

# IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 7-9, 2018

## THE BEDFORD FALLS EXPRESS SHUTTLE

will provide transportation between downtown, the different venues and the Hampton Inn, Quality Inn and Microtel.

Transfer point will be at The Gould Hotel.

Friday, Dec. 7: 5:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 8: 9 am – 11:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 9: 9 am – 9:30 pm

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

**7:00 pm – 8:15 pm**

Merry Christmas George Bailey by the Seneca Community Players. You don't want to miss this live radio play! Come to the Academy Square Auditorium at 12 N. Park Street. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at WomanMade Products in Seneca Falls, by phone at 315-568-9364, or at the Festival Information Center, 93 Fall Street.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

**9:00 am – 9:30 am**

**“Zuzu, My Little Gingersnap”** -- Presentation by **Karolyn Grimes (Zuzu Bailey)** on the origin and continuing impact of the name “Zuzu.” “Zuzu’s Gingersnaps” will be available for purchase. Bee’s Café, 107 Fall St.

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm** SHOPPING

**Bailey Park Vendor Village** is located at Bailey Park Tent on the corner of Fall and Cayuga Streets (near Chemung Canal Bank).

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Bedford Falls Station Holiday Postal Cancellation.** Seneca Falls Post Office, 38 **State** St.

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm** Exhibit

**“The Creative Genius of Set Director Emil Kuri: From Bedford Falls to 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea to Disneyland.”** The Seneca Falls It’s a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall St.

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm** Exhibit

**“Donna Reed, Another Mother for Peace: Efforts to Create a Department of Peace and a Secretary of Peace.”** Sign the petition for a Secretary of Peace and a Department of Peace. The Seneca Falls It’s a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall St.

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**“It’s a Wonderful Quilt Raffle”.** The Seneca Falls It’s a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall Street.

**9:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Seneca Falls Historical Society will offer **Gift Shop and Specialty Wine sales** in the lobby of the Gould Hotel.

**10:00 – 10:30 am**

**“Bread, Salt & Wine”** Housewarming with Actors from *It’s a Wonderful Life* in association with **Habitat for Humanity**, 25 Grove St., Waterloo, NY.

**10:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**\$500 Money Tree raffle** to benefit the House of Concern, EXHIBIT **Early Christmas Card Display** by County Historian Walt Gable, **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bedford Falls Gingerbread House Competition**, and the **SFBA Festival of Wreaths** Fund Raiser, Author Michael William with **“The Essential It's a Wonderful Life Film Guidebook ”** at the Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall Street.

**11:00 am – 11:45 am**

**Welcome Reception Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of *The Donna Reed Show***, featuring Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter), Jimmy Hawkins (long-time cast member of *The Donna Reed Show*), Tony Owen (Donna Reed's son) and Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life*. The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall St.

**12:00 noon**

**“On the Air with Jimmy Stewart” featuring Brian Rohan** as Jimmy Stewart performing excerpts from Jimmy Stewart's radio interviews. Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights National Historical Park (NHP), 136 Fall St.

**12:00 noon – 4:00 pm**

**Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life* sign autographs.**  
Arc Building, 31 Fall Street (old library, opposite the It's a Wonderful Life Museum). Items for sale include autograph. Fee for items you bring yourself.

**12:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**It's A Wonderful Life Characters** on Fall Street.

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Presentation by Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter) and Tony Owen (Donna Reed's son):** Remembering Donna Reed on the 60th Anniversary of *The Donna Reed Show*. Classic episodes of *The Donna Reed Show* will be shown. Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

**1:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

Screening of ***It's A Wonderful Life*** at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. This event is **FREE!** Concessions available for purchase.

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Presentation by Jeanine Roose (Young Violet Bick):** “The faith of a child – simple.”  
Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Presentation by Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy Bailey):** “The Difference Between Being a Child Actor and a Child Star.” Jimmy Hawkins talks about his 75-year career in film and television, including his role as “Tagg Oakley” in the “Annie Oakley” Series.

**3:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

House of Concern **Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale** at the Presbyterian Church located at 23 Cayuga St. Pre-sale tickets are available at the House of Concern (35 State Stree), the Copy Shop (105 Fall Street) or on-line at [www.houseofconcern.org](http://www.houseofconcern.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

**4:00 pm: The National Women’s Hall of Fame Pays Tribute to Gail Davis – “Annie Oakley”** – the first woman to have a lead role in a television western and the first woman to star in her own series. Wesleyan Chapel, Women’s Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

**4:00 - 6:15 pm**

Screening of *It’s A Wonderful Life* at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. This event is **FREE!** Concessions available for purchase.

**4:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

Make your reservation for **!** Now located at 55 Fall Street (next to the Downtown Deli). Come join us for a wonderful meal and great ambience! Reservations may be made at the Festival Information Center located at 93 Fall Street or on-line at [www.therealbedfordfalls.com](http://www.therealbedfordfalls.com).

**6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**It’s a Wonderful Bonfire, Tree Lighting, Caroling and Santa** at People’s Park on Water Street. Music by Calvary Chapel Worship Band. **Bailey’s Burgers and Hots** available throughout.

**6:00pm - 9:00 pm**

Frank Capra's Preview Dinner" with Master of Ceremonies Monica Capra Hodges (Frank Capra's Granddaughter) and Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life*. Featuring the original 1946 Menu. New York Chiropractic College. 2360 New York Rte. 89, Seneca Falls. Ticket information: [www.wonderfullifemuseum.com](http://www.wonderfullifemuseum.com). Followed by **9:00 pm** Free screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* at The Delavan Theatre, New York Chiropractic College.

**6:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

You won't want to miss **Nick's Place!** Beer and wine and music and dancing await you! Join us at the Pottersville Tent located at the corner of Fall and Cayuga Streets (near Chemung Canal Bank). Light snacks available. No cover charge.

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

*It's A Wonderful Life Participation Movie* is being shown at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. Cost is \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Festival Information Center at 93 Fall Street or on-line at [www.therealbedfordfalls.com](http://www.therealbedfordfalls.com).

**7:30 pm**

**Holiday Lights Contest Winner** announced. People's Park on Water Street.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

**7:30 am – 11:00 am**

**It's A Wonderful Breakfast**

Trinity Church, 27 Fall St. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Bedford Falls Station Holiday Postal Cancellation.** Seneca Falls Post Office, 38 State St.

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Free horse-drawn wagon rides.**

Corner of Fall and State Streets.

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm** SHOPPING

**Bailey Park Vendor Village**

Bailey Park Tent corner of Fall and Cayuga Streets (near Chemung Canal Bank).

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**"It's a Wonderful Quilt Raffle".**

The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall Street.

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm** EXHIBIT

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Sign the petition for a Secretary of Peace and a Department of Peace.

The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall St.

**9:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Seneca Falls Historical Society will offer **Gift Shop and Specialty Wine sales** in the lobby of the Gould Hotel.

**9:00 am – 9:00 pm**

**\$500 Money Tree raffle** to benefit the House of Concern, EXHIBIT **Early Christmas Card Display** by County Historian Walt Gable, **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bedford Falls Gingerbread House Competition**, and the **SFBA Festival of Wreaths** Fund Raiser, Author Michael William with **“The Essential It's a Wonderful Life Film Guidebook”** at the Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall Street.

**10:00 am – 10:30 am**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual George Bailey Award** presented by **Karolyn Grimes** on behalf of the IDEA Center for the Voices of Humanity. Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP, 136 Fall St. Followed by **10:30 am “Every Time a Bell Rings . . .”** Bells will be placed on the Bailey Bridge in honor of George Bailey Award Recipients for the last 15 years.

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Fill the Cruiser” Toy Drive** is sponsored by the Seneca Falls Police Department. Stop by the corner of Cayuga and Fall Streets and have your picture taken with one of our officers in uniform.

**10:00 am – 12:15 pm**

Screening of ***It's A Wonderful Life*** at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. This event is **FREE!** Concessions available for purchase.

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Paper Ornament Crafting** sponsored by the Seneca Falls Library this three-step craft will feature recycled book paper and ribbons to create a classic looking ornament in under 3 minutes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall

**10:00 – 2:00 pm**

Free **Roasted Chestnuts** by the Knights of Columbus. Corner of Fall and State Streets.

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**It's a Wonderful Life Characters** on Fall Street.

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**American Legion** Open House & Craft Fair. History of Veterans. Kirk Casey American Legion, 48 State St.

**11:00 am**

**Presentation by Monica Capra Hodges, Frank Capra's grand-daughter.** Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights National Historical Park, 136 Fall St

**11:00 am**

**Giant Cinnamon Bun Eating Contest** at Café XIX, 20 East Bayard St.

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life* Sign Autographs.**

Items for sale include autograph. Fee for items you bring yourself. Arc Building, 31 Fall St. (across from the *It's a Wonderful Life* Museum).

**12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Perry and Caren Cleaveland – Sounds of Christmas** at Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall Street.

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

Don't miss the ***It's A Wonderful Parade*** on Fall Street!

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Presentation by Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter) and Tony Owen (Donna Reed's son).**

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**3:00 pm**

**“On the Air with Jimmy Stewart”** featuring **Brian Rohan** as Jimmy Stewart performing excerpts from Jimmy Stewart’s radio interviews. Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

**4:40 pm**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **IT’S A WONDERFUL RUN 5K!!** This awesome event is a “Winter Run Like No Other”. It begins at the infamous Bailey Bridge, courses through the holiday-decorated neighborhoods of Seneca Falls, and concludes back at the Bridge where it all started! Register on-line at <http://itsawonderfulrun5k.com/>.

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Taste of Bedford Falls** at our new location, Serenity Hall at Academy Square (12 N. Park Street). Come sample all the wonderful food that Bedford Falls has to offer! Tickets are available at the Festival Information Center at 93 Fall Street or on-line at [www.therealbedfordfalls.com](http://www.therealbedfordfalls.com).

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**“There’s a Moon Out Tonight”** -- Meet and Greet with the Stars from *It’s a Wonderful Life*. The Gould Hotel, 108 Fall St. Ticket information: [www.wonderfullifemuseum.com](http://www.wonderfullifemuseum.com)

**6:00 pm – 7:15 pm**

**Merry Christmas George Bailey** by the Seneca Community Players. You don’t want to miss this **live radio play!** Come to the Academy Square Auditorium at 12 N. Park Street. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at WomanMade Products in Seneca Falls, by phone at 315-568-9364 or at the Festival Information Center, 93 Fall Street.

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**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Free Swing Dance Lesson** by Groove Juice Swing from Rochester. Mynderse Academy Gym, 105 Troy St.

**7:45 pm – 10:00 pm**

Screening of *It's A Wonderful Life* at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. This event is **FREE!** Concessions available for purchase.

**8:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Photo Opportunity with the Four Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life*.** \$20 fee benefits the Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum. Mynderse Academy Gym, 105 Troy St.

**8:00 pm – 11:00 pm**

**"Dance by the Light of the Moon". Andy Stobie and the Greater Finger Lakes Jazz Orchestra** (19-piece orchestra). Mynderse Academy Gym, 105 Troy St. **FREE** admission.

**8:15 pm – 10:30 pm**

**Free Screening of *It's a Wonderful Life*.** Mynderse Academy Auditorium, 105 Troy St.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2108

**7:30 am – 11:30 am**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **United Way Pancake Breakfast** at the Community Center, 35 Water Street.

**8:30 am – 10:30 am**

**Karolyn Grimes' 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Breakfast.**

The Gould Hotel, 108 Fall St. Ticket information: [www.wonderfullifemuseum.com](http://www.wonderfullifemuseum.com).

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Free horse-drawn wagon rides.** Corner of Fall and State Streets.

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**10:00 am – 12:15 pm**

Screening of *It's A Wonderful Life* at the Academy Square Auditorium located at 12 N. Park Street. This event is **FREE!** Concessions available for purchase.

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

You'll want to participate in this year's **Uncle Billy's Wonderful Scavenger Hunt**. Test your observation skills! So much fun!! Come to the Festival Information Center at 93 Fall Street for more information.

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**Reading of The Greatest Gift** by Seth Kennedy at the Seneca Museum/Visitor Center, 89 Fall Street.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**"Perspectives on It's a Wonderful Life" -- Presentation by Chris Edwards**, Retired NYC Firefighter and 9/11 First Responder. Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

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**11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Tour of Historic Homes.** Tickets must be purchased in advance. \$15-members; \$20- non-members. Contact the Seneca Falls Historical Society at 315-568-8412 or [sfhs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sfhs@rochester.rr.com). Tours begin at 55 Cayuga Street.

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**12:00 noon**

**Wonderful Music Brass Ensemble.** Seneca Museum, 89 Fall Street.

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**2:30 pm**

**Prizes Awarded for Uncle Billy's Scavenger Hunt** at the Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall Street.

**2:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**"In Every Kid Actor, There's an Adult."** Presentation by Karolyn Grimes (Zuzu Bailey), Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy Bailey) and Jeanine Roose (Young Violet Bick). Wesleyan Chapel, Women's Rights NHP, 136 Fall St.

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**It's A Wonderful Life Party!** Join us for a celebration at the Seneca Museum/Visitors' Center at 89 Fall Street. This event is **FREE!** There will be live jazz, wine, light refreshments, and money tree and wreath raffle drawings!

**3:30 - 4:15 pm**

**"You Are Now in Bedford Falls"** -- **Photo opportunity with Brian Rohan** as George Bailey. The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum, 32 Fall St.

**4:15 pm**

**Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life*** gather at the It's a Wonderful Life Museum to hear **The Bells of the Real Bedford Falls ring** in honor of those who have made a difference in our lives.

**4:30 pm**

**Seneca Singers Holiday Concert** at the First Presbyterian Church (23 Cayuga Street). Admission is free.

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**"We'll Raise a Cup of Kindness . . . For Auld Lang Syne."** Christmas Buffet Dinner with **Actors from *It's a Wonderful Life* and other Special Guests.** Seneca Falls Country Club, 2790 Rte. 89, Seneca Falls. Ticket information: [www.wonderfullifemuseum.com](http://www.wonderfullifemuseum.com)

**Save the Dates for Next Year:  
December 13, 14 & 15, 2019**