

New London Main Street Presents A Thames River Heritage Event  
Celebration of Lights & Song by the Sea

**Saturday, December 3, 2005**  
**Downtown Historic Waterfront District**  
**New London, Connecticut**

**Blizzard Date December 10, 2005**

**EVENTS LISTING**

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**Santa's Arrival by Train**

1:17 pm

Santa arrives at Union Station direct from the North Pole. The New London High School Band, directed by Scott Morgan, and the St. Joseph's School chorus will greet Santa as he steps off the Amtrak train onto the platform. Santa and the students will then parade up to Nathan Hale Schoolhouse where he will listen to special holiday wishes from 2:30-4:30 pm. Children may have their photo taken with Santa

**Ice Carving Exhibition**

Hygienic Art Park Bank Street 2-4 pm

A "Sailor's Holiday" ice sculpture garden is planned at the Hygienic Art Park with live demonstrations. The featured carver is Chef Paul Zdanis of Connecticut Culinary Institute. Since 1994, Chef Zdanis has participated in "First Night Hartford", a large ice carving demonstration. He also conducts basic ice carving courses at the Sodexo Marriott and for his ACF chapter, the Connecticut Chefs Association, and is a member of the National Ice Carving Association (NICA) and recipient of numerous ice carving awards 1988-1998.

**Fresh Evergreen Trees Sale**

The Parade 12-5 pm

Get your fresh Spruce and Fir trees, wreaths and small apartment trees from local grower Dick McCarthy at The Parade.

**Hot Fresh Popcorn and Drinks**

The Parade 12-5 pm

The local Harbor School Cub Scouts Den 6 will be selling fresh hot popped corn. The Atrium Café will offer hot cider and cocoa and traditional baked treats.

**Merchants Open Houses**

Drop in to our many specialty shops for a cup of cheer and holiday experience

**Hempsted Open Houses**

11 Hempstead Street, 11 to 2 pm

**Custom House Holiday Gathering**

150 Bank Street, Noon to 5 pm

Meet new director David Cruthers, refreshments

**Shaw Mansion**

Bank Street at Blinman Street, 11 to 4 pm

Free tours, bookstore sale

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual New London Open, art and gallery stroll**

A gallery and art stroll is the new evolution of the Open. 3 – 6 pm.

Golden Street Gallery, 94 Golden Street – Brad Guarino, Donna Martell “Bulgarian Experience”

Flavours of Life, 189 Bank Street - Join David Madacsi and experience the magic of Africa through photographs and village art

Yah Ta Hey, 279 State Street - Fine Native American Sculpture, Paintings, Pottery & Jewelry Open House. Meet artist Gretchen Hatfield as she signs her “Alphabet” poster.

Alva Gallery, 54 State Street – Exhibit: Being Good: Women's Moral Values in the New Millennium

Hygienic Art Gallery, 79 Bank Street – Holiday Show “Hygienic Presents” art for sale

Dew Art, 300 State Street,– Opening Reception 7-10 pm, Mark King paintings and sculpture

Empress of Art, 66 Bank Street – (show to be announced)

Kente Gallery, 223 Bank Street – African Masks, Native American sand paintings and Celebration Banners by New London High School art students.

### **Teatro Latino de New London**

Noon to 1 pm

First Congregational Church, 66 Union Street

*"Media Pollito Finds a Home"* is performance collaboration between Centro de la Comunidad, Teatro, and Habitat for Humanity.

### **Performances at The Parade**

*New London High School Marching Band* 1:15 pm

*St. Joseph's School Chorus* 1:45 pm

*Williams Street Mix* 2:15 pm

*Parallel String Band* 3:15 pm

*All Souls Interfaith Chorus* 4:15 pm  
Community Carol Sing

### **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The lighting of the 35-foot tree takes place at The Parade following the Community Carol Sing

### **Gingerbread Station**

Noon – 4 pm

Union Railroad Station

Superintendent of New London Schools Christopher Clouet will entertain with the story of *The Gingerbread Man* and a guitar performance. Children will have a chance to decorate their own gingerbread cookies and visit with the real Gingerbread Man. A Gingerbread Village display by the New London Senior Center baking club will be a sight to see! Cookies \$2, proceeds benefit New London Schools and downtown revitalization.

**People's Choice Holiday Decorating Contest**

Throughout Downtown December 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>

Downtown businesses will light up their windows with creativity in preparation for the People's Choice contest. Voting boxes will be available in each participating store.

Categories will include best use of materials, most festive, and "Sailor's Holiday" theme. One lucky voter will win a prize basket representing a number of downtown businesses.

**Bravo Broadway! (the songs you love!) Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra**

8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center

Guest Conductor: Donald Pippin, Ticketed event.

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