



2019 Annual Events

Date: January 12, 2019
Time: 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Event: **The Denton Bridal Show**
The Denton Bridal Show 2019 features the bridal vendors in and around Denton County from venues to florists, DJs, photographers, officiants, event rentals, caterers, and so much more. The show offers raffle prizes, a bridal fashion show and valet parking for brides-to-be.
Location: Monroe Pearson
Sponsor: Widmoore Events, LLC
Website: www.dentonbridalshow.com

Date: January 23-27, 2019
Time: Various times
Event: **Denton Black Film Festival**
The Denton Black Film Festival (DBFF) is a weekend long festival celebrating the diverse stories and culture of the black community through film, music and art. The Festival offers programming for the family inspired by the African-American experience. DBFF seeks to offer the works of local, national and international filmmakers that often are not seen by a broad audience and may not be recognized through major theatrical release.
Location: The Campus Theatre
Sponsor: Denton Black Film Festival
Phone: (469) 573-0799
Website: www.dentonbff.com/

Date: February 1- May 4, 2019
Time: Tues & Wed: 11-5 Thursday: 11-9 Fri & Sat: 11-5 Closed Sun & Mon
Event: **Materials Hard & Soft**
Recognized nationally, 'Materials: Hard & Soft' attracts hundreds of entries in all mediums of visual arts from every state in the union.
Location: Patterson- Appleton Arts Center
400 E. Hickory St., Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Greater Denton Arts Council
Phone: 940-382-2787
Website: www.dentonarts.com

Date: February 26, 2019
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Event: **Great Conversations**
Great Conversations is a unique event benefiting the Honors College at the University of North Texas. This engaging program brings together individuals of accomplishment and skill to facilitate conversations on important, diverse, and stimulating topics, ranging from the intellectual to the lighthearted.
Location: Emerald Eagle Ballroom, Student Union at UNT, 1155 Union Circle, Denton, TX 76203
Sponsor: University of North Texas Honors College
Phone: 940-565-3305
Website: <http://honors.unt.edu/greatconversations>



Date: March 2, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Wind your way through the beautiful North Texas Horse Country aboard a luxury motorcoach while a fun and knowledgeable guide narrates the facts and back story of the area. Six Behind-the-Scene tours are offered each year. The tour visits two premier horse ranches where you can get an up close and personal look at the equine industry.
Location: 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, TX (corner of Elm and Parkway)
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Date: March 7-10, 2019
Time: Thurs. March 7: 7-10 pm, Fri. & Sat. March 9/10: 9 am-10 pm, Sun. March 10: 8 am-1 pm
Event: **Texas Storytelling Festival**
People of all ages come to enjoy storytelling at the largest event of its kind in the Southwest. Storytellers from across the nation come to share their tales of ghost stories, tall tales, family stories, sacred stories, personal experience stories and folktales from around the world.
Location: Woman's Club Building
Denton Senior Center
Emily Fowler Library
Sponsor: Tejas Storytelling Association
Phone: 940-380-9320
Website: <http://www.tejasstorytelling.com>

Date: March 23-24, 2019
Time: All Day
Event: **Spring Open House**
Enjoy local shopping and dining in the heart of Denton. Shop, dine and unwind at this popular destination as merchants unveil new Spring merchandise and offer discounts and specials. Store and restaurant hours vary, but many stores will hold extended hours Friday night for a sneak preview, open all day Saturday, and some will be open Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m.
Location: Downtown Denton
Sponsor: Denton Main Street Association
Phone: 940-349-8529
Website: www.dentonmainstreet.org

Website: www.denton-chamber.org

Date: March 28, 2019
Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Event: **Taste of North Texas**
Location: Golden Triangle Mall



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(940) 382-7895

Get a taste of Denton's ever evolving food scene. This large food and beverage expo offers an opportunity to sample food and drinks from approximately 35 local restaurants, for one price. Hosted by the Denton Kiwanis Club as their major fundraiser for the Denton Kiwanis Club Children's Clinic. The Children's Clinic provides low-cost or no-cost medical, dental, and prescription assistance to disadvantaged children in the Denton area.

Sponsor: Denton Kiwanis Club
Phone: 940-387-6323
Website: www.tasteofnorthtexas.org

Date: March 31, 2019
Time: TBA
Event: **O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race**
Location: Texas Motor Speedway
3545 Lone Star Cir.
Fort Worth, TX 76177
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway
Phone: 817-215-8500
Website: www.texasmotorspeedway.com

Date: First Saturday in April – Saturday after Thanksgiving- November
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday
Event: **Denton Community Market**
The Denton Community Market is a local farmer's and art market in downtown Denton, Texas. The market features live music, kid activities, local farms, local artists, food trucks, food vendors and more!
Location: Historical Park of Denton County
317 W. Mulberry St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Community Market
Phone: (940) 268-4326
E-mail: info@dentonmarket.com
Website: www.dentonmarket.org/

Date: April 6, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Location: 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, TX (corner of Elm and Parkway)
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Date: April 10-14, 2019
Time: All Day
Event: **Thin Line Film Festival**



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Thin Line is a documentary film, multi-genre music, and competitive photo festival held in Denton, TX. Each year, international documentaries of many interests are shown, national multi-genre live music acts and regional photographers come to Denton to exhibit their talents.

Location: Film Fest - Campus Theatre - 214 W Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201
Photography Fest - Patterson-Appleton Arts Center - 400 E Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201
Music Fest - multiple music venues in Denton, Texas.

Sponsor: Joshua Butler, info@thinline.us or Joshua.Butler@Freemanco.com
Phone: 888-893-4560
Website: www.thinlinefilmfest.com

Date: April 13, 2019
Time: 10 am to 4 pm
Event: **Denton Redbud Festival**
The award-winning Denton Redbud Festival is Denton's Official Arbor Day celebration – promoting community beautification and Denton pride since 1994. The Denton Redbud Festival features dozens of vendors with tree and plant sales, gardening supplies, household items and local/handmade products, along with family-friendly activities and live, local music.

Location: Denton Civic Center
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: Keep Denton Beautiful
Phone: 940-349-8737
Website: www.kdb.org/programs/beautification/denton-redbud-festival/

Date: April 18- June 27, 2019 (Every Thursday)
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday
Event: **Twilight Tunes Concert Series**
Local musicians perform every Thursday evening on the lawn of the Historic Denton County Courthouse on the Square in downtown Denton. FREE. Bonus concerts in July.

Location: Downtown Denton Courthouse on the Square
110 W. Hickory St. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: Main Street Association
Phone: 940-349-8529
Email: info@dentonmainstreet.org
Website: www.dentonmainstreet.org

Date: April 26 -28, 2019
Time: Friday: 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Event: **Denton Arts & Jazz Festival**
One of Denton's most famous signature events, the Arts & Jazz Festival is a three-day celebration of the arts. Over 3,000 professional and amateur performers on seven stages showcase the best in jazz, pop,



rhythm & blues and full orchestra music. In addition, community and school groups represent a wide variety of dance, choral, storytelling and theatre performances. Fine artists and craftsman come from all over to participate and sell in this juried show. Abundant food and beverage options, bars, tons of entertainment and a huge kids' area keep the fun rolling all weekend.

Location: Quakertown Park
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Festival Foundation
Phone: 940-565-0931, Carol Short
Website: www.dentonjazzfest.com

Date: April 28, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Event: **“Lab Band Madness” Spring Concert**
The internationally renowned University of North Texas One O'clock Lab Band is the featured performer on the UNT Jazz Stage during the Arts & Jazz festival. Enjoy all 9 UNT Lab Bands throughout the A&J weekend.
Location: Arts & Jazz Festival – UNT Stage
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: University of North Texas – Jazz Studies
Website: www.jazz.unt.edu

Date: May 3, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Location: 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, TX (corner of Elm and Parkway)
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Date: **May 4, 2019**
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Event: **Cinco de Mayo**
This free Hispanic festival celebrates diversity in the Denton community and is kicked-off with a parade beginning at 10 a.m. Activities include: live entertainment, various food and beverage vendors, arts and crafts, children's activities, and fun for all.
Location: Quakertown Park
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation, Phone: 940/349-8272
Blanca Govea 940-594-9146
Website: www.dentoncinco.org
www.dentonparks.com

Date: June – September, 2019 every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
Time: 7:00 a.m. – Sellout
Event: **Denton County Farmers' Market**
Local farmers sell fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits.



Location: Historical Park of Denton County
420 W Sycamore Denton, TX 76201
Phone: 817-946-0008
Email: info@dentonfarmersmarket.com
Website: www.DentonFarmersMarket.com

Date: June 7-8, 2019
Time: TBA
Event: **Texas Motor Speedway Texas Indy 600**
Location: Texas Motor Speedway
3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76177
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway
Phone: 817-215-8500
Website: www.texasmotorspeedway.com

Date: **June 14-15, 2019 (Tent.)**
Time:
Event: **Juneteenth Celebration**
Celebrating a broad spectrum of African American heritage, this celebration includes music, softball tournament, a parade, basketball tournaments, barbecue cook-off, and games for the entire family.
Location: Fred Moore Park
501 S. Bradshaw St. Denton, TX 76205
Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation, Will Hudspeth (hudspethwd@gmail.com) or Cheylon Brown (cheylon.brown@unt.edu or 469-735-1912) Sharetta C. Lee (scleemc@hotmail.com)
Phone: 940-349-7275
Website: <http://dentonjuneteenth.org>

Date: July 4, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Event: **Kiwanis Fireworks Show**
Spectacular annual fireworks show set to patriotic music.
Location: University of North Texas Apogee Stadium
1251 S. Bonnie Brae St. Denton, TX 76207
Sponsor: Denton Kiwanis
Phone: 940-387-6323
Website: www.dentonkiwanisclub.org/
denton.kiwanis@verizon.net

Date: July 4, 2019
Time: Beginning at 7 a.m. - All Day



Event: **Fourth of July Jubilee – “Liberty Fun Run”**
Events include: American Pride Cook-off, Yankee Doodle Parade, Free Children’s Carnival, Food, Horseshoe Tournament, Craft Show and sale, plus much more.

Location: Quakertown Park
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: Denton Parks & Recreation 940-349-8272 (Ask for Janie McLeod)

Phone: 940-349-7275

Website: www.dentonparks.com

Date: August 16-24, 2019

Event: **North Texas Fair & Rodeo**
The North Texas Fair and Rodeo (NTFR) is known throughout the Southwest as a leader in bringing the hottest country music talent to the North Texas area each August and offers professional and youth rodeos, livestock exhibitions, a premier midway and exciting exhibits.

Location: North Texas Fairgrounds
2217 N. Carroll Blvd. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: North Texas Fair Association

Phone: 940-387-2632, Glenn Carlton

Website: www.ntfair.com

Date: September 14, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Event: **Arts & Autos Extravaganza**
An annual event that lines the Downtown Denton Square with hot rods, classic and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles. A Chalk Art competition is also held alongside the festival and the masterpieces are beautifully displayed on the sidewalks of West Oak Street. Live music, arts & crafts, local vendors, kids' games and activities, and festival food round out the festivities. Car show and chalk art entries open in June.

Location: Downtown Square
110 W. Hickory St. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: Main Street Association

Phone: 940-349-8529

Website: www.dentonmainstreet.org

Date: September 20-22, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. each day

Event: **Denton Blues Fest**
Enjoy blues acts in a family-friendly outdoor setting along with kid friendly activities, delicious festival food and arts & crafts.

Location: Quakertown Park
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201

Sponsor: Denton Black Chamber of Commerce

Phone: 940-382-9100

Website: www.dentonblackchamberonline.org

Date: October 5, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Event: **Dog Days of Denton**



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A Texas original festival for pooches and their people. It's a celebration of man's best friend. Events include Dog Parade, Dog Show, Stupid Pet Tricks, Dog/Owner Singing Contest, and "Glamfur Shots" of your pet, Dog/Master look-alike contest, dog 'n disc, flyball and agility demonstrations, arts and crafts booth, festival foods, and more.

Location: North Texas State Fair Grounds
2217 N. Carroll Blvd. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Dog Days Denton
Phone: 940-218-1560
Website: <https://www.dentondogdays.com/>

Date: October 5, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Location: 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, TX (corner of Elm and Parkway)
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Date: Oct. 19, 2019
Time: 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Event: **Industrial Street International Pop Festival aka Geezerpalooza**
A far out event that features tribute music from the 60s and 70s.
Location: Industrial Street District
Sponsor:
Phone: 940-349-7732 (Julie Glover)
Website: www.facebook.com/geezerpalooza

Date: Oct. 26, 2019
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Event: **Denton's Day of the Dead Festival**
A wonderful smorgasbord, paying homage to many of fall's treasures such as cooler weather, the harvest, the celebration of Dia de los Muertos, and all things Halloween. Be prepared for a family friendly FREE event full of fun activities such as a Pumpkin Patch, Coffin Races and a Cirque du Horror, and a lantern-lit parade.
Location: Industrial Street District
Sponsor: Denton Day of the Dead Festival
Website: www.dentondayofthedeafestival.com

Date: October 31, 2019
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Event: **The Planner Zone**
Whether planning a reunion, birthday celebration, church retreat or conference, the Planner's Zone offers the tools needed for a successful event. This innovative trade show is an opportunity to meet face-to-face



with Denton business owners, sample great food and see all Denton can provide that will help plan a great event. Free event with food, beverages, and prizes.

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.discoverdenton.com/meeting/planner-zone

Date: Nov. 2-3, 2019
Time: TBA
Event: **AAA Texas 500 NASCAR**
Location: Texas Motor Speedway
3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76177
Sponsor: Texas Motor Speedway
Phone: 817-215-8500
Website: www.texasmotorspeedway.com

Date: November 2, 2019
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Location: 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, TX (corner of Elm and Parkway)
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitor Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Date: Nov. 9-10, 2019
Time:
Event: **Holiday Open House**
Downtown Denton becomes the best place to shop during the most wonderful time of the year! Get ahead the hustle and bustle of December shopping and discover antique treasures and eclectic specialty stores to snag Christmas gifts that are as original and independent as Denton.
Location: Downtown Denton
Sponsor: Denton Main Street Association
Phone: 940-349-7732 (Julie Glover)
Website: <http://www.dentonmainstreet.org/#intro>
Times may vary depending on the merchant

Date: November 16, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Event: **Turkey Roll Bicycle Rally**
An annual bike rally that offers an opportunity to work off the Thanksgiving calories before taking a single bit. The bike race has variable lengths which range from 8 to 64 miles to benefit the novice and expert riders.



Location: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
2255 N Bonnie Brae Denton, TX 76207
Sponsor: Denton Kiwanis Club
Email: denton.kiwanis@verizon.net
Phone: 940-387-6323
Website: www.dentonkiwanisclub.org/

Date: November 28, 2019
Time: 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Event: **Downtown Denton Turkey Trot 5K**
The Denton Area Running Club is proud to offer the only official Downtown Denton Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk on Thanksgiving morning.
Location: 322 East McKinney
Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Area Running Club
Phone:
Website: www.DentonTurkeyTrot.com

Date: TBD
Time:
Event: **University of North Texas Homecoming**
Location: University of North Texas Apogee Stadium
1251 S. Bonnie Brae St. Denton, TX 76207
Sponsor: University of North Texas
Phone: 940-565-2662
Website: www.meangreensports.com

Date: Nov. 21, 2019
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Event: **Beaujolais & More Wine and Food Tasting**
An annual wine and food tasting experience where attendees can enjoy Beaujolais Nouveau shipped directly from France. This festival fund-raiser has expanded to include a variety of fine wines and food tasting from almost thirty Denton County restaurants and catering professionals.
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 E. McKinney St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Campus Theatre
Email: thedctteam@campustheatre.com
Phone: 940-382-7014

Date: December 6, 2019 (**First Friday of December**)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Check-in starts at 6:30pm)
Event: **Reindeer Romp**
See Christmas lights and holiday decorations up close during the Reindeer Romp as you run or walk through South Lake neighborhoods. The entry fee includes a T-shirt, fruit, snacks, and beverages at the end of the run. Run the 4.2 Mile Run or walk the 2.5 Mile Family Walk.



Location: South Lakes Park
556 Hobson Ln. Denton, TX 76205
Sponsor: City of Denton Parks and Recreation
Phone: 940-349-7275
Website: www.dentonparks.com

Date: December 6, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Event: **Holiday Lighting Festival of Denton**
Capture the true spirit of the holidays on the Downtown Denton Historic Square. There is plenty of live local music, food, family fun and joyful holiday spirit for this one-of-a-kind community event. Event includes the lighting of the Christmas tree on the Historic Courthouse Lawn, visits with Santa and a children's arts and crafts area.
The Denton Holiday Lighting Festival is always held on the first Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday (of the following week, not the day after).

Location: Downtown Square
110 W Hickory St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Holiday Festival Association
Website: www.DentonHolidayLighting.com

Date: December 6-7, 2019
Time: Friday- 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Saturday- 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Event: **Wassail Weekend**
The Denton Main Street Association merchants host Wassail Weekend during the Friday of Denton's Holiday Lighting Festival and hold special tasting times again the day after. Wassail is a fussy old English word for hot cider. Some downtown merchants will stir up their best recipe to give free tastings for all ages during the festivities of the annual Denton Holiday Lighting Festival. More merchants hold tastings that Saturday to win a coveted Wassail crown. Visitors are encouraged to taste the secret recipes of the warm holiday-spiced punch and then cast a vote for their favorite. Continue to check the website for any changes to the schedule.

Location: Historic Downtown Denton Square
110 W. Hickory St. Denton, TX 76201
Sponsor: Denton Main St. Association
Website: <http://www.dentonmainstreet.org/home/>

Date: December 7, 2019
Time:
Event: **Historic Denton Home Tour**
Historic Denton, Inc. offers a tour of seven featured homes representing several architectural styles and built between 1885 and 1917 to visitors and the community. These homes are located in the historic neighborhoods between the Downtown Square and the UNT campus.

Location: Oak- Hickory Historic District
Sponsor: Historic Denton, Inc.



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Website: www.facebook.com/historicdenton

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Event: **Guided Tour of the North Texas Horse Country**
Location:
Sponsor: Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phone: 940-382-7895
Website: www.horsecountrytours.com

Dates are subject to change without notice. Visit www.DiscoverDenton.com for updated information.