7738  
Provides foster care, adoption, parenting education and child-abuse prevention services to children and families in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. The Home Society needs monetary donations, gift certificates, new toys and volunteers to wrap donated gifts.

### EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES

100 Bell Tel Way, Ste. 100, Jacksonville, 726-1500  
The ECS' Holiday Outreach Program helps children and families in Northeast Florida providing early childhood education and social services. The ECS needs monetary donations and Winn-Dixie gift certificates for holiday meals.

### GREATER NASSAU WOMEN'S SERVICES

P.O. Box 15454, Fernandina Beach FL 32035, 321-2008  
GNWS offers assistance for women facing unplanned pregnancies with counseling, referrals, educational materials, baby supplies and equipment. The organization needs donations to cover overhead, staff and materials.

### HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

165 Wells Road, Ste. 301, Orange Park, 215-8520  
The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program collects, wraps and delivers gifts to needy area seniors. Giving trees for donating are available through mid-December at various locations throughout Northeast Florida.  
beasantatoasenior.com

### HOPE WORLDWIDE

The Jacksonville chapter of HOPE needs volunteers to help load toys from noon-2 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Folks may help distribute the toys to at-risk children at the Christmas Eve Party held from 4-6 p.m. on Dec. 24; call for details. The Senior Santa Party is held from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Taylor Home, 3937 Spring Park Road, Jacksonville. 292-2535. hopeww.org/jacksonville

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## THE INN MINISTRY

The Inn Ministry's annual Christmas Eve Party for pregnant women and mothers with young children features gift-sharing and a visit from Santa from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 24 at the ministry, 1720 Hamilton St., Jacksonville. Volunteers help with food, managing games for young children and distributing toys. Donations of toys, gifts and clothes are needed. 388-7730.

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS FOOD DRIVE

This food-distribution program needs help offloading trucks full of groceries and distributing the donated, non-perishable foodstuffs to more than 3,000 families on Jacksonville's Eastside. 633-2265 or 633-6590.

## JEWISH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

6261 Dupont Station Court E., Jacksonville, 394-5727  
The food pantry needs canned food donations and the Holiday Gift Giving Program, which helps at-risk children and seniors. Gift cards are also needed.

## MISTER ROGERS SWEATER DRIVE

Drop off clean new or used sweaters, coats and blankets through Nov. 30 at WJCT Public Broadcasting Studios, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville, all First Coast VyStar Credit Union locations and Two Men and a Truck, located on Beach Boulevard. 358-6322.

## NORTH JAX WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

12456 Sago Ave. W., Jacksonville, 696-9100  
The Center provides help to pregnant women, including teenagers and single mothers who need food and clothing for their babies. Baby clothing, maternity clothes, gift cards and donations for a new facility are needed.

## P.A.C.E. CENTER FOR GIRLS

2933 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, 421-3391  
The P.A.C.E. Center needs volunteers to tutor girls and young women (ages 12-18) in math, English and reading, and to help provide program enrichment activities, Mon.-Fri. between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Donations of gift cards for food and clothing are also needed. To make a donation or for more information, visit [pacecenter.org](http://pacecenter.org) or call 448-8002.

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS OPERATION BLESSING

The annual food-distribution program is a joint effort by the Jags and Operation Blessing International, a nonprofit humanitarian relief organization. Health screenings, including visual acuity, glaucoma and blood pressure, are offered along with nonperishable food relief. Any leftover funds buy food for local soup kitchens. Call 633-2265 or 633-6590.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Volunteers collect shoebox gifts packed by local individuals, and send them to needy children around the world, at collection sites throughout Northeast Florida. [samaritanspurse.org/OCC](http://samaritanspurse.org/OCC)

## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Part of Lutheran Social Services, Second Harvest needs volunteers to stock, pull orders and help with general upkeep. Monetary gifts are welcome. 1502 Jessie St., Jacksonville. 448-5995 or 353-3663.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Marine Toys For Tots Foundation needs new, unwrapped toys, but they also need folks to gather, sort and distribute them to deserving kids. [info@toysfortotsnortheastflorida.com](mailto:info@toysfortotsnortheastflorida.com)

## USO GREATER JACKSONVILLE AREA

2560 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, 246-3481  
NAS JAX, Yorktown Gate, Bldg. 1050, 778-2821  
Welcome Center, JAX International Airport, 741-6655

The USO, serving active duty members of the military and their families in Northeast Florida, needs monetary donations for food baskets, supplies and children's toys. [usojax.org](http://usojax.org)

## WASTE NOT WANT NOT

P.O. Box 119, Orange Park, 215-3150  
This volunteer-based group collects and provides food to organizations serving the homeless and hungry, low-income families and seniors, people with disabilities and at-risk youths. Monetary donations and volunteers are needed.



WJCT Public Broadcasting holds its annual Mister Rogers Sweater Drive through Nov. 30.

# Holiday Gift Guide



**THURSDAY ISLAND TOP \$110**  
**NECKLACE FROM SALT RUN DESIGNS \$45**

**Henry & Alice**  
**76B San Marco Ave., Uptown St. Augustine 829-3176**

Find cozy winter fashion and handmade jewelry at Henry & Alice. We are loving this fun, colorful sweater by Thursday Island (\$110) paired with the Tree of Life necklace from local artist Laurie Morton of Salt Run Designs. Stop by Henry & Alice, located in Uptown St. Augustine, to see all of our holiday gift ideas. Dress, Decorate, Discover.



**WOMEN'S POLE FITNESS CLASSES STARTING AT \$20**

**VIP Women's Dance**  
**2419 Third St. S., Jax Beach**  
**487-9938 vipwomensdanceparties.com**

Give the gift of fitness and fun, and make a lasting impression on the special lady in your life. Pole dance fitness is all the craze for improving strength, flexibility and fat loss, and it's a fun party place for women only! It's the gift that keeps giving! Purchase online.

**VINTURI AERATOR, \$39.99**  
**SHOOTING STAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON, \$15.49**

**Monkey's Uncle Tavern & Liquor Store**  
**1850 S. Third St., Pablo Plaza, Jax Beach**  
**241-4178 monkeysuncletavern.com**

Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-2 a.m., Monkey's Uncle Liquors is a full-service liquor, beer and wine store adjacent to the popular tavern. Our featured Vinturi Aerator is the perfect gift for the wine lovers on your list! Wine which has been allowed to breathe tastes better and opens up and releases its intended aromas and flavors. Vinturi's patented design allows perfect aeration — in the time it takes to pour a glass, you'll notice a better bouquet, enhanced flavors and smoother finish. Check our competitive pricing and stock up for your next event at the must-go-to shop for the lowest prices on wine and liquor!



**SPA GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**Panache: Aveda Lifestyle Store, Salon & Spa**  
**1089 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach,**  
**461-9552 getpanache.com**

Give the gift of Panache with money-saving Spa Gift Certificates! Share health and wellness, beauty inside and out with everyone on your list this season. Holiday gift card packages designed for the savvy bargain shopper include: Head to Toe, Hot Stone Holiday, Healing Hands & Soles, Buff & Fluff and For Your Gentleman, ranging from \$75-\$200 or customize your own gift. All details are at [www.getpanache.com](http://www.getpanache.com). Open 7 days a week for your shopping convenience. Live your life with Panache!

**MYA GLASS HOOKAH, \$80**  
**HOOKAH TOBACCO, \$15**

**Casbah Café**  
**3628 St. Johns Ave., Avondale**  
**981-9966 thecasbahcafe.com**

Whether you've been naughty or nice this year, we don't care! If you buy a hookah and a box of tobacco, we'll stuff your stocking with 96 pieces of Hookahology coals. The flavored tobacco smoked through a water pipe is marinated in spices and molasses to give it that special flavor. Natural coals are used to burn the tobacco for about 30 minutes.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## SOUP KITCHENS & RESCUE MISSIONS

### CIRCLE OF LOVE MINISTRIES

Thanksgiving dinner is served on Nov. 25 at 13519 N. Main St., Jacksonville. A Christmas Eve celebration is also held. Circle of Love helps the homeless and has a discipleship ministry long-term shelter for men only. COL needs help paying overhead bills and with building a career center. 696-3105.

### CITY RESCUE MISSION

Jacksonville's City Rescue Mission needs volunteers to help with mailouts, holiday meal serving, data entry, phone calls and gift wrapping. Thanksgiving dinner is held from noon-2 p.m. on Nov. 25. Christmas dinner is from noon-2 p.m. on Dec. 25. The mission is located at 426 S. McDuff Ave., Jacksonville. 387-4357.

### CLARA WHITE MISSION

Community volunteers serve Thanksgiving dinner to homeless and disadvantaged families at the Mission, 613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville. The 107-year-old Jacksonville mission needs donations of food and/or money to help the program offer its two-meals-a-day service. Feed the City is held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 20, Thanksgiving Day Breakfast is from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Nov. 25. 354-4162.

### I.M. SULZBACHER CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Volunteers are needed to amass toys and ToysRUs gift cards, blankets, watches, cold-weather clothing, hygienic products and non-perishable food items. The center is located at 611 E. Adams St., Jacksonville. 359-0457 or 359-0657.

### JACKSONVILLE YOUTH SANCTUARY

1703 Emerson St., Jacksonville, 389-5231  
The Sanctuary provides residential group care to foster children (13-17 years old), and provides housing, education, life skills training and mentoring to youths 18-23 years old who have aged out of foster care. Christmas gifts, holiday food and monetary donations are needed.

### MISSION HOUSE

800 Shetter Ave., Jax Beach, 241-6767  
This day facility, serving the homeless from Mayport to St. Johns County, provides meals, showers, clothing vouchers, medical care, case management and referrals. The Mission House is in need of funding to support its programs.

### SAFEHOUSE OF JACKSONVILLE

#### OUTREACH MINISTRY

3325-8 Plymouth St., Jacksonville, 425-4228  
Safehouse helps those in need with food, clothing and a mailing address. A Thanksgiving dinner is held from 3-5 p.m. on

Nov. 25. Safehouse needs toy and monetary donations for its Christmas party from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec. 18. safejax.com

### ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

70 Washington St., St. Augustine, 829-8937  
This homeless resource, food pantry, soup kitchen and emergency housing shelter, serving 200 hot lunches daily, accepts donations of time, money, sponsorships or handyman skills.

### ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN

134 E. Church St., downtown Jacksonville, 356-2902 or 359-0331  
Operated by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the 30-year-old soup kitchen serves food from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, with clothing distribution from 8-10 a.m.

### SALVATION ARMY

328 N. Ocean St., Jacksonville, 301-4846  
The Salvation Army needs Red Kettle bellringers, sorters, meal servers on Christmas Day, Adopt-a-Family participants, Angel Tree toy shop workers and volunteers to help with year-round local programs. A Thanksgiving meal is served on Nov. 25, a Christmas meal is served at 6 p.m. on Dec. 24.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### FOOD PANTRY

The pantry serves 800 families and homeless people every month. Food donations are needed. Nonperishable food items are accepted. 1415 S. McDuff Ave., Jacksonville. 389-5341. trinity4jax.org

### YOUTH CRISIS CENTER

3015 Parental Home Road, Jacksonville, 720-0002  
The Center shelters homeless, runaway and abandoned children (ages 10-17), provides counseling and attempts to reunite families. Needed items include coats, sweaters, jeans, shoes, CD players, watches, journals, educational games, arts-and-crafts materials, and backpacks.

## COLD WEATHER SHELTERS

**SALVATION ARMY**, 356-8641

**ST. PAUL'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 249-4091

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN**, 249-8698

**ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 249-2600

**PALMS PRESBYTERIAN**, 270-1089

**JACKSONVILLE BEACH CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 246-2457

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE BEACHES**, 246-2010 □

# Holiday Gift Guide



**OTTERBOX COMMUTER SERIES CASE, TL SERIES, \$29.99; ORIGINAL, \$34.99**  
**uBreakiFix**  
9823 Tapestry Park Circle, Ste. 3, Jacksonville  
642-2980 ubreakifix.com

The OtterBox Commuter series for iPhone 3G, 3GS and 4 was definitely designed with style in mind. Available in many colors, this case has a smooth outer shell that snugly fits over a silicone base layer, allowing it to slip easily in and out of a pocket or purse, while also providing the maximum amount of protection.



## HOLIDAY HANDPRINT DISHES, STARTING AT \$25

**Doing Dishes Paint Your Own Pottery Studio**  
5619 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville 730-3729  
3568 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville 388-7088  
doingdishes.com

Holiday handprints are gifts that will create happy memories of the holiday season for years to come for everyone. Not typical holiday items, these are personal dishes created and customized from the heart and delivered with love. For a truly unique experience, join us for our Paint With Santa Parties held on Dec. 7, 9 and 12. Check our website for locations and times!



## THE JACOBITE REBELLION HIGHLANDERS CHARGING (2 FIGURES) \$70 GERMAN SNOW TIGER (TANK) \$229

**Troops of Time**  
1602 Copeland St., Jacksonville  
381-6828 troopsoftime.com

Troops of Time is the only gallery and shop of its kind in the Northeast Florida/Southeast Georgia region. "Highlanders Charging" is a great pair from John Jenkins Designs and "German Snow Tiger" is a limited edition piece from King and Country. Stop in the shop today or shop online to see the hundreds of other figurines, from Crusaders to SS Officers!



## BRONZE AND GLASS NUDE LADY COFFEE TABLE, \$4500

**Bamboo Global Arts and Home Accessories**  
9615 San Jose Blvd., Mandarin, 292-0230

Over the years, owner Bill Spalten has acquired many unique and one-of-a-kind pieces that are now available for purchase at Bamboo. No matter what your holiday budget, you're sure to find something for everyone on your shopping list. From small statuettes to fine home furnishings, paintings and accessories, Bamboo Global Arts & Home Accessories is your one-stop shop for those memorable gifts folks will cherish through the holidays and beyond.



## 3"x4" ROUND CAKE, \$14.99 BESSIE & BARNIE HARNESS, \$27

**BARK Dog Boutique & Grooming Salon**  
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