

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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Museums, mansions "Deck the Halls"



Christmas exhibit:
Rochester Hills Museum volunteer Pat Brown with one of the rocking horses on display at the museum through Jan. 28.

Holidays are happy times spent with family and friends. Everyone has a favorite memory—going to see the big tree at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, singing carols at Noel Night, and strolling through Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University.

There's lots to do, and see. You might even start some new holiday traditions this year.

■ A holiday filled with the sights and sounds of American history awaits visitors to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn through Jan. 1. For admission is \$12.50 adults; senior citizens, 62 and over, \$11.50; children 6-12, \$6.25; children under 5 free. Admission the museum and village is separate. Combination tickets are available.

"Traditions of the Season" offers visitors a wealth of opportunities to bask in the glow of holiday lights and be dazzled by decorations and hands-on activities while listening to the songs and stories of this most festive of times," said Mary Lynn

Heininger.

"Our holiday visitors will discover how Americans have celebrated the season through the centuries and can even start some traditions of their own. A visit to the Museum and Village during the holiday season has become a ritual for many families, and our teams of dedicated staff and volunteers have been working for months to present holiday experiences that will become cherished memories."

An indoor winter wonderland greets Henry Ford Museum visitors as they encounter a three-story tree that sparkles with light. Santa will greet youngsters to hear their wishes daily through Dec. 24.

Outdoors, Greenfield Village visitors can experience a variety of seasonal celebrations at the 19th-century Firestone Farm and Edison Home. Visitors to the Sarah Jordan Boardinghouse will discover how Mrs. Jordan prepared for America's first lighting exhibition. Many of Thomas Edison's Menlo Park laboratory workers lodged at this home, which enjoyed a flash of

fame on New Year's Eve 1879 with Edison's first public demonstration of his electric lighting system.

■ The Henry Ford Estate—Fair Lane, is just minutes away on the University of Michigan. Dearborn campus on the northwest corner of Michigan Ave. and Evergreen. From Dec. 1-31, the 66-room estate, home of Henry Ford and his wife, Clara, for 35 years, offers a variety of ways to celebrate the season. It is surrounded by a 78-acre wildlife refuge. For reservations or a schedule of events call (313) 693-6590.

This year's theme is "The Spirit of Christmas." The historic rooms of the residence are decorated by local florists. Historical interpreters guide visitors through the estate and riverside Powerhouse. Tours offered 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. 2 & 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. The cost is \$7 per person, senior and children rates available.

Special events for children include breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2 (cost \$9 per person, call for reservations) and Fantasia's Workshop 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 16 (cost \$5 per person, reservations required for groups). After visiting Santa in his workshop, children receive a special gift and sample a cup of hot oyster soup.

Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasure, 1 & 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & 20 offers a traditional English Cream Tea, tour and 10 percent discount at the Estate Shop, (cost is \$10 per person, call for reservations). Holiday Luncheon Concerts will be presented 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Tuesday, Dec. 12 & Thursday, Dec. 14 (cost \$19 per person, call for reservations). Dine in the glow of candlelight, and end the evening with the music of the season 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 (\$38 per person, call for reservations) or tour the estate by candlelight 6-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-28. Tour ends with spiced mulled cider, (cost \$7, reservations required for groups).

■ Thousands of visitors will visit Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University during Christmas Walk, now through Dec. 10. This is the 25th anniversary of the annual Christmas Walk. Thirty-two local floral designers and merchants donated their time and expense to decorate every nook and cranny of the former home of Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge.

Christmas Walk, begun in 1971 by Marian Mitchell of Bloomfield Hills, quickly became an annual tradition and a major source of income for maintenance and preservation of the hall.

In keeping with the silver anniversary theme, the hall's decor is highlighted with silver. Toys and trees and lights and music make this an ideal family outing.

The Christmas Walk is open for a 1:30 p.m. tour Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 27-29. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 10. The only

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