

NEWS RELEASE

The Lewis and Clark Expedition: theme of the 23rd Annual Kalamazoo Antique Arms and Pioneer Crafts Show™

March 21-22, 1998

Visit with **Bud Clark**, Great-Great-Great Grandson of explorer, *William Clark*, who journeyed to the great American Northwest in search of the mythical "Northwest Passage". With a display of antique American firearms, Lewis and Clark period artifacts, books, and memorabilia, you will get a wonderful insight into this monumental adventure. Bud is a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and a student of William Clark, The Lewis and Clark Expedition, and George Rogers Clark.

Hear and speak with **Gary Foreman** of Questar, Inc. who is directing a new series for the **History Channel**, "Frontier: Legends of the Old Northwest". A series of one-hour episodes focusing on the 18th Century, a time when the American territory ended at the Mississippi, and the frontier was the Great Lakes region. He will present a sneak preview of his newest productions. **Verna** and **Annie Metz** of Turkey Roost Traders in Elgin, IL, will present commentary on period clothing found on their recent trip to England, "Three 18th Century Bodices and the Women Who Wore Them."

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. 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 history come alive! Historical re-enactors in period fashions from Pre-Revolutionary thru the Civil War, history buffs and the general public comes together for a very festive weekend.

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 Pre-1890 garb will be eligible for the drawing on a 4 point Witney Blanket at the close of the show each day.

The **23rd ANNUAL KALAMAZOO ANTIQUE ARMS & PIONEER CRAFTS SHOW™**, Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, 1998, Kalamazoo Fair Grounds, 2900 Lake Street, 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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