Holiday Gift Guide

Keep your holiday shopping close to home

NNY360's 2026 Local Holiday Wishlist brings together gifts, dining experiences and ways to give back from Northern New York businesses.

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A thoughtful holiday gift can take many forms: a piece of jewelry, a favorite local cheese, something useful for the workshop or dinner with people you don't see often enough.

This season, NNY360's Local Holiday Wishlist offers a place to start close to home. Participating businesses and organizations share ideas for treating the people on your list, preparing for holiday gatherings and supporting the community. The latest additions include Fleming's Fine Furniture in Malone and Good Fellos in Sackets Harbor.

A little sparkle, a taste of home

For someone who appreciates a gift that comes in a small box, **Kimberly Scott Creations** is featuring Christmas jewelry specials. Selections include lab-grown diamond stud earrings set in 14-karat gold for $499, fancy pear-shaped lab-grown diamond earrings in sterling silver for $299 and yellow vermeil huggie earrings with lab-grown diamonds for $399.

Other featured pieces include a lab-grown diamond cross in sterling silver, a gold vermeil cuff bracelet and a marquise-cut diamond fashion ring in 14-karat yellow gold.

Food can be just as personal a gift, particularly when it brings a taste of Northern New York to someone's table. **Lowville Producers Cheese Store** offers inspiration for the cheese lover on your list, whether you're choosing something to share at a gathering or sending local flavor

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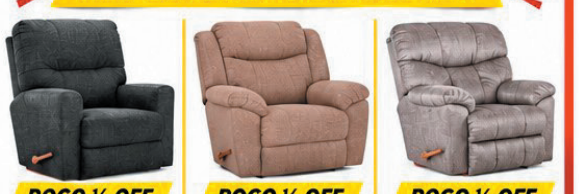


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Somewhere near you, a barely used drill, a solid oak dresser and a like-new winter coat are waiting for a second owner. If no one takes them, they'll join the mountain of stuff sitting in landfills or shipped overseas each year, as factories churn out more. But by buying secondhand, you can help prevent that churn - and save lots of money.

There's no shortage of ways to find and buy used goods: local message boards, websites and apps, friends and neighbors, yard and estate sales, and thrift and consignment stores. General online marketplaces hawking used goods include Amazon Resale, Craigslist, eBay, Etsy, Facebook Marketplace and OfferUp. (Amazon Executive Chairman Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Here's what to know before you shop.

BEST PRACTICES

Prevent buyer's remorse by inspecting the item before you buy it (though this often isn't an option when shopping online). If you receive something that doesn't work or is in worse condition than advertised, you may not have recourse, depending on where you bought it and how you paid. Using a credit card will allow you to dispute the charge if there's a problem. (Amazon, eBay and PayPal offer dispute-resolution services.)

But if you pay a private seller using cash or a payment app like Venmo or Zelle (which don't allow disputes), you're probably stuck.

Another precaution: If you're meeting up with a private seller you found online, bring a friend. If possible, meet in a public place, and keep your phone handy. Trust your instincts: If you get a weird vibe or a deal seems too good to be true, bail. Many local police stations offer meetup areas.

BABY/KID/PARENTING GEAR AND TOYS

New parents often buy gadgets, products and toys that rarely or never get used. That means the used marketplace has a glut of items. Think cribs, high chairs, strollers, play kitchens, Legos and more.

When shopping for a secondhand crib, first check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's site for recalls and make sure a product meets current safety standards. Drop-side models, outlawed by the commission in 2011, are an automatic no-no, and it's illegal to sell those.

Used child car seats could be compromised, so don't buy one (or accept a free one) unless it was recently purchased and you know the previous owner.

Local online marketplaces, eBay, Craigslist, garage sales and children's consignment shops all sell used kid paraphernalia. Many communities also offer periodic children's clothing and toy sales, or swap meets.

BIKES



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Kids quickly outgrow their rides, and adults often peddle their old ones. Plus, like cars, bike manufacturers introduce new models each year, meaning you can sometimes find still brand-new wheels from last year at a discount. Many bike shops also sell secondhand cycles.

BOOKS

Some local independents have considerable online presences: Portland, Oregon-based Powell's, which bills itself as the world's largest independent bookstore, has a huge selection of pre-owned books; New York's Strand bookstore is another fun place to hunt, especially for rare or out-of-print titles.

Students can really cash in by acquiring or renting used textbooks. In addition to checking for secondhand stock at on- and off-campus bookstores and on eBay, try Textsurf, which aggregates online sellers' and rental services' offerings; major players included in its searches are AbeBooks, Amazon, Valore and VitalSource.

Little Free Library provides public places for readers to leave and borrow books. Go to littlefreelibrary.org for locations.

CLOTHING

It's not only cool and eco-friendly to buy previously owned clothing; you can also earn money by unloading your gently used apparel via brick-and-mortar shops, apps or online consignment stores.

Major retailers have joined the movement. Patagonia's "Worn Wear" program allows shoppers to trade secondhand items for store credit. The company cleans and refurbishes them, then resells them well below retail. Boutique athletic apparel giant Lululemon's "Like New" store also issues store credit for gently used items; the retailer sells traded-in products in stores and online. REI's Re/Supply has deals on secondhand clothing and gear. Multiple other companies (Coach, Madewell, Nike, Levi's) operate similar programs.

A thriving marketplace of secondhand clothing sites includes Depop, eBay, Etsy, Poshmark, TheRealReal, ThredUp, Vestiaire Collective and Vinted.

You can also rummage at thrift shops, which usually offer the lowest prices for secondhand threads, or consignment stores.

ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, TVS

Plenty of people trade up to get the latest, greatest devices, leaving the electronics market ripe for low-price picking. But be careful whom you buy from; avoid private sellers unless you already know them or someone who will vouch for them.

Stuff that was returned because the buyer wanted something else is fine; in theory, that's the same as buying new. Next best are products refurbished by their manufacturers. Most of these deals come with warranties and tech support.

Still, the latest models are rarely available used, so you'll have to settle for saving by buying something manufactured a couple of digital generations ago.

If you're thinking about buying from Amazon, Best Buy or other stores offering used stuff, read the fine print on return rights, guarantees and warranties.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

The fitness industry thrives on good intentions. Many New Year's resolvers buy pricey treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical trainers and cross-country ski simulators, only to end up back on the couch bingeing Netflix. Exercise equipment is expensive to ship, so it's best to search locally. You might end up with a free piece of equipment if you're willing to haul it.

FURNITURE

The saying "They don't make 'em like they used to" applies to most furniture manufactured now. Consider tracking down finely crafted older items.

You can reupholster sofas and chairs, refinish solid-wood dressers or tables, and otherwise clean up just about everything else - if the bones are high quality. But before going that route, carefully inspect the item to decide whether it's likely to last long enough to justify rehab costs.

GAMES

The secondhand market is awash in unwanted billiards sets and other space-hogging entertainment equipment. Sellers' desires to reclaim some space means you can save big.

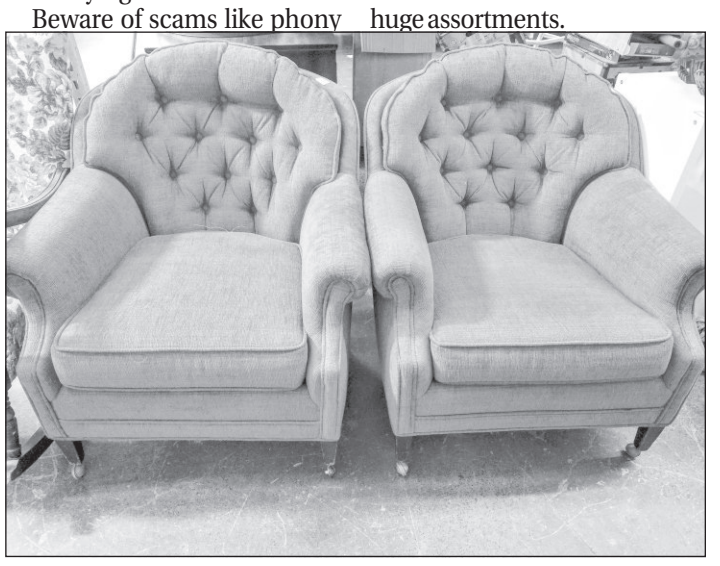
Board games are also plentiful in the secondhand market. Before buying, make sure sellers attest that all pieces are accounted for (Clue isn't the same without Professor Plum or the candlestick).

JEWELRY

There's a large secondhand market for jewelry, especially diamonds. Sources include estate sales, eBay, Craigslist, DiamondBuyersInternational, TheRealReal, MyGemma, jewelry stores that sell vintage items, and - for the practical-if-unromantic - pawn shops.

If you bargain hunt for gemstones, look for certification by the Gemological Institute of America. But because GIA didn't start issuing reports until 1953, stones in vintage settings may be hard to evaluate. Keep in mind that if you don't like a setting, you can easily have the stones reset and still save a lot over buying retail.

Beware of scams like phony GIA certificates and defective diamonds that have been treated. Consider taking any expensive piece to an independent appraiser before buying.



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KITCHEN SUPPLIES, COOKWARE, APPLIANCES

Home cooks often purge their kitchens (or storage rooms) of gadgets, small appliances and other nonessentials that have seen little use.

Amazon sells household appliances via its Resale section, which offers opened or used goods for well below retail. But they come with only a 30-day returns window.

Buying used major appliances is trickier. You may strike gold (or stainless steel) buying gently used appliances being off-loaded because of a remodel. But you won't get a guarantee or warranty from individual sellers, and delivery and hookup arrangements are on you.

TOOLS

Unless you're a professional contractor, you probably don't use your tool kit often. And most tools last a long time. Power tools are often purchased by weekend-warrior homeowners who use them for only a project or two. That means many gently used ones are on the market. Yard and estate sales can have huge assortments.

Keep an eye open for these common shopping and giving scams

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A significant percentage of charitable donations are made in December, when the spirit of giving and the deadline to make donations that can be deducted from next year's tax return combine to make the month an important time for nonprofit organizations. The holiday season also is important for online retailers, as data from Adobe Analytics indicates online spending exceeded $257 billion in the holiday season of 2025. But December also can be a key time for criminals seeking to exploit the holiday season spirit of giving for their own personal gain.

The United States Attorney's Office notes that cybercriminals target the month of December as a key time to take advantage of well-intentioned individuals seeking to make charitable donations or purchase gifts for loved ones. The U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of North Carolina warns that the following are some of the most common scams consumers may encounter come the holiday season.

• Lookalike stores: Many online retailers offer great deals for limited periods of time come the holiday season. That can make for a frenzied holiday shopping experience as shoppers hurry to land deals before sales expire or inventory runs out. Criminals take advantage of that hectic pace by building lookalike stores that the USAO notes are either completely fake or made to mimic legitimate online retailers. Lookalike and fraudulent sites can be hard to spot, so the USAO warns shoppers to be suspicious of sites that offer deeply discounted prices on in-demand items like electronics, jewelry and clothing. These scams are used to extract payment from shoppers for items that will never be delivered and to gain access to consumers' credit card information.

• Missed delivery notifications: The USAO notes that the popularity of online shopping has led to an increase in fake delivery notification emails or text messages. Scammers behind these fake notifications are hoping their targets click on links that will direct them to websites designed to steal their information. Prior to clicking links in delivery notification emails, check the domain address to confirm it is reputable. The USAO urges extreme caution when visiting any delivery website that asks consumers to enter personal or payment information to complete a delivery.

Budget-friendly holiday shopping tips

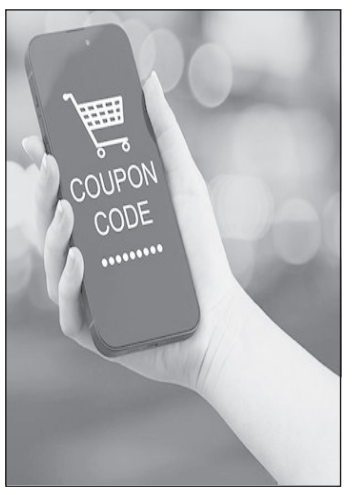
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Holiday shopping and entertaining involve a whirlwind of activity to round out the end of the year. The holiday season also tends to be an expensive time of year. According to Capital One Shopping, the average spending for holiday travel, gifts and entertainment expenses is $1,638. The National Retail Federation says American consumers spend an average of $997.73 on gifts and other holiday items each Christmas.

For some people, adding an additional $1,000 to their November or December budgets can be challenging, and many individuals seek budget-friendly solutions for their holiday celebrations. The following guidelines can help corral spending this year.

SET A BUDGET

It's impossible to keep a budget if one is never established in the first place. Determine how much you can comfortably spend on gifts, travel and entertaining, as well as any other holiday expenses. Once the number is calculated, divvy up spending accordingly.



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PLAN YOUR LIST

Make a list of everyone you need to purchase gifts for, along with gift ideas and estimated costs. Set a dollar amount for each individual, particularly if you will not be spending the same amount on each person. Having numbers in black and white, and comparing them to what you have allocated for gifts, will enable you to see whether you are overspending or on budget.

SHOP EARLY

Begin holiday shopping as early as possible, even months before the holidays arrive. Such an approach enables you to take advantage of sales as they come up. Also, you will not fall victim to impulse buys or last-minute purchases because you are under a time crunch.

TRACK SPENDING

Utilize whatever method works for you to keep apprised of spending. It may be jotting down numbers on a piece of paper or using a budgeting app on a smartphone. Having a clear idea of what you have spent and any dollars remaining will help you keep your overall spending in line with your budgeted amount.

GET COUPONS

Signing up for stores' loyalty programs can enable you to receive members-only coupons or digital codes to your phone or email. Compare the discounted final price with other stores' offers to make sure that you are getting the best deals. Browser extensions also can search automatically for coupons and apply them to the checkout when online shopping.

Holiday shopping in an era marked by high prices

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The holiday season is a special time of year when families and friends gather to celebrate their faith and enjoy opportunities to spend time together. Many a tradition has come to define the holiday season, and exchanging gifts with loved ones is among the most popular customs come December.

Shopping for holiday gifts commands a lot of attention. Holiday shopping also is a costly endeavor, particularly in an era marked by high prices. Despite the rising costs associated with inflation, consumers appear ready to spend this holiday season. According to the Basis 2026 Winter Holiday Shopping Trends study, 35 percent of consumers are planning to increase their holiday spending this season. But 57 percent of consumers acknowledge they intend to look for deals and discounts more actively this holiday season, while one in three admits they will shop while sticking to a stricter budget.

As high prices loom over the holiday season, shoppers can keep these tips in mind to avoid overspending.

• Avoid blind shopping. Starting a holiday shopping excursion without knowing what you're looking for can lead to impulse buying and overspending. Prior to shopping, make a list of the people you will be shopping for and the dollar amount you intend to spend on each person. Once that list has been made, jot down some gift ideas next to each person's name. Gift ideas should reflect how much you intend to spend on each person. This pre-shopping planning should not take long, and it can reduce the risk of overspending and even save time on shopping excursions.

• Track your spending. It's easy to lose track of holiday spending, particularly for shoppers who start months in advance of the holiday season. But tracking all gift-related spending, including dollars spent on items purchased months in advance of the holiday season, is vital to staying within your budget.

• Take advantage of retail holidays at local businesses. Many retailers, whether they're big box stores or locally owned independent businesses, participate in retail holidays like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Such days offer plenty of opportunities to find great deals. This can be especially true when shopping at locally owned, independent retailers. Big box stores and online retailers may offer great deals, but only limited inventories. By the time shoppers get to the store or visit the website, many of the best deals might be gone, and shoppers will then settle for non-sale items. Smaller businesses may offer store-wide discounts on retail holidays, ensuring shoppers can find great deals throughout the day and not just during the small window when sale items are still available.

• Coordinate with fellow shoppers. Pooling resources with family members is a great way to find great gifts without breaking the bank. If someone on your list really wants a big ticket item like a new tablet or television, coordinate with your family members to pool your resources so that wish can be granted without anyone ending up in debt.

Holiday shopping when inflation is high can be difficult. But there are many ways to shop and save even when prices are high.

HOSPICE MEMORY TREE 2026

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For hosts looking to spend less time preparing and more time with their guests, **Stony Creek Country Store** is highlighting party platters. Its holiday feature showcases meat-and-cheese selections, a snack tray and a cookie tray. Ask about platter choices, ordering deadlines and pickup arrangements.

Make home a little more inviting

At **Fleming's Fine Furniture**, holiday ideas range from a comfortable chair to lighting and clocks that give a room a finishing touch.

Featured La-Z-Boy offers include two Collage chairs for $799, two Reed leather chairs for $1,499 and two Mavrick chairs for $1,299. The Malone store's wishlist also includes a Farmcraft rocker, the Eldorado reclining chair, Howard Miller clocks and Quoizel lamps and a chandelier.

Gift certificates offer another option for someone who would enjoy choosing their own piece. Fleming's says Santa will be delivering until Dec. 23. Contact the store to confirm delivery arrangements, offer details and availability.

Gifts for the doers

Some people are happiest when they have a project underway. **Triple A Building Center** offers holiday ideas for the home, workshop and outdoors, with tools and practical essentials among the options to explore.

At **White's Farm Supply**, the wishlist ranges from smaller tools to equipment for bigger jobs. Featured ideas include Cub Cadet snow blowers and lawn equipment, STIHL battery-powered tools, gift cards, parts and service.

For a larger purchase, White's highlights Kioti equipment at Canton and Kubota equipment at Lowville. Cub Cadet is available at both stores. Check with the appropriate location about equipment selection and current offers.

Hunters have a wishlist of their own. **Tim Fralick Custom Calls** features custom calls and accessories, including the Signature Striker. Asking about the recipient's hunting interests and existing equipment can help narrow the choices.

Something for their favorite ride

A vehicle accessory can be a useful gift for someone who takes pride in their truck. **Number One Speed** highlights truck accessories, including a Backrack Safety Headache Rack. Bring the truck's year, make and model so the team can help check fit.

At **Widrick Auto Sales**, holiday ideas include car washes and detailing. An interior detail can give a busy family vehicle a fresh start, while an exterior or complete detail offers another way to treat someone who spends plenty of time behind the wheel.

For a bigger wish, Widrick's feature also invites shoppers to explore pre-owned vehicles together. Contact the dealership for current inventory, wash options, detailing quotes and appointments.

Give a meal, make a memory

Not every holiday gift needs wrapping.

Good Fellos invites shoppers to "Put Good Fellos Under The Tree!" with twelve reasons to give a gift card or dining experience. Ideas include a pizza lover's gift, date night, a family outing, Wednesday Wine Night and a thoughtful thank-you for coworkers, neighbors or friends.

A gift card can also mean a night off from cooking, takeout to enjoy at home or an opportunity to celebrate a birthday or anniversary after the holiday rush. Good Fellos, at 202 W. Main St. in Sackets Harbor, says it is open seven days a week, all year.

Tuggers in Barnes Corners offers ideas built around dining, gatherings and time away. Its holiday feature highlights a prime rib dinner, along with inspiration for Christmas parties, restaurant visits and campground stays. Contact Tuggers to discuss dining, party arrangements and reservations.

For those looking to make a community contribution part of their holiday giving, the **Watertown Family YMCA** invites support through its "Be the Reason" annual campaign. Its feature offers a way to learn about the campaign and consider a gift that supports the Y's community work.

Start local, and keep checking back

Shopping close to home gives you the chance to ask questions, compare choices and find something suited to the person receiving it. It can also turn an errand into a visit with a familiar business or an introduction to one you haven't explored before.

Browse the 2026 Northern New York Local Holiday Wishlist on NNY360 for full features and contact information. More local businesses will be added daily.

Check directly with each business for current prices, availability, holiday hours, ordering deadlines and delivery arrangements.

Unique places for holiday shopping

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Although the holiday season is a relatively brief period, it still can consume months of time in regard to preparation, shopping and hosting. According to a SWNS Digital survey of 2,000 adults in the United States, the average American spends six weeks preparing for the holiday season. Five weeks are devoted to planning presents, meals and other essentials, while an entire week is just for decorating.

Shopping for presents can consume a lot of time, especially for those who aren't quite sure what to get. Thinking outside of the typical retail box may help with inspiration, and shoppers may encounter smaller crowds and find better deals. Here are some unique places to shop to grab great holiday gifts.

• Pharmacies: While you're picking up your prescription or medicine cabinet essentials, take a spin around the store to see what else might be available. Typically, pharmacies have entire aisles dedicated to seasonal merchandise, so you might be able to find holiday decorations, gift wrap, candles, pampering items, and even food-related items and gift baskets.

• Farmer's market: Farmer's markets pop up in towns on set days of the week. Although plenty of farm-related produce and plants are available, these markets also attract many other small businesses. You can find craftsmen, jewelry makers, niche food sellers, and so much more.

• School (or church) bazaar: In an effort to raise funds for the PTA or other organizations, schools and churches often host holiday fairs and bazaars right before the holidays. Area businesses rent table space and set up booths with an array of different products for sale. This is a great spot to grab interesting finds all under one roof. Plus, you're supporting the local community in the process.

• Home improvement retailer: Plenty of people will appreciate practical gifts that they can use in and around the home. A visit to a hardware store or home improvement retailer offers up aisles of essentials for the do-it-yourselfer. While new shelving for the garage or a set of flashlights may not be the most glamorous gifts, these items can come in handy.

• Craft store: Cater to recipients' favorite hobbies by ensuring they'll be flush with plenty of supplies. Craft stores have a bevy of items for every interest imaginable. They're also surprisingly good places to grab deals on picture frames, housewares, food-making supplies, and decorative items.

• Specialty food store: Head to small specialty food stores to load up on unique items larger supermarkets might not carry. Ethnic markets may have flavorful and interesting ingredients to group together in a food basket that makes an ideal gift for transplants missing the flavors of home.

Before a person logs on to the internet for online shopping or heads to the nearest strip mall, he or she can explore various unique places to shop for holiday gifts.

Ringing in the giving season

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Salvation Army of Watertown worker Denise E. Parker rings her bell in front of Piggly Wiggly, Washington Street, on a recent Monday afternoon. Chris Brock/Watertown Daily Times

WATERTOWN — Salvation Army bell ringers have returned to storefronts in the city as part of the annual Red Kettle campaign.

The Red Kettle ringers of the Watertown Salvation Army are a combination of paid workers and volunteers, explained Capt. Josh Morales.

"We actually have to pay people to ring the bell for us, because we don't get enough volunteers," Morales said. ''We are happy to do so, as we consider that another service to our community. Often times, this is a selling point for gaining volunteers though, as volunteers not only collect donations for the Salvation Army, but they are putting the equivalent of $20 in the bucket each hour they ring. They save us about $20 per hour that we would be spending on a paid worker."

If interested in becoming a ringer, go to tinyurl.com/Watertownring or call 315-782-4470 and talk to Lisa, who will get you scheduled.

The iconic Salvation Army red kettle campaign began in 1891 by Captain Joseph McFee, a Salvation Army officer who was looking for a way to cover the cost of the community Christmas meal in San Francisco. Recalling his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, he recreated the "Simpson's Pot", an iron pot where charitable donations were placed by passersby. The bell was added in 1900 by a 16-year-old volunteer in New York City, who after growing tired of watching bankers on Wall Street pass her by, bought a small hand bell to draw attention to the donation kettle.

The Salvation Army of Watertown has 14 locations where ringers can be stationed this year. Donations stay entirely within the local community to fund crucial, year-round social services.

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Adirondack Community Chorus

The Adirondack Community Chorus, directed by Peg Nuspliger, will present their 50th Christmas concert, "A Glorious Christmas," on Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m., at Forest Presbyterian Church, 4019 Center St., Lyons Falls. Greg Jenkins is the narrator.

"A Glorious Christmas" features Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," conducted by Kendra Virkler, with piano accompaniment by Deacon Peter Woolschlager. Vivaldi wrote the "Gloria" around 1715 for the Ospedale della Pieta in Venice, an orphanage, convent, and music conservatory that cared for women and girls. Serving as violin master and music teacher, Vivaldi composed the work for the all-female chorus and orchestra.

His students became some of the greatest musicians of the 18th century.

Soloists in the "Gloria" are Kendra Virkler, Claire Haile, Michael Ferris and Mary Leach.

Director Nuspliger will conduct choral arrangements of familiar carols and celebratory choral compositions (including "Silent Night," with a solo by Terry Marcy, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," with a solo by Cam O'Brien, "Gesu Bambino," with a solo by Todd Galarneau, "In the Bleak Midwinter, "One Candle," "Joy to the World," and more). Claire Haile will conduct "O Holy Night," with soloists Noel and Kendra Virkler. Piano accompaniment is by Bruce Smith, who is joined in several compositions by Vicki Allen on flute. Other soloists include Gayle Ballard, Don Mallette, Angela Bartelotte, Miyako Schanely, Dan Austin, Alicia Ross, Becky Kelly and Grace Metzler.

The Adirondack Community Chorus was established by Director Nuspliger fifty years ago, when she was asked to prepare a chorus to sing with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. The Rochester Philharmonic, then under the direction of Erich Kunzel, performed "A Christmas Spectacular" in the sold-out Boonville High School Auditorium on December 16, 1976. The newly formed Adirondack Community Chorus heard the orchestration for the first time in a one-hour practice with Mr. Kunzel before the performance began. During the three-month rehearsal for their inaugural concert, the Chorus was accompanied on the piano by Jeannette Nellenbach, of Boonville. Ms. Nellenbach, co-founder of the Chorus, stayed on as the accompanist for the next 25 years.

"We have a core group of singers who almost always perform with us," Director Nuspliger said, "but we've always used the regional news media to invite singers to participate in our upcoming concerts. No audition is required. We've showcased the talents of more than a thousand singers and musicians from all over the Adirondacks, ages five to 95; and we've given well over 150 concerts." Four Chorus members who performed in the very first concert in 1976 are also performing in "A Glorious Christmas." They are: Anna Alm Engstrom, Kathy Moonan Roberts, Gail Wood Haile, and Kay Hirschey Skjellerup.

As always, the concert is free. Donations are welcome, and will be used to help with repairs to the pipe organ at Forest Presbyterian Church.

The organ was installed in 1955. It is considered to be one of the finest in Northern New York. Kerner & Merchant pipe organ builders in Syracuse have been selected to stabilize and level the pipes, which — if you look closely — you will see are leaning.

"Music is important for the soul," Director Nuspliger said, "for the performers, and for the listeners. 'A Glorious Christmas' calls on centuries of beautiful music to celebrate the season; and we're also celebrating our joyful, 50-year collaboration with the musicians and audiences of the Adirondacks. Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 6."

"A Glorious Christmas" will be broadcast on WBRV Radio at 3 p.m. on Christmas eve, Dec. 24.

Several members of the Adirondack Community Chorus will join with the Old Forge Community Chorus to present the same music on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m., at View Arts Center, 3273 Route 28 in Old Forge. Peg Nuspliger will be the guest conductor for this concert; and the accompanist is Bruce Smith.

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11:00 AM – 6:00 PM: Public Tree Viewing
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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Holiday Movie
12:30 – 2:00 PM: Holiday Movie (2nd Showing)
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Sunday, December 6th
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Public Tree Viewing
12:00 PM: Jazz Ensemble Community Music School of NNY
2:00 PM: Online Auction Ends
3:00 – 6:00 PM: Tree Pickup

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