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Preparations for the 5th Annual Dickens Victorian Village underway

Cambridge, OH (August 20, 2010) – Planning is underway for the transformation of Downtown Cambridge into the 5th Annual Dickens Victorian Village on November 1, 2010 - January 8, 2011.

The Dickens Victorian Village display began in November 2006 with 40 scenes of 105 lifelike figures representing classic scenes from Victorian society. Today the Dickens Victorian Village project totals 75 scenes. Combined with special events and the Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show, Dickens Victorian Village has become the most unique holiday destination in the Midwest.

The Dickens Victorian Village Restoration Team has currently logged over 800 volunteer hours this summer working on the mannequins and displays. The team has been working on redressing and refurbishing the 185 mannequins but is still in need of donated items to complete the process. Items can be dropped off at the Visitors & Convention Bureau or at the National Museum of Cambridge Glass.

Items needed include:

- Ice Skates
- Costume Jewelry
- Wool Scarves
- Men's Wool Coats
- Women's Hats
- Men's Hats
- Capes
- Men's Suits
- Gloves
- Women's Long Skirts
- Muffs

“We are so excited that this will be our fifth season for Dickens Victorian Village, and we are anticipating an increase in visitors during this banner year,” said Jonett Haberfield, Dickens Victorian Village Co-Chair. To-date we have 66 motor coach tours scheduled, almost double the number of bookings that we had in 2009. While the final preparations are being made over the next few months, we hope that individuals will donate items and their time to make this year’s Dickens event the best yet!”

“With more visitors coming to our community beginning in November, we need more volunteers than ever,” states Haberfield. “There are many ways residents get involved and become a Dickens Ambassador. Ambassadors staff the Dickens Welcome Center in Downtown Cambridge, meet and greet motor coaches, and stroll the streets in costume. We also need non-profit groups to be in costume and sell items during Peddler’s Weekends. No time to volunteer, but want to build a legacy, then you can sponsor a scene or make a tax deductible contribution by contacting Pam McCauley at 740-439-7601.”

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For more Dickens Victorian Village information, call Haberfield at 740-432-8789 or visit www.DickensVictorianVillage.com. She is also available to speak to service organizations.

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