

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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December Meeting & Change of Time of Meeting

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 22.

At the September meeting it was voted to change the time of meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is effective with the October meeting.

32nd Oktoberfest

Maeystown is quite unique in size and topography. Being only one block big and with traffic limitations, it takes strategic planning and much patience to get almost one hundred vendor spaces ready to go by 9:00 a.m. on Oktoberfest morning. That's why the art, craft, antique, and food vendors are requested to set up on Saturday, the day before. The weather forecast for that Saturday evening was looming. It took the vendors more than a leap of faith to move in, unload and protect their merchandise from impending storms. But, they did just that and kept coming in all day.

Again, we were very fortunate and had a sunny autumn Sunday with fall leaves at their peak. The exceptional crowd seemed to enjoy the variety of foods from the grand opening of Vici's Front Porch & Tea Garden's pumpkin apple soup to rib eye sandwiches and homemade pies. The diversity of the vendors merchandise such as the three string guitars constructed from almost any found object including an oil can to the hand turned wooden pens proved to be interesting. Undoubtedly there are many reasons that Oktoberfest draws such a crowd. Whatever they are, we

are extremely thankful to have such support for our Preservation Society.

Anita Muertz

Old Fashioned German Christmas

Maeystown's annual celebration of an Old Fashioned Germ Christmas will be held on Sunday, December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Carriage rides and visits with Sankt Nikolaus will be available to visitors as they stroll through the village dressed in all its holiday finery.

This year's event will feature the Band Room Brass Ensemble strolling throughout town, musicians from the Valmeyer High School Chorus and Band, Carl Seavers and Jim Abbott on Hammered Dulcimer in the mill, and Mardy Eisloeffel on accordion. There will also be a German Carol Sing at 3:00 p.m. in the Corner George Inn Ballroom and a traditional Carol Sing and lighting of the Village Weihnachtsbaum at 4:30 p.m. at the stone mill.

Food will be in abundance at Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden where the favorite Weihnacht Stew and Christmas Strudel will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., as well as at the very popular Taste of Christmas sponsored by the Maeystown Women's Club in the basement of the mill. The Village Kaffeehaus will be open for coffee, teas and sweets throughout the day, and the Sweet Shoppe will feature holiday treats and teapots.

Special vendors for the day will include jewelry maker Mary Hummert and Steve Eli with carved Santas. New to this year's event will be a Christkindlmarkt

sponsored by the St John Women's Fellowship which will be held in the basement of the St John Church Hall. They will feature vendors of various kinds. The Christkindlmarkt will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The museum at the Preservation Society Mill will be open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and will have the traditional feather tree and sassafras tree on display.

For more information on Old Fashioned Christmas, please call 618-458-6660 or 618-458-7463.

Marcia Braswell

Frauenabend

For the first time, Historic Maeystown will sponsor "Frauenabend" on Friday, November 16, 2012, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the town center. Frauenabend, or Ladies Night Out, will feature unique dining, shopping and pampering for the holidays.

Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden will be open for dinner during the event, with dining from 4:30-8:30 p.m. The menu will feature Pumpkin Bisque, Ham and Cheese Quiche Cups with Hollandaise Sauce, Honey Apple Gems, and your choice of either Chocolate Fudge Cake or Orange Dream Cake with Chantilly Cream, Raspberry Tea and Hot Mulled Cider. The cost will be \$12 per person.

A variety of holiday shopping and pampering experiences will be offered for the evening. The Maeystown General Store will offer private label food samplings, the Village Kaffeehaus will feature its Smooth Brew and teas, the Sweet Shoppe will offer discounts on teapots, Georgia Mae's Antiques will offer discounts on select items, and the

Preservation Society Museum will be open for visitors.

Special vendors for the event will include Pat Dunn, florals; Paige Williams, olive oils and wine tastings; Mary Hummert, unique jewelry featured on Great Day St Louis; Gina Hefflinger of Sew Inspired Monogrammed Gifts and More; Sheree Bingheim, felt hats; Connie Cammarata, LMT will offer chair massages; and Alison Toenjes, consultant for BeautiControl, will feature handscrubs and more.

The Corner George Inn Bed and Breakfast is offering ladies a 20% discount on room reservations for the night of Nov 16, 40% off a two-night stay on Nov 16-17, and 20% off all gift certificates purchased between November 16-18.

For more information concerning Frauenabend, please call 618-458-6660 or 618-458-7463.

Marcia Braswell

Apple Butter Peeling and Cooking

The Society had two wonderful days for the peeling of apples for apple butter and for cooking it outside the next day.

A large number of volunteers turned out for peeling and cutting the apples on Friday, September 28. Twenty-four bushels of apples were peeled, cored and cut up. The cooking event on Saturday, September 29, brought out another large group of people to cook, stir and can the apple butter. In total, we produced 158 quarts, 166 pints and 37 half pints for sale.

Special thanks to the people listed below for helping. Apple peelers: Linda Green, Anita Muertz, David Braswell, Whip Hesterberg, Susan Barker, Viv Horn, Harvey Ries, Deb Rosser, Joe Siekmann, Loretta Siekmann, Christy Muertz, Mary Lou Galle, Carol Bay, Bob Simpson, Carol Simpson, Natalya Pruitt, Christ Schmiz,

Kathleen Johnson, Ron Upchurch, Bill Tutka, Patricia Lewis, Nancy Uhl, Linda Coats, Marian Knobloch, Ginny Humphrey, Barb Curtis, Pam Rehling, Patrick Poole, Sandy Tutka, Joan Braswell, Vici Eader, and Rosemarie Upchurch.

Apple butter cooking: Elise Finnerty, Sandy Sauget, Kathryn Finnerty, Dennis Jacknewitz, Amanda Warden, Shirley Asselmeier, George Obernagel, Jason Crouch, Jill Crouch, Kevin Buettner, Luann Walsh, David Asselmeier, Linda Green, Anita Muertz, David Muertz, Harvey Ries, Christy Muertz, David Braswell, Linda Coats, Adam Ritzel, Ashlyn Crouch, Loretta Siekmann, Joe Siekmann, Ron Upchurch, Dave Buesch, Connie Turner, Tiffany Green, Chris Green, Sandy Tutka, Bill Tutka, Mardy Eisloeffel, Julie Whitlock, Dennis Dvorchak, Rose Wilson, George Green, Whip Hesterberg, Ken Jokerst, Wilma Jokerst, Roland Paul, Sean Goding, Fay Ross, Bernie Ross, Dorothy Brandt, Robert Schulz, Delbert Wittenauer, and Lynn Bersche.

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, the Ross Family in memory of Lillian & Fred Pieper, and the Schmuck Family in memory of Charles Kuergeleis.

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 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:

- 1st Prize – Maeystown Fly-Over – Joe Schein, Belleville, IL
- 2nd Prize - Night at Corner George – Jean Knobloch, Maeystown, IL
- 3rd Prize – Old Time Photo of Hoefft Undertaking at Mill – Elaine Knobloch, Valmeyer, IL
- 4th Prize – 2 Quarts of Apple Butter – K. Schmiege, Waterloo, IL
- 5th Prize – “Grace in the Past, Faith for the Future” book - Jodie Schein, Belleville, IL
- 6th Prize – Preservation Society Maeystown Mill & Morsels Cookbook – Jay Huetsch, Waterloo, IL
- 7th Prize – Sal’s Wartburg Inn - \$25 Gift Certificate – David Braswell, Maeystown, IL
- 8th Prize – Maeystown General Store - \$25 Gift Certificate – Paul Steingrub, Maeystown, IL
- 10th Prize – Village Kaffeehaus – Gift Certificate – Kathy Weber, St. Louis, MO

Thanks to all who supported our raffle. Special thanks to those who donated prizes: Anita Muertz for the Maeystown General Store Gift Certificate, Arnie Juelfs, for the Village Kaffeehaus Gift Certificate, 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.

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2013. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2013. 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.

Vici's Front Porch & Tea Garden

The grand opening of Vici's Front Porch & Tea Garden will be held Saturday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1109 Mill Street, Maeystown, Illinois. Lunch will be served featuring heritage seasonal menu items.

Visit the Colonial style tea room and gift shop located in the heart of Maeystown, located next door to the Mill Museum. Gift shop offers handmade and all natural items; candles, soaps, bath salts, lip glosses, honey, chocolate sauces, chair pads and more.

The tea room is accepting reservations for groups of 10 to 20 for luncheons, brunches, showers, birthday parties, ladies groups, rehearsal dinners and private events. Call (618) 539-3665 or email us at teatime@htc.net to book your special event. Open during Maeystown events.

Shop and dine Maeystown for the "Frauenabend" Ladies night out November 16 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The tea room will serve Pumpkin Bisque,

Ham & Cheese Quiche Cups with Hollandaise Sauce, Honey Apple Gems, Chocolate Fudge Cake or Orange Cake with Chantilly Cream. \$12.00/person

Colonial dinners served in period clothing featuring "Foods of Our Forefathers." (limited seating) November 23 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.00/person and advance reservations are required

Old Fashioned German Christmas Sunday, December 2 ~ 11:00-5:00 p.m. Vici's Front Porch & Tea Garden will be serving Weinacht Stew and Christmas Strudel.

Christmas luncheons and candlelight dinners may be scheduled by calling Vici at (618) 539-3665 or contacting by e-mail – teatime@htc.net.

Vici Eader

New Village Business

Vici's Front Porch Tea Garden opened for business the day of the Oktoberfest. It is located at 1109 Mill, next to the stone mill. The business features a colonial style tea room and gift shop. Vici's is run by Vici Eader.

Vici's is always open for Maeystown events. It also takes reservations for 10-20 people for lunches, parties, special events and rehearsal dinners, etc. Seasonal menus are offered. A special event - Colonial Holiday Dinner will be held November 23 at 6:30. The cost is \$35.

Advance reservations are required. Contact Vici at 618-539-3665 or teatime@htc.net.

Calendar

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| December 2 | Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m. |
| February 12 | Fastnacht – St. John United Church of Christ 5:00-8:00 p.m. |
| May 5 | Fruehlingsfest/Springfest 9:00-4:00 p.m. |
| May 24 & 25 | Civic Association Homecoming |
| August 3 | Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale |
| September 27 | Apple Peeling 8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| September 28 | Apple Butter Stirring 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| October 13 | Oktoberfest 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |

How Do You Eat Your Apple Butter?

Have you ever wondered how people enjoy eating their apple butter? Sounds like a simple question that would come with a simple answer. Not so. I have found that out just by talking to various people who love our apple butter. Here is a sampling of how various folks like to eat our apple butter.

One person likes to find jars that have the cinnamon stick in them. They like to take the sticks out, eat the apple butter off them and even dip them in more apple butter for the flavor. Some people like it on toast. Other folks like it on homemade bread with butter. Another individual likes to eat it on top of cottage cheese. Someone else likes it in a sandwich with summer sausage.

Based on this unofficial survey there may be more variations out there. Please feel free to respond to me how you like to eat apple butter and we will print them in the next issue. No names will be used.

Call me at 618-281-7441, e-mail me at sdassel@htc.net or drop a note to MPS, POB 25, Maeystown, IL 62256.

David Asselmeier