



**JOSIAH HENSON'S HOUSE**— This two-story dwelling was home to Josiah Henson, whose early life in slavery provided much of the material for the novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Railway, which carried 30,000 to 50,000 runaway slaves from the United States into southern Ontario.

To reach the Raleigh Township Centennial Museum, take Highway 401 to the Tilbury exit, follow County Road 8 to County Road 14, and then go north into North Buxton. This museum is open May 1 through September. Telephone Kent County tourism at (519) 351-1010 for information on either of these two museums.

Follow Highway 18 south from the Ambassador bridge to Amherstburg if you want to explore the North American Black Historical Museum and Cultural Center at 277 King St. It only costs a dollar and is open Wednesday through Sunday mid-March to November. Telephone

(519) 736-5434.

The John Freeman Wells Historic Site can be reached by taking Highway 401 to Exit 28 (Pace Rd.) and turning north towards the river. It is in Maidstone Township. Also open mid-May to September. Telephone (519) 258-6253.

Please let me know if you hear anybody singing "It thrills my very soul just to see the billows roll and to know like the waves I'm free." It's probably somebody who learned that song at his grandmother's knee. *Irv Jones is a well known travel writer whose articles appear frequently in Detroit and Chicago newspapers and magazines. She and her husband, Micky, whose photos accompany the articles, share their getaway ideas with you.*

## Ice palace, light show top Winterfest attractions

**Detroit—**

An international indoor ice sculpting exhibition featuring a 15-man team of Japanese ice carving chefs is the cornerstone of WINTERFEST '91, a family entertainment extravaganza scheduled Jan. 25-Feb. 3 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

The Japanese team from the Sapporo Snow Festival (perhaps the most prestigious ice and snow carving event in the world) along with American chefs will fill the State Fairgrounds Coliseum with large, ornate ice sculptures, including a 30-foot ice palace. More than 100,000 people are expected to attend over the 10-day period, which would make the event the largest festival of its kind in the United States.

Twenty major snow carving exhibitions and five ice carving competitions (college, high school, professional) are also scheduled to take place throughout the festival in the fairground's sheltered mall areas. Professional carvers from throughout the U.S. are expected to participate. "WINTERFEST '91 will not be at

the mercy of the weather in terms of maintaining the integrity of the sculptures," director Jaime Kleinstreet says. "We avoid these problems by exhibiting the majority of the ice and snow sculptures in the sheltered cool environments of the Coliseum and the Michigan Mall."

WINTERFEST '91 will present a spectacular lighting program which will transform the Coliseum ice sculptures into a luminous ice wonderland certain to delight and entertain people of all ages. Other special events scheduled include a food court, entertainment center, arts and crafts show, sleigh rides, dog sled exhibition and appearances by local sports personalities.

Admission to WINTERFEST is \$5 for adults, \$2 children. Advance group rates are available. Fairgrounds parking rates are \$2 per vehicle, \$4 per bus.

Call 313-868-8804 for more information.

The Michigan State Fairgrounds is located at 8 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

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