

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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German Dinner

After a long absence (2004), the Society will again sponsor a German Dinner. Lack of space and expansion of the museum in the Mill caused us to stop having the dinners which were always a special event for all.

The German Dinner will be held on June 23 at the St. John Church Hall. Registration will be at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be our regular German menu of Sauerbraten, Spaetzle, Rotkohl, Erbsen Apfelmus, Obsttorte and Beverages.

The meal will be prepared by Rev. Ken Knobloch and wife Jean. They are planning a tasteful meal. We are also having Karen Leber make homemade cherry and peach custard pies (obsttorte) for dessert.

There will be a short program featuring Charlie Hoessle, Director Emeritus of the St. Louis Zoo and a long time MPS member and supporter of Maeystown. He will talk about his wonderful experiences with Maeystown folks over the years and also about his adventures with the unique wildlife found in the Maeystown and Monroe County area.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and advance reservations are required. Due to space limitations we will only be able to entertain a maximum of 125 people, so get your reservation forms in promptly. Cutoff date is June 15 or whenever we reach 125 reservations.

Call 618-281-7441 with questions regarding the dinner.

David Asselmeier

Another Successful Fruehlingsfest

Neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet, nor snow, nor **heat** of day shall keep.....people from attending the Fruehlingsfest. The warming sun and almost 90 degree temperatures did not matter. Many searched for those unique items like the vintage child's wooden teeter-totter, the flock of pink flamingos, a weather vane attached to an old hog feeder or even the mother hen with her six chicks antique metal chocolate molds. Others came to get their favorite foods from the local groups like Maeystown Women's Club, Order of Goodfellows, Maeystown St. John United Church of Christ Choir and Youth Group, Sister Cities of Portlao, or Red Bud St. Peter United Church of Christ. The weather is always surprising, but I still believe some came because there might be something to that "Maeystown Magic"!

Anita Muertz

Museum Improvements

The Society continues to make improvements at the Mill. We are currently in the process of restoring the top floor for museum expansion to that level.

Meeting Changes

There will be no monthly meeting of the Society in the months of June and July. Meetings will again resume on Tuesday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill to begin preparation for the Oktoberfest.

Smithsonian Display

Monroe County and the Waterloo Museum Society have been selected as one of the six cities in Illinois to receive the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit called "The Way We Worked." The exhibit will trace work as an essential element of American culture and work force over the last 150 years. The exhibit itself will be at the History Museum of Monroe County in Waterloo from June 2 through July 14, 2012. It will be a county-wide event with the towns of Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer and Maeystown all participating. Local displays and programs will be held in each town and each town will be responsible for a display at the Smithsonian exhibit in Waterloo. This will be a significant event for the county and we are happy that the Maeystown Preservation Society and our Mill and Museum were invited to be a part of this.

The schedule is as follows:

June 2, 2012 - Opening Ceremony
10:00 a.m.

Exhibit is open:

Thursdays - 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fridays - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sundays - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 14, 2012 - Closing Ceremony
2:00 p.m.

ADMISSION IS FREE

The museum is located at 724 Elaine Drive, Waterloo, Illinois. Check your local papers for events being held at local towns and cities.

New Officers

At the January meeting officers for 2012-13 were elected. They are as follows:

President-----Dorothy Brandt
 Vice President-----Anita Muertz
 Secretary-----Nancy Uhl
 Treasurer-----Linda Green
 Curator-----Nancy Uhl
 Corresponding Secretary-----David Asselmeier
 Immediate Past President-----David Braswell

Calendar

May 25 – Friday Evening and
 May 26 - Saturday Civic Association
 Homecoming
 June 23 German Dinner
 6:30 p.m.
 August 4 Trash & Treasures
 Village Yard Sale
 October 14 Oktoberfest
 9:00-4:00 p.m.