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Celebrate memories at Great Lakes Mega Meet

For the 10th year, scrappers are invited to find new products and ideas at the Rock Financial Showplace May 7-9.

Novi, MI – April 20, 2009 – After 10 years, scrappers and crafters have come to recognize the Great Lakes Mega Meet as *the* place to be on Mother's Day Weekend. The convention takes scrapbooking to the next level with classes, hands-on crafts, over 75 vendors, prizes and much, much more to create the "ultimate cropping, shopping, learning experiences." May 7-9, scrapbookers will find products, learn new techniques and speak with experts in the industry at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. This year, the Michigan-based Great Lakes Mega Meet celebrates 10 successful years!

"We're so thrilled to be celebrating 10 years in Michigan," said Kate Griswold, owner and organizer of the GLMM and Michigan resident for over 30 years. "Being part of the Michigan scrapbooking community has been a wonderful experience. The guests that attend our convention and retreats are as great as they come. We look forward to celebrating together at the event this year."

This year the GLMM will open the weekend event with a 10-year birthday celebration at the Rock Financial Showplace May 6. The event runs from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and will include birthday cake, party favors, games and lots of prizes. Cost is \$25 to attend the special pre-show birthday bash and registration is required.

"We're hitting double digits and we're excited," said Cara Baker, Exhibits & Special Events Manager. "It's going to be a big party and our guests are going to have a great time as we celebrate a successful 10 years in the area."

Those attending the show May 7-9 will have the opportunity to browse the many vendor booths before or after classes, and can even sit down to scrapbook in the GLMM crop area. With over 75 vendors, many Michigan-based, bringing the latest products, scrappers are sure to find a unique item for that special scrapbook.

"The GLMM is different from any scrapbooking store because of the sheer variety of products," Griswold said. "There is the opportunity to see, touch, feel, and many times even try the products before purchasing them. To have so many classes available in one place over the course of one weekend is also an opportunity guests won't experience anywhere else."

Scrappers not only have the opportunity to learn new techniques and purchase the latest products, but they can also sign up for late-night crops held Thursday and Friday evenings. Crops run from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. Crops provide scrappers with large work spaces and a friendly environment. Page and table contests keep things entertaining and fun throughout the evening. Scrappers can reserve a table of four for \$50, or register per person for \$15. Guests are urged to reserve their table soon before they sell out.

"I hope the Mega Meet guests come away from the weekend inspired – inspired to try new techniques, inspired to try new products, but most of all to be inspired to scrapbook," Griswold said. "We all go through an ebb and flow cycle with hobbies, and the GLMM is a great way to get re-energized about a hobby that's not just a hobby – but creating legacies for our families."

Last year nearly 9,000 guests took advantage of the scrapbooking extravaganza, and scrappers everywhere are invited to see what the excitement is all about by visiting www.megameet.com. The Web site provides visitors with the opportunity to register for classes, purchase admittance tickets, or sign up for one or both cropping events held Thursday and Friday evenings.

Registration is open now, so scrappers are encouraged to reserve their spot at the 10th annual Great Lakes Mega Meet. Classes fill quickly, so don't forget to browse the class schedule on the Web site as well.

Information about the well-received Mega Retreats is also available at www.megameet.com. Retreats are held three times each year and provide scrappers with a weekend dedicated to their favorite hobby. With quaint, scenic settings, the retreats offer a peaceful weekend filled with ample work areas, contests, and good conversations. Each retreat can host up to 35 guests, so early registration is suggested.

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EDITORS: Media is welcome to attend the birthday celebration held Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Call Anne Cron at 586.243.8483 to reserve a spot at the event. Kate Griswold will be available for interviews.