

TEXARKANA, Ark. - For all those who love dressing up in vintage attire for dinner and solving fatal mysteries, the Texarkana Museums System is once again offering this twin package deal.

TMS is bringing back its Murder Mystery Dinners, starting with "A Very Victorian Murder" Mystery, starting at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 27 at the P.J. Ahern Home at 403 Laurel St.

"Each guest participates in the mystery in some way," said TMS Curator Jamie Simmons. "Everyone is assigned a character to play and each character also has an assignment that either sheds light on the mystery, or provides a red herring that throws the other characters off the trail."

Tickets for the event, which include dinner and drinks - and which will need to be purchased in advance no later than Nov. 23, are now on sale for \$45 for non-TMS members and \$40 for Museum members, with tickets for couples set at \$80.

Besides dinner and drinks, the purchased tickets will also insure that each guest-participant will be assigned a character, however, participants won't know if they are the victim or the murderer until they arrive.

"Half the fun is not knowing until you arrive, if your character survives the night," said TMS Board President Velvet Cool. "Not everyone can be a victim, but everyone is a suspect."

The event is also designed to allow each character to have a part to play in revealing clues and setting the stage for a shocking twist, Cool added, with some guests even making it their mission to misdirect the other investigators.

Although the event starts at 6:30 p.m., guests are welcome to be there at 6 p.m.

With the Victorian Era lasting the length of Queen Victoria's reign (1837- 1901) the P.J. Ahern Home itself, constructed in 1905, comes close to nearly being included in that history. It's designated as a National Registered landmark that hosts historical programs, Exhibits and community events at the end of each month.

For more information about the event or ticket purchasing, call TMS at 903-793-4831.