

# FESTIVALS & EVENTS 2016

*This is a community of big ideas, and many of those ideas manifest themselves into big events. From January through December, you can laugh, dance, become inspired, and mostly just have a good time with friends and family. Here's a little sample of what's happening, just to get you started. Log on to [visitbloomington.com](http://visitbloomington.com) or call 800-800-0037 for a more complete listing of upcoming events.*

## **DOWNTOWN FIRST FRIDAYS**

Special receptions, open houses, and deals. *First Friday of each month; downtown Bloomington*

## **EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND**

Learn about the majestic eagle through education and sightings. *January 29-31; Fourwinds Lakeside Inn & Marina; [eaglesatlakemonroe.com](http://eaglesatlakemonroe.com)*

## **PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL**

PRIDE is Bloomington's cinematic celebration of LGBTQ arts and culture. *January 28-30; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; [bloomingtonpride.org](http://bloomingtonpride.org)*

## **GALLERY WALK**

Gallery Walks are festive evenings of new fine arts exhibits open to the public. *First Friday of every month; downtown art galleries (see arts and entertainment section for locations); [gallerywalkbloomington.com](http://gallerywalkbloomington.com)*

## **RAAS ROYALTY**

National dance competition showcasing a vibrant, West-Indian style of dance. *March 4-5; IU Auditorium; [raasroyalty.com](http://raasroyalty.com)*

## **LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASE**

More than 65 artists display their works in one location. *February 20; Bloomington Convention Center; [magnabloom.com](http://magnabloom.com)*

## **INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW**

Annual event with over 200 quilts on display, workshops, and community exhibits. *March 3-5; Bloomington Convention Center; [ihqs.org](http://ihqs.org)*

## **BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET**

Fresh, healthy farm products for sale by local growers and farmers. *Every Saturday morning, April-November; Showers Common; [bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket](http://bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket)*

## **ART & SOUL JURIED ART SHOW**

Juried art show featuring works inspired by the spirit of Bloomington. *April 2-30; The Venue Fine Arts & Gifts; [thevenuebloomington.com](http://thevenuebloomington.com)*

## **BLOOMINGTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sample craft brews from around Indiana and the Midwest. *April 9; Woolery Mill; [brewersofindianaguild.com](http://brewersofindianaguild.com)*



BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

**HOOSIER HALF MARATHON**

Half marathon and 5K through campus and Bloomington, benefitting charitable organizations. *April 9; IU Alumni Center (Headquarters); [hoosierhalf.com](http://hoosierhalf.com)*

**LITTLE 500 WEEKEND**

An IU tradition and highly competitive bicycle race between student groups. *April 15-16; IU Armstrong Stadium; [iusf.indiana.edu](http://iusf.indiana.edu)*

**SMITHVILLE FARMERS' MARKET**

Produce and products sold directly by local growers and producers. *Every Saturday morning; May-September; Smithville Park Shelter House, Smithville*

**HARRODSBURG HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL**

Enjoy food, music, and community at this two-day festival. *May 20-21; Harrodsburg Community Center, Harrodsburg; [harrodsburgheritage.org](http://harrodsburgheritage.org)*

**LIMESTONE MONTH**

Special events and programs to celebrate the local limestone industry. *The month of June; multiple venues in Monroe and Lawrence counties; [limestonemonth.com](http://limestonemonth.com)*

**LIMESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL**

A three-day festival featuring nationally known headliners and up-and-coming comedians. *June 2-4; multiple venues in downtown Bloomington; [limestonefest.com](http://limestonefest.com)*

**BLOOMINGTON OPEN STUDIO TOURS**

A weekend tour of over 40 local visual artists' workspaces. *June 4-5; Studios and art spaces throughout Bloomington and Monroe County; [bloomingtonopenstudiotour.com](http://bloomingtonopenstudiotour.com)*

**IU SUMMER THEATRE**

The summer theatre featuring professionals working alongside IU Theatre students. *June-August; IU Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center; [theatre.indiana.edu](http://theatre.indiana.edu)*

**IU SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Enjoy a variety of performances all summer long from IU faculty and guest artists. *June-August; IU Jacobs School of Music; [music.indiana.edu/summer](http://music.indiana.edu/summer)*

**INDIANA LIMESTONE SYMPOSIUM**

Limestone sculpting courses led by expert instructors. Beginners welcome! *June 5-25; Bybee Stone, Ellettsville; [limestonesymposium.org](http://limestonesymposium.org)*

**USA INTERNATIONAL HARP COMPETITION**

Triannual competition featuring the best young harpists from around the world. *June 8-18; IU Jacobs School of Music; [usaihc.org](http://usaihc.org)*

**ARTS FAIR ON THE SQUARE**

Featuring a variety of art including painting, photography, jewelry, and more. *June 18; downtown square; [artsfair.org](http://artsfair.org)*

**TASTE OF BLOOMINGTON**

Over 40 restaurants to sample, plus live music and kids' activities. *June 18; Showers Common; [tasteofbloomington.com](http://tasteofbloomington.com)*

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**

Enjoy this classic parade of floats, trucks, and characters. *July 4; downtown square; [downtownbloomington.com](http://downtownbloomington.com)*

**MONROE COUNTY FAIR**

Livestock, midway rides, races, pageants, crafts, and fair food. *July 23-30; Monroe County Fairgrounds; [monroecountyfairgrounds.net](http://monroecountyfairgrounds.net)*

**MIDDLE COAST FILM FESTIVAL**

Interactive film festival screening features, short films, webisodes, and music videos. *July 29-31; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; [middlecoastfest.com](http://middlecoastfest.com)*

**BLOOMINGTON BLUES & BOOGIE WOOGIE PIANO FESTIVAL**

Performances by some of the best pianists in the country. *August 14; Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center, [craigbrenner.com](http://craigbrenner.com)*

**HILLBILLY HAIKU AMERICANA MUSIC SERIES**

Upland's annual Americana Music Festival at the Brew Pub on 11th St. *Late Summer; Upland Brewing Company; [uplandbeer.com](http://uplandbeer.com)*

**BLOOMINGTON PRIDE SUMMERFEST**

Free all-ages festival celebrating our sparkling LGBTQ community. *Late August; Fourth St. & College Ave.; [bloomingtonpride.org](http://bloomingtonpride.org)*

**4TH STREET FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS**

A show of nationally and regionally recognized visual artists in downtown Bloomington. *September 3-4; Fourth & Grant Streets; [4thstreet.org](http://4thstreet.org)*

**BLOOMINGTON GARLICFEST & COMMUNITY ART FAIR**

Local artists, live music, kid zone, plus food and beer. *September 3-4; Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park; [bloomingtongarlicfestival.com](http://bloomingtongarlicfestival.com)*

**SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA KIWANIS BALLOON FESTIVAL**

Family-friendly event with hot-air balloons, live music, and more! *September 9-11; Monroe County Fairgrounds; [indianaballoonfest.com](http://indianaballoonfest.com)*

**MONROE COUNTY FALL FESTIVAL**

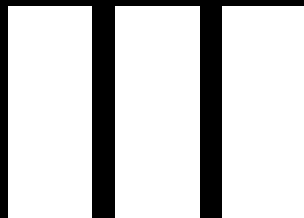
Parade, music, craft vendors, food, and kids' activities. *September 15-17; Marci Jane Lewis Park, Ellettsville; [monroecountyfallfestival.org](http://monroecountyfallfestival.org)*



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## HARVEST WINE FESTIVAL

Wine, music, food trucks, and more. Late September; 7508 N. Woodall Rd., at Creekbend Vineyard; [oliverwinery.com/harvestwinefestival](http://oliverwinery.com/harvestwinefestival)

## LOTUS WORLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Music from around the world, visual arts, and more. September 15-18; multiple downtown venues; [lotusfest.org](http://lotusfest.org)

## STINESVILLE STONE QUARRY FESTIVAL

Music, craft vendors, food, and family-friendly activities. September 22-24; Stinesville, IN

## GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH

Pick a handmade blown-glass pumpkin from this magical pumpkin patch. October 15; courthouse lawn; [bloomingtoncreativeglasscenter.org](http://bloomingtoncreativeglasscenter.org)

## HILLY HUNDRED BICYCLE TOUR

100-mile bicycle tour through the beautiful, hilly landscape of the area. October 21-23; throughout the area; [hillyhundred.org](http://hillyhundred.org)



CANOPY OF LIGHTS

## IU HOMECOMING

Homecoming is the perfect time to reconnect with friends and rediscover IU. October 14-16; multiple venues; [alumni.indiana.edu](http://alumni.indiana.edu)

## BLOOMINGTON HANDMADE MARKET

Juried arts and crafts show featuring a variety of contemporary artisans. November 12; Bloomington Convention Center; [bloomingtonhandmademarket.com](http://bloomingtonhandmademarket.com)

## ARTISAN GUILDS OF BLOOMINGTON HOLIDAY SHOW

An artisan show featuring local artists in glass, clay, and fiber media. November 4-5; Bloomington Convention Center; [facebook.com/artisanguilds](https://facebook.com/artisanguilds)

## CANOPY OF LIGHTS

Celebrate the season as Santa turns on the twinkle lights! November 25; downtown square; [downtownbloomington.com](http://downtownbloomington.com)

## HOLIDAY MARKET

Local farm products, artwork by local artists, reindeer, and live music. November 26; City Hall; [bloomington.in.gov/holidaymarket](http://bloomington.in.gov/holidaymarket)

## CARDINAL STAGE COMPANY'S HOLIDAY SHOW

Enjoy a family-friendly musical production over the holiday break. December 20-January 3; Buskirk-Chumley Theater; [cardinalstage.com](http://cardinalstage.com)

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Check visit**bloomington.com** for up-to-date information on festivals & events.

# IU FAMILY

The Indiana University Alumni Association welcomes you home to Bloomington! Visit us at the Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center, located across from Assembly Hall. Or, if you're returning to celebrate a milestone, event space is available in our beautiful facility.

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IU was my home. I spent a decade here. My time in Bloomington made me the person I am today. Coming back to campus now with my kids – they feel the love that IU's given back to me.”

**SHONTRAI IRVING, BA'97, MA/JD'03**  
ATTORNEY / FOSTER PARENT / IUAA MEMBER

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