

# Yuletide Times

Christmas Traditions 2002 in St. Charles, Missouri

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"Where Christmas Past Comes Alive!"

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## Welcome to Christmas Traditions 2002!

Christmas is fast approaching, and Historic St. Charles knows how to celebrate the holiday in true old-fashioned style.

Known for its historic architecture, eclectic shops, and fine restaurants, South Main Street is also home to the annual Christmas Traditions celebration, sponsored by the South Main Preservation Society. We celebrate the holiday season with a wide variety of special programs and events that give visitors a living history lesson.

Christmas Traditions is celebrating its 22nd year this season with all of your favorite programs and many new ones. There is something for everyone at 2002 Christmas Traditions. Here are some of the special programs offered this year:

- 14 Santas from around the world \*
- Mrs. Claus, Santa Lucia (from Sweden), Babushka (from Russia) and Belfana (from Italy) give a female perspective to the gift-giver tradition. \*
- Carolers dressed in Victorian costumes singing period songs. \*
- Living History Characters including Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchitt.
- Follow "The Little Drummer Boy" as he plays from his heart.
- The Lewis & Clark Drum & Fife Corps and strolling musical minstrels playing holiday favorites. \*
- Roasted chestnuts, hot roasted pecans, almonds, and kettle corn.
- Costumed vendors selling holly, flowers, fudge and hot chocolate.
- Special vendor selling the 2002 Christmas Traditions collector's ornament.
- Santa Parade every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
- Photos taken by our photographer in an antique sleigh with Santa and a live reindeer in the 300 block.



### Christmas Traditions 2002 Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday & Friday Evenings

6:30 to 9:00 p.m. • Nov. 29, Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, & 20

The shops and restaurants of South Main stay open until 9:00 p.m. for candle light shopping on these special Wednesday & Friday nights. Selected events ( \* ) occur all along the street which is illuminated with hundreds of luminaries.

#### Saturday & Sunday

Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21

Sunday - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22

Our celebration is in full swing on Saturday and Sunday all along South Main where there is much to see and do!

### Special Events

#### Saturday, December 7

6:00 p.m.

#### LAS POSADAS

A beautiful re-enactment of this Spanish tradition finds Mary and Joseph looking for shelter as they process down South Main Street with thousands of visitors carrying luminaries and singing carols. Culminating in Frontier Park, there is a re-telling of the Christmas Story in story and song, then traditional Pinatas are broken, the St. Charles Christmas Tree is lit, and Christmas Carols are sung around the Yule Log bonfire.

#### Starting Next Week!

Sat. & Sun. Dec. 14 & 15, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### TRAIN SHOW

The confines of the historic Katy Depot at Frontier Park will be the perfect setting for our "HO" & "O" scale train show. Children of all ages will enjoy these very detailed displays which feature a turn-of-the-century town, a winter layout, and much more. **Goodwill donations accepted.**

### Special Musical Guests

#### • Saturday, Dec. 7

##### Vocal Spectrum (barber shop quartet)

12:00 p.m. - Gazebo at 400 S. Main (Kister Park)

2:30 p.m. - 625 S. Main

#### • Sunday, Dec. 8

##### 8th Missouri Re-enactors

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Strolling S. Main

#### • Wednesday, Dec. 11

##### St. Charles High School Women's Choir

6:45 p.m. - Gazebo at 400 S. Main (Kister Park)

8:00 p.m. - 625 S. Main

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Be sure to visit our website for a complete listing of our Calendar of Events.

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