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What's Happening This June at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for Firefly Fridays, Celtic Faire, Juneteenth, Father's Day, and more!

Mumford, NY (May 21, 2026) – Genesee Country Village & Museum continues its 50th anniversary season in June with a jam-packed month of daily programming and exciting special events. Spanning over 600 scenic acres, GCV&M invites visitors of all ages to explore our Historic Village, world-class Gallery, and immersive Nature Center or attend one of the special programs offered throughout the month. Here's a sneak peek of what's happening at GCV&M this month:

Firefly Fridays - Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 8–10 p.m.

Fireflies—also known as lightning bugs, glowworms, or members of the Lampyridae family—are magical little creatures. Come join us to learn more about them and their powers of bioluminescence, right in their natural habitat. Bring your family for a guided evening hike across from our main campus in our Oatka Creek meadow, a place visitors don't normally get to see.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/series/firefly-fridays/>.

Celtic Faire - Saturday, June 13 & Sunday, June 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

From the Scottish Highlands, Emerald Isles, and rugged Welsh coastline to the Genesee Valley, Celtic traditions and roots run deep. Explore this rich culture at the pan-Celtic celebration of heritage music, dance, and authentic food and drink.

- Cheer on the [Buffalo Heavies](#) as they compete in historical Scottish demonstrations of strength, agility, and skill. Then, jump into the action yourself—visitors are invited to join the athletes for an impromptu sheaf toss on Saturday at 3 p.m. to test their own strength and technique.
- Listen in to Livingston County Historian Holly Watson tell the story of Sara Jane McBride, a 19th-century Caledonia woman who was one of the pioneers of entomology and fly tying.
- Rock out to the stirring rhythms of Celtic Spirit Pipe Band, Feadán Òr, Roc City Guardians Pipes and Drums, and [Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann of Rochester](#). Listen as the Museum echoes with the thrum of traditional melodies as played by local pipe bands. Heart-pounding dance demonstrations by [ROCeltic](#) and [Rochester Academy of Irish Dance](#) will keep you on your feet!
- Visit booths from more than 20 clans to learn about lineage, genealogy, tartan history, and a host of other topics, and shop vendors offering everything from delectable Welsh cookies to exquisite knotwork jewelry, from fairy paraphernalia to gorgeous knits.

Celtic Faire is sponsored by Sage Rutty & Company. For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/celtic-faire>.

Father's Day: Sunday, June 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Dads enjoy FREE admission for Father's Day! Get up close with their historical trades, speak with historical farmers about their daily tasks, and meet animals on the Early Settlement Farm, or take in a vintage base ball game at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Don't miss the newest exhibit in the John L. Wehle Gallery, *An Extraordinary Attraction: 50 Years of History, Art, & Nature*. Top off your visit with sweet treats from the Confectionery or grab a special Father's Day Chicken Barbeque Dinner (available on-site only). For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/item/fathers-day-at-gcvm/>.

Juneteenth: Wednesday, June 18 & Thursday, June 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us Thursday, June 18, and Friday, June 19, as we honor Juneteenth, considered the oldest celebration of the end of enslavement in the United States and an official federal holiday. Children age 12 and under get free admission on Friday, June 19!

- Go on a kid-oriented Opal Lee walk around Village Square and celebrate this amazing activist who helped make Juneteenth a federal holiday.
- Learn about the history of enslavement and freedom in Western New York in four Historic Village houses from our trained historians.
- Visit Altay Store to learn about Austin Steward, a Black entrepreneur and author in Rochester who freed himself from slavery.
- In the Seminary, learn about and from Francis Barrier Williams, a civil rights leader and the first Black woman to graduate from SUNY Brockport.
- Stop into Brooks Grove Church for call and response songs.
- Learn the history of Juneteenth and its importance in Town Hall.
- Talk with a leathersmith on Village Square and learn about the history of Black tradesfolk (Thursday only)
- Take the Toward Freedom and Fairness Walking Tour: Beginning at the Tollhouse and visiting the Land Office, Quaker Meeting House, Livingston-Backus House, and Nathaniel Rochester House, all of which were part of the story of enslavement and freedom in the Genesee Valley in the 19th-century, guests will expand their learning about enslavement and freedom beyond Frederick Douglass.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/juneteenth/>

Extended Hours: Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

We'll be open until 8 p.m.! This will be the second in our series of extended evening hours this season. A dozen buildings in the Historic Village will be open, along with the Flint Hill Store, John L. Wehle Gallery, and the Genesee Country Nature Center and trails. Learn from costumed interpreters and tour spaces and buildings representing home, civic, social, economic, farm, and religious life throughout the 1800s.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/item/extended-hours-2/2026-06-26/>

National Youth Takeover Day: Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

GCV&M, along with organizations across the country, will hand over the mic, the space, and the storytelling to the next generation. Highlighting their voices, ideas, and leadership as we commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary and imagine new ways to build a stronger, more connected future. Gen Z (age 14-29, born between 1997-2012) | gets in FREE!

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/item/national-youth-takeover-day/>

Corsets & Crowns: Saturday, June 27, 6–9 p.m.

Starch your petticoats, tighten your corsets, and celebrate the artistic expression of drag at GCV&M's 3rd Annual Corsets & Crowns event! An ode to Genesee Valley drag performances and female impersonation in 19th-Century Western New York, enjoy drinks and a delicious buffet dinner, discover the historic roots of drag, and be dazzled and delighted by modern queens. Join Mrs. Kasha Davis, Darienne Lake, and Carmen Adore for an evening of music, comedy, cheer, laughter, and history-inspired fun.

Corsets & Crowns is sponsored by Trillium Health. For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.gcv.org/item/corsets-crowns>

Historic Base Ball

GCV&M offers the nation's most comprehensive 19th-century base ball program, featuring five men's teams and two women's teams. The vintage base ball teams unpack their woolen uniforms, brown balls, and double-knobbed bats to play in Silver Base Ball Park, the first replica 19th-century base ball park in the country.

The men's teams will play double-headers on Sunday, June 7, Sunday, June 21, and Sunday, June 28 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the women's teams will play on Saturday, June 13 at 1 p.m. Games are included with Museum admission.

Summer Workshops

From cooking and wool spinning to heirloom flower arrangements and woodworking, GCV&M has a timeless skill for every interest! Museum experts guide participants to explore new hobbies and skills, and give a taste of life in the 19th century.

Printmaking Workshop – Saturday, June 27 <https://www.gcv.org/item/printmaking-workshop/2026-06-27/>

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Photo 1: Don't miss Firefly Fridays at Genesee Country Village & Museum, June 5, 12, 19, 26

Photo 2: Don't miss Celtic Faire at Genesee Country Village & Museum, June 13 & 14

Photo 3: Don't miss Historic Base ball at Genesee Country Village & Museum on Sundays

Additional photos and b-roll are available by request. To request an interview, or be removed from this mailing list, contact kburns@gcv.org

GCV&M is the largest living history museum in New York State with the largest collection of historic buildings in the Northeast. The Museum, with its John L. Wehle Gallery, working brewery, vintage base ball park, and Nature Center, is located in Mumford, NY, 20 miles southwest of Rochester and 45 miles east of Buffalo. Visit www.gcv.org for more information.