

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

### Dorothy Brandt Videotape

Continuing our documentation of the information about life in Maeystown, the Society invited Dorothy Brandt to be videotaped. During this taping Dorothy answered questions and provided information regarding growing up and living in Maeystown. The videotape is available to view at the Mill Museum.

### Twenty-Eighth Annual Maeystown Oktoberfest Set for Sunday, October 12

On Sunday, October 12, the Maeystown Preservation Society will host the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest featuring crafts, arts, antiques and food from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at the 1881 stone bridge.

More than 50 artisans and dealers and numerous food stands will be featured. Crafts will include rug weaving, 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, apple butter, cider, coffee and soda will also be available.

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 Apple Butter

Instruction in the art of making apple butter will be provided at the restored 1859 rock mill in Maeystown on Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27. Members of the Maeystown Preservation Society will demonstrate various apple peeling and stirring methods in preparation for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 12. Apple peeling will take place at the mill between 8:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26. Apple butter stirring will begin at 6:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27. 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 apple butter? We are seeking either individuals or groups to sponsor a kettle of apple butter 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 apple butter, and a year's 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 "apple butter 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 12.

### Country Store

Just a reminder to everyone to bring their fantastic, delicious baked goods, etc. or other items to the mill on Saturday, October 11, or Sunday morning, October 12.

Also, lots of volunteer are needed to work in the Country Store beginning at 7:30 a.m. to help set up and until 4:30 p.m. for clean up.

Volunteer can call me at 618-277-8030. Nancy Uhl

### Work Day at Mill

As is done every year, we will again have a work day at the Mill on Saturday, October 11, in order to ready the Mill and the grounds for the upcoming Oktoberfest. Everyone is welcome. No experience is required. Show up at the Mill at 9:00 a.m.

## Oops!!!

We sincerely apologize to State Bank of Waterloo for omitting their ad in our May issue.

State Bank of Waterloo is the successor to the former State Bank of Maeystown. They have supported the Society in many ways over the years. We appreciate their support.

## Deaths

### *Mary Bierach*

Mary Bierach, a long-time supporter of Maeystown and the Preservation Society died on July 6, 2008. She was the daughter of Olinda Cook, nee Krone. Mary loved Maeystown and spent many days visiting the village and the relatives there. She was preceded in death by her husband Roland (Ed). Surviving is her daughter Julie (Dale) Guariglia and three granddaughters.

## Calendar

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| September 26 | Apple Peeling at<br>the Rock Mill<br>8:00-1:00 p.m.         |
| September 27 | Apple Butter Stirring<br>at the Rock Mill<br>6:00-3:00 p.m. |
| October 12   | Oktoberfest<br>9:00-4:00 p.m.                               |
| December 7   | Old-Fashioned<br>German Christmas<br>11:00-5:00 p.m.        |