

KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™

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Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Scheduled for March 15-16

Theme of 39th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Announced

“Proceed Without Delay to This Place”

The Battle of New Orleans

More than 10,000 re-enactors from the French and Indian War through the Civil War, history buffs, collectors and the general public from the United States and Canada are expected to attend the 39th annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™. The juried, nationally recognized show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16, 2014, at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The show attracts over 270 of the finest artisans and vendors of pre-1890 living history supplies and related crafts from throughout the United States and Canada. Other highlights include children’s activities, Native American dancing and singing, and many artisans who will demonstrate their crafts.

The Kalamazoo Living History Show™ is open to the general public Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for a single day adult pass; \$10.00 for a weekend adult pass. Children 12 years of age and under admitted free when accompanied by a parent.

Those interested in being a vendor at the show are invited to contact kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com for an application.

About the Theme

Most Americans’ knowledge of the War of 1812 extends to only two events, the writing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Battle of New Orleans. The battle constituted the final act of the war between Great Britain and the United States, pitting a mixed American force of Regulars, volunteers, militia, free blacks, Native fighters, Navy sailors, Marines, and local pirates against battle-hardened veteran British troops including sailors, Marines, and two black regiments, the 1st and 5th West India, to become part of American historical legend.

This year, the Kalamazoo Living History Show will examine the Battle of New Orleans and the ongoing planning for its 200th anniversary commemoration. Steve Abolt and Timothy Pickles, noted historians and respectively commanders of American and British recreated forces, will discuss the battle and illuminate plans for its upcoming 200th anniversary commemoration.

Native American Drumming and Dance a Highlight of the Show

Members of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, the **Bush Native American Drum and Dance** tell the story of their People through their outstanding drumming, singing, and dancing. They perform at many pow wows and historical festivals, and are always great favorites wherever they appear. Their music and dance are eloquent representations of a vibrant culture.

Program times will be posted on our website several weeks prior to the show.

Contact Information

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