

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.

Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery Weekend Returns to Cambridge

The highly anticipated Sherlock Holmes Mystery Weekend is set to return to downtown Cambridge, Ohio on November 7 & 8, marking its ninth year of engaging the community with thrilling storytelling and immersive experiences.

Attendees are invited to delve into the captivating narrative of “Sherlock Holmes and the Problem of the Two-Faced Specter,” an original play crafted by talented local playwright Anne Chlovechok.

“Anne has once again masterfully penned a uniquely Cambridge, Ohio murder mystery,” said Debbie Robinson, Director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB, “She has captured the essence of an enthralling weekend experience that intertwines mystery, history, and Victorian flair. This narrative not only engages the imagination but also serves as a perfect opportunity to immerse oneself in a unique experience.”

This captivating three-act play invites you to join the legendary detective Sherlock Holmes and his trusted companion, Doctor Watson, as they journey from London to the charming streets of Cambridge, Ohio. Here, they confront a perplexing case involving the erratic behavior of their old friend, Police Chief Thorough, and the life-threatening predicament faced by Sgt. Podlowski.

The 20th annual Dickens Victorian Village event promises to be a whimsical adventure. Participants of all ages are invited to join in the fun, searching for clues and collaborating in teams. So, grab your top hats and bonnets for a weekend of deduction in Cambridge.

Friday evening guests will enjoy the opportunity to meet and mingle with the playwright, snack on heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and begin formulating theories during Act 1 at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center.

Saturday morning brings more drama (and a hearty brunch) with Act II, followed by an amusing afternoon chasing clues throughout downtown Cambridge. The mystery will be solved on Saturday evening following the performance of Act III. Chat with Mr. Holmes, Dr. Watson, and the full cast of characters over a satisfying assortment of desserts, coffee, and teas. And one lucky detective will walk away with the grand prize of \$250.

For more detailed information on the weekend’s activities or to purchase a Baker Street overnight package, log on to VisitGuernseyCounty.com or call the VCB office at 740-432-2022. Deadline for registration is October 25, so don’t delay!

Not free to participate in the mystery weekend? You can still see the play in its entirety the following weekend at Pritchard Laughlin. Three opportunities Friday and Saturday Nov. 14 & 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. Call 740-439-7009 for tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Old Washington Farmers Market, Lore City
Oct. 1,8,15	Food Preservation Series, Guernsey County District Public Library
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Farmers Market, Guernsey County Senior Center
Oct. 3-5	Paul Bunyan Show, Fairgrounds
Oct. 8	Byesville Book Club, Guernsey County District Public Library
Oct. 9	Homeschool Hub: Arts as Astronomy, Crossroad Library
Oct. 10	Puzzles and Pints, Guernsey Brewhouse
Oct. 10,24,31	Bluegrass Concert at Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview
Oct. 10-31	Courthouse Halloween Light Show, Downtown Cambridge
Oct. 11	Author's Festival, Guernsey County District Public Library
Oct. 11	Living Free Events Concert, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Oct. 14	Pumpkin Painting, Tipple Country Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 17	Fall Safari, The Wilds
Oct. 18	Coffee & Cars, Advance Auto
Oct. 18	Boo Bash, Crossroads Branch Library
Oct. 18	Next Stop Comedy, Guernsey Brewhouse
Oct. 18	Salt Fork State Park Campground Halloween
Oct. 22-25	Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale, Guernsey County District Public Library
Oct. 23	Witch's Brew, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
Oct. 24-25	Booganza, Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
Oct. 25	Monster Mash and Community Halloween Party, Byesville
Oct. 25	Single's Night, Guernsey Brewhouse
Oct. 27	Coffee & Cars After Dark, Pritchard Laughlin Civic
Oct. 28	Team Tourism Presentation, Council Chambers, Cambridge City Bldg.

A full list of our events is located at VisitGuernseyCounty.com. Before attending any event, we suggest that you call before you go. **For a complete listing of events, log on to VisitGuernseyCounty.com.**

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 destination@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.