

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006

THE DICKENS CRIER

Hear ye, hear ye, welcome to *The Dickens Crier!*

This space will be devoted to weekly announcements regarding the Dickens Victorian Village, a project supported by Cambridge Main Street, set to open Nov. 25, 2006, and run through Jan. 15, 2007, in downtown Cambridge.

Special Events This Holiday Season

A wonderful array of events, activities, and performances are set to take place this season in conjunction with the Dickens Victorian Village display.

We hope you consider attending a few, and help us spread the word to your families and friends. Clip this column and mark your calendars. Enjoy!

Dickens at the Kennedy Stone House

Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day), 2 p.m. to dark; Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to dark; Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to dark; Nov. 26, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kennedy Stone House, Salt Fork State Park.

Stop by the Kennedy Stone House to enjoy the historic home decorated in Victorian style for the holidays as guides dressed in costume tell you about the home's history. A unique quilt display is on exhibit. Hot mulled cider and cookies will be served. Free. 740-439-3521 (park) or 740-439-2751 (lodge).

Victorian Tea & Crumpets

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, Nov. 24 through Jan. 15, 2007, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cool Beans Coffee Bar, 710 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge.

Enjoy an authentic English crumpet, Wolferman's mini English muffin, and a cinnamon twist, served with lemon curd or fruit jam, real Devon cream, strawberry cream cheese, a sprig of fruit and a sugar plum. Add your choice of hot tea, coffee, or cocoa. \$5.99. For group information, please call 740-439-9339.

"The Spirit of Christmas" music and dance show

Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 26, 2 p.m., Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge. 740-439-7009. \$12.00 adults, \$10 students. Group rates available.

Directed by Marilyn McKelvey of Dance Central, 45 local dancers in jazz, tap, and ballet, as well as singers, musicians, and actors from the Cambridge area perform two acts: "Christmas Past" and "Christmas Present."

Ensembles from the Cambridge City Band, Cambridge Singers, Dance Central, Rainbow Children's Choir and Sweet Adelines will be featured along with the cast of "A Christmas Carol."

Scenes of "Christmas Past" reflect what it might have been like in Cambridge during the 1850s, including shopping, caroling, and Christmas Eve services.

"Christmas Present" peeks into a current day home as parents face a pile of gifts needing wrapped on Christmas Eve. The gifts, such as a jack-in-the-box, GI Joe and rag dolls, come to life as the scissors, paper and ribbons race to beat the clock.

Dickens Victorian Village Opening Celebration, Lighting of the Courthouse and "A Dickens Of A Holiday" Parade

Nov. 25, 5 p.m., Wheeling Avenue, downtown Cambridge.

Be part of the inaugural celebration opening the first year of the Dickens Victorian Village. Watch the candle lighting ceremony and annual lighting of the historic Guernsey County Courthouse facilitated by the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce. More fun follows with the much-loved Chamber of Commerce holiday parade. This year's theme is "A Dickens Of A Holiday" and will feature lighted floats, bands, Santa, Father Christmas, and more!

In addition, costumed newspaper carriers will offer free commemorative special "EXTRA!" editions of *The Dickens Crier*, published by *The Daily Jeffersonian*, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. along Wheeling Avenue.

Cambridge City Band Christmas Concert

Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Scottish Rite Theatre, 941 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge. Free.

Visit with Father Christmas

Nov. 25, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., following the holiday parade; Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., Cambridge Performing Arts Center, 642 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge.

Enjoy a visit with Father Christmas, who will delight all ages, and will even offer treats to the youngsters. Don't forget to bring your camera, or purchase one of our Polaroid photos on site. Free. Small fee for Polaroid photograph.

Scone, Tea & Tour at the Colonel Taylor Inn

Nov. 25 through Jan. 15, 2007, noon to 3 p.m., Colonel Taylor Inn Bed & Breakfast, 633 Upland Road, Cambridge.

Step back in time and enjoy a scone, tea, and tour of the historic Colonel Taylor Inn, an elaborate and well-preserved Victorian mansion. Offered daily by appointment. \$5.00. 740-432-7802.

Victorian Family Party

Dec. 1, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Guernsey County District Public Library, Story Hour Room, Main Library downtown, 800 Steubenville Ave., Cambridge.

Families are invited to make a variety of Christmas ornaments that will be hung on a Christmas tree display in the Main Library. Afterward, the children's librarian will read a Christmas tale. Refreshments provided. Free. 740-432-5946.

"A Christmas Carol"

Dec. 1, 8 p.m.; Dec. 2, 8 p.m.; Dec. 3, 2 p.m.; Dec. 8, 8 p.m.; Dec. 9, 8 p.m.; Dec. 10, 2 p.m., Cambridge Performing Arts Center, 642 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge.

Enjoy this timeless tradition as our local actors perform this classic Charles Dickens play. \$10.00. 740-435-8777 or 740-432-7958.

Holiday Open House of Heritage and Arts

Dec. 2, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at three locations:

National Museum of Cambridge Glass, 136 S. 9th Street, Cambridge.

Enjoy the splendor of the Dickens era with a special display of historic glass amid holiday decorations. The Carmen dining room features the sparkling sight of an elegant table setting that evokes holiday dinners from days gone by. View a one-of-a-kind Christmas tree decorated with Cambridge Glass ornaments! Relive the feel of a holiday bazaar and find a special gift or collector's item for the season. Free.

The Guernsey County Historical Society, 218 N. 8th Street, Cambridge.

Housed in an 1820s Federal-style house decorated for the season, the historical society features rooms with both Federal

and Victorian style decor. Other rooms contain military history, fashions of bygone eras, and memorabilia and artifacts from the area. Free.

The Eastern Ohio Art Guild Art Center, 619 Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge.

Enjoy a unique holiday shopping experience with a visit to the art center located along the Dickens Victorian Village display. The art center features original works of regional artists in a variety of medium. Meet some of the artists who helped create the personalities of the Dickens Victorian Village mannequins. Refreshments will be served. Free.

Byesville Scenic Railway “Spirit of Christmas” train ride

Dec. 2, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Dec. 3, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; Dec. 9, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Departs downtown Byesville.

Learn how coal miners and their families celebrated the holiday season through a dramatic presentation performed while riding a vintage train with Santa Claus. Refreshments served for donation. \$8.00 adult, \$5.00 child.

Please see www.bsrw.org for complete information, including directions.

Christmas Art Workshop

Dec. 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 9, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Ohio Art Guild Art Center, 619 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge.

Between visits with Father Christmas, children ages 5 to 12 are invited to create a personalized Christmas ornament and Christmas card. Conducted by Cambridge City Schools art teacher Cindy Carnahan. Registration required. 740-432-8100. \$5.00.

Peddler Weekends

Dec. 2 and 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 3 and 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., along Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge.

Nonprofit groups will be strolling Wheeling Avenue as peddlers selling yummy treats like hot chocolate, cider, candy apples, baked goods, fudge, caramel corn, popcorn and candy, adding a lively atmosphere to the Dickens Victorian Village display.

Costumed newspaper carriers will offer free commemorative special "EXTRA!" editions of *The Dickens Crier*, published by *The Daily Jeffersonian*, from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9, along Wheeling Avenue.

Don't forget your camera! Photo opportunities abound, and you can also capture your smiling face in a Victorian character cutout as a memento of your Dickens experience!

High Tea at the Colonel Taylor Inn

Dec. 3, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Colonel Taylor Inn Bed & Breakfast, 633 Upland Road, Cambridge.

Step back in time and experience a little history as you enjoy an elegant tea and tour of the Colonel Taylor Inn, an elaborate and well-preserved Victorian mansion filled with authentic furniture and wares from the period. \$10.00 adult, \$5.00 child. 740-432-7802.

“Messiah”

Dec. 3, 3:30 p.m., Brown Chapel, Muskingum College campus, New Concord.

Join the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra and Maestra Laura Schumann in their performance of this time-honored musical masterpiece. \$10.00. 740-704-2422.

Holiday Tour Of Homes

Dec. 9, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cambridge.

Tour some of the most lovely homes, businesses and churches in our area, all beautifully decorated for the holidays. \$10.00. 740-439-3501.

“Christmas With The Cambridge Singers”

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 10, 3 p.m., Scottish Rite Auditorium, 941 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge.

Ring in the holidays with an exciting blend of choreography, colorful set designs and beautiful Christmas music. \$5.00. 740-432-7228.

Vintage Dancing Exhibition

Dec. 16, 4 p.m., Downtown Cambridge.

History comes alive as a Columbus dance troupe demonstrates vintage dances in an educational presentation that includes audience participation! Dancers will stroll among the Dickens Victorian Village display after the performance. Free. 740-432-6848.

New Year’s Eve Gospel Sing

Dec. 31, 7 p.m., Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge.

Enjoy the voices of the Gloryway Quartet from Mansfield, Ohio, Christian Echoes from Tornado, W. Va., and Majority from Franklin, Ind. Other performers to be announced. Free. 740-432-3787 or 740-439-7009.

Thank you!

In addition to project sponsors listed in previous *Dickens Criers*, the Dickens Victorian Village committee would like to thank the following new sponsors:

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New sponsors will be posted in future *Dickens Criers*.

A complete list of sponsors is posted on our website, www.dickensvictorianvillage.com. We invite you to join them and consider supporting this wonderful community project!