

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Old Fashioned German Christmas Continues on December 7

Maeystown's annual Old Fashioned German Christmas Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Plans are still being made for the activities of the day. At the time of this writing plans include a German carol sing, a traditional carol sing, a strolling brass ensemble, hammered dulcimer music, the VHS Mixed Ensemble, A Taste of Christmas Dessert Sampling, St. Nicholas, carriage rides through the village, German baked goods, a woodcarver, a jacket vendor, Maeystown photography, a display of the wrapped sassafras tree and German paper stars at the mill, a Christkindlmarkt at St. John UCC Church Hall to benefit the mission team and shopping in all the village businesses. In addition to the Taste of Christmas and German Baked Goods, food will include Christmas Stew and Strudel at Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden and a variety of food at the Tavern at Maeystown. The Village Kaffeehaus will feature holiday teas, coffees and gift items. For more information on activities and times please call 458-6660, 458-7000 or visit www.maeystown.com.

Marcia Braswell

Report of 34th Oktoberfest

If you are a "foodie", Oktoberfest was the place to be. Ribeye sandwiches, homemade pies, turtle soup, brats, potato pancakes, wings, chili, pumpkin apple soup, kettle popcorn, "The Tavern" burgers, or apple dumplings covered in cranberry sauce were just

some of your lunch options. Perhaps you preferred to take home some treats. The possibilities were apple butter cooked in our copper kettles, gourmet dips, homemade jams and jellies, pickled okra and garlic, Zettie's chocolates, or authentic German baked goods.

If you were looking to add to your wardrobe, there were hand sewn wool blanket coats, designer denim jackets, hand stitched purses, knitted hats and scarves, vintage, steam punk and designer jewelry.

Perhaps you were interested in home decor. There were letter signs, antique furniture, salvaged pieces, paintings, wreaths, huge mums and unique pumpkins and gourds. You could even watch a demo of chalk based paint that could be used to resurface almost anything.

What many visitors were really looking for was a beautiful autumn day in Maeystown. That didn't happen. But, there is always the 35th Oktoberfest!

Anita Muertz

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

Special thanks to everyone who helped on these days.

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, in memory of Bernie Ross by his family, in memory of Charles & Doris Kuergeleis and in memory of Twyla & Alois Luhr by Bill and Vickie Gardner.

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!

Second Annual Maeystown Paint Out a Success!

On a beautiful autumn Saturday in Maeystown, sixteen plein air artists from throughout the Monroe County and metro St. Louis area gathered to paint in various locations throughout the village. Saturday, October 18,

began with the artists gathering at the mill museum for pastries, fruit, coffee and juice sponsored by Tim Ruiz of TDR Technical Services of Maeystown. Each artist then chose the perfect spot to set up their materials to paint some of the colorful scenery. Artists could be seen painting the bridge from all angles, the various buildings in town, the church and the alleys. Each painting developed in a different style. Several of the artists painted two or three locations during the day. From 2:30-4:30 p.m. a display of the paintings and a reception was held at the mill sponsored by Historic Maeystown. The public was invited to view the creations of the day and to discuss them with the artists. Quite a few Maeystown residents took this opportunity to visit with the artists and to see their interpretations of our scenic land-scapes. Several paintings were sold as well. The artists felt very welcome and indicated that they will return to the 2015 Paint Out. Anyone who is interested in purchasing a painting that they saw during the paint out should contact Marcia Braswell for artist information. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success and to the Preservation Society for opening the museum and the mill for the activities of the day.

Marcia Braswell

Frauenabend

Ladies come on out and enjoy an evening planned just for you! The third annual Frauenabend or Ladies Night Out will feature unique dining, shopping and pampering on Friday, November 21. Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden will be open from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. serving her delicious salads, soups and desserts. The evening is filled with a variety of holiday shopping, samplings and pampering experiences. Enjoy a chair massage, start your Christmas shopping or try a holiday wine. Discounts and tastings will also be available at the Village

Kaffeehaus, Maeystown General Store, the Sweet Shoppe, Georgia Mae's Antiques and The Tavern. The Maeystown Preservation Society will have the museum open for all visitors.

Anita Muertz

New Feature on the Web Site

In case you haven't noticed, there is a new link on the web site. The menu on the left hand side of the page now has a link of "Church Records". Clicking on this link will show you the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials performed at St. John Church on that day. This information comes from the transcription of the church records (1860 - 1975) that Gloria Bundy did years ago. Some additional information comes from "Grace in the Past."

Right now, this link only lists the information. In the future I hope to add additional capabilities like searching for a name and displaying all the information for that person.

Buzz Asselmeier

Repair of Stone Wall near Completion

In the next Volksblatt we hope to interview Dennis Grimes regarding the work he has done on the rock wall. Stop by and watch the wall being rebuilt. You will be able to see the progress in action.

Meeting Changes

Because of Thanksgiving, the monthly meeting in November will be held November 18.

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 27.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Deaths

Burton Stumpf

Burton Stumpf, a Life Member of the Maeystown Preservation Society, died at the age of 96 on September 21, 2014. He is serviced by his wife, Ruth Stumpf, nee Faus; children David (Jean) Stumpf, Diane (Arthur Sutton) Stumpf three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Albert Bertram

Albert Bertram, a long-time friend of Maeystown, died August 22, 2014. He was the husband of the late Beulah Bertram, nee Pfeifer. Children surviving are Kathy (Larry) Shoults, Ron (Barb) Nottmeier, Albert Bertram, Mary Beth (Michael) Wiig, and Ruth Ann Bertram. He is also survived by two grandchildren and his brother Paul.

Gifts to the Society

The Society is always grateful for the many items that are donated to the museum. Katy Ritzel has donated a 1924 yearbook from Maeystown High School. Three paintings were donated by Ciny Schein. Dennis Knobloch donated the book Bobbitt by Sinclair Lewis that was the property of Maeystown High School. Registered postal cards from the Maeystown Post Office were donated by Elaine York. Faye Ross donated pictures of Gloria Bundy. Halley Bourner donated a 1926 Maeystown High School commencement exercise invitation. The Society appreciates all of these wonderful gifts.

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2015. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2015. 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

November 21	Frauenabend/ Ladies Night Out 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
December 6	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
February 17	St. John Church Fastnacht 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
March 21 & 22	Spring Art Show 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.