

Sunday, Nov. 26, 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.

Commemorative Merchandise Available Downtown

We hope by now you've had a chance to view the outstanding Dickens Victorian Village display downtown, which officially launched with yesterday evening's holiday parade and celebrations.

Cambridge's downtown is everyone's downtown, and we can be really proud of what it has to offer! If you have friends and family visiting during the holidays, consider bringing them downtown to see the Dickens display and all the unique and wonderful shops and eateries we have right here!

While you're downtown, you may want to consider purchasing one of the many specially designed Dickens Victorian Village commemorative merchandise items. These will surely become collectibles!

They include a Cat's Meow Village™ rendition of our very own Father Christmas available at The Towne House; handmade Victorian Christmas cards at A Little Touch of Country; the Dickens Victorian Village commemorative plate at the Eastern Ohio Art Guild Art Center; Dickens Victorian Village logo mugs, sweatshirts and T-shirts at A Taste Of Ohio; and the Dickens Victorian Village Coloring Book available at all participating merchants.

Participating Merchants

We invite you to visit the following participating merchants that feature Victorian holiday décor, staff in period costume, and commemorative Dickens Victorian Village merchandise:

A Taste Of Ohio; A Little Touch Of Country; An Enchanted Garden; Attic Trunk; Cool Beans Coffee Bar; Country Bits & Pieces; Courtyard Deli / Midtown Tavern; Dance Central; Donley's Hallmark Shop; Eastern Ohio Art Guild Art Center; Guernsey Antiques; Hidden Treasures; Kennedy's Bakery; Main Street School Supply; Ohio Traditions; Penny Court Antiques; Theo's Restaurant; Towne House; and 2C Books.

A walking tour brochure that marks the locations of these merchants, as well as the Dickens displays and their sponsors, is available at downtown shops and area hotels. The brochure also includes the Dickens-related Schedule of Events.

Please see our website www.dickensvictorianvillage for complete information.

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:

Lamplighters Club: Stop 9 Church of Christ; Terry and Vicki Leggett / REMAX Re-Partners.

Carolers Club: Cindy Carnahan.

Special thanks to the 150 volunteers who showed up to help set up the Dickens Victorian Village display on Nov. 19. We couldn't have done it without you!

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! All levels of donations are gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

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