

FESTIVAL – DEC. 2-31, 2011
PARADE OF LIGHTS – NOV. 26



Our Holiday Festivals

**Light Up
More than
just the Sky!**

2011 East Peoria

**Festival of
★ Lights ★**

**Smile. Laugh.
Be Delighted!**

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EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS

2011 East Peoria Festival of Lights

Celebrate the holidays with a million sparkles of excitement during the 27th annual East Peoria Festival of Lights. As one of the largest lighted nighttime festivals in the nation, the Festival of Lights will officially begin Friday, December 2, and continue through December 31, 2011.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

Date: Saturday, November 26

The Parade kicks off the start of the Festival of Lights at **5:45 p.m.** Approximately 20 lighted floats illuminate the streets of East Peoria along a three-mile parade route on Washington Street. Don't miss this **one-night-only** opportunity to see the Festival of Lights on the move!

FOLEPI'S WINTER WONDERLAND

Dates: December 2-31 (Open December 25)

Spectacular holiday attraction in a two-mile drive through electric park, featuring lighted displays and floats.

Hours: 5-9 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 5-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat.

Admission: Cars and family vans \$10, limousines, RVs, extended vans and mini or party buses \$20 and full size buses \$150.

NARRATED NATIVITY SCENE

Dates: December 3-31

This beautiful handmade attraction maintained by a dedicated volunteer base details the "reason for the season." Tune into radio station 1610AM to hear a two-minute narration. **Admission is free.**

SANTA'S WONDERLAND AT BASS PRO SHOPS

Dates: November 5-December 24

NEW!! Come live the magic this Holiday Season at Santa's Wonderland at the newly opened Bass Pro Shops in East Peoria. The unveiling of Santa's village is **Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.**, and includes elves, reindeer, toy trains and cars, and a laser arcade. Kids will love the activity tables where they can write a letter to Santa, put it in his mailbox and get a picture with him and his reindeer for **free!**

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT (BY EASTLIGHT THEATRE)

Dates: December 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. and December 4 & 11 at 2:00 p.m.

The **ALL NEW** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns for its 21st year on Eastlight's stage! Last year's fresh set is back with a few new additions sprinkled in. Thousands of people have enjoyed the magic that is Joseph, so be sure to join us for this Central Illinois holiday favorite!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS HOLIDAY CRUISE ABOARD THE SPIRIT OF PEORIA

**Dates: Lunch cruises Nov. 26, Dec. 2, 3, 9 & 10 at noon
Dinner cruises December 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

Prairie Folklore Theatre celebrates the Spirit of the Holidays on the *Spirit of Peoria* with "A Celtic Christmas." Bring all your kin to the party as we connect the ancient tales and songs of Old Ireland with today's joyous Christmas traditions.

HISTORIC HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Dates: Nov. 27, 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. (evening by candlelight) and December 4, 1-4 p.m.

The 131-year-old Doering Homeplace provides a unique look back in time during open houses sponsored by the East Peoria Historical Society. Holiday decorations will include 1800s-style handmade ornaments.



Reservations for individuals or groups: **1-800-365-3743**

* Guides available for \$30 by advanced reservation **only.**





Peoria Area Holiday Events



Conklin's Barn II Dinner Theatre presents: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

November 10 – December 31. The Barn's festive musical merry-makers are back in a brand-new holiday show filled with sparkling holiday music and hilarious comedy routines, along with yet another spectacular audience participation opportunity. The perfect way to stay in the holiday mood!

Morton Holidazzle - November 12. Shops in Morton are all decorated for the Holidays - filled with great gift giving items and ideas. Pick up a punch sheet and visit ten businesses to be eligible for door prizes in each shop. Restaurants will offer special lunches and shops will have tasty treats to keep your energy high.

**Luthy Botanical Gardens Poinsettia Show
November 18 – December 23 (Friday and Saturday Nights)**
Visit the Conservatory—the tropical collection blends with hundreds of poinsettias creating a beautiful wonderland unmatched anywhere!

Santa Parade – Yule Like Peoria - November 25
This year Peoria will celebrate the 124th annual Santa Claus Parade, the nation's longest-running holiday parade. The Yule Like Peoria Walk-A-Bout features refreshments and various forms of holiday-themed entertainment in decorated buildings throughout historic downtown Peoria.

Washington Candlelight Stroll - December 1
Caroling with refreshments and free carriage rides on the square in beautiful, historic downtown Washington. All shops are open this evening so come get into the holiday spirit!

**Peoria Historical Society Candlelight Tours
December 2-4 and 9-11.** Experience an evening stroll through the Pettengill-Morrison House, celebrating our history as you experience a traditional American Christmas. View this historic house as it is adorned for the holidays.

**Wildlife Prairie State Park - Polar Express
December 9-11.** Listen and watch the magical story unfold around you and experience a lighted journey to Santa's own wilderness lodge aboard the Polar Express train.

GREAT FOR GROUPS!!

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