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## 20th ANNUAL KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE ARMS AND PIONEER CRAFTS SHOW

The Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loaders will welcome the general public, historical reenactors, and history buffs to their 20th annual Kalamazoo Antique Arms and Pioneer Crafts Show, March 16-17, at the Kalamazoo Fairgrounds.

The Kalamazoo Antique Arms Show is the largest juried show in the Midwest devoted to Pre-1890 original or reproduction firearms, accoutrements and related crafts. A grand marketplace where craftpersons from 14 States display and sell colonial furniture, tin, copper, brass and wrought iron goods, period clothing, quillwork, leather and antique firearms.

French and Indian War reenactors and noted historians, Jerry Olson and Tim Todish are coordinating the presentations that will be offered throughout the weekend. Commemorating the theme of the French and Indian War, we have arranged to bring Nicholas Westbrook, director of Fort Ticonderoga in Upstate New York, to present a program on the forts part in the war. Other topics include, "The True Importance of the French and Indian War", "Womens Fashions of the Period" and "Firearms of the French and Indian War".

Of special interest to the whole family, craftpersons dressed in period clothing will be demonstrating various 18th and 19th Century crafts. Historical reenactors in period fashions from Pre-Revolutionary thru the Civil War, history buffs and the general public come together for a festive weekend to buy, sell, and trade. Bring in your old weapons and Pre-1890 treasures, experts will be on hand to help identify and value them for you. Turn back the clock and relive America's days gone by. Visit with people that make it come alive!

The 20th Annual Kalamazoo Antique Arms & Pioneer Crafts Show is Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, 1996, Kalamazoo Fair Grounds, Kalamazoo, Michigan. 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 \$4.00. Children under 12 years of age admitted free when accompanied by a parent.