

# CELEBRATING CIRCUMAMBIENT CULTURE



*The Village Green, a life-sized replica of an 1800s Town Square at Harmon Museum and Art Gallery in Lebanon, Ohio.*

Continuing our compilation of the culture of Cincinnati, this time we're cruising beyond the city circumference to a few sites you might like to visit en route or after your stay. Please go the websites for details. (I will be providing active links in an online version of the articles in the near future.)

*Mileage estimates, shown between tilde characters, are distances from the Westin-Cincinnati, which is our official convention hotel downtown, located at 21 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.*

## Musings on Museums of Miniatures

Cincinnati, Ohio, is located in NAME's Region A-3. Out of 14 miniatures museums listed on the NAME website, we are privileged to have four in our region, plus our NAME House.

Walking through three mini "neighborhoods" in the Great American Dollhouse Museum, you can view: (1) U.S. history from Native American through Modern eras; (2) A c1910 miniature town; and (3) A forested fantasyland. The facility is wheelchair friendly, and they have a miniatures shop. Open Wednesday through Saturday. ~121 mi~ 344 Swope Drive, Danville, KY 40422 <thedollhousemuseum.com>

The KSB (Kathleen Savage Browning) Miniatures Collection at the Kentucky Gateway Museum houses the finest, fine art miniatures in the world, including a number of exclusive exhibits. A superb gift shop is on the premises. Open Tuesday through Saturday. ~61 mi~ 215 Sutton Street, Maysville, KY 41056 <ksbminiaturescollection.com>

🗨 Spoiler Alert—The 2025 NAME Gala Committee is planning a very special Gala event and dinner to be held at the KSB Miniatures Collection. Read the exciting details in your Registration Packet!

The Midwest Miniatures Museum in Michigan features fine-quality miniatures from various eras and historical periods, beautifully displayed in a historic mansion. Open Tuesday through Saturday. ~353 mi~ 20 South Fifth Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417 <midwestminiaturesmuseum.com>

The Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections, Inc. describes itself as a museum of fine art in miniature. From their oldest piece, dated 1829, through modern, it has thousands of miniatures and a shop. Open Wednesday through Sunday. ~121 mi~ 111 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032 <museumofminiatures.org>

The NAME House & Museum showcases centerpieces and souvenirs from regional and national Conventions, presents the history of the Association, and is home to NAME offices (say "Hi" to Barb and Kim). Open Monday through Friday. ~122 mi~ 130 North Rangeline Road, Carmel, IN 46032 <miniatures.org>

## Meandering through Magnificent Museums

The Glendower Historic Mansion, one of the finest examples of Residential Greek Revival architecture in the Midwest, houses the Harmon Museum and Art Gallery. The museum preserves Southwest Ohio history with its Shaker artifacts, prehistoric artifacts, four art galleries, extensive textile collection, and 1800s (indoor) Village Green. It has an elevator and a museum shop. Open Friday and Saturday only. ~32 mi~ 105 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036 <wchsmuseum.org/harmonmuseum.html>



*The Painted Room of Spencer House, in the KSB Miniatures Collection*

Called "Château Laroche," the c1929 Loveland Castle & Museum is hand-built from stones gathered from nearby Little Miami River. Enjoy the beautiful gardens, bring a picnic, and participate in a ghost hunt or a wine tasting. Open daily. ~22 mi~ 12025 Shore Drive, Loveland, OH 45140 <lovelandcastle.com>

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton features more than 350 aerospace vehicles and thousands of artifacts. Collection videos and galleries are online. Museum store is on-site and online. Open daily, free. ~60 mi~ 1100 Spatz Street, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433 <nationalmuseum.af.mil>

The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting presents the history of The VoA, Powel Crosley Jr., and radio and television. Open Saturday and Sunday. ~24 mi~ 8070 Tylersville Road, Crosley Boulevard, West Chester, OH 45069 <voamuseum.org>

The Wright Brothers National Museum has more WB artifacts on display than any other place in the world, including the first practical flying machine—the 1905 Wright Flyer III. Open daily. ~52 mi~ 1000 Carillon Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45409 <daytonhistory.org/visit/things-to-see-do/wright-brothers-national-museum>

### Highlighting Historic Houses

Take in breathtaking views from the 19th-century hilltop Behringer-Crawford Museum, with anthropological treasures and a diverse collection. Open daily ~4 mi~ 1600 Montague Road, Covington, KY 41011 <exploredevoupark.org/behringercrawford-museum>

The c1794 Christian Waldschmidt Homestead and Camp Dennison Museum is one of the best examples of Pennsylvania Dutch architecture west of the Alleghenies. Open Sunday afternoons from June through October. ~16 mi~ 7567 Glendale Milford Road, Camp Dennison, OH 45111 <www.ohiodar.org/waldindex.html>

The c1842 Dinsmore Homestead is an early Greek Revival style frame farmhouse that contains original artifacts and art. Open Fridays through Sundays. ~22 mi~ 5656 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005 <dinsmorefarm.org>

Hillforest Victorian House Museum is a stately 1855 Italianate Renaissance mansion built into a hillside near historic Aurora, IN. Open Tuesday through Sunday, April through December. ~31 mi~ 213 Fifth Street, Aurora, IN 47001 <hillforest.org>

The John P. Parker House was home to African-American inventor John P. Parker, an abolitionist and a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Open Friday through Sunday, May through October. ~52 mi~ 300 North Front Street, Ripley, OH 45167 <johnparkerhouse.net> and <en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\_P.\_Parker\_House>

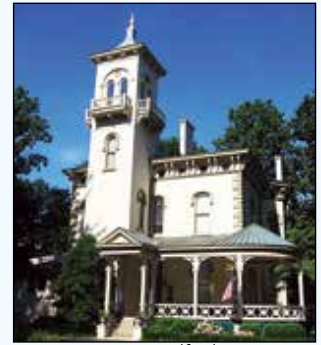
The c1828 John Rankin House was home to abolitionist and Presbyterian minister John Rankin and his family. It was one of the original and most active stops on the Underground Railroad. Open Wednesday through Sunday, April through October. ~53 mi~ 6152 Rankin Hill Road, Ripley, OH 45167 <ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/john-rankin-house>

Presenting a slice of life from the 1920s through 1950, Miller House Museum started life as a Sears Crescent kit house. Open first Saturdays and third Sundays, April through December. ~12 mi~ 7226 Miami Avenue, Madeira, OH 45243 <madeirahs.org>

The eighteenth-century Miller-Leuser Log House is one of the oldest houses in the area. Open first and third Sundays, May through October. ~10 mi~ 6550 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45230 <andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org/log-house>

The c1867 Promont House is known for its fanciful Italianate architecture and as home to John M. Pattison, 43rd Governor

of Ohio in 1906. Tours are the first, third, and fifth Sundays. ~25 mi~ 906 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150 <milfordhistory.net/promont-museum>



Promont House in Milford, OH

The Ulysses S. Grant Birthplace was the first home of the famous first child of tanner Jesse Grant and his wife. Open Wednesday through Sunday, April through September. ~25 mi~ 1551 Ohio 232, Moscow, OH 45153 <ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/u-s-grant-birthplace> Another interesting link: <ohio.org/travel-inspiration/articles/ohio-the-land-of-president-grant>

Learn about young Grant's life by visiting the Ulysses S. Grant Boyhood Home & Schoolhouse. Representing 1839, it features a teenage Grant animatronic figure that "talks" about his early life. Open Wednesday through Sunday, May through October. HOME: ~42 mi~ 219 East Grant Avenue, Georgetown, OH 45121. SCHOOLHOUSE: ~0.3 mi from the home~ 508 South Water Street, Georgetown, OH 45121. <www.ohiohistory.org/visit/browse-historical-sites/u-s-grant-boyhood-home-schoolhouse>

Ohio is nicknamed "The Mother of Presidents" because eight of 45 Presidents were from Ohio. Of those eight, four were from Greater Cincinnati: William Henry Harrison (9th), Ulysses S. Grant (18th), Benjamin Harrison (23rd), and William Howard Taft (27th).

*I hope you've found these snippets enlightening and perhaps discovered a site or two that you'd like to visit when you come to our 2025 NAME National Convention in August. Next time we'll introduce you to our phenomenal local foods. Happy 2025!*

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