

VILLAGE EVENING

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Every time I visit Gatlinburg, my all-time favorite spot to meander around it is a quaint little spot called “The Village”! It is like stepping back in time and experiencing a moment in history when life was filled with personal encounters with shop owners and friends, cool evening air and favorite experiences. The Village was dreamed into existence in 1965 at the beginning of America’s Road trip vacation experiences across our great land by a couple of local families. It almost became a Holiday Inn, at one time, but instead, they hoped they could create an experience that would draw people in and off the busy Parkway to unique shops such as the Donut Friar and other fabulous enterprises and beautiful European style architecture. This they did! As you enter the brick entrance gate from the Parkway one steps back in time to brick paved courtyards, fountains, shade trees and building styles reminiscent of the old world. Here, it seems to be OK to be a kid again and indulge our “vacation selves” with delightful sights and wonderful tastes.

After painting this scene and posting it on Facebook, I heard from dozens of folks that said “I sat in that very spot in 1969 or in 1972 with my mom and dad and ate at the Donut Friar and had cotton candy and other memorable experiences. I realized that I was bringing into focus fond memories long forgotten. I hope this scene is one from your memory which brings about the feeling of yesteryear nostalgia, great family memories, and a sense of “I want to sit a while and take it all in” here on this beautiful “Village Evening.”

SIZE	EDITION	EDITION SIZE	FRAMED	UNFRAMED
12X24	SN	495	\$695	\$545
12X24	AP	15	\$1195	\$1045
18X36	SN	295	\$1195	\$965
18X36	AP	15	\$1895	\$1665
24X48	SN	195	\$1795	\$1345
24X48	AP	15	\$2795	\$2345
36x72	PE	5	\$10500	\$9700



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