



# What's up in DOWNTOWN CAMBRIDGE this weekend

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

**MEET & GREET WITH SANTA:** Cookies, story reading, Christmas card making, and pictures with the big man himself! 4-7pm. Then, stick around for a performance of the Nutcracker (see below). 447 Race St.



**BLUEGRASS "NUTCRACKER":** Get in the spirit with a sizzling, bluegrass rendition of this Christmas classic. Enjoyable for all ages. 8pm. 447 Race St.

**SANTA:** Santa's North Pole Vault, an old bank vault converted into a spot for Santa. Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 12-2pm. Katie Mae's Country Restaurant, 530 Poplar St.

**CHRISTMAS TRAIN GARDEN:** Perfect for all ages. Runs until Dec 31, Monday-Friday 6-9pm. Saturday & Sunday from 1-4pm and 6-9pm. Free, but donations are welcome. Refreshments available. The old firehouse at 307 Gay St.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG:** A Christmas carol sing-along with Anna Burgess. Everyone leaves with the Christmas spirit! 7-10pm. Canvasback Restaurant, 420 Race St.

**WINE TASTING:** Celebrate the season with samplings of the bubbly! They will tempt your tastebuds with decadent pairing combinations of cheese and chocolates. No reservations. Drop in anytime from 4-8pm. \$15. The Wine Bar, 414 Race St.

**UGLY SWEATER PARTY:** Family-friendly! Regular admission for children, parents free. 5-8pm. Contest at 7pm. Cabin Fever Play Centre, 442 Race St.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

**NATIVITY SCENES:** 25 scenes from around the world on display at Cambridge House B&B. Wed & Sun 2-5pm. \$10. Reserve at 410.221.7700. 112 High St.

**SANTA & MRS CLAUS:** Come visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus from 1-4pm. Sweet treats available. Cabin Fever Play Centre, 442 Race St.

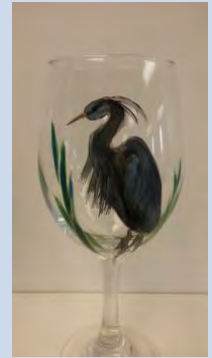
## SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

**POP-UP SHOP:** Final weekend! Secrets of the Eastern Shore: photos, holiday cards, books. Sat 11am-7pm; Sun 11am-5pm. In Jimmie & Sook's, 527 Poplar St.

**SIMMON'S MARKET:** Stocked with everything Christmas! In the market: fresh meats, oysters, fresh turkeys, sausages, steaks - filets, NY strip, ribeyes. In the Gift & Garden shop: Poinsettias, wreaths, garland, ornaments & more. 600 Race St.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BOAT DROP!** Watch a replica of a workboat come down 80 feet of track at midnight! 500 block Poplar St.

## THE ARTS



**Dorchester Center for the Arts:** "Gallery of Gifts." Unique hand-crafted items perfect for gift giving. Open Tues-Thurs 12-8pm, Fri & Sat 10am-4pm. 321 High St.

**Main Street Gallery:** "Artful Giving." Beautiful, affordable works, perfect for gift giving. Fri 11am-4pm, Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-4pm. 518 Poplar St.

**Leggett Gallery:** "Water Color Painters" featuring works by artists from the Dorchester Center for the Arts. 418 Race St.

**Downtown Frame of Mine:** Find one of the greatest collections of fine original art. 319 High St.

**Jewelry By Cottage Studio:** Hand-crafted jewelry, oil paintings, sterling silver, and more. 410 Race St.