

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

Twenty-Sixth Annual Maeystown Oktoberfest Set for Sunday, October 8

On Sunday, October 8, the historic village of Maeystown (pop. 148) will host the 26th annual Oktoberfest featuring crafts, arts, antiques and food from 9:00-5:00 p.m. at the 1881 stone bridge.

More than 50 artisans and dealers and numerous food stands will be featured. Crafts will include basket making, weaving, artists, woodworking and a country store.

Food will include turtle soup, ham and beans, and popcorn cooked in old-fashioned kettles. Bratwurst, potato pancakes, funnel cakes, baked goods, applebutter, cider, coffee and soda will also be available.

A special exhibit of pictures commemorating the 125th anniversary of Maeystown's one-lane stone arch bridge will be on display in the mill museum.

The village specialty shops, bed & breakfast, restaurant and museum will be open throughout the day. Proceeds from the Oktoberfest will be used by the Maeystown Preservation Society to develop the museum and visitor center in the restored 1859 stone mill.

Learn to Make Applebutter

Instruction in the art of making applebutter will be provided at the restored 1859 rock mill in Maeystown on Friday and Saturday, September 22 & 23. Members of the Maeystown Preservation Society will demonstrate various apple peeling and stirring methods in preparation for the 26th annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 8. Apple peeling will take place at the mill between 8:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22. Apple stirring will begin at 6:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23. Friends of Maeystown willing to help peel apples or donate two hours of stirring time are asked to contact David Braswell at 618-458-6660.

Kettle Sponsors

Interested in sponsoring a kettle of applebutter? We are seeking either individuals or groups to sponsor a kettle of applebutter at the annual cooking. There are six kettles that that be sponsored for \$100 each.

The sponsorship will entitle you to be recognized in the paper and at the Oktoberfest, a free quart of applebutter, and a membership to the Society.

Best of all, the kettle that you sponsor will have a special label prepared for each jar noting the name of the sponsor of the kettle.

Sponsorship can simply be the cash sponsorship or if you wish, you may organize your own "applebutter stirring crew" for the day. We will be happy to provide you with all the knowledge,

assistance, and all needed ingredients and equipment.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Linda Green (618-458-5698), David Asselmeier (618-281-7441), or Anita Mertz (618-458-7463).

Raffle Tickets

Enclosed with this mailing is a set of 10 raffle tickets for each member to sell or purchase. Please return the stubs and your check in the envelope provided. Be sure to return the stubs and money by October 5 or bring them to the Country Store on the day of the Oktoberfest. Additional tickets will be available at the Old Rock Mill and at the Oktoberfest on October 8.

Please note we have made a change in the prizes for this year in the hope of trying something different and more interesting.

Country Store

Just a reminder to everyone to bring their fantastic, delicious baked goods, etc. or other items to the mill on either Saturday, October 7, or Sunday morning, October 8.

Also, I need lots of volunteer to work in the Country Store beginning at 7:30 a.m. to help set up and until 5:30 p.m. for clean up.

Volunteer can call me at 618-277-8030.

Nancy Uhl

Information Needed

Does anyone remember making salve with Mrs. Fred Berg (Marie) in the 30's or 40's? Or maybe you might have gone there with your mother or grandmother. My father, Herman Berg, said several women would come over to help make the salve and then the womenfolk would divide it us so everyone would have some because it made a large amount.

I believe the salve contained bee's wax and turpentine. But I don't know any of the other ingredients. You could put it on cuts or scrapes – thin. Or, for say an ingrown toenail, a cyst, or a coil you could put it on thicker to draw out the infection.

Thank you in advance for any information anyone can give me on this. I really appreciate it

Christine "Berg" Jones

Ed. Note: If you have information on this to share, please contact David Asselmeier at 618-281-7441 and I will have Christine get in touch with you.

Women's Club Dinner and Stone Bridge 125th Birthday Party

The Maeystown Women's Club, will be sponsoring a dinner at the Rock Mill on September 16, 2006, in cooperation with the Society. This will be a dinner complete with a birthday cake celebrating the 125th birthday of the stone bridge.

The luncheon will be at 12:00 noon. Menu options are:

Roasted Pork Loin with an Apple/Sweet Potato Stack and Asparagus or Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Herbed Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. Salad and dinner rolls with butter will also be served.

At 2:00 p.m. following the dinner, there will be a special ceremony to observe the 125th anniversary of the stone bridge, complete with a birthday cake.

Please plan to attend this special event. The cost is \$12.50. Reservations and dinner choices can be made by calling Carmen Lewis (618-458-6507). Reservations must be made by September 8.

Calendar

September 22	Apple Peeling Rock Mill 8:00-1:00 p.m.
September 23	Applebutter Cooking Rock Mill 6:00-3:00 p.m.
October 8	Oktoberfest 9:00-5:00 p.m.
December 3	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.