

Around the Midwest

By Phil Marty

SPECIAL TO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Illinois

April 27-May 1: 13th annual Roger Ebert's Film Festival, Champaign. The iconic film critic handpicks films to share with the audience. Fees vary; 217-244-0552; ebertfest.com. Miles from Chicago: 140

Indiana

April 29-May 7: Orleans Dogwood Festival. The Dogwood Pedal, with bicycling routes up to 50 miles, has been added to the schedule for this weeklong celebration of the flowering of the dogwoods. Fees vary; 812-653-8062; orleansdogwoodfestival.com. Miles from Chicago: 270

April 29-30: Indiana Historical Radio Society's Antique Radio Swap & Sell Meet, Kokomo. Lots of vintage radio gear available. Fee applies; indianahistoricalradio.org/ihrsched.htm. Miles from Chicago: 160

Through June 26: "Woman as Artist, Woman as Muse: Diamond Collection Posters of the Belle Epoque, 1890-1910," Michigan City. The Lubeznik Center for the Arts shows a collection of rare, original art nouveau advertising posters. Free; 219-874-4900; lubeznikcenter.org. Miles from Chicago: 60

Iowa

April 30-May 1: Maifest.



Old World Wisconsin opens a new season of events amid historical farmsteads in the Wisconsin woods.

Amana Colonies. Welcome spring with the Taste of Amana, Maipole dancing, German music and lots of ethnic activities. Most events free; 800-579-2294; festival.sinamana.com. Miles from Chicago: 245

Michigan

April 29-30: Chef's Challenge, Boyne Falls. Boyne Mountain Resort hosts this fundraising event, which includes tastings and chefs going head to head. Fee

varies; 231-582-1186; chefs-challenge.com. Miles from Chicago: 350

Through Dec. 18: The Sunday Artisans Market, Ann Arbor. This market in the city's Kerrytown District features a variety of media, including glass, textiles and fiber arts, wood, ceramics, jewelry and more. Free; artisanmarket.org. Miles from Chicago: 245

June 11: Michigan Mountain Mayhem, Boyne City. Though it's a ways off, registration has nearly

topped out already for this cycling event that has 50K, 100K, 160K and 200K options. Fee applies; 231-582-0542; michiganmountainmayhem.com. Miles from Chicago: 355

Missouri

April 28-30: Herb Days, St. Louis. The Garden Gate Shop and the St. Louis Herb Society host this event at the Missouri Botanical Garden. A variety of potted herbs on sale, along with demon-

strations and help selecting, planting, growing and using herbs. Fee for garden admission; 314-577-5100; mobot.org/events/calendar.asp. Miles from Chicago: 300

Ohio

April 28-May 8: Tri-C Jazz-Fest, Cleveland. This is billed as Ohio's largest music festival and includes local, national and international artists, lectures and workshops. Smokey Robinson will be making his first appearance at the festival. Fees vary; 216-987-4444; triczjazzfest.com. Miles from Chicago: 345

Wisconsin

May 1: Old World Wisconsin opens, Eagle. The outdoor living-history museum owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society has more than 30 special events on the schedule for the 2011 season, which runs through Oct. 31. 262-594-6301; oldworldwisconsin.org. Miles from Chicago: 105

April 29-May 1: 2011 Women's Weekend, Lake Geneva. A spa night, a tour of one of the Midwest's great summer homes, a sunset champagne cruise and musical entertainment are among the activities. Fee varies; lakegenevawomensweekend.com. Miles from Chicago: 80

MidwestEventsTrib@yahoo.com

