

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

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## Maeystown Preservation Society

### Maeystown Spring Art Show

The annual Maeystown Spring Art Show, sponsored by Historic Maeystown, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19. This year the show will feature the photography of Bethany Prange and Lana Chism. Bethany and Lana, the founders of BeLa Originals, specialize in original landscape and portrait photography. The show will also feature some of the photography of David Henerfauth, with special focus on Maeystown. David is a long-time member of the Maeystown Preservation Society. He is retired from teaching photography and art at Mehlville High School in St. Louis. Photographs of Maeystown and other parts of Monroe County will be featured by all of the photographers, as well as photographs of other subjects. As of this printing, other participants in the art show are possible but not confirmed.

The art show will be held once again at the Preservation Society Museum and in the ballroom of the Corner George Inn. The works will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Selected works will be available for sale to the public. There will be no admission charge for the show. Anyone who would like further information may call Marcia Braswell at 935-2100 x 403 or the Corner George Inn at 458-6660.

### Historic Maeystown to Host Antique & Garden Show

Maeystown will host an antique and garden show as part of its annual Fruehlingsfest (Spring Festival) on Sunday, May 7. The show, which begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m., will take place around the stone mill in the heart of town.

The Fruehlingsfest will feature more than 40 quality antique dealers from Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa and Kansas, specializing in country, folk art, garden, and architectural antiques. In addition, various nurseries will be selling annuals, perennials and herbs.

“Maeystown is the perfect setting for a quality antique and garden show like this,” says John Rehling, event coordinator. “Antique and garden lovers will enjoy the festival, as well as anyone looking for a fun spring day in a country atmosphere.”

This show, held rain or shine, has rapidly become one of the best and most highly anticipated antique shows in the Midwest.

A variety of food will be offered including bratwurst, barbecue, German potato salad, kettle corn, funnel cakes, pretzels and strawberry shortcake.

Additional activities include historical displays and a creek-side wine garden. For more information, call the Corner George Inn at 618-458-6660 or visit [www.maeystown.com](http://www.maeystown.com).

### Old-Fashioned German Christmas December 2005

Everyone enjoyed the Old-Fashioned German Christmas held in the village on December 4 that was sponsored by Historic Maeystown.

Various demonstrations that were available for visitors to experience were German paper star folding, wrapping of a sassafras tree and corn dolling/wheat weaving. Riding a mule-drawn carriage added to the “old-fashioned” flavor of the day.

Christmas music was heard throughout the afternoon, beginning with a brass ensemble strolling the village. Favorites Carl Seavers and Jim Abbott played their hammered dulcimers at the rock mill. The Valmeyer High School ensembles performed at the Corner George Inn, followed by a German Christmas carol sing. The Women’s Club “Taste of Christmas” (dessert samplings) was enjoyed throughout the afternoon from at the Mill. The lighting of the village Weihnachtsbaum and the carol sing provided the end of a perfect day.

### February Meeting of the Society

There will be no meeting of the Society in February. You are encouraged to attend the Fastnacht which will be held on our regular meeting date – Tuesday, February 28.

The next meeting will be March 28 at the Mill at 7:30 p.m.

## New Home Owner

We are pleased to announce that an historic Maeystown house has been purchased by Ann Luna. The house purchased would be historically known as the Wetzler property on Hanover Street. This property was in the Wetzler family for many years and most recently owned by Jane Houston. Following is a short article from the new resident explaining how she fell in love with the village. Welcome to Maeystown, Ann.

### How I Found My Home in Maeystown, Illinois

My name is Ann Luna, I'm a Chaplain (Captain) in the United States Air Force, and currently I'm stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi at Keesler AFB.

Last October I decided to take a week of leave and head up North. Having been to St. Louis back in 2002, I've always wanted to return and get a grand tour of the city. So, I decided to check into a bed and breakfast for rest, relaxation and do some shopping. After locating a few B & B's on the Internet, I began calling and inquiring about accommodations but couldn't decide on where to stay. I finally called the Corner George Inn (I was fascinated by the history of Maeystown) and spoke with David Braswell. He was pleasant, kind and seemed to know everything about the town and the surrounding areas, so I made my reservations and told him I would be there at the end of October.

Upon my arrival, David was waiting for me, showed me my room and said I would have the Inn to myself but not before he gave me a tour of the Inn and explained the history of Maeystown. I was hooked! I loved everything about the town. I felt like I had found a hidden treasure.

The following day I went for a jog and noticed two homes for sale. I asked David about them and told him I was interested in perhaps buying some property. He encouraged me to call the

owners and check them out, so I made arrangements to view both homes. I immediately fell in love with the one on Hanover Street and made an offer to the owner the following day. After we agreed on an amount he gave me till the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to close the deal. I returned to Biloxi two days later.

Not being able to get away from work I gave David Braswell Power of Attorney to close on the home on the 15<sup>th</sup>. David called me that evening to congratulate me; I thanked him and said I would be in Maeystown at the end of January to begin restoring the home. In the meantime David hired two talented carpenters and we began working on the home on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.

So far the experience has been great! I've also met several people who have welcomed me and made me feel a part of the community. When I tell people that I'm from Houston, Texas, currently live in Mississippi and bought a home in Illinois, most of the time they just shake their head and smile. It doesn't bother me; I feel I made a great decision. I'm happy and I know my home is going to be a blessing!

## Election of Officers

At the January meeting of the Society, the following officers were elected for a two-year term.

President – Dorothy Brandt  
 Vice President – Anita Muertz  
 Secretary – Joanne Goeddel  
 Treasurer – Linda Green  
 Museum Curator – Nancy Uhl  
 Corresponding Secretary –  
 David Asselmeier

## Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership renewals were mailed out with the November issue. There are still several people who have not renewed their membership for 2006. If you received a membership form with this issue of the Volksblatt that means you have not renewed your membership for 2006. If we do not receive your renewal by April 15, we will assume you do not wish to renew and will drop your name from our list.

## 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

## Calendar

February 28	Fastnacht St. John Church 5:00-8:00 p.m.
March 18 & 19	Spring Art Show 11:00-4:00 p.m.
May 7	Fruehlingsfest/Springfest Antique and Garden Show 9:00-4:00 p.m.
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.
December 3	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.