Riverside Dickens Festival

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From the RDF President's Desk

As we wind up our 32nd Dickens festival, I am pleased, proud, and tired! Pleased that so many of our patrons chose to spend their weekend with us; proud that our board members and volunteers gave so generously of their time and talents; and just plain tired from all the work that goes into our events.

We're already discussing next year's events so take a minute to let us know- what did you love, and what didn't quite work for you.

We currently have openings on our board, and always welcome new volunteers who are willing to provide energy and ideas. With your help we can continue to keep the traditions alive for all lovers of literature and Victorian living. And don't forget- we love SteamPunkers too!











TO ALL DICKENS FEST ATTENDEES, GUESTS, ENTERTAINERS AND STAFF

I have posted Dickens photos from 2024 and 2025 on my website for all to view and purchase. Files are $25 ea., or 5 for $100. Here's how to view them.

www.mjeldermanphoto.com
click "Client Galleries"
click "Dickens 2024" or "Dickens 2025"

All photos are numbered. TO ORDER: send me an email at mjelderman@gmail.com with your list of numbers AND the folder they're from. You will receive high-res files in return.

HOW TO PAY: I accept Zelle (951-318-3467) or you can call me with your credit card number (also 951-318-3467). Files will be sent within 2-3 days of your payment being received. It was great to work with all of you this year, and I look forward to seeing you at next year's Festival.

--Michael J. Elderman ("the Eyes of Riverside")

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Riverside Dickens Festival Announces Board Member Intern Search

Are you passionate about history, literature, and community engagement?

Do you have the skills and dedication to help steer one of Riverside's most beloved events?

The Riverside Dickens Festival is excited to announce that we are currently seeking new Board Member Interns to join our team!

As a Board Member Intern, you will have the unique opportunity to contribute to the planning, execution, and promotion of our annual festival, which celebrates the life and works of Charles Dickens. We are looking for individuals who are enthusiastic, committed, and eager to make a positive impact on our community.

Key Responsibilities:
Collaborate with fellow board members to plan and execute the Riverside Dickens Festival.
Provide strategic guidance and support for festival activities and events.
Engage with the community, volunteers, and stakeholders to promote the festival.
Assist in fundraising efforts and securing sponsorships.
Attend regular board meetings and contribute to decision-making processes.

Qualifications:
Passion for history, literature, and community events.
Strong organizational and communication skills.
Ability to work collaboratively in a team setting.

Previous experience in event planning, nonprofit organizations, or community leadership is a plus.

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member Intern, please fill out the following form:
Board Member Intern Application Form https://forms.gle/3wr7JUsR2pVHGtWe8
We encourage all enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to apply and help us continue the legacy of the Riverside Dickens Festival.

Join us in celebrating the magic of Victorian England and the timeless works of Charles Dickens. Together, we can create memorable experiences for our community and ensure the success of this cherished festival.

For more information about the Riverside Dickens Festival and the Board Member Intern search, please contact us here in direct message or on the website.

We look forward to welcoming new members to our team!

Riverside Dickens Festival - Sponsorship Levels

The Royals $5,000

The Royals Sponsorship Level Step into the grandeur of Victorian elegance with "The Royals" sponsorship, priced at $5,000. This exclusive package offers a ticket to a future Royal Tea, where you'll indulge in an opulent experience befitting royalty. Gain access to insider information, granting you a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the festival's most cherished moments. As a crowning touch, enjoy a personal moment with the Royalty themselves—engage in delightful conversation and capture the memory with a photograph to treasure forever.

Pickwick Explorers Club $2,500

Pickwick Explorers Club Sponsorship Level Join the Pickwick Explorers Club for $2,500 and unlock an exclusive VIP experience at the Riverside Dickens Festival:

- Early Access: Get insider updates on fundraisers, events, and announcements before the public.
- VIP Seating: Enjoy prime seating at all festival events.
- Exclusive Keepsake: Receive a limited-edition commemorative mug, yours for free as a member.

Immerse yourself in the magic of Dickens with unparalleled perks and privileges.

Top Hat $1,500

Top Hat Sponsorship Level For $1,500, the Top Hat sponsorship offers a sophisticated way to support the Riverside Dickens Festival while enjoying distinguished perks. As a Top Hat sponsor, you'll be recognized for your contribution and gain access to an enhanced festival experience. This includes exclusive benefits designed to highlight your commitment to bringing Victorian charm to life, making the Top Hat sponsorship a perfect blend of elegance and meaningful support.

Dickens Devotees $1,000

Dickens Devotees Sponsorship Level For $1,000, become a proud Dickens Devotee and show your unwavering support for the Riverside Dickens Festival. This sponsorship level offers a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the celebration of Charles Dickens's legacy while enjoying special recognition for your generosity. As a Dickens Devotee, you'll be part of the festival's vibrant community, helping to preserve Victorian charm and bring it to life for all to enjoy.

Friends of Dickens $500

Friends of Dickens Sponsorship Level For $500, become a cherished Friend of Dickens and support the Riverside Dickens Festival in celebrating the enduring legacy of Charles Dickens. This sponsorship level provides an affordable way to contribute while receiving recognition for your valued support. By joining the Friends of Dickens, you'll play a vital role in preserving the charm and magic of this beloved community event.

Copperfield's Friends $350-$499

Copperfield's Friends Sponsorship Level For $350–$499, join Copperfield's Friends and become an esteemed supporter of the Riverside Dickens Festival. This sponsorship level offers a meaningful way to contribute to the festival's mission while enjoying recognition for your generosity. By becoming one of Copperfield's Friends, you'll help sustain this cherished celebration of Charles Dickens's timeless works and Victorian culture, ensuring its continued success for the community to enjoy.

Pip's Patrol $100-$349

Pip's Patrol Sponsorship Level For $100–$349, join Pip's Patrol and show your dedication to the Riverside Dickens Festival. This sponsorship level offers an accessible way to contribute to the festival's success while receiving recognition for your valuable support. By becoming part of Pip's Patrol, you'll help sustain the celebration of Charles Dickens's enduring works and the lively Victorian spirit cherished by the community.

Great Expectations $50-$99

Great Expectations Sponsorship Level For $50–$99, the Great Expectations sponsorship offers an approachable way to support the Riverside Dickens Festival. This level provides you with the satisfaction of contributing to the festival's success while helping to uphold its celebration of Charles Dickens's enduring works. Every contribution makes a difference and ensures the charm of this cherished event continues to thrive for the community.

Friends of Tiny Tim $25

Friends of Tiny Tim Sponsorship Level For $25, become a valued Friend of Tiny Tim and support the Riverside Dickens Festival in a heartfelt way. This entry-level sponsorship provides an easy and meaningful opportunity to contribute to the festival's success, helping to preserve the spirit of Charles Dickens and his timeless works. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a big difference in sustaining this cherished community event.

How to Support the Riverside Dickens Festival Through Sponsorship

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring the Riverside Dickens Festival! We've made it simple and convenient to contribute:

- **Online Payment:** Visit our official website www.dickensfest.com and follow the secure payment portal to complete your sponsorship using your credit or debit card.

- **By Check:** Make checks payable to Riverside Dickens Festival and mail them to: Riverside Dickens Festival P.O. Box 113 Riverside, CA 92502-0113

- **In Person:** Attend one of our festival events or schedule a meeting with our team to submit your sponsorship directly.

- **Bank Transfer:** For larger sponsorships, bank transfer information is available upon request. Please contact us to arrange this.

Your generosity helps bring Charles Dickens's world to life while enriching our community. Your gift is fully tax deductible as allowed by law. RDF is a 501c3 non-profit organization

Thank you for your support!



Would you like to Volunteer?



ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: OPERATIONS, EDUCATION, FASHION SHOWS, BOOK SHOP, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, DICKENS DIARY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PRINT MEDIA,EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS, FUNDRAISING, PUB NIGHT, TAVERN, FEZZIWIG'S BALL, INFORMATION BOOTH, MARKETING/PUBLICITY, OLIVER'S ALLEY,PERMITS, GRANTS, PARADE, ROYALS COORDINATING, SOCIAL MEDIA, VENDORS,VOLUNTEERS, & WEBSITE

Riverside Dickens Festival has been celebrating the life and works of the Dickensian, & Victorian era since 1993!

Join us each year during our festival of culture, educational entertainment, arts, crafts and fun!

Riverside Dickens Festival's Mission Statement:

To promote literacy, provide educational entertainment and expand awareness of social similarities between Victorian times and the present.



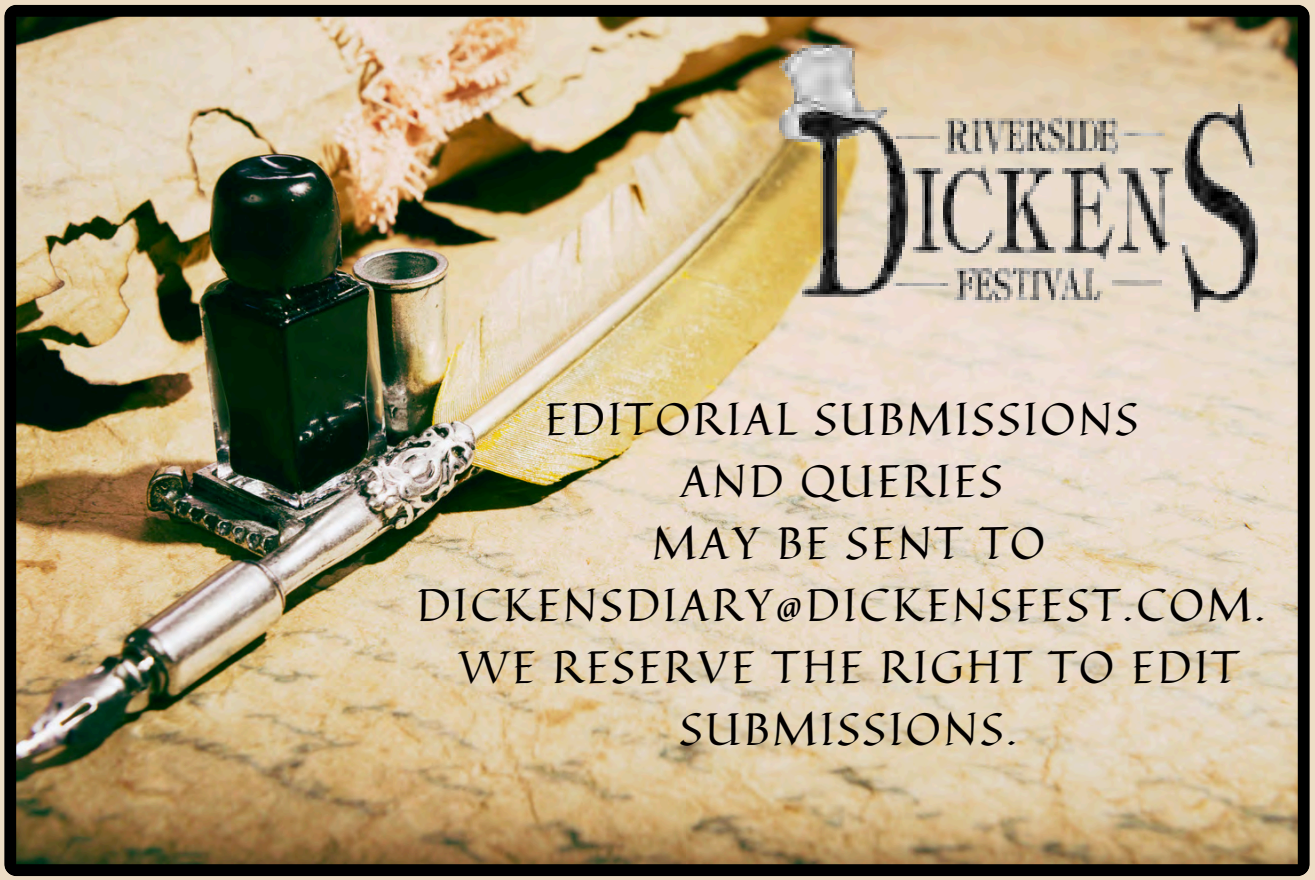




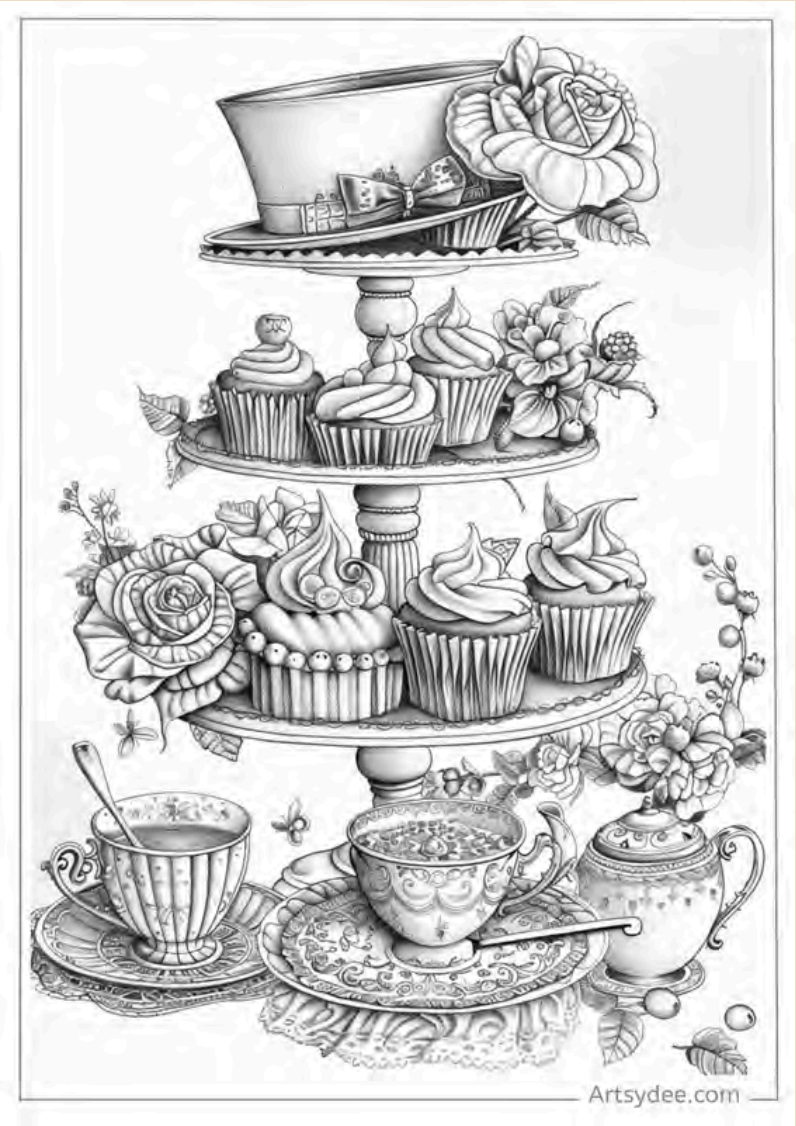


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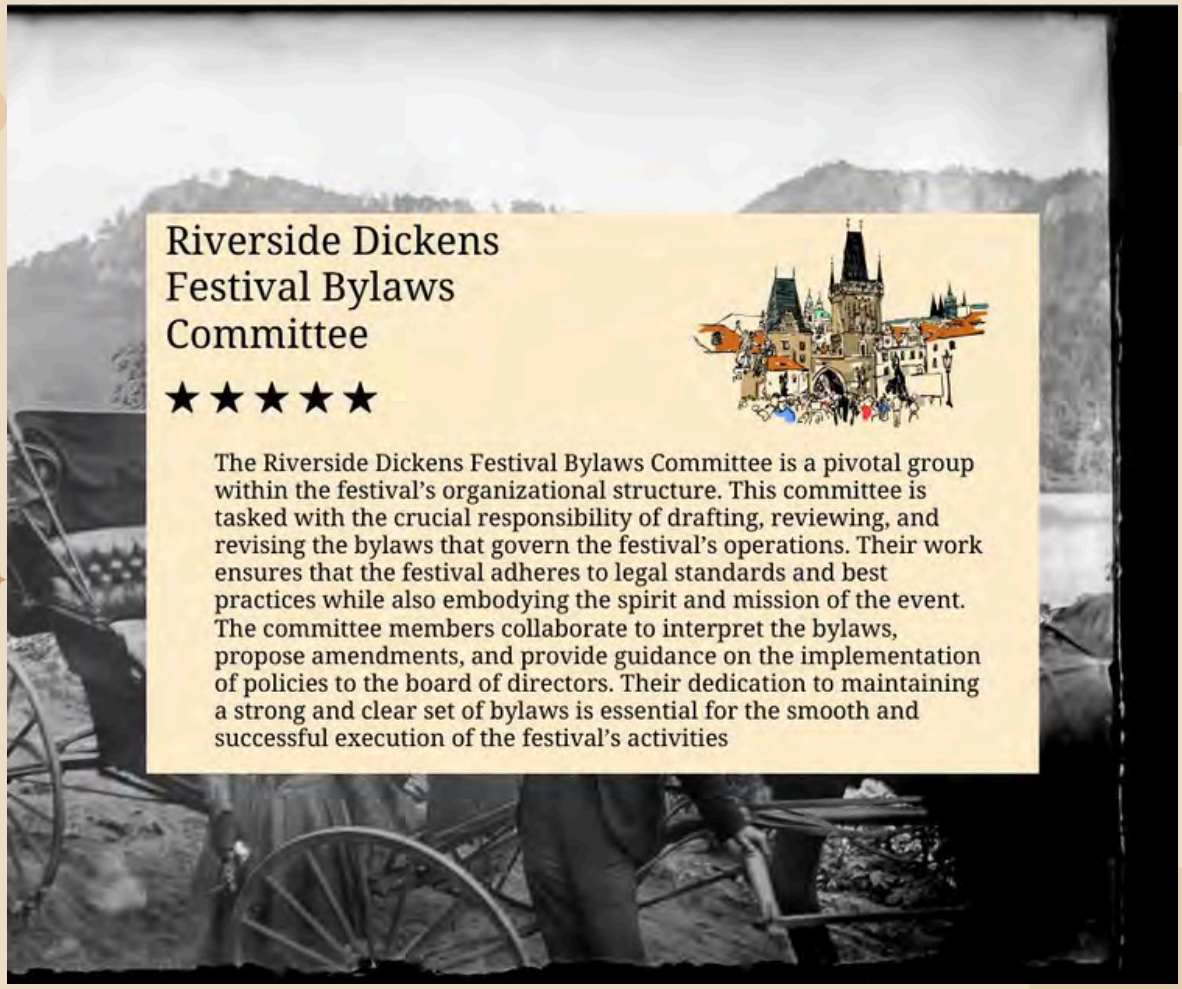


The Riverside Dickens Festival would like to extend its deepest gratitude to the First Congregational Church of Riverside, CA, for its unwavering support and generosity in serving as one of our cherished venues for over 30 years. This historic church has been a cornerstone of our festival, providing a welcoming and inspiring space where the spirit of Dickens and the Victorian era can truly come alive. Such kindness and community partnership have allowed us to grow and thrive, year after year. We humbly invite our gentle readers to visit this wonderful institution and, if possible, consider making a donation to support the church and its mission. Your contributions will help preserve this beloved gathering place for future generations to enjoy.

First Congregational Church of Riverside

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https://fccriverside.org/





Introducing the Pickwick Explorers Club:

Your Exclusive VIP Experience

Step into a world of exclusivity and early access with the Pickwick Explorers Club, the latest addition to the Riverside Dickens Festival. As a member of this elite club, you will enjoy a host of unparalleled perks designed to enhance your festival experience and keep you in the loop with all things Dickens.

Membership Benefits:

- Insider Information: Be the first to know about upcoming fundraisers, events, and special announcements. As a member, you'll receive exclusive information before it's released to the general public.
- VIP Seating: Enjoy the best views with VIP seating at all festival events. Whether it's a lively performance or a captivating lecture, you'll have the best seats in the house.
- Commemorative Mug: Receive a limited-edition commemorative mug as a token of your membership. This mug will also be available for pre-sale prior to the 2026 festival, but as a Pickwick Explorers Club member, you'll get yours for free.

Join the Pickwick Explorers Club today and immerse yourself in an exclusive Dickensian adventure like never before. Be part of a community that celebrates the timeless works of Charles Dickens with unparalleled access and privileges.