Groups will never be able to look at their televisions, bicycles or pencil sharpeners the same after a tour of these engaging museums.

EARLY TELEVISION MUSEUM | HILLIARD
Imagine the amazed faces of those who first saw televisions playing motion pictures in their living rooms. Visitors to the Early Television Museum won’t take their TV sets for granted again after visiting this museum that tracks the history of early television from the 1920s to the introduction of color television in the 1950s.

Groups watch the transformation as they walk past over 150 TV sets, many of them working. One working 60-line flying spot scanner TV camera allows guests to see themselves on the screen as they would have appeared on mechanical television in 1931.

PAUL A. JOHNSON PENCIL SHARPENER MUSEUM | LOGAN
Though most collect items like buttons or stamps, when he was in search of a retirement hobby more than 20 years ago, the Rev. Paul A. Johnson decided to collect pencil sharpeners. His collection proved so thorough with more than 3,400 items that a museum opened to showcase the collection.

Johnson still proudly shows off his collection at the Hocking Hills museum. For groups with advance notice, he can offer free sharpeners to take home as souvenirs.