

## Blair in the spotlight



**Blair in the spotlight.** Heritage Cambridge's Karen Scott-Booth stands in front of Blair's Lamb's Inn, which is part of Saturday's heritage tour. *Ray Martin, Times Staff*  
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The village of Blair will be in the spotlight this Saturday as Heritage Cambridge revamps its annual house tour.

In previous years, Heritage Cambridge has taken participants across the city and North Dumfries to see beautifully restored homes, businesses and churches. In 2011, the entire event takes place in Blair and includes a guided tour of the Cambridge area's largest home, Cruickston Park.

The 17,000-square-foot, Victorian manor house was completed in 1858 and has been used in recent years as the backdrop for movies and television shows like *Murdoch Mysteries*.

"The essential elements of the tour are still there. We still will have wonderful homes for people to tour, but we want to offer something more," said event co-organizer Marilyn Scott. Heritage Cambridge president Karen Scott-Booth said this year's tour is not only designed to be a fun day out, but also a chance to learn.

"This year we're putting more emphasis on raising public awareness and education, so instead of our usual tour of homes, we're touring an entire heritage conservation district," she said.

"Blair is the city's largest heritage conservation district. It contains some of the region's oldest homes and the village is the oldest settlement inland of the Great Lakes."

On Saturday, Heritage Cambridge is partnering with Langdon Hall and the rare Charitable Research Reserve to tour the Blair Heritage Conservation District.

During the event there will be a guided walking tour of Blair conducted by rare volunteers at 1 p.m. Guided tours of the Blair Mill, millers house and Sheave Tower will take place at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and participants will also tour Renshaw House, Cruickston Park and Lamb's Inn.

Lamb's Inn, located at 1679 Blair Rd., will be the starting and end point for the tour. From there, participants will be get directions to the homes on the tour, take the guided walking tour of the village, have tea or catch the shuttle bus for the guided tour of Cruickston Park, Scott-Booth explained.

The tour runs from 10 to 4 p.m. and includes a tea provided by Langdon Hall being served all day at Lamb's Inn.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 and available at the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce office on Hespeler Road, Etcetera Linens and Gifts on King Street, Book Express in the Cambridge Centre and Southworks Antiques .

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