

TALKING TOURISM April 7, 2019

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.

Seasonal Attractions Open

Spring has sprung, and our many unique attractions and museums are open or will be opening soon! I invite you to discover what's in your own backyard this year and share your experiences with your friends and family!

Hold the tools used years ago and see over 8,000 pieces of colorful of glass - made by the Cambridge Glass Company (1902-1958) – at the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass**. Visit the education center for hands-on activities or stop by the gift shop. Open April through October Wed.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 seniors, \$4 adults, and children under 12 are free.

www.cambridgeglassmuseum.org

Located in a 188 year old home, the Guernsey County History Museum contains antique furnishings, products and personal items from Guernsey County's past. A unique one-room school house and a life-like replica of a coal mine from the 1890s are perfect places for kids to explore with hands-on activities. Open May through December on Tues.-Thurs. and Sat. from 12-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. www.facebook.com/guernseyhistory

Ohio celebrates its space roots in 2019! The **John & Annie Glenn Museum**, recently named a National Historic Site – enlightens visitors about life in 1937 during the Great Depression, in 1944 during WWII, and in 1962 when John Glenn orbited Earth. Open May - October on Wed. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$3 for students and \$5 for groups. www.johnglennhome.org

The story of the building of the National Road and the settlement of America's Midwest, along with an exhibit featuring Ohio author Zane Grey, and a spectacular collection of locally-made art pottery are featured within the **National Road & Zane Gray Museum**. Guided tours take place May through October on Wed.-Sat. from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$5 for groups. www.ohiohistory.org

In 1837 Benjamin Kennedy, whose ancestors hailed from Ireland and Scotland, purchased an 80-acre tract of land in Guernsey County, and built a two-story home from sandstone quarried nearby. In 2002, the **Stone House Museum** (the last remaining original homestead structure) was converted into a museum and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open May – October Friday through Monday 1-5 p.m. www.kennedystonehouse.org.

One of the largest and most innovative wildlife conservation centers in the world is located on 10,000 acres near Cambridge. **The Wilds** is open daily May through September and on Saturday and Sunday in October for safari tours. Or enjoy The Wilds from an aerial perspective during a 2.5 hour zipline safari. www.thewilds.org

Celebrating its 45th anniversary, the **Living Word Outdoor Drama** is a non-denominational amphitheater depicting the moving and powerful life and ministry of Christ. Presenting “the greatest story ever told” on a spectacular 400 foot panoramic permanent set, you will witness His last days from the Sermon on the Mount to His Ascension. Ohio's only outdoor passion play begins its season June 14.

www.livingworddrama.org

Events to Discover

- April 5, 12, 19 & 26** Pennyroyal Opera House Bluegrass Concerts, Fairview
April 6 Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Banquet, Pritchard Laughlin Civic
April 13 Annual Daffodil Luncheon and Style Show, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
April 20 Easter Egg Hunt, Deerassic Park Education Center
April 25 Festival Bash "Through the Years," Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
April 26-28 "Murder for Dummies," Cambridge Performing Arts Centre
April 27 Zane Grey Day, National Road & Zane Grey Museum, Norwich
April 28 Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, New Concord

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 log onto www.VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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