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Above is Julie Rossington, who has been a driving force for about 15 years in coordinating and growing the event.

At top, Roger Moore (front left)

Living History Days at Lowe-Volk Park

Lowe-Volk Park in Crawford County, Ohio, was the host of a May 30-31 Revolutionary War event. The highlight each day was a portrayal of Crawford's Defeat by the **Col. Crawford Company**, in which Col. William Crawford was captured by Natives near the Sandusky River, tortured and executed. Crawford had led a campaign to end Native American raids, and in early June 1782, British Rangers and allied Native Americans attacked the American militia at Battle Island near Upper Sandusky.

Crawford was killed on June 11 at a spot not far from the reenactment site.

The event started 23 years ago as a one-day program, according to coordinator Julie Rossington, and 15-16 years ago she helped it to expand into a weekend event with the battle reenactment and an encampment. It was Julie's last event as coordinator, but the group plans to continue next year under the leadership of Chad Rank Jr.

and Sarah Moore (right), visit with people at Roger's store.

At right, Native American reenactor Ralph Arms escorts Col. William Crawford, portrayed by Mark Cory, to his torture and "execution."

Above, a craftsman works on a project at Pricketts Fort.

Below is the Job Prickett House, built in 1859. The house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been restored to its original condition.

Pricketts Fort celebrating its 50th anniversary June 5-7

Admission is free to **Pricketts Fort**, Fairmont, West Virginia, Saturday and Sunday as the fort celebrates its 50th anniversary.
Some of the activities planned include a hearth cooking demonstration, kids games, tomahawk throw and a fife and drum corps performance.
The original fort was completed in 1774 under the command of Captain Jacob Prickett. The reconstructed fort open today was built in 1976 by the Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation and serves as a living history museum. The fort houses four blockhouses, 14 cabins, a meeting house, gun shop, and trading post.

The fort is home to the annual School of the Longhunter each April.
Next weekend, June 12-14, the fort is hosting its Market Fair 10 a.m. Friday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Regular admission applies.

For more information, call 304-363-3030 or visit **www.prickettsfort.org**.

News & Notes

Feast of St. Claire returning in 2027 as Great Lakes Colonial Festival

The new Great Lakes Colonial Festival is set for May 29-30, 2027, in Port Huron, Michigan.
"This new chapter honors the original Feast of St. Clair's event legacy while embracing a deeper look at the cultures, conflicts, and communities that shaped not only Port Huron and the St. Clair River region, but the entire Great Lakes region," according to the event **website**.
The event address is Pine Grove Park, 800 Prospect Place, Port Huron, Michigan.
Anyone interested in being a vendor, sponsor, performer or special guest can find more information **here**.

Send your news and events!

• Does your club or organization have news to share?
• Is your museum planning a timely exhibit fitting the 1700-1840 time period?
• Does your event have information to distribute quickly such as a location change or date change?

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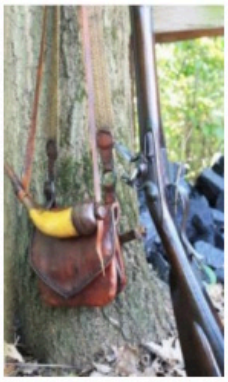

Friday, Oct. 9 - Noon-6pm
Saturday, Oct. 10 - 9am-5pm

*Admission is FREE and open to the public.
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Declaration 250 event invites Brigade units, non-military, skilled artisans

Editor's note: A letter regarding Brigade of the American Revolution participation at Declaration 250 at Put-in-Bay. The event also welcomes non-military camp-life reenactors and skilled artisans.

Hello ...
I'm helping Dave Zavagno at the **Lake Erie Heritage Foundation** with outreach for Declaration 250 — a National Signing Ceremony at Perry's Victory and International

Old Fort Niagara at 300: Public programs to mark anniversary on June 5-7 … **link**

Ohio's Largest Living History Museum Brings $3 Admission And 1976 Pricing Back For A Day … **link**

Beyond the Liberty Bell: 6 American Revolution Sites Near Philly to Visit Instead … **link**

Tall ships, music to headline Sail Yorktown Festival … **link**

Spirit of America Celebrate 250: Colonial Williamsburg … **link**

See a re-creation of the first printing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 … **link**

The Way I See It: Museum has been part of the riverbank for a half century … **link**

Celebrate the Scot in You at Fort Ticonderoga! … **link**

Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on August 1–2, 2026, marking 250 years to the day from the August 2, 1776, signing.
Every American present will add their name to a single large-format Declaration, preserved afterward as a permanent national artifact. The program includes the OSU and Navy Bands, the U.S. Military Band, Bristol County Fifes & Drums, Lee Greenwood, a U.S. military flyover, Tall Ships, and a major fireworks display. Hugh Hewitt hosts.
We'd very much like BAR member units on the grounds and would appreciate the Brigade's help getting word to membership — especially Midwest and Great Lakes units for whom Put-in-Bay is a reasonable trip.

To make this easier for any unit still holding August 1–2 open:
– The Foundation covers encampment space and meals both days.
– NPS Special Use Permit and black powder authorization are in hand.
– Event-level liability is covered; standard BAR member coverage handles unit COI.
– Volunteer participation, no fees.
I'm aware we're reaching out late in the planning cycle. Happy to send the full participant packet to any commander interested, and unit recommendations would also be very welcome.
Thank you for what the Brigade does.

Respectfully,
Leonid Strugatsky
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or
director@lakeerieheritage.org

Events List: Next two weeks

June 5-7, 2026 - Seneca Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous, Sandusky River Coon Hunters grounds, 7575 TR 131, Tiffin, **Ohio** 44883. Contact Rob Gerding, 419-341-8657, robbob@hush.com, Facebook page. Black powder shoots, archery, hawk and knife. Saturday evening potluck. Camp fee $25. Setup Thursday (call for start

June 5-7, 2026 - French Castle 300, Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, **New York**, 14174. Contact info@oldfortniagara.org, 716-745-7611, www.oldfortniagara.org, Facebook page. Celebrating the 300th anniversary of the 1726 French Castle. Friday school day. Saturday's program recreates the arrival of Chaussegros de Lery and his workers and soldiers who began construction of the castle. Building trades demonstrations, military pageantry,

time) and all day Friday. Pets must be on leashes and camps with pets must be in designated area.

June 5-7, 2026 - Beaver Rendezvous, Killumbuck Longrifles, 11035 TR 54, Killbuck, **Ohio**. Contact Betsy Stevenson, 330-428-3323, or Angie Frantz, 330-294-7211. Facebook page. Camp fee of $25 includes one person for all competitions and medallion. Fee is $10 for each additional competitor ages 16 and older and $5 for ages 15 and younger. Trail walk, paper shoots, hawk & knife, archery, primitive target raffle, kids' games and crafts. Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Ice available.

June 5-7, 2026 - Rendezvous Discovery - A Learning Experience, Tonquish Muzzleloaders Skills Conservancy, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth, **Michigan** 48170. Contact tonquish1776@gmail.com, Facebook page. A Saturday of learning through an interactive primitive camping experience, or participants can attend during the day Saturday. Tonquish members will be camping Friday and Saturday nights. Participants can set up primitive or modern camps in the primitive area. Saturday lunch will be provided and there will be a potluck dinner with hot dogs provided. Participants should provide their own food for other meals. Included are hands-on traditional buckskinner competitions guided by friendly, experienced reenactors, camp skills, demonstrations, trade blankets. Evening includes a campfire, music and storytelling. Modern hook-ups are available nearby. Participation in the encampment experience is $22 and by reservation only. Email for reservation. Afternoon demonstrations are free and open to the public.

Click here for more details and the entire event list

musket and artillery firings and rededication ceremonies.

June 6-7, 2026 - Fort de Chartres Rendezvous, Prairie du Rocher, **Illinois** 62277. Hosted by Les Coureurs des Bois de Fort de Chartres and sponsored by Les Amis du Fort de Chartres. Contact Fort de Chartes, 618-284-7230, ftdchart@htc.net, www.fortdechartres.us, Facebook page. Flintlock shooting competitions, military and militia, dancing, music, food, kids' games of the 18th century. Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

June 12-14, 2026 - Pricketts Fort Pre-1820 Primitive Trade Fair, Pricketts Fort Visitor Center, 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554. Contact Greg Bray, 304-363-3030, www.prickettsfort.org. Vendor fee $35. New outdoor show seeking craftsmen participants. Non-vendor camping is limited. Call for availability. Public hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $8 for adults, $6 for seniors, and $4 for kids ages 6-12.

June 13-14, 2026 - Feast of the Strawberry Moon, Harbor Island, Grand Haven, **Michigan** 49417. Contact 616-844-2242, feastofthestrawberrymoon.com, Facebook page. 17th-century event. Native American culture, French exploration, English colonization and American unification of West Michigan. Entertainment, battle reenactments and various scheduled programs. Skilled artisans demonstrating wood carving, furniture making, blacksmithing, spinning and music. Public hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

June 13-14, 2026 - Rally on the Raisin, River Raisin National Battlefield Park, 333 N. Dixie Hwy, Monroe, **Michigan** 48162. Contact Joseph Dowd to register, joseph_dowd@nps.gov. Military timeline event from the Rev War through present. Public hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

June 13-21, 2026 - NMLRA Spring National Shoot, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, Walter Cline Range, Friendship, **Indiana**. Contact 812-667-5131 or 800-745-1493, www.nmlra.org/2025-nationalmatches.

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