

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 (VCB). She 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.

MERRY& BRIGHT

The holiday season has begun! Isn't it amazing that our community is celebrating our 11th season of Dickens Victorian Village? This event has grown beyond anyone's wildest imaginations, and we're thrilled to bring back many family-favorite activities. Mark your calendars to attend the following:

The Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show lights up the night with thousands of pulsating lights synchronized to holiday music. Built in 1881, the courthouse is covered in 55,000 colored lights outlining the building. Four different light shows take place each night now through January 1. Shows begin each evening at 5:30 p.m. with the last show playing at 9 p.m. The show is free to attend and watch night after night! Please note, until the time changes, November 1-5, the show will begin at 6:30pm. Extended holiday hours take place 5:30pm until 11pm on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25, 11/26 (following the Christmas Parade), 12/2, 12/3, 12/9, 12/10, 12/16, 12/17, 12/23, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, 12/26, New Year's Eve and New Year's day (Final show of season).

Enjoy an afternoon of **Tea and Fashion Show** on Nov. 13 at the Masonic Lodge Ballroom. You'll delight in dainty sandwiches, deserts, and a fashion show featuring Edwardian Era fashion from Columbus based The Alley Vintage and Costume store. Feel free to get in the spirit of the day and wear your best hat, gloves and accessories, historic or contemporary! Starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Discover the amazing story of Dickens Victorian Village and the 186 characters that the community built as your costumed guide escorts you around Historic Downtown Cambridge on a **Trolley Tour** either Nov. 19, or Dec. 3 or 10. During your trolley ride, you may stay aboard and enjoy the scenery, or get out and experience any of the seven unique stops along the way. Cost is \$10 per person.

Come join the fun at the much-loved annual **Holiday Parade** sponsored by Cambridge Main Street, featuring lighted floats, bands, a visit from Santa, and more! The theme for this year is *Under the Christmas Tree!* Bleachers will be provided on Wheeling Avenue near Sixth Street and also near the Post Office at Tenth Street. Children may visit Candyland on the Courthouse lawn sponsored by Deerassic Park Education Center following the parade to walk along the Candyland path and collect candy and treats and visit with Santa. 5pm start off time.

Christopher Hart, actor and historian from nearby Roscoe Village, will present a new one-man show, **"Creating the Carol"** on Dec. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cambridge. Charles Dickens wrote a "ghostly little book" that would change forever the way Christmas was celebrated. However, "A Christmas Carol" was much more than just a tale. For Mr. Dickens, it became an intensely personal and autobiographical endeavor. This program explores the real-life inspirations for the classic characters and setting for the Yuletide classic. In short, the "story behind the story." Presentation begins at 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

For a complete list of upcoming Dickens Victorian Village events, visit DickensVictorianVillage.com.

Events to Discover

Nov. 1

Dickens Victorian Village Opening Ceremony, Guernsey County Courthouse

Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Dickens Victorian Village Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 1 – Jan. 1	Guernsey County Courthouse Holiday Light Show, Guernsey County Courthouse
Nov. 4	Gerald Charles Dickens Presents <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , Scottish Rite Auditorium
Nov. 4, 11, & 18	Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass Concerts, Fairview
Nov. 4&12 Dec.10&17	Dickens by Lantern Tours, Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 4-6 & 11-13	Little Mermaid, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26	English Tea in the Victorian Tea Room, Dickens Welcome Center
Nov. 6	Gingerbread House Class, Guernsey County Senior Center
Nov. 7-Dec. 8	Gingerbread House Contest and Display, Senior Citizens Center
Nov. 8-16 & 18	Wonderland of Trees Display at SEORCM and Gala Dinner and Auction at PLCC
Nov. 10	Great Expectations Chocolate Walk, Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Parade, Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 12	Tavern Tasting, Pubs in Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 13	Tea & Fashion Show, Masonic Lodge Ballroom
Nov. 18	Chef in the Vineyard Dinner, Terra Cotta Vineyards
Nov. 18 & 19	Salt Fork Gospel Jubilee, Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
Nov. 19 & Dec. 17	Forgotten Places & Spaces Walking Tour, Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 19	Hats on Parade, Dickens Welcome Center
Nov. 19	Chris Hart in Adventures of Christmas Ghosts, Unity Presbyterian Church
Nov. 19	The Grand Holiday Ball, Eagles Club
Nov. 19-20 & 28	Harper Cabin Holiday Hours, New Concord
Nov. 19-20 & 28	John & Annie Glenn Museum Special Holiday Hours, New Concord
Nov. 19-20	National Road & Zane Grey Museum Holiday Hours, Norwich
Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 10	Historic Trolley Rides through Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 25-26	Annual After Thanksgiving Craft Show at Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
Nov. 26	Holiday Parade, Historic Downtown Cambridge
Nov. 27	Cambridge City Band Christmas Concert, Scottish Rite Auditorium

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.

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