

About Lakeview....

Founded in 1947, Lakeview Methodist Conference Center is one of the premiere camping, conference, and retreat centers in the United States. With over 1,200 acres of beautiful East Texas piney woods, Lakeview is an ideal setting for retreats, conferences, seminars, and meetings of all types. With a wide variety of facilities and locations around campus, Lakeview has a location just right for you.



Don and Jo Strickland Gift Shop



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Dickens Village



*Step back in time
to the splendor of
Victorian London*



Come tour our exquisite collection of the Department 56 Dickens Village on permanent display at the Strickland Gift Shop.



With over 3000 pieces, our display is the complete collection of Dickens Village through 2006.



The Dickens Village Collection was introduced by Department 56 in 1984. This display is one of a very few exhibiting the collection in its entirety.



Numbering just under 300, the miniature buildings in the collection represent Victorian London. The display also includes pieces from a series dedicated to historical landmarks and literary classics like *A Christmas Carol*.

About the donors....

It was through the generosity of Don and Jo Strickland that Lakeview was able to build a new gift shop and home for such a wonderful collection. Hailing from Somerville, Texas, the Stricklands have been long-time friends of Lakeview as well as other causes benefitting children and youth. As a passionate collector, the Dickens Village is Jo's largest collectible accomplishment. Displayed each Christmas season in their home, the Dickens Village was the showcase piece of their home tour.



**Call today to set up a
tour for your group
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