

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Oktoberfest 2013

Since 1810, Munich, Bavaria, Germany has held an Oktoberfest lasting 16 to 18 days and drawing people from around the world. It has **officially** been labeled as the world's largest fair held annually with more than six million people attending each year. We have only held our Oktoberfest since 1980, lasting just one day and drawing people from all across the metro area. We have **unofficially** labeled this year as our largest crowd ever!

All art, craft and antique vendors have been moved from both sides of the creek to just one side and then scattered throughout several residents' back yards as well as the Preservation's property. Food vendors and the eating area are now placed out on the streets. This has doubled the area that we have used in previous years, making it difficult to estimate the size of our crowd. So sometimes we just have to make a judgment call on information we have observed and collected. We based our decision on the following. It was a beautiful fall day in Maeystown. We had over seventy vendors who experienced large sales. Apple butter was sold out by noon. Several regular visitors told us that they parked higher on the hill than ever before. Almost all the food vendors including Vici's Front Porch & Tea Garden and The Tavern were out of food before the close of the day. Over and over, random comments were made about the large number of people. Regardless of the lack of accurate and official numbers, we viewed the day as an outstanding Oktoberfest.

Anita Muertz

Kettle Sponsors

The Society would like to thank the people who sponsored kettles for the making of apple butter. The sponsors were the Family of David Asselmeier, Joanne Goeddel, George & Linda Green, Kaylee & Julia Muertz, George Obernagel, 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 & Doris Kuergeleis.

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 27. The cooking event on Saturday, September 28, brought out another large group of people to cook, stir and can the apple butter.

Special thanks to the following people for helping on Friday: David Braswell, Linda Green, Joanne Goeddel, Anita Muertz, Sharon Ruiz, Marian Knobloch, Chris Schmiz, Patricia Lewis, Lynn Koehler, Pat Gleason, Christy Muertz, Natalya Pruitt, Whip Hesterberg, Ginny Humphrey, Barb Curtis, Mary Jo Kalka, Linda Coats, Deb Rosser, Dennis Dvorachek, Rose Wilson, Jean Knobloch, Ken Knobloch, Loretta Siekmann, Joe Siekmann, Carol Bay, Mary Lou Galle, Donna Meidinger, Gloria Knoke, Harvey Ries, Susan Barker, Kaylee Muertz, Dick Slutz, Marilyn Slutz, Viv Horn, Jane Schmidt,

Doris Adams, and Marlou Schewe.

Special thanks also to the following people for helping on Saturday: David Muertz, Elle Davis, Anita Muertz, Tim Daley, Linda Green, Heather Daley, Harvey Ries, Alan Pieper, Christy Muertz, Anne Ward, Jane Schmidt, Elise Finnerty, David Braswell, Chris Schmiz, George Obernagel, Adam Ritzel, Michaela Finnerty, Jason Crouch, Ashlyn Crouch, Hannah Finnerty, Eric Pieper, Dorothy Brandt, Adam Tyberant, Guy Tyberant, Joe Siekmann, Loretta Siekmann, Kaleigh Dickneite, Shirley Asselmeier, Fay Ross, Carl Daubach, Pen Daubach, Gloria Knoke, Ron Upchurch, Rosemarie Upchurch, Joanne Goeddel, Sam Schmiz, Julie Whitlock, Jay Whitlock, Logan Whitlock, Kermit Constantine, Marilyn Slutz, Dick Slutz, Whip Hesterberg, Tiffany Green, Lynn Berrsche, Dennis Jacknewitz, Karl Walz, and Joan Braswell

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!

Carol Bay & Jean Rahn

Frauenabend

LADIES! JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL FRAUENABEND!

All ladies are invited to join in the fun of Historic Maeystown's 2nd annual Frauenabend---ladies night---on Friday, November 22 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Downtown Maeystown will be alive with appetizer specials at The Tavern in Maeystown; delicious dinner and dessert at Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden; sweet treats and teapots at the Sweet Shoppe, and the aroma of freshly roasted coffee or 80 varieties of tea at the Village Kaffeehaus. The Maeystown General Store will feature its private label food tastings, and gift certificates purchased that night at the Corner George Inn will be discounted by ten percent. Georgia Mae's Antiques will also offer discounts on select items.

Just in time for Christmas shopping, visiting vendors will bring handmade chocolates, olive oil and wine samplings; jewelry and Van Gogh chalk paint demonstrations featured on Great Day St Louis; monogrammed gifts; Christmas florals; handmade denim coats and jackets; scrapbooking demonstrations; gifts for babies and young children; and handmade purses and scarves.

Finally, all ladies will feel pampered as they take a carriage ride around town sponsored by Coast to Coast, experience a personal handscrub or chair massage, or sample a spa or cleansing tea at the Village Kaffeehaus.

The museum at the Maeystown Preservation Society rock mill will also be open for the evening. For more information please call 618-458-7000 or 618-458-6660.

So, ladies please take a night for yourself and begin your Christmas shopping too. We will see you in Maeystown on November 22 for Frauenabend! Marcia Braswell

Old Fashioned Christmas

Join us for an old fashioned German Christmas on Sunday, December 1, 2013, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Maeystown will be showcased in all its Christmas finery. The village will bustle with the sounds of the Band Room Brass strolling brass ensemble, the Peterson Family Singers, the Valmeyer High School Mixed Ensemble, hammered dulcimer music by Carl Seavers and Jim Abbott at the mill, and piano stylings by Larry Forsting in the Corner George Inn ballroom. One of the music highlights of the day will be the annual German Carol Sing in the ballroom, followed by a traditional Carol Sing at the mill during the lighting of the Village Weihnachtsbaum.

A Christmas House Tour will highlight the afternoon, featuring four houses of various ages and distinctive designs decorated for Christmas. The homes featured will be the historic rock house owned by Joanne Goeddel, the new home of Chris and Christy Muertz, the home of Leland and Wendy Mueller (also featuring Santa Claus in his own house), and the country home of Randy and Laurie Unterseh. House tour hours will be 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the house tour must be purchased at the Maeystown General Store on the day of the tour. The cost of each ticket will be \$5.00. The ticket will be marked as you enter each of the houses.

The proceeds from the tickets sales for the house tour will be donated to the St. John UCC backpack program for local families.

The Women's Fellowship of St. John's UCC will hold its second annual Christkindlmarkt in the church hall featuring vendors of various types. Proceeds will benefit the work projects of the fellowship.

In addition to the music listed above, downtown activities will also include the following artisans at the Rock Mill: Steve Eli with hand carved St. Nicks and other carvings; Palanita Eli with photography of Maeystown;

and Mary Hummert with jewelry as featured on Great Day St Louis. New this year will be the opportunity for children of ALL ages to make German paper ornaments at the mill. On display will be the authentic German star ornaments, a German feather tree and a wrapped sassafras tree reminiscent of the early German Christmas trees in this area.

In addition to the unique holiday gift and antique shopping available at the Maeystown General Store and Georgia Mae's Antiques, visitors may take a carriage ride sponsored by State Bank of Waterloo. Of course, Sankt Nikolaus will also be at the celebration with plenty of candy for all of the good girls and boys who are in attendance. (But be careful, he has switches too!)

The aroma of holiday food will flow throughout the village. Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden will be serving the traditional Weihnacht Stew and Christmas Strudel; The Tavern at Maeystown will serve lunches as well as the traditional German Glühwein; and there will be holiday teas, frappes and coffees at the Village Kaffeehaus and seasonal sweet treats at the Sweet Shoppe. A perennial favorite returns as the Maeystown Women's Club will offer A Taste of Christmas Dessert Samplings in the basement of the rock mill.

Join other friends and residents of Maeystown at this year's Christmas celebration. For more information, please call 618-458-6660 or visit maeystown.com. After arriving in town for the day, please pick up a listing of specific times and events at any of the village shops or eating establishments.

Marcia Braswell

New Life Member

David and B. J. Henerfauth of Waterloo have become the newest life members of the Society. Thank you, David and B.J.

Meeting Changes

Because of Thanksgiving, the monthly meeting in November will be held November 19.

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 28.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m..

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2014. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2014. 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.

Calendar

ADD MORE

November 22	Frauenabend 5:00 - 9:00 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.
March 15 & 16	Spring Art Show 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
May 4	Fruhlingsfest/Springfest 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
May 10	Hoyleton Walkathon St. John UCC
May 23 & 24	Civic Association Homecoming 5:00 p.m. to Close
August 2	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale
August 17	Maeystown Fire Dept. BBQ and Car Show
September 26	Apple Peeling Rock Mill 8:00 – 2:00 p.m.
September 27	Apple Butter Stirring Rock Mill 6:00 – 3:00 p.m.
October 12	Oktoberfest 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.