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Cambridge, Ohio prepares for a Royal Good Time!

Cambridge, Ohio (October 4, 2013) It's good to be the queen, or at least have an opportunity to meet one! Come to historic downtown Cambridge November 8-10 and meet Queen Victoria herself during the second of eight themed weekends slated for Dickens Victorian Village properly dubbed "Queen Victoria Weekend"

Her majesty will be present at many events throughout the weekend as you explore the old fashioned "Street Fair" and Mingle with the Monarch at the Queen's Tea or Dinner with the Queen. Learn about Victorian Funeral customs at the "Gone but Not Forgotten: Victorian Funeral and Mourning Program."

Start your visit on Friday afternoon at the Dickens Welcome Center located at 643 Wheeling Avenue where you can pick up your official Visitors Guide with detailed map of Historic Downtown Cambridge. Explore the Imagination Station's costumes and props to dress the part as you try your hand at becoming a true Victorian Lady or Lad.

Before taking off on your adventure, enjoy high tea with the Queen in the Yellow Rose Tea Room. Ever wonder what a Victorian funeral was like? Well, here is your opportunity to immerse yourself in the Victorian Culture as you lay Mr. Robert McCartney to rest in the Gomber House on Friday evening.

To lighten the mood the next day, view the Queen's Parade that steps off at 1pm. Then join Her Majesty at the Dickens Street Fair for demonstrations by the Cambridge Social Dance Club and other street performers as well as the Whiskers War Beard & Mustache Contest finals. Costumed vendors will peddle their wares from street stalls and rolling carts featuring Victorian-inspired crafts, clothing, jewelry, holiday decorations and gift items. Pictures with Queen Victoria will be available as well at the Knighting Ceremony at 3:30pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

For a taste of a modern-day treasure hunt that also allows you to admire the beauty of downtown Cambridge and the Dickens Victorian Village displays, participate in Geocaching with Dickens and find approximately 80 temporary caches along the way. All cache spots are wheelchair and stroller accessible. Complimentary coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be provided for participants. Bring your family and friends for a nice evening out and share some cheer from 3pm-5pm on Saturday afternoon.

End the evening with a choice of two activities. Indulge yourself in true Victorian fashion with a good ole pub crawl! Bring your friends and sample the fine pubs in downtown Cambridge all in one night. A ticket gets you one specialty drink at each pub along with festive food and a Santa hat for the occasion! Only 125 tickets will be sold. Your other option is to join Her Majesty for a Royal Dinner at the First United Methodist Church. Live entertainment and a Royal menu will cap off your day of Victorian adventures.

To top of the weekend, the honor of your presence is requested at the knighting ceremony of Arthur J. Bennett on Sunday afternoon. To honor his accomplishments in the glass industry and for guiding his company to worldwide acclaim, Queen Victoria will arrive at the National Museum of Cambridge Glass to acknowledge his achievement with Knighthood.

If you missed the opportunity to mourn the death of Mr. Robert McCartney during the Victorian funeral on Friday evening, you have another opportunity on Sunday afternoon. Be sure to stay around and “send him off” in true Victorian style!

Dickens Victorian Village takes place from November through mid-January each year when Historic Downtown Cambridge comes to life with 89 scenes of 160 lifelike figures representing classic scenes from Victorian society. To add to the festive atmosphere, each evening from 5:30pm – 9pm, the magnificent 1881 Guernsey County Courthouse pulsates to holiday music with synchronized lights. For more information on all Dickens Victorian Village events or to purchase an individual holiday package for you or someone special on your holiday list, visit DickensVictorianVillage.com.

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