

Civil War Remembrance Weekend

Greenfield Village – The Henry Ford Museum
Dearborn, MI • May 23-25, 2009

Not an Inch to Spare: Pieced, Altered, Re-Made and Over-Dyed Clothing

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“Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”

Mid-nineteenth century dressmakers and tailors were experts at creating clothing while “practicing economy”. These economies included cutting and piecing during the initial construction, mending, alterations for size and style, and over-dyeing to cover fading, stain and wear. Profusely illustrated, this presentation will show how some garments and fabrics could and were used for several decades. If you enjoy history, fashion, sewing or fine craftsmanship, you’ll enjoy seeing how “making do” was done c.1855-1865.

Presentation Schedule

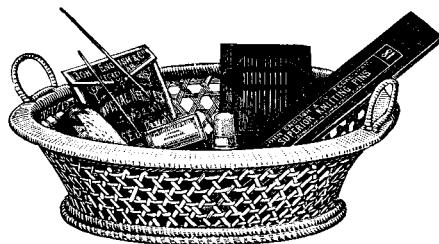
Saturday, May 23 – 5:30PM

Sunday, May 24 – 1:30PM

Monday, May 25 - 11:00 AM

A display of original garments pieced, altered, mended and re-made clothing will accompany the presentation.

Information on other Civil War Remembrance activities at Greenfield Village may be found at <http://www.thehenryford.org/events/civilWarRemembrance.aspx>



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