

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

[www.maeystownpreservationsociety.org](http://www.maeystownpreservationsociety.org)

### Successful Antique & Garden Show (Fruehlingsfest)

"Rain or Shine"

Based on the countless phone calls we received, I believe there were many doubts about our advertising for Fruehlingsfest. It states "rain or shine", and it rained! But, they came, both vendors and buyers. Much gratitude goes out to the antique vendors who took chances in displaying their treasures, and the food vendors who didn't know what kind of numbers to expect when ordering their supplies. Thanks also, for the faithful visitors. They weren't disappointed. Many were seen watching the usual quiet creek roar. Others walked around eating strawberry shortcake and potato pancakes. Some left with riches of Bakelite flatware, framed tin ceiling pieces, miniature hostas, and unique finds. Besides enjoying the fashion show of rain boots, I would say we had another successful Fruehlingsfest! To the many friends of Maeystown, we thank you.

Anita Muertz

### Successful Spring Art Show

The 2013 Spring Art Show was a huge success. Historic Maeystown and the Preservation Society would like to thank the artists for their works and support. Participating artists were Diane Corzine, Jane Huebner, Sara Schoenborn, Jen Traube, Tammy Fulte and Annette Rau.

Plans are underway for the 2014 Spring Art Show. The show will be held in March!

Marcia Braswell

### Maeystown on TV

The village of Maeystown was featured May 2 & 3 during prime time news on WGN-TV in Chicago. The three-minute segment entitled "German Town on the Mississippi" highlighted Maeystown's history, architecture and picturesque setting among the bluffs of the Mississippi. The special is part of an ongoing series called "Cruisin Illinois" produced by WGN reporter Julian Crews and his photographer. Members of the Maeystown Preservation Society appearing in the video were Marcia Braswell, David Braswell, Vici Eader and Anita Muertz. Also assisting was Nancy Uhl, curator, who provided old photos from our archives. Jo Kathmann, President and CEO of the Tourism Bureau ILLINOISouth, recommended our village to the Chicago station.

Maeystown has appeared previously on TV specials including national public television in Peoria, WGN-TV in Chicago and KSDK-TV in St. Louis. The latter show was done with reporter Dan Buck on "Show Me St. Louis".

"The village of Maeystown appreciates the detail, historical nature and excellent photography seen on the special created by Julian Crews and his photographer", said David Braswell, member of the Maeystown Preservation Society. "The impact of such a program will be seen over the months to come as visitors from other parts of the Midwest come to visit our village."

"German Town on the Mississippi" can be seen on the Facebook page for the Corner George Inn and at [www.maeystownpreservationsociety.org](http://www.maeystownpreservationsociety.org). You can also go directly to [www.wgntv.com/cruisin-illinois](http://www.wgntv.com/cruisin-illinois).

David Braswell

### Maeystown Paint Out

Historic Maeystown will sponsor a Maeystown Paint Out on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Artists are invited to come enjoy the beauty of Maeystown for the day and to sit and paint plein air (in the open air). There will be no registration charge for the day and lunch will be provided for the artists.

In order to participate, interested artists should call 618-458-6660 to register no later than Sunday, June 9. You may also e-mail Marcia Braswell at [mbraswell@htc.net](mailto:mbraswell@htc.net).

The purpose of the paint out is to introduce artists to the community of Maeystown and to the natural beauty in its surroundings.

Marcia Braswell

### Frauenabend

Enjoy an evening just for the ladies! Frauenabend, or Ladies Night Out, will feature unique dining, shopping and pampering for the holidays on November 22. Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden will be open for dinner during the event, with dining from 4:30-8:30 p.m. 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.

Anita Muertz

## 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 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mill to begin preparation for the Oktoberfest.

## Death

### *David Asselmeier*

Dear Maeystown Preservation Society Friends,

The Maeystown Preservation Society mourns the unexpected passing of David Asselmeier on April 2, 2013. David's dedication to the preservation of Maeystown and tireless work will never be forgotten.

David held many positions at the MPS over the years, some of which included Chairman of the Maeystown Planning Commission (Master Plan), Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Editor of the Volksblatt, and Property Manager.

David's smiling face was a regular part of Maeystown as he worked at the mill museum and property, overseeing a recently completed 2-year renovation of the mill, including replacing rotted fascia boards, re-plastering, patching, painting, renovation of the lower level, new bathrooms, ridding the attic of bats, finding gas leaks in the stove, pulling weeds, cleaning, planting, repairing, talking to vendors and repairmen, obtaining bids for projects, negotiating purchase of properties, setting up tents and tables for festivals, making apple butter, and working at the Country Store selling apple butter. David spent many hours reading files and writing wonderful Volksblatt articles about families and interesting bits of history of Maeystown. He also contacted countless persons and obtained information, photos, and objects to be displayed in the museum. David could always be found on festival days to answer questions. He

was a wealth of knowledge and could always fascinate people with interesting and amusing tales of Maeystown's original settlers and their descendants. David was proud of his Maeystown heritage -- the Krone and Asselmeier families.

David was a graduate of Columbia High School and received an A.B. degree from Washington University in St. Louis. After years of teaching, David changed careers into banking and retired as president of the Monroe National Bank/First Bank. David's dedication to civic organizations was apparent from his volunteerism with the Boy Scouts, YMCA, Rotary Club, Chambers of Commerce, and many others, receiving the "Pillar of the Community Award" in 1999. He enjoyed a lifetime of service to St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia.

David was preceded in death by a son, Charles E. Asselmeier. Surviving is his loving wife, Shirley (nee Deffenbaugh) Asselmeier and son, David A. "Buzz" Asselmeier, Jr.

We are greatly saddened by David's passing and know there is no one who could replace this man we all loved and admired. We were blessed he was our friend. Sympathy goes out to Shirley and Buzz.

MPS Executive Board

## Calendar

May 24 & 25	Civic Association Homecoming
June 5	Maeystown Paint Out 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
August 3	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
August 18	Fire Department BBQ & Car Show
September 27	Apple Peeling 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 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.
November 22	Frauenabend 4:30-8:30 p.m.
December 1	Old Fashioned German Christmas 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 4	St. John Church Fastnacht 5:00-8:00 p.m.