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## BRANDON IS FULL OF EVENTS IN NOV & DEC 2015 CATCH THE MAGIC.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST- Sponsored by the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce. Judges will be on the streets on Thursday, Dec. 10 starting at 5 pm, be sure to have your lights on! There will be 4 categories: \*Residential Traditional \*Residential Whimsical (to include blow-ups) \*Civic \*Commercial –Call in your own place or someone else's to be sure they see your display, and the Judges will be at liberty to nominate their favorite picks also. Good luck!

Contact the Chamber at 802-247-6401 or by email at: info@brandon.org.

**NOV. 28- SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY- SHOP LOCAL-** this celebratory day was founded to encourage consumers across the country to support local, small businesses within their hometowns. Small Business Saturday has quickly become widely recognized as *the* day to kick start the holiday shopping season.

**NOV 29-MEMORY TREE LIGHTING-** In Central Park. Catch the magic of the season at 3:30 pm with singing from OVUHS Chorale and the Brandon Festival Singers. At 4:00 pm, the Memory Tree is lit for the season.

NOV. 28 & 29- MAPLE VIEW FARM ALPACAS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Learn about these gentle, intelligent fiber animals, tour the fiber mill & studio & learn how fiber is turned into yarn & other products. Hand spinning demo on Saturday and rug hooking demo on Sunday. The Mill turns fiber into high quality batts, roving, yarn & felt.

185 Adams Rd, turn at Arnold District Rd and travel one mile. 802-247-5412

DEC. 2- (WED.) & DECEMBER 17 (THURS.) - MOONLIGHT MADNESS - A time for Shopping Local. Sales, Discounts, Specials. Stroll through downtown and drive to the outskirts. Enjoy the sights and sounds and visit with friends and neighbors. It is a time to catch a scrumptious bite to eat or warm up with something warm to drink. And last but not least, it is a time to support your neighbors and keep it local. Specials begin at 4 pm and shops stay open until 9 pm. (with some exceptions). See the back page for all the deals and details!

**DEC. 5- COMPASS CENTER'S 'DELIGHTS OF DECEMBER' HOLIDAY RECEPTION**—With the holiday season comes many warm and comforting delights. Tea, hot cocoa, sweets and shopping! Listen to Christmas family favorites from yesteryear in the Phonograph Museum, browse the gift shops and The Art of Giving -The Giving of Art holiday show and Compass Treasure Chest and Local Farmer's Market.

**DEC. 6-BRANDON LIBRARY HOLIDAY AUCTION**- Join the Brandon Free Public Library for their annual holiday auction. Over 50 local patrons and artists donate holiday wreaths, decor, artwork and treasures for the event. Refreshments & door prizes. Lots of fun! Preview at 2:00 pm. Auction at 2:30 pm. Check out the **SILENT AUCTION: Dec. 1 - 4.** 

**DEC. 12- BRANDON FARMER'S MARKET ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR** at Neshobe School. 9 am - 3 pm. Lots of vendors. Look for maple syrup, cheese, honey, baked goods, hand knit items in wool mohair, and alpaca, goat milk soap, canned goods, wooden toys, dried flowers, aprons, jams and jellies, jewelry, holiday decor and more. Contact Wendy Cijka at 273-2655 or cijka4@gmail.com

**DEC. 12-BRANDON MUSIC PRESENTS SARAH BLACKER**– 7:30pm- Sarah will be joined by percussionist Aaron Katz of the national band Percy Hill, performing new music, plus some holiday tunes. Call 247-4295 for reservations or more info. Or go to brandonmusic.net

**DEC. 13- BRANDON FESTIVAL SINGERS** - This annual tradition features wonderful holiday music directed by Gene Childers & featuring pianist Jean Childers. Congregational Church at 3 pm. The season would not feel the same without this performance! Free will offering.

DEC. 17- MOONLIGHT MADNESS PART II - See Dec. 2 and back page for all the details! Shopping Local. Sales, Discounts, Specials!

With 18 new businesses and individuals joining the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce in 2015, you too should consider starting or moving your business to the strong and supportive climate that is Brandon. If you already have a business in town, looking to participate in an active, vibrant organization, go to Brandon.org and check out the variety of successful businesses and individuals that make us what we are! Happy Holidays and Happy 2016 from the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce's members, we thank you for your support!