

Festivals highlight state's June schedule

June's calendar is a montage of happy days according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

If you're attracted to antiques, bargains or treasure hunts, this month's line-up of flea markets should give spirits a lift.

The Merry Marketeers will be setting up shop June 8 at Franks Nursery and Trims in Okemos, at Holt Plaza in Holt June 22 and at the Meridian Mall, Okemos, June 29-30.

The Harborside Flea Market — one of the season's largest conglomerations of just about every-

thing — is June 8 at East Park in Charlevoix. Double barreled activity takes place June 16 at the Antique Auto Show and Flea Market at the fairgrounds in Saginaw.

A sunny assortment of festivals leads off with Festival '74, a celebration of the arts in Grand Rapids June 9-9. In addition to demonstrations of crafts and the graphic arts, visitors will be shown a festival of films ranging from the classics to contemporary to children. Included will be "Top Hat" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers and Douglas Fairbanks in "Black

Pirate." Appetites can be appeased at 18 ethnic food booths and a special youth area will feature an 80-foot graffiti wall.

A ROSE by a rose is a rose, but the Jackson County Rose Festival June 8-16 gives added dimension to blossoms. The affair opens with the Rosequeen Pageant which has been recognized as one of the five best local pageants in the United States. Saturday, June 15, Woody Herman will provide music to dance to and on Sunday comes the big parade featuring strutting

Shrine units from southeastern Michigan. And, all week long festival guests may visit Jackson's rose garden in Ella Shroyer Park as well as 15 private gardens displaying more than 1,000 of different varieties of roses.

Another festival is Mackinac Island's celebration of lilac blossoms June 9-16. Festivities include the coronation of the queen and a parade of bands and horse drawn floats, but the big attraction is the hundreds of varieties of lilac trees in bloom. Many of the trees were brought to the island by the French about 200 years ago.

Bands, homemade pretzels and foamy steins of beer are a few of the "Willkommen!" ingredients of the Bavarian Festival June 9-15 at Frankemuth. Parades and polkas, lederhosen and dirndls, knackwurst and German bread add zest to the spirit of "Old World" fun and charm.

jumping contest are only a few of the activities scheduled.

"Free as a bird" might well be the motto of the National Glider and Soaring Festival June 29-July 6 at Frankfort. In the 1930's, Frankfort was known as the "Soaring Capital of America." In recognition of this distinction, the Frankfort/Elberta Soaring Hall of Fame was established in 1973 and the festival was inaugurated. This year's edition has attracted more than 100 entries from 15 states for the hang gliding meet and impressive number of glider soaring pilots and aircraft. Other events on the agenda will include an American open hydroplane race, parade, fireworks, musket show, slowpitch softball tournament, fish bake, chicken barbecue and beerfest.

DETROIT'S ETHNIC Festival Program for June leads off with the Slovak Festival June 7-9 followed by the German Festival

June 14-16, the Italian Festival June 21-23 and the American Festival June 28-30. The weekend festivals are held throughout the summer on the riverfront behind Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Other festive get-togethers include: the Strawberry Festival June 8 at DeWitt; Bay Country Days June 14-16 in Bay City, Fur Trade Rendezvous at Charlton Park near Hastings June 15-16, and the National Bluegill Frolic at Marcellus June 28-29.

Canoe Races are scheduled on the Tawas River at Tawas June 9 and the Huron River at Rockwood June 15. If your putting's not quite up to par, you might pick up a few pointers at the Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament June 18-22 at the Belevedere Golf Club, Charlevoix.

For a complete listing of June happenings, summer events and vacation information, write the Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing, 48926.



To perform Saturday

The Michigan Ballet Theatre will be among performing companies at the Mid-States Regional Ballet Festival culminating concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. The company is shown preparing "La Poeme Pastorale," a dance they'll perform during

the event. It was choreographed by the company's artistic director, Evelyn Kreason. The concert will include others of the 13 companies participating in the weekend-long festival of master classes with famous teachers and performers.

The Irish take over

Detroit's Irish will take over the riverfront at Cobo Hall Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the second Ethnic Festival of 1974.

Immediately following the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday, entertainers including groups from Ireland will perform. These include Ina McLaren and Al Purcell; Sean and Gary Broderick, Pat's People and Ireland's Traveling People.

The entertainment will resume Saturday and Sunday beginning at noon and will feature 300 dancers and many bands.

some funny, some serious, will be highlighted.

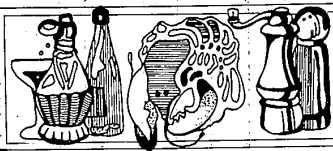
The newly designed ethnic cultural booth will feature Irish dancing costumes, Irish dancing shoes, Irish Harp, map and linen, antique glassware and books, Irish clothes and an Irish rebel's pike used during the 1848 Irish Rebellion.

Irish foods available will include stew, soda bread, sausage on a stick, Irish beer, jamams and biscuits.

Festival goers will have an opportunity to buy embroidery on Irish linen, Waterford crystal, black pawn sticks, luck-producing shilleighs and flags from all 32 counties of Ireland.

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