

**KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW™**

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***Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Scheduled for March 21-22, 2020***

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 45<sup>th</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™. The juried, nationally recognized show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, 2020, 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 cultural programs, and artisans who will demonstrate 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.

***Program Theme of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Announced***

***“The Painter Embodies Forth...All the Heart Feels”\*- Artists and Naturalists on the American Frontier***

Artists and naturalists shaped the world's perception of the early American frontier. Without photography or electronic communications, the pencil and brush of frontier artists were indispensable in recording the indigenous peoples, plants and animals of this continent.

We owe a great debt to artists such as George Catlin and George Winter for their sensitive work with the Native people of North America, as well as naturalists like John and William Bartram and Thomas Say, who described and collected the exotic fauna and flora. Join the Kalamazoo Living History Show™ as we examine their roles in documenting and describing early America.

*\*George Winter, 1829*

***Native American Cultural Presentations 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 presentations are eloquent expressions of vibrant, contemporary cultures.

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

***Contact Information***

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