

# NEWS RELEASE

## 21st ANNUAL KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE ARMS AND PIONEER CRAFTS SHOW

March 15-16, 1997

### Annual event to attract interest from all over the Midwest

*"THE CIVIL WAR"* will be the theme of this years show. The 1st Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Battery will host the show providing colors to open and close the event each day, military and women's fashion show, military drills and cannon firing demonstrations. The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Field Music Unit will play music of the period during the show and for colors both morning and night. Of special interest to the whole family, craftspersons dressed in period clothing will be demonstrating various 18TH and 19th Century crafts. Turn back the clock and relive America's days gone by. Visit with people that make it come alive!

The KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE ARMS & PIONEER CRAFTS SHOW is the largest juried show in the Midwest devoted to Pre-1890 original or reproduction firearms, accouterments and related crafts. A grand marketplace where craftpersons from 16 states sell colonial furniture, tin, copper, brass and wrought iron goods, antique firearms, period clothing, porcupine quillwork, silver, pewter and amber jewelry, pottery, leather, and hand blown glassware. Historical re-enactors 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. COME BUY WHERE DECORATORS, COLLECTORS AND DEALERS BUY! Each year the focus of the show changes, allowing various historical reenactment groups and organizations the opportunity to host the show and share their knowledge and enthusiasm of history with all of us.

Bring in your old weapons and Pre-1890 treasures, experts will be on hand to help identify and value them for you. Anyone attending the show dressed in period garb will be eligible for a drawing on a 4 pt. Witney Blanket at the close of the show each day.

The 21st ANNUAL KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE ARMS & PIONEER CRAFTS SHOW is Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16, 1997, 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.

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