Call to Makers Now Open for Maker Faire Detroit 2014 at The Henry Ford Call for Entries Open through June 6, 2014

(**Dearborn, MI – April 1, 2014**) – Attention all makers, tinkerers, inventors, hackers and do-it-yourselfers: The call for entries is now open for Maker Faire Detroit 2014 at The Henry Ford. Now in its fifth year, this unique, two-day, family-friendly event promises to bring makers from all over the nation to celebrate their unbridled creativity and resourcefulness. Maker Faire Detroit will be held July 26-27, 2014, from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

To participate in Maker Faire Detroit, an entry form must be completed at http://www.makerfairedetroit.com/call-for-makers. Entries can be submitted by individuals or by groups, such as hobbyist clubs and schools. The Henry Ford particularly encourages exhibits that are interactive and that highlight the process of making things. The closing date for all entries is June 6, 2014.

Maker Faire Detroit is looking for a wide variety of eclectic, diverse and out-of-the-box ideas that highlight the DIY and tinkerer spirit. Exhibits and displays can range from student projects, robotics, 3D printers and CNC mills, textile arts and crafts, home energy monitoring, rockets and R/C toys, sustainability, green tech, radios, vintage computers and game systems, electronics, electric vehicles, biology/biotech and chemistry projects, , puppets, kites, bicycles, shelter (tents, domes, etc.), and unusual tools or machines,

Help kickoff the Call to Makers this year during Week of Geek, now through April 5. Activities include Tinker.Hack.Invent Saturday inside Henry Ford Museum and open maker spaces at i3Detroit, Maker Works and TechShop throughout the week. GR Makers will be hosting a meeting on April 2 from 8 pm - 12 am. Stop by Detroit Public Library for Crafternoon on April 3 from 4 pm - 5:45 pm and on April 5 Arts and Scraps will be hosting a free Robot Institute from 11 am - 3pm.

For more information, visit our website at www.makerfairedetroit.com or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/makerfairedetroit. Maker Faire Detroit is independently produced by The Henry Ford in collaboration with Maker Media.

About The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan is an internationally-recognized cultural destination where stories and artifacts from 300 years of America's history bring to life the accomplishments of ordinary and extraordinary individuals alike. A national historic landmark with five unique venues, unparalleled collections and world-class expertise, The Henry Ford is a force for fueling the spirit of American innovation and inspiring a 'can-do' culture. More than 1.6 million visitors annually experience its attractions: Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Factory Tour, The Benson Ford Research Center and The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre. A continually expanding array of content available online provides anytime, anywhere access. The Henry Ford is also home to Henry Ford Academy, a public charter high school which educates 485 students a year on the institution's campus. For more information please visit our website thehenryford.org.

About Maker Media

Maker Media is a global platform for connecting makers with each other, with products and services, and with our partners. Through media, events and ecommerce, <u>Maker Media</u> serves a growing community of makers who bring a DIY mindset to technology. Whether as hobbyists or professionals, makers are creative, resourceful and curious, developing projects that demonstrate how they can interact with the world around them. The launch of MAKE Magazine in 2005, followed by Maker Faire in 2006, jumpstarted a worldwide Maker Movement, which is transforming innovation, culture and education. Located in Sebastopol, CA, <u>Maker Media</u> is the publisher of <u>MAKE Magazine</u> and the producer of <u>Maker Faire</u>. It also develops "getting started" kits and books that are sold in its <u>Maker Shed</u> store as well as in retail channels.