

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

### Oktoberfest

It was an unusually warm but beautiful day for the 28th Oktoberfest. We were pleased to have over 50 artists, crafters and antique vendors. The crowd seemed enthralled with demonstrations from Jim Agne, using the hand powered wood lathe, Mike Lanham, the blacksmith, Charles and Maxine Weber who made pine needle baskets and Nancy Spence, the wire and clay artist. Those attending also enjoyed the variety offered at 13 food booths and the newly opened Stonebridge Bar & Restaurant. Some stands even ran out of their specialties.

It is amazing to see in a village the size of Maeystown, a festival with thousands in attendance, managed so flawlessly. That is a tribute to an organization like our Preservation Society. Much thanks goes to all the members and Preservation friends who donated many hours to our cause!

Anita Muertz

### Old Fashioned Christmas

The Village of Maeystown will celebrate its Old Fashioned German Christmas on Sunday, December 7, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The day will feature old German customs.

New to the celebration this year will be wood carved Santas and a display and lecture about Thomas Nast, the creator of Santa Claus, given by Henry Wolf. The day will also include a chance to do German paper star folding and a visit with Sankt Nikolaus from 2:00-5:00 p.m. A sassafras tree wrapped in the German

tradition will be on display at the mill. There will be wheat-weaving demonstrations by Violet Gummerscheimer.

Featured seasonal music will include organ music over the tower at St. John Church from 11:00-11:30 a.m., piano music in the ballroom of the Corner George Inn, a brass ensemble from 12:00-2:00 p.m., instrumental music by Valmeyer Band students from 2:30-3:30 p.m., a German Carol Sing in the ballroom at 3:00 p.m., hammered dulcimer music in the Rock Mill from 12:30-5:00 p.m., accordion music throughout the day, and a traditional carol sing at the lighting of the village Weihnachtsbaum at 4:30 p.m.

Food for the day will include outdoor Weihnacht Stew, wassail, German and traditional Christmas cookies by the Valmeyer Music Boosters, A Taste of Christmas dessert sampling at the Rock Mill by the Maeystown Women's Club, and a variety of delicious food from the Sweet Shoppe and Stonebridge Bar and Restaurant.

The shops will be open throughout the day and will be decorated for the season. They will offer many unique opportunities to shop for the special people on your gift list. The Corner George Inn will be open in the afternoon from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Be sure to stop at the General Store when you arrive to pick up a flyer which will give an up-to-date listing of these and other activities. Please join us as we celebrate our traditions and our heritage!

Marcia Braswell

### Country Store Thank You

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped in the Country Store at the Oktoberfest. A tremendous amount of work is involved in the success of our Country Store. To you early-bird workers making coffee and selling doughnuts to the vendors, to those of you who break your backs setting up the tables, the canopy, and hauling out all that wonderful apple butter and other fantastic items for sale in the store, to you workers who smilingly sell our wares all day, to those of who spend hours baking, making crafts, growing vegetables, and collecting flower seeds for sale in our store -- THANK YOU!!!

You are Fantastic, Wonderful, and Generous!! We could not do it without your help.

Nancy Uhl

### Kettle Sponsors

We wish to thank those members who sponsored a kettle at our annual apple butter cooking. Kettle sponsors were:

Mark & Brenda Altadonna  
 David & Shirley Asselmeier  
 Lynn Bersche  
 George & Linda Green  
 In Memory of  
 Charles Kuergeleis  
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 Family of Louise Olszewski  
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 In Memory of Fred & Lillian  
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 Family  
 Ray & Nancy Reed  
 George & Nancy Uhl  
 Robert & Jackie Zeiting

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

## Thank You

The Maeystown Preservation would like to thank the following people for giving a donation for the 2008 Oktoberfest:

Fred Berg, Sr.  
 Carol Gillilan  
 Harrisonville Telephone Co.  
 Romelle Kaeser  
 Bud & Gloria Knoke  
 Lennis & Waleah Lich  
 Audrey Roever  
 Fred Thompson

## Apple Butter Peeling and Cooking

There were two wonderful days of apple peeling and cooking apple butter. Everyone enjoyed both events.

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 with the apple butter.

Those helping peel apples were Joan Hoffmann, Bob Hoffmann, Lisa Boone, Loretta Siekmann, Joe Siekmann, Joanne Goeddel, Natalya Pruitt, Patrick Poole, Ron Upchurch, Rosemarie Upchurch, Fay Ross, Marian Knobloch, Mary Lou Galle, Florence Hesterberg, Wilbert Hesterberg, Maxine Steingrubey, Jane Peters, Nancy Uhl, Linda Feder, Susan Barker, Vivian Horn, Linda Coats, Dave Henerfauth, BJ Henerfauth, Dorothy Brandt, Linda Green, Anita Muertz, David Braswell, Katie, Dillenberger, and Mark Bradley

Those helping stir apple butter were Linda Green, David Muertz, Anita Muertz, David Braswell, Samantha Forehand, Jason Crouch, Fay Ross, Aaron Rusteberg, Ken

Knobloch, Jean Knobloch, Kristen Baum, Patrick Poole, Kathryn Finnerty, Olivia Hunter, Hannah Finnerty, Joe Siekmann, Loretta Siekmann, Linda Coats, Gracie Allen, Dale Haudrich, George Obernagel, Ben James, Elise Finnerty, Karlie Heise, Anita Louise Poole, Brett Rohlfing, Chuckie Knollman, Bonnie Horgan, Mark Bradley, Marc McClelland, Colton Massie, Chad Phillips, Joanne Goeddel, BJ Henerfauth, Dave Henerfauth, Charlie Boone, Lisa Boone, Rosemarie Upchurch, Ron Upchurch, Brad Finnerty, Micaela Finnerty, Lynn Berrsche, Don Gleiber, and Kermit Constantine

If your name is missing please contact David Braswell at 458-6660 or at [cornrgeo@htc.net](mailto:cornrgeo@htc.net). We will publish it in the next newsletter.

## Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2009. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2009. 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 –  
 Geraldine Schaefer, Waterloo, IL

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Maeystown Creek Tour –  
 Mark Altadonna, Waterloo, IL  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Night at Corner George –  
 Alvera Neibruegge, Waterloo, IL  
 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Gift Certificate to  
 Stonebridge Bar & Restaurant –  
 Theresa Witowski,  
 Waterloo, IL  
 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Picture of St. John Church  
 – Lettie Noelke, Waterloo, IL  
 6<sup>th</sup> Prize – 2 Quarts of Apple Butter –  
 David Hesterberg, Herrin, IL  
 Thanks to all who supported our raffle.

## Life Member Support

The Society is blessed by having the Life Members that support our cause. We sincerely appreciate all of the support given to us over the years by all members.

You too can become a Life Member by paying a \$250 Life Membership fee.

We are asking the membership to send us any stories or information they might have of their interest or connection to Maeystown. Please send this information to David Asselmeier at P.O. 25, Maeystown, IL 62256.

The following is a current list of your Life Members:

1. Diane Andor
2. Clifford Asselmeier
3. David and Shirley Asselmeier
4. Roy Bickelhaupt
5. Les Brandt
6. David and Marcia Braswell
7. H. Quernheim Co.
8. Stan Elliott
9. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Faus
10. Mardy Eisloeffel
11. Doris Asselmeier England
12. Jeanette Gerber
13. John and Shirley Goeddel
14. Joanne Goeddel
15. Kay Hanson
16. Bonnie Henerfauth
17. Willis Hern
18. Adolph and Pearl Hirsch
19. Robert Hoffmann

20. Jay Huetsch
21. Jeffrey Hoffmann
22. Faye Hughes
23. Jean Jost
24. Barbara Kay
25. Dennis Knobloch
26. Kenneth Knobloch
27. Lee Knobloch
28. Marian Knobloch
29. John Koerber
30. Wilbert Kohlmeier
31. George and Nancy Uhl
32. Robert Voris
33. Twyla Miller Luhr
34. David and Anita Muertz
35. Richard Schein
36. John and Pam Rehling
37. Audrey Roever
38. William Schmidt
39. Burton and Ruth Stumpf
40. Jim Threlkeld
41. Deanna Stumpf
42. Harrisonville Telephone Company
43. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zeitinger
44. Marlene Trost Seyler

## Deaths

### *Emma Altes*

Emma Altes, a long-time supporter of Maeystown and the Preservation Society died on October 10, 2008. She was the daughter of the late George & Katarina (nee Baltz) Sparwasser. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Altes. She is survived by her son Wallace (Jane) and her daughter Nancy (Ray) Reed. Also surviving are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Calendar

December 7	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.
February 24	Fastnacht St. John Church 5:00-8:00 p.m.
May 3	Fruehlingsfest/Springfest Antique & Garden Show 9:00-4:00 p.m.
May 22 & 23	Civic Association Homecoming 5:00 p.m. to Close
August 1	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale
September 25	Apple Peeling Rock Mill 8:00-1:00 p.m.
September 26	Apple Butter Stirring Rock Mill 6:00-3:00 p.m.
October 11	Oktoberfest 9:00-4:00 p.m.