

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

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### November & December Meetings

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Society will meet on Tuesday, November 16, instead of November 23. The meeting will be held at the Mill at 7:30 p.m.

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 25, 2011

### 30<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest

On Sunday, October 10, the Maeystown Preservation Society hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest. It is hard to believe this event has been celebrated for 30 years.

The weather cooperated again for our work day on October 9 and provided a wonderful for the Oktoberfest on Sunday. We could not have asked for better weather.

We again thank the thousands of people who attended the celebration. The Oktoberfest would not be a success without the support of the many friends of Maeystown.

Thank you to the many artists, crafters, antique vendors and food stand workers who worked diligently to make the Oktoberfest a success.

We also thank the Village of Maeystown and the residents and workers for their continued support and enabling us to make the Oktoberfest an event to remember.

### Old-Fashioned German Christmas

On Sunday, December 5, 2010, the Maeystown streets and buildings will once again be filled with the sounds, sights and smells of Christmas! The Old-Fashioned German Christmas will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The focus of the day will be on German customs and music, as well as, of course, the good food and beauty of the season.

Featured music this year will be provided by the Waterloo strolling brass ensemble from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m., by hammered dulcimer favorites Carl Seavers and Jim Abbott from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the rock mill, by strolling carolers, and by The String Connection in the ballroom of the Corner George Inn at 1:30 p.m. There will also be a German Christmas Carol Sing in the ballroom of the inn at 3:00 p.m. and a traditional carol sing at 4:30 p.m. at the rock mill. The village Weihnachtsbaum will also be lighted during the traditional carol sing.

A new activity this year will be provided by the St. John UCC Sunday School at the church hall. They will have a puppet show at various times throughout the afternoon, will offer children the opportunity to make a holiday craft, and will have various candies for sale. These activities will be fun for children of all ages.

The Maeystown Women's Club will provide a Taste of Christmas Dessert Sampling in the basement of the rock mill throughout the day. The St John Adult Choir will be serving Weihnachts-stew, bratwurst and hot dogs outside at the corner of Main and Mill. Traditional Gluehwein and other tasty treats will be served at the Village Kaffeehaus and the Sweet

Shophe will offer stollen and other baked goods and candies.

St. Nikolaus will be in the village throughout the day. Georgia Mae's Antiques and the Maeystown General Store will be open for holiday shopping and the village will be decorated with holiday finery. The Preservation Society's Rock Mill Museum will be open for browsing through the exhibits of Maeystown's past.

Visitors may obtain listings of times of various events from any of the shops or the museum when they arrive in the village. For more information, please call 618-458-6660.

Marcia Braswell

### Apple Butter Peeling and Cooking

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

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 that helped with the apple butter.

Listed below are the people that helped with the apple peeling: Adam Tyberandt, Linda Coats, David Braswell, Ron Upchurch, Rosemarie Upchurch, Linda Green, Joe Siekmann, Nancy Uhl, Anita Muertz, Harvey Ries, Vivian Horn, Joan Hoffmann, Bob Hoffmann, Susan Barker, Marion Knobloch, Ann Luna, Julie Taylor, Natalya Pruitt, Mary Lou Galle, Lynn Cereghino, Lynn Koehler, Ginny Mensing, Sharon Ruiz, and Bill Tutka.

Listed below are the people that helped with the making of the apple

butter: Linda Green, Anita Muertz, David Muertz, Christy Muertz, Chris Muertz, Joe Sieckman, Loretta Sieckmann, Ron Upchurch, Rosemarie Upchurch, Harvey Ries, David Henerfauth, David Braswell, Sharon Ruiz, Gloria Knoke, Elise Finnerty, Michaela Finnerty, Hannah Finnerty, Kathryn Finnerty, Amanda Warden, Kaleigh Dickneite, Ann Luna, Linda Coats, Dorothy Brandt, Connie Turner, Laura Fouts, Jessica, Todd Bradshaw, Susan Barker, Robbie Schulz, and George Obernagel.

Thank you to the people for their fine work. With the help of the volunteers, the apple butter process was a huge success. We could not have done it without you.

## Country Store Thank You!

A HUGE thanks to all of you for the time and effort that went into making/growing/bringing the wonderful baked goods, garden vegetables and craft items for the Country Store.

Another HUGE thanks to all of our tireless workers for helping clean up the Mill, set up the tables and tents, and then do it in reverse on Sunday afternoon. Another HUGE thanks to everyone who worked in the Country Store on Sunday. Oktoberfest is a great success every year because of you!

Nancy Uhl

## Raffle Winners

The following persons were winners in the Oktoberfest Raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Maeystown Fly-Over – Adam Ritzel, Glen Carbon, IL
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Maeystown Creek Tour – Mark Altadonna, Waterloo, IL
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Night at Corner George – Barbara Kay, Glen Carbon, IL
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Old Time Photo of St. John Church – Sharon Brockmeier, Webster Groves, MO

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – 2 Quarts of Apple Butter – Rich Buettner – Wartburg, IL

6<sup>th</sup> Prize – “Grace in the Past, Faith for the Future” book, Barbara Kay, Glen Carbon, IL

7<sup>th</sup> Prize – Preservation Society Maeystown Mill & Morsels Cookbook – Nancy Nobbe, Waterloo, IL

8<sup>th</sup> Prize – Sal’s Wartburg Inn - \$25 Gift Certificate – Laurie Fischer, Ste. Genevieve, MO

Thanks to all who supported our raffle. Special thanks to those who donated prizes: David & Marcia Braswell for the Corner George Gift Certificate, David & Shirley Asselmeier for the Framed Picture, and Sal’s of Wartburg for the Gift Certificate.

## Kettle Sponsors

The Society would like to thank the people who sponsored kettles for the making of apple butter. The sponsors were David & Shirley Asselmeier, Lynn Bersche, Joanne Goeddel, George & Linda Green, Ray & Nancy Reed, George & Nancy Uhl, Robert & Jackie Zeitinger, and In Memory of Charles Kuergeleis.

## Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it’s time to renew memberships for the year 2011. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2011. 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.

## Exciting Museum Changes

In the last newsletter, we mentioned upcoming expansion of the museum. Part of the expansion will involve new signage and displays. For those of you that attended the Oktoberfest, you were able to see our new life-sized cut-out of Jacob Maey, founder of Maeystown. This signage is to welcome you to the museum and Maeystown. Check it out on your next visit. There is a lot more to come.

Our thanks to all of you who generously donate and loan items to be exhibited. If you have any old photos, documents or Maeystown artifacts you would be willing to have scanned, copied, or displayed, please give me a call.

Nancy Uhl, Curator 618-277-8030

## Maeystown Street Lamps

At one of our gatherings a couple of months ago for some reason the subject of street lights in Maeystown came up. There apparently were street lamps in Maeystown before electricity came to Maeystown in 1938.

Someone recalled that at one time, before electricity, there were street lamps in Maeystown that were apparently large kerosene type lanterns. Someone mentioned that some had been sold at a sale. Sometime later a few of us were looking at an old enlarged photo of Main Street of Maeystown and noticed a large kerosene lamp on a post about five feet high. The light was between the former Wippermann home and the former William Maey home on the south side of Main Street.

We later found out that some of our members actually had two of these old lamps and member Joanne Goeddel remembered that there was one in her family that had been converted to electricity and was used at her father’s home in Maeystown (Patty Schulz) as a back yard light. When they moved to Waterloo the light went along as a back yard light. Joanne’s nephew, Robert

Schulz of Waterloo, has donated the light to us and we hope to restore it. In looking at the light you can readily see that it is a larger version of a kerosene lamp and has a very large glass chimney on it.

We are glad to have found out about these lamps. Most of us had never heard of them. This information has raised several questions that we hope our members can answer.

- (1) When did these lamps come into use?
- (2) Does anyone know how many there were?
- (3) Does anyone know where they were located?
- (4) Were they owned by the village or individual owners?
- (5) Was there someone who served as the lamplighter or was that job assigned to some individual living near each lamp?

If you can supply any information on this please contact either Ron Upchurch (618-939-7439) or David Asselmeier (618-281-7441).

David Asselmeier

## Website

Just to remind you, the website for the Maeystown Preservation Society is up and running. There have been additional pictures and features added. There is more to come. Check it out at:

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## Calendar

December 5	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 12:00-5:00 p.m.
March 8	Fastnacht St. John Church 5:00-8:00 p.m.
May 1	Fruehlingsfest Antique & Garden Show 9:00-4:00 p.m.
May 27 & 28	Civic Association Homecoming 5:00p.m.-Close
August 6	Trash and Treasures Village Yard Sale