

# Museums recall historical past

**R**ECREATING THE PAST is the special reason for many museums in the metropolitan Detroit area. Chief among these is Greenfield Village in Dearborn, one of the nation's top tourist attractions.

This summer, as it does year-round, Greenfield Village offers colorful events that supplement its unique presentation of actual historic buildings, furnishings and other articles of yesteryear.

The colors of the American Revolution will be on display during the annual Colonial Music and Military Muster on Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14. An assembly of 18th-century American and British troops, along with several fife and drum corps, will recall military customs, martial music and rural life.

Regular village admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are admitted free. The museum also has two-day admission tickets available, plus senior citizen and group rates.

THERE IS no additional charge for the Colonial Music and Military Muster beyond the museum admission.

The village's annual Fire Engine Muster will be held Saturday-Sunday, July 27-28. About 100 fire engines, ranging from hand-drawn to horse-drawn to motor-operated rigs, will be displayed. A noon parade, followed by judging, is planned for both days.

Other festivals scheduled at Greenfield Village include the sixth annual Bluegrass and Traditional Music Festival on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11; the Gas and

Steam Engine Weekend on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 17-18, and the annual Old Car Festival on Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 7-8.

Greenfield Village is a 240-acre outdoor museum with a collection of historic homes, workplaces and community buildings. Henry Ford Museum is a 14-acre indoor museum with major collections in Transportation, Power, Agriculture, Lighting, Communications and Home Arts.

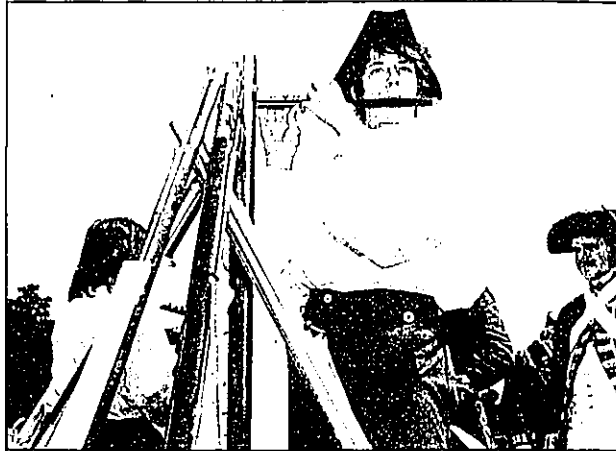
The village and museum are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call 271-1620, or call 271-1976 for 24-hour recorded basic information.

SUMMER IN Greenfield Village also means Suwanee Park is open, through Labor Day. An old coin arcade, Victorian soda fountain and a 1913 carousel are some of the delights that give families a way to experience the bygone era.

At the park, visitors may board the steamboat Suwanee for leisurely rides on the lagoon. The stern-wheeler has been running for more than 50 years and hauls nearly 50,000 passengers a season.

A new attraction at Greenfield Village this summer is the Firestone Farm, originally the Ohio home of industrialist Harvey Firestone. The house, barn and surrounding land are being presented as an operating farm of the 19th century.

The Henry Ford Museum Theatre stages comedies of the 19th and 20th centuries. "The Station Master's Daughter," which opened in June, resumes from Friday, July 12, to Saturday, July 20. "The Male Animal" is the next play, running Friday, Aug. 16, through Saturday, Sept. 14.



Stacked muskets and a piccolo player contrast the activity at the upcoming Colonial Music and Military Muster on Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Another area museum that looks at the past is the Detroit Historical Museum, whose "Streets of Old Detroit" follow the city's life in the 1840s, 1870s and early 1900s. The museum at 5401 Woodward is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. Admission charge is voluntary. Phone 833-1805 for information.

Other museums of note include the His-

torical Fort Wayne and Great Lakes Indian Interpretive Museum at 6325 W. Jefferson, open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and the Dossin Great Lakes museum on Strand Drive on Belle Isle, open from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. For further information, call Fort Wayne at 297-9360, Dossin at 267-6440.

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