

Five museums get in the holiday spirit: Explore CNY arts



The Everson Museum of Art Members' Council has organized its 29th annual Festival of Trees. The exhibit of decorated trees, wreaths and displays opens Dec. 5 and continues through Dec. 14 at the museum, 401 Harrison St., Syracuse. (David Lassman | dlassman@syracuse.com)

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- In the spirit of the season, several Central New York museums are offering holiday-themed exhibits. Here are a few of the many choices:

Erie Canal Museum: The 29th annual Gingerbread Gallery opens Friday. It features more than 30 original gingerbread creations by local

amateur and professional bakers. The Gingerbread Gallery continues through Jan. 4.

Erie Canal Museum, 318 Erie Blvd. East. Gallery and museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the gallery opening, the museum will be open until 9 p.m. After the tree lighting on Clinton Square on Nov. 28, the museum will serve cookies and cocoa. The museum will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 24 and 31 and be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Admission to the Gingerbread Gallery is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for children, 12 years and younger. For more information, go to the [museum website](#) or call 471-0593.

Everson Museum of Art: The museum is decked out with more than 100 decorated trees, wreaths and holiday displays for its 29th annual Festival of Trees. It opens Dec. 5 and continues through Dec. 14.

Everson Museum of Art, 401 Harrison St., Syracuse. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Festival of Trees admission is \$5. For more information, go to the [museum's website](#) or call 315-470-6064.

Onondaga Historical Association: Winter comes in from the cold at the OHA with "Snowy Splendor," an exhibit of winter scenes in Onondaga County. Artists and photographers have shared their oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, drawings and photographs. The exhibit features 30 scenes from downtown to the countryside. "Snowy Splendor" continues through March 15.

OHA: 321 Montgomery St., Syracuse. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free admission, donation suggested. For more information, go to [OHA website](#) or call 428-1864.

Museum of Science & Technology: The 2004 movie "The Polar Express" will be screened in the Bristol IMAX Omnitheater from Nov. 28 to Jan. 4. Based on a children's book, the animated film is about a boy who

doubts the existence of Santa until he takes a train ride and finds himself at the North Pole. Run time 100 minutes.

MOST: 500 S. Franklin St., Syracuse. Check the MOST website or call 473-IMAX for hours and days of movie screenings. MOST hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. IMAX-only tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, 2 to 11 years old, and seniors, 65 years and older. For more information, go to [MOST website](#) or call 425-9068.

Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center: 34th annual "Quilts=Art=Quilts" featuring 77 quilts by 73 artists from world the world, including Australia, Canada, Japan, Switzerland and Britain. Central New York quilters included in the show are: Linda Chow, of Skaneateles; Randall Cook and Pat Pauly of Rochester; Sally Dutko, of Ithaca; and Gail Strout, of Clinton. "Quilts=Art=Quilts" continues through Jan. 4.

Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, 205 Genesee St., Auburn. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults. Members and children, 12 years and younger, are free. For more information, call the center at 255-1553 or go to [its website](#).