

TALKING TOURISM
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Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau, who will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Dickens Victorian Village project has been made possible by a vision embraced by all levels of the local community. The need for volunteer services is constant and ever changing for such an exciting and growing project of this magnitude. If you are interested in getting involved and helping support this wonderful community effort, please consider one of the many ways you can contribute:

Sunday, November 1st is MOVING DAY! We need volunteers to help move each of the 70 Dickens scenes from Edgetech Manufacturing in East Cambridge to downtown Cambridge. We will begin at 9am sharp. Anyone who can attend and bring a flat bed truck to help with the transportation would be appreciated. Contact Jonett Haberfield at 740-432-8789 for more details.

JOIN OR CHAIR A SUB-COMMITTEE

Sub-committee volunteers are needed to fill a variety of specialized needs. Information is below. If you are interested, please contact the sub-committee chair listed or Jonett Haberfield.

Finance: Grant-writing experience, contacting corporate sponsors.
Chair: Pam McCauley, 740-439-7601.

Publicity: Speak to groups about the Dickens Victorian Village project; organize information distribution at local events.

Ambassador Program: Outgoing individuals who would like to meet and greet motorcoach groups to provide interesting facts about our project and the area. Ambassadors will be provided with costumes and training. A flexible schedule is helpful. Co-Chairs: Jonett Haberfield, 740-432-8789, and Debbie Robinson, 740-432-2022.

Merchandise: Oversee fundraising through unique Dickens-themed merchandise sold in The Dickens Welcome Center, at events, and at www.DickensVictorianVillage.com.

Special Events: Assist with organizing the community events that enhance the Dickens project. Provide assistance with Peddler Weekends, Candlelight Ceremony, and communication with participating merchants.

Kids' Activities: Create and organize various Dickens-appropriate children's activities throughout the season.

Gingerbread House Contest: Chairs: Sharon Plymire, 740-439-7767.

Volunteer Coordinator: Communicate with and organize volunteers for various projects.

Rotary Square: A Victorian village where artists and crafters will sell their wares during Peddler Weekends.

START PLANNING NOW

Dickens Victorian Village Displays - Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 through Saturday, Jan. 17, 2010

Ye Ole Curiosity Shoppe and Dickens Welcome Center with Imagination Station - Open Tuesdays through Sundays Nov. 1, 2009 through Jan. 9, 2010 – noon to 8pm

Byesville Scenic Railway “A Coal Miner’s Christmas” train ride - Train departs at 1pm. and 3pm on the following dates: Nov. 1, 7,8, 21, 22, Dec. 5, 6, 12,13

Wonderland of Trees - Wednesday, Nov. 4, through Thursday, Nov. 12

Great Expectations Chocolate Walk - Thursday, Nov. 12 from 5pm -8pm

Gingerbread House Contest and Display - Nov. 16 through Wednesday, Dec. 31

Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Music & Light Show – Thursday, November 12, 2009 through Sunday, January 10, 2010 5pm - 9pm nightly

Peddler Weekends and Rotary Square - Featuring heritage artisans, peddlers, and carriage rides. Peddler Week-ends take place 10am-5pm on the following dates: Nov. 27, 28, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

National Museum of Cambridge Glass - Open noon to 4 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 28 – Open House (free admission); Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Steeple Walk - Nov. 28 – 1pm to 4pm

Afternoon Tea at SweeTea Pie Tea Boutique – from 4pm-7pm Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

Candlelight Ceremony & “A Child’s Christmas Dream” Holiday Parade - Nov. 28 at 5pm

Cambridge City Band Holiday Concert - Nov. 28 at 8pm

Cambridge Performing Arts Centre’s “A Christmas Carol” – Dec. 4 – 7pm.; Dec. 5 – 7pm; Dec. 6 – 3pm; Dec. 18 – 7pm; Dec. 19 – 7pm and Dec. 20 - 3pm

Holiday Tour of Homes - Dec. 5 – 1pm -5pm

Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert - Dec. 5 – 3:30

Women Interested in Children Holiday Gala - Dec. 5 – 6 pm-9pm

High Tea and Tour at the Colonel Taylor Inn - Dec. 6 – 1pm-4pm

Cambridge Concert Association Holiday Concert “Swing’s the Thing” Big Band - Dec. 6 – 3 pm

“Christmas with the Cambridge Singers” - Dec. 12 – 7pm. and Dec. 13 – 3pm

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra Dinner Dance - Dec.17 beginning at 5:30pm

New Year’s Eve Gospel Sing - Dec. 31 – 7pm

NEW! Sherlock Holmes Weekend - Jan. 8 - 10, 2010

To learn more about the Visitors & Convention Bureau, area events and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County Tourist Information Center at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@visitguernseycounty.com, or visit www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com.