
**DICKENS VICTORIAN VILLAGE RETURNS TO CAMBRIDGE, OHIO FOR IT'S
18TH SEASON (by Bev Kerr)**

Cambridge, OH (October 27, 2023) It's time for the 18th season of Dickens Victorian Village to begin. Catch a taste of jolly Olde England as you walk the streets in downtown Cambridge. Charles Dickens would be pleased to see his "A Christmas Carol" come to life here.

Victorian scenes can be found throughout downtown. One of the 96 scenes, which include 169 characters, can be found under each lamppost and in many store windows. Look for the welcoming scenes with Father Christmas, Scrooge and Marley or Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim.

The figure of Charles Dickens himself can be found inside our Dickens Welcome Center at 708 Wheeling Avenue. Here you can learn the history of how Dickens Victorian Village began and find a unique gift for someone special or as a souvenir to remember your visit. The Imagination Station gives visitors an opportunity to dress in Victorian style and have their picture taken with a beautiful Christmas tree or Mr. Dickens himself.

While the Victorian scenes are always available for viewing as well as daily hours for the Welcome Center and Holiday Light Show, special activities during the weekends of November give visitors a chance to experience more of the Victorian feeling.

A historic Coming Alive Cemetery Tour takes place in Old City Cemetery behind the Guernsey County Senior Center. Here six living history characters will tell the story of veterans who are buried in that cemetery. This includes veterans from the War of 1812, the Civil War, and WWI. Their stories will fascinate you on November 4 and 11 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on both days. Admission at the gate is \$5.

Savor a delicious meal along with a refreshing cup of tea at the Queen's Tea on November 18 at the Cambridge Country Club. Listen as Queen Victoria explains her life in London and tells stories of her family throughout the years. The cost of the tea is \$25, and reservations must be made at the Dickens Welcome Center by calling 740-421-4956.

The clip-clop of horses' hooves can be heard as they pull a carriage through downtown to give you the feeling of stepping back in time. Get your ticket from the driver where they board on the west side of the Courthouse. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$8 for children under 12. Rides are dependent upon the weather so check at the Welcome Center to be certain they are able to take you on a memorable ride.

Perhaps you would rather ride the Historic Dickens Trolley as they travel throughout the city with local historian, Rick Booth, telling of its history. Hear how our City Park began in 1898 and the story behind the Gross Mansion. The trolley will be in town in November on the 18th with rides for the one-hour narration being \$10 per person. Buy your tickets at the Dickens Welcome Center where the trolley departs on the hour from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The trolley is heated and wheelchair accessible. Locals and visitors will enjoy hearing the history of Cambridge and Dickens Victorian Village.

Thanksgiving Weekend brings families together with time to visit Open Houses in both the National Museum of Cambridge Glass and the Guernsey County Historical Museum. On Saturday evening at 5:00 watch the Christmas in Toy Land Parade as it moves up Wheeling Avenue and brings Santa to town.

Every night from November 1 – January 1, you can watch the fantastic Holiday Light Show at the Guernsey County Courthouse. This delightful display has over 65,000 lights synchronized to your favorite holiday music. Every year there is something new to enjoy. The display begins at 5:30 each evening and the hour long show repeats itself continuously until 9:00 and on weekend and holidays until 11.

Charles Dickens loved parties with decorations of lanterns and balloons and would have felt right at home strolling the streets of Dickens Victorian Village celebrating the holiday season. You're sure to find the Christmas spirit here!

For more information on Dickens Victorian Village, visit www.DickensVictorianVillage.com.

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