

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

25th Anniversary Dinner

The 25th Anniversary Dinner was held on Saturday, September 10, at the Mill. A group of 104 people enjoyed an evening of traditional German food, German dancing, music a Silent Auction, and conversation and memories. All of this took place in an area of decorated tents situated by the creek. It was a wonderful evening.

We wish to thank the people who attended and we also wish to thank many other people who through their donations and support made this evening a success.

Thank you to the following for Silent Auction donations.

First Bank Valmeyer
 Wine and Pasta Basket
 Monroe County Independent
 2-year Subscription
 HTC
 Five \$10.00 phone gift cards
 Stuckmeyer Plants & Produce
 Mum in Basket
 David Henerfauth
 Framed & Matted Maeystown
 Creek Falls Photos
 First National Bank Waterloo
 Radio Cooler
 Dorothy Brandt
 Bear & Candle Basket,
 Plaque
 Trost Plastics
 Vinyl Flower Box Planter
 Dennis and Elaine Knobloch
 Cardinal and Busch Stadium
 Memorabilia
 Maeystown General Store
 German Christmas Ornaments
 Doug and Carol Williams
 3 Framed German Prints
 Pam and John Rehling
 Golf Balls, German Wine
 Basket, Old Church Bulletins

David and Marcia Braswell
 Karasek Painting of Maeystown
 Maeystown Christmas Haus
 Cocoa, Dip & Soup Mixes
 Georgia Mae's Antiques
 2 Antique German Mugs
 George and Nancy Uhl
 Framed Bird's Eye View of
 Maeystown
 Joanne Goeddel
 Basket of German Foods
 Corner George Inn
 Brunch for Eight
 David and Anita Muertz-
 Steins and German Beer
 Elizabeth Hoffman
 (Robert Burton)
 Maeystown Autumn Print
 Harvey and Marian Ries
 Peck of Peaches

We also wish to thank the following companies and persons who made cash donations to underwrite expenses.

HTC
 Reliable Sanitation
 Real Title Service Corp.
 Anne and Eric Weidmann
 Frank and Betsy Rogers
 Fran Buhr
 Carlyle Hoffman

Thanks also to the following who donated items for use:

Stuckmeyer Farms
 Ice
 JLP Construction
 Loan of plywood and 2 X 4's
 to construct dance floor

A special thank you to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for allowing us to rent their tents and to St. John's Church Maeystown for use of tables and chairs.

A thank you also to Mark Bundy, Cletus Hoffmann, and Barry Hoffmann for their music and to Jean Happel, Postmaster of Maeystown, for coming to the event and setting up a special table to sell Maeystown postcards with the special U.S. Postal Service 25th Maeystown Preservation Society Cancellation Stamp and the St. Louis German Cultural Society for the dancers.

Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2006. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2006. We would appreciate it if you would review this and renew your membership as soon as possible. It will save the Society both time and expense if renewals are made promptly to avoid future follow-ups, postage and duplicate forms. We thank you for your support and understanding.

If you are a Life Member of the Society you did not receive a renewal notice, but you have received an envelope to be used if you wish to make a donation to the Society. We again thank our many Life Members for their support over the years.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest was a huge success this year. The weather cooperated to make the day wonderful. Friends of Maeystown enjoyed the many craft stands, varieties of foods, visiting the Museum at the Old Mill, and visiting with old friends during the day. The Society expresses its thanks

to all the many people who worked hard to make this event possible. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Raffle Winners

Listed below are the lucky winners of the raffle held at the Oktoberfest.

Quilt - German American Cultural Society in St. Louis, MO
 1 Night Stay at Corner George – Julia Mueller of Columbia, IL
 Bench - Joyce Rose of Columbia, IL
 Stained Glass Hanging – Charles Kuergeleis of Chesterfield, MO
 Afghan – Ed & Mary Bierach of Ballwin, MO
 Dinner at Eschy's - Audrey Schroeder of Fults, IL
 Gift certificate to Schorr Winery – Terri Gerhart of Washington, MO
 Cookbook - Florence Hesterberg of Maeystown, IL

As you know, we have been doing the raffle for several years and we wish to ask our members if this is something that we should continue or something that should be changed or replaced. Please contact David Asselmeier 281-7441 with comments or suggestions.

Old-Fashioned German Christmas Sunday, December 4, 2005

Are you wondering if there really could be an old-fashioned Christmas anymore? Kevin Darr, reporter for the Monroe County Clarion, came down last year to find out. His answer...."I realized Christmas is a feeling, an atmosphere, not the commercial event it has become. These people wanted to be around the feeling of a traditional Christmas. They didn't want the pomp and circumstance that comes with shopping the day after Thanksgiving. They came to Maeystown to find out what at old time Christmas is all about.

And that is exactly what they received."

The historic German village of Maeystown, Illinois, founded in 1852, welcomes visitors to its seventeenth annual Old-Fashioned German Christmas on Sunday, December 4, 2005, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the village center. Folding your own German paper star, viewing a demonstration of the wrapping of a sassafras tree or corn dolling/wheat weaving, or riding a horse-drawn carriage will add to the "old-fashioned" flavor of the day.

Christmas music will be heard throughout the afternoon, beginning with a brass ensemble strolling the village from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Favorites Carl Seavers and Jim Abbott on hammered dulcimers will be heard at the rock mill from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Valmeyer High School ensembles perform at the Corner George Inn beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed by a German Christmas carol sing at 3:00 p.m. The lighting of the village Weihnachtsbaum and carol sing will commence at 4:45 p.m.

The Women's Club "Taste of Christmas" (dessert samplings) can be enjoyed throughout the afternoon from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Mill. A wide selection of food will be offered throughout the village including: chicken and dumplings, roast pork and dressing, weihnacht stew, bratwurst, fresh baked goods (including German Christmas cookies), wassail and roasted almonds.

Hope to see you there.

For further information call 618-458-6660.

Jars Needed

After many years our stockpile of pint jars used for apple butter is gone. If you have jars that you would like to give to us, please contact one of the following to make arrangements.

Anita Muertz 458-7463
 David Asselmeier 281-7441
 David Braswell 458-6660
 Linda Green 458-5698

Mill Hours

The mill is open for you to visit the museum and visitor center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Brian Mormann and Heather Weber are the student attendants and will be happy to meet and greet you.

Calendar

December 4	Old-Fashioned Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.
February 28	St. John
Church	Fastnacht 5:00-8:00 p.m.
May 7	Fruehlingsfest/Springfest Antique and Garden Show
May 26 & 27	Civic Association Homecoming 5:00 p.m.-Close
August 5	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale 7:00-11:00 a.m.
October 8	Oktoberfest 9:00-5:00 p.m.