



**Dates:** May 16 – 18, 2025

**Times:** Friday, 10am to 5pm  
Saturday, 10am to 5pm  
Sunday, 10am to 5pm

**Backup Date:** September 5-7, 2025 (in case of Spring River flooding)

**Location:** [The Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum](#)  
1050 S Riverside Drive, St Charles, MO 63301  
(**FREE** entrance to the museum during the event.)

**The Hawken Classic** is the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the J&S Hawken rifle. We began celebrating this event in 2022, and this is the fourth and final event.

The Hawken brothers were instrumental in the development of the purpose-built Plains/Mountain rifle. Their rifles became the prototype for all makers supplying the Western trade. The Hawken Shop in St. Louis supplied rifles for the trans Mississippi trade from the 1820's through 1860. The Hawken Classic is a celebration of the Hawken rifles contribution to American History. The Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum near St. Louis, Missouri, is a great location for this event.

In August 2023 the Hawken rifle was named:  
**Missouri's Official State Rifle.**



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**Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum:**  
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**Activities will include:**

1. Incredible collection of original and contemporary Missouri rifles on display.
2. Knowledgeable guest speakers on the history of the Hawken rifle and related subjects. Seminars are held under the museum.
3. Living history camps in period correct attire.
4. Vendors – including [The Hawken Shop](#), [Trail Creek Trade Company](#), [Powderhorns and More](#), and many more...
5. Artist and craftsmen demonstrating weaving, forging, horns, leather work and more.
6. Opportunity to shoot black powder from an original Hawken rifle.
7. See many period correct guns, accoutrement's and enjoy the living history.
8. Test your skills at traditional archery, hawk and knife throw, and fire starting.
9. Come learn how Lewis and Clark and the Hawken rifle impacted America's history.
10. Entry into the Museum will be **FREE** thanks to the [NMLRA](#), [The Hawken Shop](#) and the [Gemmer Muzzle Loading Gun Club](#).
11. Pick up a Taking the Long Shot print and have artist, David Wright sign your copy.

**More Info:**

**Website:** <https://www.GemmerMuzzleloadingClub.com/Hawken-Classic/>  
**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/Bq4KebqynWHPs294A>  
**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/hawkenclassic/>  
**Facebook Group:** [Hawken Classic Public Group](#)  
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