

## KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™

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# *Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Scheduled for March 16-17, 2019*

More than 10,000 historical re-enactors, history enthusiasts, collectors and the general public from the United States and Canada are expected to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™. The juried, nationally recognized show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, 2019, 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](mailto:kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com) for an application.

### *Theme of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Announced*

**“A Kind of Continual Miracle”** – Benjamin Franklin

Agriculture, from the Native “3-Sisters” production technique to modern mechanized farming, is inextricably woven into American history. The tools and methods related to the production, transportation, distribution and storage of agricultural products are as important as the rifle, knife and tomahawk to the story of this country. Thomas Jefferson said that *“agriculture is our wisest pursuit...and in the end, contributes the most to real wealth, good morals and happiness.”*

With words that ring as true today as they did almost 300 years ago, Jefferson observed that *“If people let government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny.”* Farming and gardening, wisely done, can indeed add much to our individual health and independence.

The 2019 Kalamazoo Living History Show™ takes a look at historic agriculture, from Native food production methods and historic farm techniques to the modern “Farm to Table” movement. We hope you’ll join us as we plow some fertile new ground!

#### ***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. Also featured will be **SouthEastern WaterSpider Drum**. These groups perform at many powwows, and their music and dance are eloquent representations of vibrant cultures.

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

#### ***Contact Information***

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