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Photo by Corey Adrian

Old Town Trade Faire transitions to new organizers

Corey Adrian of the [George Rogers Clark Heritage Association](#) reports that the Old Town Trade Faire in Xenia, Ohio, was well attended last weekend. GRCHA took over as organizer this year after Sharon and the late Tim Milligan retired after 25 years.

"Huge shoutout to ALL merchants and vendors for providing fantastic mercantile and various items for the public and other reenactors to peruse. The Faire was AMAZING!" he said. "Please everyone come and see us next year!" The event takes place the first weekend in March.

Other indoor trade fairs scheduled for March and April include:

March 13-14 - Prairieland Frontiersmen Historic Arms & Craft Show - Sullivan, Illinois. Contact Vicki Newberry, 217-620-2281, <https://www.prairielandfrontiersmen.com>. [Facebook page](#).

March 21-22 - 50th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show - Kalamazoo, Michigan. Contact Ethan and Paisley Yazel, kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com,

www.KalamazooShow.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 11-12 - Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors 50th Anniversary Show - Marietta, Ohio. Contact Mark Herman, papamh44@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 11-12 - Old Northwest Trade Fair - Richmond, Indiana. Contact Steve and Roxann McFarland, mcfamily788@yahoo.com.

April 11-12 - Fort de Chartres Colonial Market Faire - Prairie du Rocher, Illinois. Contact Jason Duensing, lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com, www.fortdechartres.us, [Facebook page](#).

April 25-26 - Michigan Antique Arms Collectors Inc., Madison Heights, Michigan. Contact Greg Zemsta, 248-556-6590, mauserman98@hotmail.com, www.michiganantiquearms.com.



Spring events are on the horizon

Here are the event listings through April (minus the indoor shows listed above). These are shortened listings so more can fit into this space. For more information, read the latest [Reenactor Chronicles blog post](#), or visit the [Rendezvous Ohio list](#) for the entire list.

March 13-21, 2026 - Southwestern Regional Rendezvous, Prescott, Arkansas. Contact Billy "Tinker" Koch, 501-351-0561, tinker_koch@hotmail.com, or Paul Ridgell, 870-703-1408, robbinridgell@yahoo.com, [Facebook page](#).

March 14-15, 2026 - Clothing Conference - Yesteryear's Essentials: Fashion and Accessories in the Time of Jane Austen (For Ladies and Gents), Fort Meigs, Perrysburg,

More websites where you can find events, info

Editor's note: While I would love to share all of the many events with you directly, the amount of information is overwhelming. So here are links to other sources of information. Some of them cover the 1700-1840 time periods and some have information on a variety of eras.

Ohio. Contact 419-874-4121, www.fortmeigs.org/events. Presentations and a Saturday evening soiree. Fee \$85.

March 26-29, 2026 - Old Virginia Primitive Rendezvous, Surry, Virginia. Contact Steve Sneed, ssneed1840@gmail.com, or Julie Garrett, ovprscribe@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#). Visit www.ovpr2.org for info and registration form.

April 9-12, 2026 - School of the Longhunter, Pricketts Fort, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554. Contact 304-363-3030 or register at www.prickettsfort.org/register.html.

April 10-17, 2026 - NRLHF Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous, Reavis Family Farm, Yadkinville, North Carolina. Contact Greg Bagshaw, 336-918-7411, vengier@vengier.com.

April 18-19, 2026 - Buck Creek Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous, Linton, Indiana. Contact [Facebook page](#).

April 18-19, 2026 - Fort Toulouse F&I Encampment, Fort Toulouse - Fort Jackson Park, Wetumpka, Alabama 36093. Contact 334-567-3002, <https://fttoulousejackson.org>, [Facebook page](#).

April 22-26, 2026 - 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 23-26, 2026 - Spring Thaw Rendezvous, Ball & Arrow Primitive Weapons Club, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Contact Duane Winkler, 330-343-4880, winky4@roadrunner.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 24-26, 2026 - Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous, Grassy Run Historical Arts Committee, Cook Log Cabin Heritage Center, Goshen, Ohio 45122. Contact booshway 513-520-2882, grassyrun@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 24-26, 2026 - Phil Cravener Memorial Spring Campout, Old Westmoreland Rifles, Derry, Pennsylvania 15671. Contact Darryl Myers, 724-522-1729; John Kaminsky, 724-887-7265.

There are more great links out there. If you have blog, website or other links to information about reenacting, please email links to me and I'll add them to the list.

I'll publish these periodically to help support fellow information gatherers, journalists, bloggers and researchers. And to help you, the readers, find a greater variety of information.

Please note! I'm sure the information found on these websites is as accurate as their owners can make it. However, they are not my sites so I can take no responsibility for their contents. **PLEASE** verify an event before you plan to attend. Usually, a phone number or email address is provided as a contact. Often, advanced registration is requested. Nobody wants to drive to an event to find out it's been canceled. We do our best to keep up with schedule changes, but sometimes we don't get the messages.

Happy exploring!
Vicki

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www.oldwestmorelandrifles.com/schedules.html.

April 24-26, 2026 - Prairieland Frontiersmen 50th Annual Spring Rendezvous, club grounds, Sullivan, Illinois 61951. Contact Vicki Newberry, 217-620-2281, www.prairielandfrontiersmen.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 25-26, 2026 - Ashville Ohio Reenactment Timeline/Grove of Heroes, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Contact Roger Bechtel, 614-214-0827, vikingfestival@gmail.com, <https://ashvilleohvikingfestival.com>, [Facebook page](#).

April 25-26, 2026 - Bridgeton Rendezvous, Downtown Bridgeton, Indiana 47836. Sponsored by Bridgeton Covered Bridge Association. Contact bton1878hse@aol.com, 765-548-2093 for camping information, bridgetonindiana.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 25-26, 2026 - Spring Rendezvous, Patoka Valley Long Rifles, Winslow, Indiana 47598. Contact pvlr.info@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#).

April 25-26, 2026 - Redbud Trail Rendezvous, Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Contact 574-223-4436, www.fultoncountyhistory.org/redbud-trail-rendezvous, [Facebook page](#).

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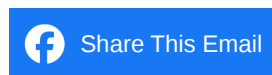
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Reenactors wanted in Painesville, Ohio

Paul McFee of the Painesville Railroad Association museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, Ohio, is seeking reenactors for the organization's Heritage Days Aug. 22, which is celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Revolutionary War, homestead pioneers and Civil War reenactors are invited to participate. Event hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on that Saturday.

Contact him at usa_chief@yahoo.com, 440-840-5164.



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