

## 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.

### **Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As the country celebrates America's 250th anniversary, Guernsey County proudly honors its past while welcoming visitors to be part of its continuing story.

Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB has partnered with America 250-Ohio to promote Ohio's history on the Ohio Creativity Trail in 2026. From historic influences to modern artistry, this "drive your own adventure" experience will connect you with the stories, spaces and energy of Ohio's creative community. Be inspired to explore art and unlock your own creativity along the way!

The **Mosser Glass Factory** and the **National Museum of Cambridge Glass** are a part of this trail and highlight this region's legacy of craftsmanship and innovation. At Mosser Glass, visitors may witness skilled artisans transforming molten glass into timeless pieces using techniques passed down through generations. Just minutes away, the National Museum of Cambridge Glass offers an inspiring journey through the county's rich glassmaking history, featuring over 10,000 dazzling pieces and interactive exhibits. Together, these attractions celebrate the artistry, industry and creativity that define Guernsey County's contribution to America's cultural heritage.

Guernsey County is also proud to be part of **Murals Across Ohio**, another statewide initiative of America 250-Ohio. This inspiring program celebrates the vibrant stories told through public art in every corner of our state—honoring our past, celebrating our present and imagining our future.

In Guernsey County, two murals help tell our story: the **Hopalong Cassidy Mural** and the **Patriot Park Mural**.

Cambridge's Hopalong Cassidy Mural pays tribute to our hometown hero, William Boyd—the beloved television and film actor who brought Hopalong Cassidy to life.

The Patriot Park mural in Byesville, Ohio, is a vibrant, patriotic-themed artwork installed in the village's new Patriot Park, created to honor first responders and members of the U.S. military. It serves as a focal point of the park—along with flag displays and a fountain—and reflects community pride and tribute to everyday heroes.

Local celebratory events recognizing America's unique story are planned throughout the year in Guernsey County, Ohio, ranging from sock hops and classic car cruise-ins, open houses to a community picnic.

Learn more about these events at: <https://visitguernseycounty.com/local-events/guernsey-county-america-250-ohio/>

Guernsey County is honored to join communities across Ohio and the nation in recognizing our shared history, culture and future. From our rich pioneer heritage to our vibrant present, we invite

residents and visitors alike to explore the stories, landmarks, and people that make Guernsey County a vital part of the American journey.

**February Calendar of Events:**

<b>Feb. 2</b>	Valentine Box Decorating, Crossroads Brand Library
<b>Feb. 4,11,18,25</b>	Tai Chi, Crossroads Branch Library
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Follow Your Heart Galentine's Event, Downtown Byesville
<b>Feb. 6 &amp; 20</b>	Bluegrass Concerts at Pennyroyal Opera House, Fairview
<b>Feb. 7</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Guernsey Reading Festival, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
<b>Feb. 7</b>	Hotel California – The Original Eagles Tribute Band, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Galentine's Shop Hop: Besties & Bubbly, Historic Downtown Cambridge
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Black Women in History, Crossroads Branch Library
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Chair Yoga from Iron Zen Yoga, Crossroads Branch Library
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Guernsey County Night to Shine, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
<b>Feb. 13-14</b>	Next Sto Comedy at Guernsey Brewhouse
<b>Feb. 13-15</b>	Valentine's Sweetheart Special, Dinner, Murder Mystery and Overnights, Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center
<b>Feb. 14</b>	Petals on the Palate Dinner, Old Word Garden Farms, Quaker City
<b>Feb. 15</b>	Run Your Heart Out 5K, Guernsey County Fairgrounds
<b>Feb. 17</b>	Salt Fork Festival Culinary Challenge, Cambridge Country Club
<b>Feb. 19</b>	Annual Chamber Dinner, Glitz, Glam & Gratitude, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
<b>Feb. 19</b>	Nature Story Time: Animal Tracks, Salt Fork State Park Eco-Discovery Center
<b>Feb. 21</b>	Flashback Dance, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
<b>Feb. 28</b>	Family Movie Night, Downtown Branch Library

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](mailto:info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com); or log on to [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com).

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