

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. Each week the VCB 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.

National Tourism Week May 9-17

Guernsey County will join in with thousands of destinations and industry leaders across the nation May 9-17 for the 26th Annual National Tourism Week celebration. This year's theme "Discover Great American Traditions" encourages travel to American locales and highlights the role that tourism plays in discovering the icons of a destination.

During the weeklong celebration, the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau will recognize outstanding tourism leaders with the presentation of its annual Tourism Volunteer and Tourism Development Awards Thursday, May 14 from 3-5:00 p.m. at the Tourist Information Center. The reception is open to the public

Area Attractions Open for the 2009 Season

Four Guernsey County attractions will open for the season in May!

The Wilds, one of the largest and most innovative conservation centers in the world, is open for the season in May from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday & Sundays. Visitors enjoy a guided tour and see Asian, African, and North American wildlife roaming freely in large, natural habitats. Open Memorial Day from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stone House Museum overlooks a scenic lake and is nestled in the woods of beautiful Salt Fork State Park. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 1:00 to 5 p.m.

The Guernsey County Farmers Market opens this month with over 25 small farmers and producers gathering each Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May through October. This year the group will add Tuesday evening hours from 4-7p.m. in July, August and September.

Be transported to a bygone era, when coal was king and whistle-stop train stations dotted the landscape. Each spring, summer and fall, passengers climb aboard the Byesville Scenic Railway to enjoy a 1-½ hour-long round trip train excursion through scenic southeastern Ohio. Excursions begin May 16 and May 23 & 24 at 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Events To Discover

Looking for something to do this month? Check-out what's coming up:

May 9 - Mother's Day Tea at My Sweetie Pie Tea Room, Cambridge

May 14-16 - Spring Gospel Sing at the Spring Valley Campground, Cambridge

May 15- Nothin' Fancy and Bluegrass Express performs at Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview

May 15-17 - Cambridge Singers Spring Show at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Cambridge

May 16 - Wine Train Excursion at 5pm with the Byesville Scenic Railway, Byesville

May 25 - Guernsey County Historical Museum Open House

May 27-31 - Historic National Road Yard Sale along the National Road/Route 40

May 29- Rarely Herd and Faces Made for Radio performs at Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview



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