



**Special Living History Event July 24, 2020  
July 25 and 26, 2020  
205 N. Broadway - Greenville, Ohio**

*The Gathering at Garst* was created to remember the defining events and people who shaped our county's history. Our mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of those who made unique contributions to the culture of Darke County and to celebrate our local heritage in a family-oriented and educational atmosphere. Public admission to *The Gathering at Garst* is free. All celebration proceeds will benefit the Garst Museum.

This event brings together thousands of visitors from near and far to help celebrate our history. Annie Oakley, Lowell Thomas, and Zachary Lansdowne all called this place home. Garst Museum proudly displays their life history along with the history of the Native Americans that first settled this land.

*The Gathering at Garst* committee will strive to offer a quality show. The event will host artists, antique dealers, skilled craftsmen, entertainers, garden exhibits, and unique food vendors. These vendors will be located on the beautiful lawn behind the Garst Museum.

We also work in partnership with The Darke County Park District to host an outstanding Living History Encampment on adjoining park district land. It will welcome reenactors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday that accurately represent the Colonial and Revolutionary War period through the Civil War. Cannon firing demonstrations, skilled historic craftsmen, and carriage rides will entertain visitors.

**Participant**

If you are interested in participating, please read this information and the Rules of Participation before filling out the application form. Clear and complete information is a necessity. Additional forms and information is available on our website:  
[www.gatheringatgarst.com](http://www.gatheringatgarst.com)

**Set Up and Staging**

The Gathering at Garst Living History Encampment is a three-day event. The set up deadline has been moved to 12:00 p.m. Friday. Vendors have the option to open to the public Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will have activities and/or entertainment from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Lighting will be provided for the path and walkway areas in the encampment but vendors are responsible for the lighting of their tents if they choose to be open. Additional security will be added for Thursday, as well as, Friday and Saturday

**Show Hours**

Living History Encampment  
Friday, July 24, 4:00p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sat. July 25, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday July 26, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Security**

Walk-thru security patrol will be provided Thursday, Friday and Saturday dusk to dawn.

**Hotel Accommodations**

Those needing hotel accommodations can contact:  
Quality Inn: 937-316-5252.  
Holiday Inn Express: 937-548-1328  
Darke County Fairgrounds Camping: 937-548-5044  
Inn at Versailles: 937-526-3020  
Wayman's Corner B&B: 937-316-6074  
Art Junction B&B: 941-780-2490

Application Deadline  
June 1, 2020



**FOR LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT  
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name/Trade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants in our Living History Encampment must **represent the time period from French and Indian War through Civil War**. We will present a "Time Line" of history. This event is a fundraiser for Garst Museum. We appreciate everyone's support and participation.

Booth fees will be waived for Living History Campers. Campers can have a 4'x4' trading blanket-no fee. Vendors selling items - booth fee is \$20. Period correct food vendors must be approved and registered through the Gathering at Garst main committee and pay food vendor fees. Food vendor applications can be downloaded from our website [www.gatheringatgarst.com](http://www.gatheringatgarst.com).

I will be participating as:

Living history camper only\_\_\_\_ Vendor selling wares\_\_\_\_ Contracted Paid Performer \_\_\_\_

**Information:** Which of the following categories best represents your talent/skill or product:

Baskets	Botanicals	Brooms	Ceramics	Fiber/Textiles	Historian
Floor Coverings	Furniture	Jewelry	Metal craft	Painting	Re-enactor
Paper craft	Soaps	Woodcraft	Blacksmithing	Actor/Performer	
Other _____					

Please provide a brief description of your product: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please briefly describe your method of production (including tools used) if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Presentation Information:**

Will you (and your representatives) dress in period-appropriate clothing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Will you use period-appropriate displays and tools? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Will you build a campfire? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Vendors Only:**

Are your products reproductions of documented 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century wares? \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No

If not, are your products inspired by wares of this time period? \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No

**The committee reserves the right to ask that merchandise deemed inappropriate be removed from the festival.**

**NO plastic products or containers are allowed.**

**Special Note:** If you will be camping on the grounds, firewood, water, flush toilets, and hot showers will be available for you. Ice will be available for \$2.00 bag

**Tents and flies must be plain canvas to protect the historic integrity of the event.** If you do not have these, please let us know, we may be able to make arrangements for you to borrow or rent one. Please indicate the space requirements for your tent(s) including ropes and stakes:

\_\_\_\_\_Feet (Frontage) by \_\_\_\_\_Feet (Depth) **PLEASE INCLUDE ROPES AND STAKES IN MEASUREMENTS**

We are expecting a large encampment turnout this year. Space will be assigned on a first come-first served basis.

**We will try to get everyone placed in the shade but that space is limited.** Please get your applications in as soon as possible. Please send your application in by June 1. You will receive an email from us when you are accepted as a vendor. Further details will be sent to you the second week of July.

Submit original application to:

**Darke County Park District  
Attn: The Gathering at Garst – Living History Encampment  
P.O. Box 801  
Greenville, OH 45331**

**AGREEMENT**

*I agree that I will not hold The Gathering at Garst Committee, Darke County Park District, Garst Museum, and/or the Darke County Historical Society liable for damages to person, property, and theft of my merchandise or displays in the festival. I understand that nothing may be brought into the festival which has not been approved and that all applications are subject to jury approval by The Gathering at Garst Committee. I understand that no booth fee refunds will be made after July 1, 2020. I understand that this is a rain or shine event. I understand that vendor booths will be expected to remain open during all festival hours.*

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or would like to send photos to us via email you can reach us at:

Living History Chairperson: Debbie Shiverdecker

Contact: Deb Shiverdecker, Darke Cty. Park Dist. Email: [dsiverdecker@darkecountyparks.org](mailto:dsiverdecker@darkecountyparks.org)

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Gathering at Garst Chairperson: Jenny Clark

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