

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

### Oktoberfest

The 2007 Oktoberfest was a wonderful success. The weather was fantastic, which helped to make a fantastic day. Friends of Maeystown enjoyed the many craft stands, antique stands, a variety of foods, visiting the Museum at the Old Mill, and visiting with friends during the day. The Society expresses its thanks to all the many people who worked hard to make this event possible. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

### Kettle Sponsors

We wish to thank those members who sponsored a kettle at our annual apple butter cooking. This was our first attempt with this program and we had a wonderful response. Kettle sponsors were:

George & Linda Green  
Lynn Bersche  
Mark Altadonna  
Charles Kuergleis  
Robert Zeiting

Thank you again. We are looking forward to next year's event.

### Country Store Thank You

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who donated items and/or worked at the Country Store at the Oktoberfest. You all outdid yourselves! The scrumptious cakes, breads, cookies, and candies sold very quickly. There were many other wonderful donations of nuts, flower seeds, antique linens,

antique jars, and cash, just to name a few. I never fail to be amazed by the generosity of so many people who help in so many different ways. Thanks for the hours you spent working on donated items, thanks to all of the workers who spent hours setting up our booth on Saturday, thanks for making and selling early morning coffee and donuts, thanks for help hauling the jars of apple butter and items for sale to our booth early Sunday morning, thanks for working in the Country Store throughout the day, and thanks for cleaning up at the end of the day. Each and every one of you is an integral part of our success in raising money to support the Maeystown Preservation Society's mill and museum. You are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the following workers for the 2006 Country Store:

Jean Rahn  
Linda Green  
Jean Knobloch  
Gloria Knoke  
Elise Finnerty  
Kathryn Finnerty  
Carol Bay  
Paula Bundy  
Cindy Helms  
B J Henerfauth  
Shirley Asselmeier  
Debbie Walster  
Rosemarie Upchurch  
Joanne Goeddel  
Loretta Siekmann  
Joe Siekmann  
David Asselmeier  
Ron Upchurch  
Skip Uhl

- Nancy Uhl

### Apple Butter Peeling and Cooking

There were two wonderful days of apple peeling and cooking apple butter. Everyone enjoyed both events. Between the two events we had approximately 40 people help to peel and prepare apples on Friday and approximately 50 people on Saturday to help with the cooking and canning of the apple butter.

On Saturday things did not start out too well because of the rainy weather. With great foresight, Linda Green and Anita Muertz had purchased some canopies that were hastily erected over the fires and kettles. We were able to cook in the rain for several hours. Later the weather cooperated and we were able to finish the process with good weather.

Judging by the number of people who donated their time on these two days, it looks like this is becoming a popular and major event in Maeystown. If this sounds like this would interest you, and you would like a day of good fellowship, light and fun work and good food, put this on your schedule for next year. It is usually two weeks prior to the Oktoberfest. Thank you to everyone listed below that helped both days.

#### Apple Peeling

Anita Muertz  
David Braswell  
Ivan Horn  
Joanne Goeddel  
Ginny Humphrey's Mother  
Joe Siekmann  
BJ Henerfauth  
Nancy Uhl  
Lindsay Clarke  
Mary Lou Galle

Jeannie Rahn  
 Florence Hesterberg  
 Ron Upchurch  
 Rosemarie Upchurch  
 Diane Haynes  
 Carolyn Shields  
 Janet Gallio  
 Marian Ries  
 Lewis Lich  
 Andrew Walker  
 Linda Green  
 Gloria Knoke  
 Viv Horn  
 Ginny Humphrey  
 Loretta Siekmann  
 David Henerfauth  
 Linda Feder  
 Carol Bay  
 Elise Finnerty  
 Whip Hesterberg  
 Ron Upchurch  
 Mary Bierach  
 Marlou Schewe  
 Harvey Ries  
 Pat Harris  
 Doris Adams  
 Dorothy Brandt

#### Cooking & Canning Apple Butter

Jessica James  
 Michelle Tribout  
 Dorothy Brandt  
 Kathryn Finnerty  
 Hannah Finnerty  
 Kermit Constantine  
 Lynn Bersche  
 Dennis Doyle  
 Dan Robert  
 Ryan Crouch  
 Dawn Crouch  
 Gloria Knoke  
 Whip Hesterberg  
 Ron Upchurch  
 Scott Upchurch  
 Brianna Crouch  
 George Green  
 David Muertz  
 Jerry Bersche  
 Karen Bersche  
 David Braswell  
 John Gallia  
 Don Gleiber  
 David Asselmeier  
 Shirley Asselmeier  
 Sonny Tribout

Zane Weber  
 Zack Weber  
 Ken Weber  
 Hayley Abbott  
 Brandon LaMear  
 Amy Burns  
 Danielle Marquardt  
 Clara Lewis  
 Friend of Clara Lewis  
 Harvey Ries  
 Joe Sieckmann  
 Loretta Sieckmann  
 Elise Finnerty  
 Brad Finnerty  
 Linda Green  
 Anita Muertz  
 Michael Upchurch  
 Chris Green  
 Juliann McMillen  
 Janet Gallia  
 Joanne Goeddel

Please accept our apology if your name was omitted. Let us know and we will give you special recognition in the next Volksblatt.

#### Matching Donations

We have several of our members who work for companies that have programs for matching an employee's or retired employee's charitable donations to certain qualified organizations. Maeystown Preservation is one of those qualified organizations and we are qualified under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

What this means is that if your employer has a matching program, any money you donate to us could be matched by your employer under their program.

If this applies to you and you wish to participate please contact either David Asselmeier (618-281-7441) or Linda Green (628-458-5698) for details.

#### Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2007. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2007. 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.

#### Raffle Winners

The following persons were winners in the Oktoberfest Raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Maeystown Fly-Over –  
David Hesterberg, Herrin, IL.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Maeystown Creek Tour –  
Geraldine Schaefer, Waterloo, IL.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Night at Corner George –  
Norma Sopp, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Maeystown From on High  
Picture - Ann Luna, Maeystown,  
IL & Biloxi, MS
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - Quart of Apple Butter –  
Vicki Taake, Fults, IL.

Thanks to all who supported our raffle.

#### Jars Needed

We are again asking for your help in obtaining pint and quart jars (pint especially) for apple butter. Jars have become quite expensive to purchase and we would like to use recycled jars whenever we can. If you have any jars you would like to recycle (any quart or pint jars), please contact one of our board members - Dorothy Brandt,

Joanne Goeddel Anita Muertz, Linda Green, Nancy Uhl, David Asselmeier, David Braswell, or Ron Upchurch. You can also call the Mill and leave a message there at 618-458-6464.

### Old Recipe for Salve

If you recall in our August issue Christine Berg Jones wondered if someone had the recipe for the old salve made by Mrs. Fred Berg in the 1930's or 40's.

One of our members, Colette Wentz Gerhart of Washington, MO, provided us and Christine with the following recipe:

Full Recipe:

1 ½ lbs. tallow  
 ½ lb. rosen (rosin)  
 ½ lb. of bee's wax  
 1 cup turpentine

Half Recipe:

1 lb. tallow  
 5 1/3 oz. rosen (rosin)  
 5 1/3 oz. Bee's wax  
 2/3 cup turpentine

We don't know how long it had to cook, but this is the recipe. Mrs. Gerhart said this recipe originally came from Marie Hugo, Marie Berg's mother.

### Calendar

December 3	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.
February 20	St. John Church (UCC) Fastnacht Pancake & Sausage Dinner German Music 5:00-8:00 p.m.
March 10 & 11	Spring Art Show 11:00-4:00 p.m.
May 6	Fruehlingsfest/Springfest Antique and Garden Show
May 25 & 26	Civic Association Homecoming 5:00 p.m.-Close
August 4	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale
October 14	Oktoberfest Craft, Antique & Food Fair