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In honor of Women's History Month

The photo to the right was posted to Facebook on March 20 by [The Historian's Den](#). I'm reposting it here in honor of Women's History Month.

This is one of the many stories depicting the huge part women played in history and settlement – in this case in New France (Quebec, Canada), but also in the early days of the land that would become the United States.

The Historian's Den said:

"In 1663, King Louis XIV of France initiated a program to address the gender imbalance in New France (modern-day Quebec). This program, known as the "Filles du Roi" or "Daughters of the King," involved sending approximately 800 young women to the colony between 1663 and 1673. These women, mostly orphans or from humble backgrounds, were recruited to marry male settlers and help establish families in the sparsely populated colony. The initiative was spearheaded by Jean Talon, the Intendant of New France, with support from Minister Jean-Baptiste Colbert. The women were provided with dowries funded by the king and were transported across the Atlantic to Quebec City, where they were welcomed by settlers



In 1663, France sent 800 women, known as the "Filles du Roi" ("Daughters of the King"), to Quebec to marry settlers. This initiative succeeded, doubling the population within 10 years. Today, two-thirds of French Canadians can trace their ancestry back to these women.

"The Filles du Roi played a crucial role in the development of New France. Upon arrival, they were given the freedom to choose their husbands, a rare privilege for women of that era. Many of these women settled in rural areas, contributing to the growth of farming communities and the overall population of the colony.

"The program was a success, as it significantly boosted the population of New France and laid the foundation for many French-Canadian families today. The legacy of the Filles du Roi is commemorated in places like Dieppe, France, where a plaque honors their departure, and in Quebec, where their contributions to the colony's history are celebrated."



Photos from the 49th annual Kalamazoo Living History Show

Three rooms full of shoppers and traders got together last weekend at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center for the 49th show. It was the final show coordinated by Rick and Leslie Martin Conwell as they hand over the leadership to Ethan and Paisley Yazel.

The show is one of the largest in the nation. As overheard from a shopper, "This place has anything you need and some things I never even thought of!"

Photos by Vicki Johnson.



Share Your Photos

Please share your photos of events you attend. Email them to Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com.

With each photo include:

- Month, year, name of event and event location where the photo was taken.
- Names and hometowns of the people pictured, if possible.
- Any other information such as why it was taken (for example, "a day at camp" "my sister's wedding" "the 35th anniversary of the event" or whatever.
- Name of the photographer, if known.
- Your name as the person submitting the photo and your phone number. The phone number is not for publication, but in case I have questions.

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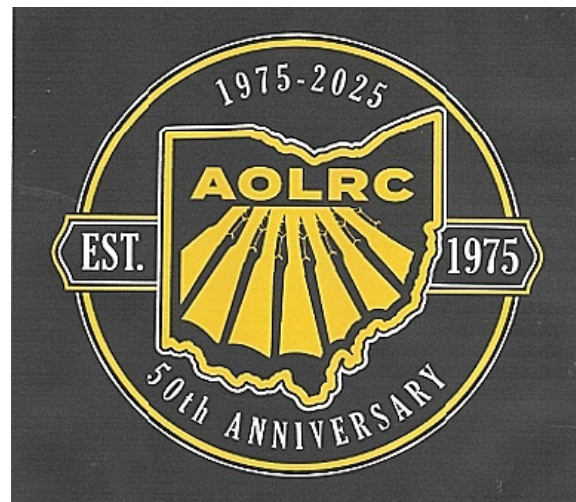
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photos of the
Kalamazoo
show here

Ohio Long Rifle Collectors to celebrate 50th show April 5-6

The Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Show April 5-6 at the Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front St., Marietta, Ohio.

The show features Ohio/Kentucky style rifles, fowlers, pistols, powder horns, tomahawks, knives and directly related items generally recognized as made during the 18th and 19th centuries and contemporary reproductions of these items.

Planned demonstrations include contemporary leather accoutrements by Jeff "Po Boy" Luke and engraving by Greg Parks.



For more information, contact Mark Herman, papamh44@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#). Admission is \$5 per person for ages 12 and older. The show is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

Email your events

Reenactments – Rendezvous – Shows

April 5-6, 2025 - Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors 50th Anniversary Show, Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front St., Marietta, Ohio. Contact Mark Herman, papamh44@gmail.com,

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Facebook page. Ohio-made rifles and related items, Kentucky rifles, accoutrements of the 18th and 19th centuries. Leatherworking and engraving demonstrations. Tables are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Public admission \$5 for ages 12 and older. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

April 5-6, 2025 - Fort de Chartres Colonial Market Faire, Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, Prairie du Rocher, Illinois 62277. Contact Jason Duensing, lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com, www.fortdechartres.us. Juried event: 1750-1790. Pre-registration and jury applications required. Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

April 10-13, 2025 - School of the Longhunter, Prickett's Fort, Fairmont, West Virginia, 26554. Contact 304-363-3030 or register at www.prickettsfort.org/register.html. Space is limited and registration is required. Fee is \$45 for members/\$55 for non-members.

April 19-20, 2025 - Michigan Antique Arms Collectors Inc., Madison Place Events Center, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071. Contact Greg Zemsta, 248-556-6590, mauserman98@hotmail.com, www.michiganantiquearms.com. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Members admitted at 8 a.m. Admission \$8.

April 23-27, 2025 - Amarugia Spring Rendezvous, London Mills, Illinois 61544. Contact Larry Schatz, 309-370-1174, larryws@frontiernet.net, **Facebook page.** Pre-1830 event on private property. Period dress Friday-Sunday. Bow shoot, hawk & knife.

April 25-26, 2025 - Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous, Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee, Cook Log Cabin Heritage Center, Goshen, Ohio 45122. 1760-1840 event. Contact booshway 513-520-2882, grassyrun@gmail.com, **Facebook page.** Friday school day. Saturday public day.

April 25-27, 2025 - Spring Thaw Rendezvous, Ball & Arrow Primitive Weapons Club, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Contact Duane Winkler, 330-343-4880 or winky4@roadrunner.com, **Facebook page.** Camp fee \$25. Public day is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Provide your own drinking

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Lex250 Announces Details for
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April 25-27, 2025 - Stump Bluff Militia Spring Rendezvous, Edmondston, Kentucky 42129.

Contact Ronnie Gentry, 270-670-6104, [Facebook page](#). 1790-1840 event. Early setup April 23-24. Camp fee \$15 per person; free for ages 17 and younger. Shoot fee \$15, plus \$25 blanket prize. Saturday evening potluck; meat provided. Open to public until 7 p.m. Pets must be on leash.

April 25-27, 2025 - Phil Cravener Memorial Spring Campout, Old Westmoreland Rifles, Derry, Pennsylvania 15671. Contact Darryl Myers, 724-522-1729; John Kaminsky, 724-887-7265; or Duane King, 724-850-7305, www.oldwestmorelandrifles.com/schedules.html. Shoots and other competitions. Modern and primitive camping. Take your own water. No trader fee.

April 26-27, 2025 - Ashville Ohio Reenactment Timeline/Grove of Heroes, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Contact Roger Bechtel, 614-214-0827, vikingfestival@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#). In conjunction with Ashville Viking Festival and includes all eras. Encampment is adjacent to the Saxon Market shopping, food and entertainment.

April 26-27, 2025 - Buck Creek Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous, Linton, Indiana. Contact [Facebook page](#).

April 26-27, 2025 - Bridgeton Rendezvous, Downtown Bridgeton, Indiana 47836. Sponsored by Bridgeton Covered Bridge Association. Contact hton1878hse@aol.com, 765-548-2093, bridgetonindiana.com, [Facebook page](#). Early setup Wednesday or Thursday. Reenactment 1750-1840. Shoots and other competitions. No camp fee.

April 26-27, 2025 - Spring Rendezvous, Patoka Valley Long Rifles, Winslow, Indiana 47598. Contact pvlr.info@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 26-27, 2025 - Redbud Trail Rendezvous, Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Contact 574-223-4436, www.fultoncountyhistory.org/redbud-trail-rendezvous, [Facebook page](#). Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hunter discovers rare mammoth tusk on West Texas ranch

History comes to life at the 49th annual Kalamazoo Living History Show

Kalamazoo show brings western exploration, fur trade to life

Governor urges student exposure to social studies at earlier ages

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What topics would you like to read – or write – about?

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