

Experience Southeast Ohio's Small Town Charm by Discovering its Artists

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (March 1, 2021) – There's something about a handmade item that is crafted with care, passion, patience and love. Five Southeast Ohio businesses and organizations take those qualities and wrap them in a gift of inspiring talent.

WOODEN WONDERS

The smell of fresh cut wood welcomes you when you enter the door at the **Cambridge Wooden Toy Company & Great American Steam Locomotive Museum**. For over 40 years, master craftsman Brian Gray has been creating handmade steam locomotives from walnut. The museum display room is a magnificent look at the impact railroads had on the growth of America. Model trains, equipment, and old photographs tell the story of America's Steam Locomotives.

In addition, Brian handcrafts wooden toys for the "young and young at heart." Alongside his hand carved steam locomotives, children are delighted to find cascading marble trees, alphabet train cars, rocking horses and much more – all within reach. The shop and museum are open year-round from 9am-5pm on Monday – Saturday. You'll even receive a personal tour by the craftsman himself. www.CambridgeWoodenToyCo.com

GLASS ACT

The world looks rosier through colored glass. A blend of beauty and fine craftsmanship, **Mosser Glass** has created works of art for nearly 50 years in Cambridge. Giving visitors a chance to see the glass making process up close, Mosser Glass offers free guided factory tours. (The company is the last remaining hand-pressed glass factory in the United States.) The showroom and retail store feature a unique blend of traditional and modern glassware designs and gift items. (Check with the store regarding factory tour times.) www.MosserGlass.com

After witnessing the glassmaking process in person, drive a few blocks to visit the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass** and hold the tools used nearly 100 years ago to make specialty glass. See over 8,000 pieces of colorful Cambridge Glass made by the Cambridge Glass Company (1902-1958). Visit the education center for hands-on activities or stop by the gift shop. www.CambridgeGlassMuseum.org

CLAY MASTERS

Rich clay deposits in Southeastern Ohio made a perfect base for pottery making by the pioneers. They made practical items for use in home and work from this natural resource. As the industry grew, skilled workers produced dinnerware, crocks, storage jars, and tile. Zanesville Pottery features three large building with exciting collections of pottery from every part of the world. Visitors may watch as the popular resident potter offers classes in turning, glazing, and firing. www.ZanesvillePottery.com

Located just 15 minutes away you'll find another wonderful pottery stop! **Ohio Pottery Norwich** features locally made pottery and stoneware including fermentation crocks, pet feeders, birdbaths, flowerpots, bakeware, mixing bowls, and much more. The shop also carries an extensive amount of West Virginia made Fiesta Dinnerware.

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DINING DOWNTOWN

In between shopping stops, two locally owned and managed restaurants dish up a delightful menu of All-American fare sure to please all plates and ages.

Pass the green beans, please! **Francis Family Restaurant** allows everyone to gather and share the best of meals, conversation and time. For breakfast and lunch, Francis' offers scrumptious home cooked meals in a family-style restaurant. www.francisfamilyrestaurant.com

Theo's Restaurant in downtown Cambridge holds true to its motto: Give your customers good home cooked food, at a fair price, with fast, friendly service and they will be back. For 90 years, Theo's has served a variety of meals from fresh salads to juicy steaks and everything in between. But it is its mile-high pies that make it famous. Slices of lemon, chocolate, peanut butter, and cherry pie are topped so high with a tasty homemade meringue—you may not see the person across the table! Dig in! www.TheosRestaurant.us

CATCH A FEW ZZZZ's

Two great hotels to catch a good night's rest include the Fairfield By Marriott and Quality Inn.

The **Fairfield By Marriott Cambridge** is a hotel with outstanding service for an easy and comfortable stay-at an exceptional value. They staff are always welcoming and helpful. Accommodations include thoughtfully designed guest rooms and suites with plenty of room to work and relax. Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel will keep you connected during your stay and the pool and fitness center will help you stay on track. www.marriott.com/pkbcb

The **Quality Inn** is surrounded by the unexpected treasures of Guernsey County – hidden outdoor treats, natural resources, culinary delights, museums, décor, antiques and collectibles. This hotel offers easy access to several popular local attractions including Dickens Victorian Village, the National Museum of Cambridge Glass and Historic Downtown Cambridge. Guests of the Quality Inn will enjoy relaxing in the seasonal outdoor pool or having a meal in the picnic area. This is also a pet-friendly hotel, with four-legged friends allowed to stay for a fee! www.choicehotels.com/ohio/cambridge/quality-inn-hotels/oh561?source=lb

Whether you are a glass or pottery collector, train aficionado or are just looking for a unique road trip, Guernsey County has just the ticket for you! Start planning your trip now:

www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com

For more information on outdoor recreation, events and attractions in Guernsey County, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022 or email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com.



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