

# 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.

### Tourism Award Nominations

Do you know an individual or organization that deserves to be recognized for their contributions to tourism in Guernsey County? The Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB will recognize those individuals and organizations that have made significant and outstanding contributions to the tourism industry in the past year. Nominations are now being accepted for the Tourism Development Award, Tourism Volunteer Award and new in 2010, the Recognition of Service Excellence (The ROSE Award). Nominees for these awards are solicited from any person who wishes to submit the name and requested information of an eligible recipient on the appropriate form to the VCB office by April 16. Recipients will be announced during a special reception in the Tourist Information Center in conjunction with the 27th Annual National Tourism Week celebration. Forms are available on line. Go to [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com) and click on Industry.

### Join Team Tourism

Each quarter the VCB hosts Team Tourism, a group of individuals from throughout the community that work together to realize the growth potential of Guernsey County's tourism industry through education, information, and networking opportunities. If you or a member of your staff would like to attend the next Team Tourism meeting, contact the VCB office. Mark your calendars for the next quarterly meeting April 26 at Noon at Theo's Restaurant (lunch is Dutch treat) in downtown Cambridge. RSVP's are due April 21 to the VCB office. Call 432-2022 and reserve your space today.

Our featured speakers will be Mark Holbrook and Kristina Kuehling from the Ohio Historical Society who will bring us up to speed on plans for Civil War 150, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The Ohio Historical Society is working on new approaches for telling Ohio's story of its participation in the Civil War through regional partnerships, statewide networking, and leveraging resources. Look for traveling exhibits in the future featuring Democracy, Transformation and Memory.

### Spring is in the Air!

You know spring has arrived in Guernsey County when several signs appear: Orr's Drive-In is open for the season, the Chamber's Annual Home Show (this year renamed the Spring Home Garden & Business Expo) takes place, The Living Word Drama holds their annual banquet & auction, and the Cambridge Lions Club performs their annual variety show. A few other sure signs of spring are the opening days of several of our attractions this month. On April 1, both the Guernsey County Historical Museum and the National Museum of Cambridge Glass will open for the season. Can summer be far behind!

### Events to Discover

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

April 9, 16, 23 and 30 - Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass, Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview

April 10 - Byesville Scenic Railway, Byesville

April 18 - Dwight Lennox & Trio, Scottish Rite Auditorium, Cambridge

April 24 - 13th Annual EcoThon, the Wilds, Cumberland

April 24 - Annual Spring Fling Saturday, Deerassic Park Education Center, Cambridge

April 30/May 1 - Hopalong Cassidy Reunion & Western Toy Show & Sale, Cambridge and Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center

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](mailto:info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com), or check out [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com).

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