

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration September 10

It is hard for any of us to realize, but the year 2005 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of the Maeystown Preservation Society. The founding of the Society in 1980 was a tremendous step forward to preserve and remember life in the village of Maeystown.

As part of this 25th anniversary, the Society will be hosting a party to be held at the Mill. This party will include food, refreshments and history. At this time we plan to have an indoor/outdoor celebration held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10.

More details will be coming to you on this event. In addition to the actual celebration, we will be providing a series of articles outlining the history, the people involved, events, and significant accomplishments of the Society.

Please mark your calendar for this important date.

### Historic Display Case Returns to Maeystown

The Society is overjoyed for being able to purchase an old display case that was originally used in the Jacob Maey's Store on Main Street. The case is in excellent condition and is a true representation of display case marketing that was used in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The case was evidently provided by the Peter's Shoe Company and the front bottom panel says, "Peter's Fine Footwear. We sell 18 carat fine shoes."

The other two sides say, "Diamond D Brand and Diamond Special Women's \$3.00, Men's \$3.50. In addition there is a scrolled board on the top of the case that is hand-painted with the words, "Jacob Maey's."

The Society is very pleased with the acquisition and wants everyone to be aware that this is the type of items that we wish to have in the museum so everyone can see what life was like in the village.

Search your attics, basements and garages to see if you have any items that would be useful to the museum.

### Mill Attendants

We are pleased to announce that the Society is again providing Mill attendants to staff the museum and visitor's center on Saturdays and Sundays. Heather Weber, a junior at Valmeyer High School, and Brian Mormann, a sophomore at Valmeyer High School, will be happy to meet and greet you at the Mill.

### Historic Maeystown Hosts Antique & Garden Show

The Third Annual Antique and Garden Show was held on Sunday, May 1, as part of the Fruehlingsfest (Spring Fest). The event featured more than 35 antique dealers from around the country. In addition, various nurseries sold annuals, perennials and herbs to crowd. A host of food stands provided everything from bratwurst to potato pancakes to strawberry shortcake.

After a rainy week, the weather cooperated and provided a fantastic day

for the several thousand people who attended the event. The event was deemed a success and everyone is looking forward to next year.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success.

### Message from the Curator

So many exciting things are happening. If you haven't been in the museum in a while, stop in to see our newly constructed office on the upper level with the fantastic office furniture donated by Egyptian Office Furniture. We have purchased a new scanner/copier/printer and digital camera and are in the process of purchasing a computer. We will finally be able to begin accessioning all the documents, files, etc. into a museum software program (also yet to be purchased!). We will also be able to scan photos and documents and place onto disks for safe keeping, etc. Our purchase of the Jacob Maey's display cabinet (see separate article on this) was certainly a highlight! As always, we are always happy to accept donations (artifacts and monetary) or items to be placed on loan. Now that we have the Maey's display case (originally for shoes), we are even more determined to locate old shoes to place back into the case. Please call me (618-277-8030) if you have or know where we might obtain old shoes. I heard many compliments from Fruehlingsfest visitors about how fantastic the museum is. People were astounded by Maeystown and how special it is. Thank you all for all of your help and hard work.

Nancy Uhl

## A Huge Thanks to Our Corporate Donors

We cannot say thank you enough to the two companies who so generously gave to the Maeystown Preservation Society.

IKON copy services in St. Louis printed all of our photo blow-ups at an unbelievably discounted rate. Those blow-ups of photos make our museum come alive and allow us to peer back into Maeystown's past. Another huge thanks to Kevin Baltz at Egyptian Business Furniture in Belleville for donating the office furniture, storage cabinets, and enough shelves to entirely equip our museum office.

We could never have afforded to pay for the photo blow-ups or purchase the fine office furniture. Thank you IKON and EGYPTIAN for your generosity. We are extremely grateful to you.  
Nancy Uhl

## 2005 Oktoberfest

It is hard to believe, but the Oktoberfest is fast approaching. This year Oktoberfest is October 9.

For those of you interested in the apple peeling and apple butter cooking, the dates have been set. Apple peeling will be Friday, September 23. Apple butter cooking will be Saturday, September 24.

## Our Advertisers

We sincerely appreciate those advertisers who support our mission and are shown on the attached sheet. Please keep them in mind, as they support the Society.

As a note to our advertisers, if you have submitted a change in advertising, it will be effective in the August issue.

## Calendar

August 6	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale
September 10	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
September 24 October 9	Apple Butter Cooking Oktoberfest 9:00-5:00 p.m.
December 4	Old-Fashioned Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.