

# Village News

Views from the Heart of Historic Plano



## Home for the Holidays

'Tis the season, and there's so much to do. This year, let the friendly merchants in Downtown Plano help you prepare for the holiday season in style. Downtown offers a wealth of resources for holiday decorating, shopping, gift giving, personal beauty, dining out and more. This year, breathe easy. Avoid crowded shopping malls and running errands all over town. Use this guide for all your holiday needs.

### Holiday Decorating

Downtown offers an abundance of interior design talent to bring your home alive this season. **The Blue Goose, Sherwood Interiors, Ambience Décor, Just Gotta Have It!** and **Gathering Flowers** have interior designers for hire who can deck the halls, trees, banisters and mantles with beautiful garlands and wreaths, and also suggest ornaments and table top for the home. These lovely stores also offer a wide variety of elegant gifts for everyone on the list.

### Antiques, Art and Collectibles

**Sutton Place** has a wide selection of fine reproductions and elegant furnishings. Search for treasures at **Seventh Moon, Red Awning Antiques, Nanny Granny's Antiques** and **Cobwebs Antiques** to find one-of-a-kind, hard-to-find items for the collector in your life. For art lovers, **The Art Centre of Plano, Eastside Gallery, Holman Pottery, 14th Street**

**Gallery and Old Towne Gallery and Frame** offer a variety of ceramics and fine art.

### Great Gift Ideas

**The Master Suite** – Specializes in intimate apparel, body products, gifts for the boudoir and bath. **Holman Pottery** – Over 50 artists represented. The melting snowmen are back this year by popular demand! **Nikki's Cards & Gifts** – Custom invitations and announcements and fun gifts for the whole family. The new line of Domestic Diva hardware, adorable cell phone covers, and purses and bags with catchy phrases are a big hit! **Chloe's Boutique** – Fine clothing and accessories.

### Simple Country Pleasures

– Table top, gifts, quilts and décor. **Nature's Finest Art** – Unusual jewelry, salt rock lamps, art, hand-painted bags and more! **Just Gotta Have It!** – Still the place for Lampe Bergers and the new aromatherapy Lampe Aires.

Remember the pets for the holidays. Find gourmet dog treats, designer collars and dog beds.

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# HAPPENINGS

November/December 2004

- November:**
- 1-17 CCC Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition  
**ArtCentre of Plano** 972-423-7809
- 3-6 Southwest Theatre Association  
Annual Conference  
**Southfork Hotel** 972-941-5202
- 5 "By George and Everybody Else"  
Presented by The Classics  
**Eisemann Center** 972-596-0055
- 6 Arbor Day Celebration  
Sponsored by Plano Parks  
and Recreation  
**Haggard Park** 972-941-7275
- 12 "The Ugly Duckling"  
Presented by The Classics  
**Courtyard Theater** 972-596-0055
- 14 "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves"  
Presented by The Classics  
**Eisemann Center** 972-596-0055
- 15 Naomi Brotherton  
Watercolor Demonstration  
**ArtCentre of Plano** www.planoart.org
- 18 "Fall Concert"  
Plano Community Band  
Custer Road UMC www.planoband.org
- 20 "Gershwin Spectacular"  
Plano Symphony Orchestra  
**Eisemann Center** 972-473-7262
- 26-28 "Nutcracker"  
Chamberlain Ballet  
**Eisemann Center** 972-985-1374
- 26-28 "The Underpants"  
Presented by Plano Repertory Theatre  
**Courtyard Theater** 972-422-7460
- December:**
- 1-19 "The Underpants"  
Presented by Plano Repertory Theatre  
**Courtyard Theater** 972-422-7460
- 3-31 "Flowers, Figures, and Fantasy"  
Works by Wanda Kippenbrock  
**ArtCentre of Plano** 972-423-7809
- 3 "Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano"  
**Haggard Pk & 15th St.** 972-941-7275
- 4 Handel's "Messiah"  
**Plano Civic Chorus with Plano  
Symphony Orchestra**  
**St. Andrew UMC** 972-881-2004
- 5 "The Nutcracker"  
Collin County Ballet Theatre with PSO  
**Eisemann Center** 972-208-6604
- 13 Pat Cochran Critique of  
Member Paintings  
Plano Art Association  
**ArtCentre of Plano** www.planoart.org
- 19 "Home for the Holidays" Concert  
**Plano Symphony Orchestra  
and Plano Civic Chorus**  
**St. Andrew UMC** 972-208-6604
- 24 Providence Community Church  
Christmas Eve Service 5 p.m.  
**ArtCentre Theatre**  
www.providencecommunity.com

# HISTORIC VIEWS

## Early Gathering

In the late 1800s in Plano, hospitality was offered generously and almost always was remembered with delight. The apple peddler was a favorite because his apples were a special treat to the prairie children even at the cost of 10 cents each. He was usually considered pretty well-to-do because a load of apples often brought as much as \$500. There were also the traveling piano tuners, the peddlers of fruit trees with their nursery stock of peach, plum, and pear trees, the peddlers with a valise full of cheap jewelry and dress materials and the Rawleigh man with vanilla spices. Some offered more lasting merchandise. At least three lovely clocks are still running and cherished by families whose ancestors bought them from peddlers in the 1870's and 1880's. Two of these match a clock bought in Linden, Texas, in the same winter and undoubtedly came from the same itinerant making his slow progress across North Texas.



The Wells Collection.

Planoites welcomed visits from traveling salesmen in the 1800s.

Often the peddler was a salesman of foreign birth like the Sanger brothers from Obernreit, Bavaria. One of these brothers traveled in a buggy in West Collin County to advertise the Sanger store established in McKinney in 1857, the first of the Sanger stores. He called at homes and sometimes spent the night with friends. *An excerpt taken from Plano, Texas: The Early Years, copyright 1985.*

# VILLAGE PEOPLE

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**Candy Bouquet** – What better way to say 'happy holidays' than with a candy bouquet. Makes a perfect hostess gift!

**Two Brothers Cigars** – Cigars and gifts for the aficionado in your life. **Georgia's Farmers Market** – Custom-made fruit and nut baskets and gourmet food items.

**What's The Big Occasion?** – Order wine or champagne with a special message label.

**The New Addition** – Dress up your child in a new suit or holiday frock--offering the best in children's fashion and accessories for the holidays. **Nooks 'N Krannies** – China, art, dolls, baby gifts and toys, including the Newborn babies and Brio train sets. **Doll Mart** – A wide assortment of Barbie dolls and other collectible toys.

**The Wooden Spoon** – A large selection of gifts and foods from Scandinavia. **The Scooter Shop** – The kids will love a new mini bike or go-ped. **Queen of Hearts** – Gifts for the magician, and holiday costumes.

## Lifetime Memories

The holidays are a time to remember family. Arrange a sitting for your loved ones at **Love Photography** or **Kay Askew Photography**.

## Personal Services

Downtown has a variety of personal services. Repair and refurbish footwear at the **Plano Boot & Shoe**. Treat yourself to spa services at **Oh, What a Find!**, **The Village Spa**, **Plano Nailery** or **Christina's Nails**. Look your best with a new 'do' at one of the many hair salons downtown. Relax with a massage at **Body Grafix**. This holiday season, remember to take some time for yourself.

## Food and Dining

Too busy to cook? Treat yourself to a chicken fried steak at **Kelly's Eastside** or a hearty stew at **Jorg's Cafe Vienna**. For lunch, stop by **Into My Garden Tea Room** or **The French Hen** for delectable salads, quiches, crepes or desserts. For a coffee break, stop by the **Coffee Haus**. **Aparicio's** is now open and serving great margaritas. Grab a bite to eat at **Poppy's Italian Restaurant** or the **Philly Connection**. And for those special dinner parties, find the best in quality beef, pork and poultry at **Ye Ole Butcher Shop**. Gather fresh fruit and vegetables, along with gourmet items, at **Georgia's Farmers Market**.



## STREET TALK

### New Store Openings

- **Aparicio's** is now open on 18th Street. Try a specialty drink at the tequila bar.
- **Oh, What a Find!**, next door to Ye Ole Butcher Shop, offers interior decorating, jewelry and gifts, as well as spa and nail services. Sydney Simone from Spa St. Claire moved her shop to **Oh, What a Find!** and offers facials and massages.
- Attention photography buffs! **Film Depot** is now open downtown and has the equipment for cameras, film and supplies for darkroom processing.
- **The Village Spa** is an aesthetics and permanent cosmetics clinic and school on 14th Street.

The Plano Repertory Theater presents "The Underpants" at the **Courtyard Theater** November 26 - December 19. This adaptation of Sternheim's classic 1910 farce is by Steve Martin. Make reservations!

Horses are roaming the streets of downtown! **Just Gotta Have it!** and **Kelly's Eastside** have life-sized horse statues at their storefronts in honor of the Breeder's Cup at Lone Star Park. These artistic thoroughbreds will travel to Lone Star Park to be displayed and judged during the Breeder's Cup.



*Breeder's Cup horses spotted in downtown.*



This year, the perfect gift is a Carefree Moments Calendar, a series of adorable photographs of children taken for the North Texas Chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by Kay Askew Photography. All proceeds go toward this worthy children's cause.

## SHOPPING THE VILLAGE



### Baubles for the Diva

Nikki's has the perfect gift for the handy woman. Rhinestone studded hammers, screwdrivers, tape measures, feather dusters and leopard-trimmed aprons by Domestic Queen inspire divas to work in style.

### Bedeck them with Jewels

Nature's Gifts has jewelry made with precious gems. Choose from an array of earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings and pendants to fit everyone's style.



### Hats Off

Just Gotta Have It! carries Shady Brady hats. These popular "taco" hats come in many styles and sizes.

**Deck the Halls**  
The Blue Goose has a wide selection of Christopher Radko ornaments. Look for special holiday ornaments and collectibles in many of the fine stores downtown.



### Manners for Fido

During the holidays, your canine may need a lesson in manners. Let's Practice K-9 Obedience offers 25% off dog training for the holidays. They are ready to provide socialization training, or help break bad habits.



## CITY SCENE

### Dickens in Historic Downtown Plano

Join in the seasonal cheer and family merriment at the annual City of Plano Christmas celebration. Hear the carolers, drink hot wassail, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, do some shopping, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, drop by the 9th Annual Festival of Trees at the Interurban Railway Museum, and enjoy a host of local performers. Sample tasty treats, from fresh-stirred kettle corn and funnel cakes, to smoked turkey legs and cotton candy... There's something for everyone.

- **Tree Lighting at 7pm.**
- **Live entertainment including: Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church of Plano Classical Brass and Plano East Senior High's Sound Invention.**
- **On the international stage performances by Irish, Chinese and Czechoslovakian dancers.**



### Christmas Parade

Make plans to attend the Plano Santas' 32nd Annual Christmas Parade, entitled "Christmas Traditions Around the World", on Saturday, December 4, at 9 a.m. Over 200 entries, including marvelous floats, marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, ROTC, scouts, YMCA tribes, dignitaries and much more wind through Downtown Plano. Remember to bring a canned food to donate. NBC TV5 and Comcast TV 14A will tape and show the parade. For more information see [www.planochristmasparade2004.com](http://www.planochristmasparade2004.com) to enter the parade. Register by November 8.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Feed is from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Williams High School Cafeteria 1712 Avenue P. All you can eat pancakes inside, hot cocoa, coffee, sausage biscuit or donuts served in parking lot until 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit Plano Food Pantry.

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Downtown Plano is a wonderland of inspiration and holiday ideas. Bring the family to enjoy an afternoon of shopping and dining in Plano's cultural arts and historic district. There's plenty of free parking, or park and ride the DART Light Rail to Plano Station.

**The City of Plano provides the Village News to members of our community to keep citizens informed about the activities in the heart of Historic Plano.**

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