

Christmas in Cartersville

Five Traditions to Share



With the giving season upon us take time to celebrate and share these five great traditions from Cartersville, Georgia. Plan your holidays at www.VisitCartersvilleGA.org.

The Nutcracker



This holiday classic is presented by the Cartersville City Ballet in the intimate setting of Cartersville's historic Grand Theatre December 4-6, with both day and evening performances. Since 1972, the Cartersville School of Ballet has offered the highest caliber of dance training in north Georgia. Beautiful costumes and choreography showcase more

than 80 of the region's most talented dancers. Best of all, the performance comes with small town convenience and charm. Come to Cartersville and enjoy safely strolling our sidewalks, peering into beautifully decorated store windows, and dining at one of eight restaurants all within easy walking distance from the theatre. The Grand Theatre is located at 7 North Wall Street, Cartersville. Begin this tradition by calling 770-386-7343.

The Atlanta Pops Orchestra

For more than a decade, Christmas in Cartersville has included the sounds of the season performed by The Atlanta Pops Orchestra. Their holiday concert is set for Saturday, December 12, at 7 PM. Since 1945, the Atlanta Pops has played throughout the southeast. Under the direction of Conductor and Music Director Dr. Jason Altieri, the musicians will entertain with many favorite Christmas carols. Cartersville vocalist Ryan Brideau, a third-year Bachelor of Music student at The Julliard School, will be the guest performer at this year's concert. Brideau began his vocal career at a young age with the Atlanta Boy Choir and aspires to become an opera singer. Reserve your tickets online at www.TheGrandTheatre.org.



Dinner Theatre in Adairsville

Pay a visit to historic Adairsville during the Christmas season and you might feel as if you've stepped into a vintage cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Shops and restaurants line the public square and are anchored by the 1902



Stock Exchange. Inside this cornerstone is the Public Square Opera House, which has entertained thousands of guests for more than two decades. "We Need a Little Christmas" is this year's Christmas Dinner Theatre performance. The original play written and directed by Kim Knight challenges a not-so-charitable businessman who aids a family in need in order to promote himself and his business. The conclusion

is sure to leave a little Christmas in everyone's heart. Reservations are a must for the dinner theatre performances set for December 11-12 and December 18-19. Call 770-773-1902. The 1902 Stock Exchange is located at 124 Public Square, Adairsville.

Christmas at the Cabin

Introduce your family to the yuletide celebrations of the 1800s with Christmas at the Cabin on Saturday, December 12, at Red Top Mountain State Park in Cartersville. Living history demonstrators will be preparing a holiday feast on the open hearth, while children can try their hand at primitive toys and games. Santa will also make a special visit, so be sure to bring a camera for photos. The activities take place from 10 AM-3 PM; and at 11 AM a special Christmas Pet Walk will also be held so dogs (must be on leash) can show off their seasonal Christmas sweaters. For full details call the park at 770-975-0055.



Downtown Treats



Perhaps the favorite tradition of many North Georgia residents is seasonal treats from Agan's Bakery. Since 1961, Christmas dinners have been made memorable with delicious confections baked by three generations of the Agan family. While the Agan's fruitcake is known throughout the south and available by online ordering, other favorites include the Georgie Porgie Pie, Cheese Straws, and homemade Dinner Rolls. Agan's Bakery is located at 141 West Main Street in historic downtown Cartersville. Stop in from 6 AM-6 PM Monday-Saturday to take home your choice of just under 100 different items fresh from the oven. Tempt yourself online at www.AgansBakery.com.

Planning a visit? See the Cartersville-Bartow County Convention & Visitors Bureau

The CVB is the Destination Marketing Organization serving Cartersville, Adairsville, Emerson and all of Bartow County, Georgia. Founded in 1991, the CVB's mission is to foster and sustain economic development through tourism. The CVB operates the Official Georgia Local Welcome Center and the Clarence Brown Conference Center, both at 5450 State Route 20 in Cartersville at I-75 Exit 290 west. Call 770-387-1357 or visit online at www.VisitCartersvilleGA.org.

