

Witch tales bring visitors to Salem

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The Salem Maritime National Historic Site is a nine-acre complex on the waterfront which has been restored and which illustrates Salem's illustrious past as a port. Salem was once the sixth largest port in the United States.

It is easy to tour most of Salem on foot. There is a booklet published by the Chamber of Commerce, available free at member offices and at most attractions, which outlines a walking tour of the city. Paths are marked on the sidewalks, so you won't have to worry about getting lost.

For a copy of the booklet or more information about Salem, write the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Old Town Hall, 33 Derby Square, Salem, Mass. 01970, or call (508) 744-0004.

There are plenty of accommodations near the downtown area. We stayed outside of town at a bed and breakfast in Manchester, about eight miles from downtown Salem.

The Old Corner Inn was built in 1865, and at one time served as the Danish Summer Embassy. The Inn, at 2 Harbor Street (State Route 127), is located in a quiet residential neighborhood. Rates start at \$50 and include a continental breakfast. Call (508) 528-4098.

Another bed and breakfast which looks lovely and has its own



The house featured in Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel, "The House of the Seven Gables," sits near the harbor in Salem, Mass.

stretch of private beach on the ocean is the White House Inn. The Inn is located at 18 Norman Street, just off State Route 127, in Magnolia, a couple miles further out. Off season rates start at \$60 and include a homemade breakfast. Call (508) 525-3642.

Toledo zoo spooks kids into scary fun

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Here are some other Haunting Halloween Happenings:

In Saugatuck there is a Halloween Harvest Festival Oct. 26-27. For information call (616) 857-2300. From Oct. 26-28 enjoy a Haunted Halloween Walk in Trenton 675-7300. That same weekend East Tawas and Tawas City are hosting an Oktoberfest at the city docks. Call (800)-55-TAWAS for more information.

At Crossroads Village in Flint Ghosts and Ghouls abound from Oct. 26-30. Call 738-7100 for more information.

Oct. 27 is a great day for scaring up some fun, with the following events featured: There will be a Halloween Scare Trail in the Dr. T. K. Lawless Park in Cassopolis (616) 445-8511.

Closer to home, the Detroit Historical Museum will host a Halloween Party. Get into the "spirit" of things at this costume party on the haunted streets of Old Detroit. For more information call 833-1419.

Experience Sloan's Spooky Saturday at the Sloan Museum in Flint, (313) 762-1169. A Halloween Parade and Party will take place at Mid-

town Hall in Iron Mountain (908) 774-0481.

If you enjoy magic, the Magic Show at the Houghton Lake Playhouse will be the place to go on the 27th. Call (517) 386-5644.

In Hastings, the Barry Country Expo Center will be the home of the Fiddler's Jamboree and Dance on the same day. For information call (313) 434-3442.

Visit Dracula's Dungeon from October 28-31 at the Gratiot Historical Barn in Ithaca, (517) 875-5043.

The Shanghai Acrobats and Imperial Warriors of Peking, featuring acrobats, magicians and jugglers of the Peking Opera, tour the state the last week of October. In Jackson they will be appearing at the Porter Center Music Hall at Jackson Community College on Oct. 27. Call (517) 789-1600.

They will also appear in Ann Arbor at U of M's Power Center on Oct. 28. Call 763-8587. From there they will go to Kalamazoo, where they will perform at the Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University. For more information on their Kalamazoo appearance call (800) 228-9858.

Cranbrook Writers' Guild is auc-

tioning off several Royal Viking cruises during its Literary Solree and Auction Saturday Oct. 27, with proceeds to go to aspiring writers. The silent auction will be held at 8 p.m., live auction at 9 p.m., at Cranbrook House Library, 380 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at \$25 per person.

The Guild holds regular events at Cranbrook to raise money for the annual Cranbrook Writers' Guild Summer Conference, which has been helping university-level aspiring writers for 23 years.

A seven-day cruise for two people to Bermuda on the Royal Viking Line, valued at \$4,000 by the cruise line, is one of several cruises donated by Royal Viking and The Cruise Society of Bloomfield Hills.

If you want to evaluate this cruise, call Royal Viking (800) 422-8000. Their regular per person rates range

from \$1,260 in an inside room in the "basement" of the ship, to \$3,500 for a penthouse. That \$4,000 would buy two people one of the best cabins; suites are higher.

A number of other items will be auctioned, including a 1790 John Dryden book, a Ben Shahn graphic and numerous rare or unusual books. Call Frank Angelo at 646-6058 to make absentee bids or for more information.

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