

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Upcoming Oktoberfest 2015

This year will be the 35th Oktoberfest! The village will host it on Sunday, October 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., come rain or shine. More than 60 art, craft, antique and food vendors will be featured. Throughout the day the village specialty shops, bed and breakfast, and museum will be open. Please join us for a unique display of arts, crafts and antiques in a wonderful autumn setting.

Anita Muertz

Make Apple Butter in Maeystown

Friends of Maeystown will assemble at the Maeystown Preservation Society Mill on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 2015 to make apple butter for the upcoming Maeystown Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 11.

Apple peeling occurs at the mill basement from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, the 25th, and apple butter stirring takes place from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th.

Join us for fun, food and a chance to meet your neighbors on one or both of these days. If you can help peel or stir for at least two hours, please contact David Braswell at 618-580-5875 or cornrgeo@htc.net.

David Braswell

Apple Butter Sponsors

Interested in sponsoring the making of apple butter? We are seeking either individuals or groups to sponsor apple butter making at the annual cooking.

A donation of \$100 will entitle you to be recognized in the paper and at the Oktoberfest, a free quart of apple butter with your name on the label, and a year's membership to the Society. Best of all, your sponsorship will also entitle you to have a special label prepared for numerous jars of apple butter noting the name of the sponsor.

If you wish, you can organize a crew to participate in the preparation of apple butter. We will be happy to provide you with all the knowledge, assistance, and all needed ingredients and equipment.

If this is of interest to you, please contact Linda Green (618-458-5698) or Anita Mertz (618-458-7463).

Oktoberfest Coming . . . Country Store Needs You!

Oktoberfest is just around the corner. HUGE thanks to you all for your help and support in the past. The revenue we receive from Oktoberfest is our yearly operating money for the rock mill. We could not be successful without you! How can you help? Just bring those delicious home-baked goods or other home-made or home-grown items (vegetables, flowers, homemade gift items, etc.) to the mill on Saturday, October 11, or Sunday morning, October 12.

We need **LOTS** of volunteers to work in the Country Store starting at 7:30 a.m. to help set up our booth, throughout the day to work at the booth,

and after closing for clean up. Please call Jean Rahn at 618-458-6436 if you can help in the Country Store. Thank you!

Save the Date for the Maeystown Paint Out!

Historic Maeystown will sponsor the third annual Plein Air Paint Out on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Once again, artists who love to paint plein air--or in the open air---will be invited to come spend the day in our beautiful village and to focus on some of the sights that they see and will translate to their canvas. The day is truly amazing to watch! Artists begin with a blank canvas and by the end of the day they have created beautiful paintings or drawings of the Maeystown landscape. It is also fascinating to watch as two or more artists paint the same subject and yet interpret the subject in different ways. The public is encouraged to come watch throughout the day and to come to the closing hour when many of the paintings will be offered for sale. The paintings are truly one-of-a-kind! Any artists who wish to participate should email Marcia Braswell at mbraswell@htc.net for more information. We look forward to welcoming you!

Marcia Braswell

"Grundertag" was a Success

The first-ever "Grundertag", or Founders Day, was held on Sunday, June 14, from 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. in the village. Friends and residents of Maeystown portrayed some of the early

settlers of the village. Each dressed in period costume and spoke from first person---or in the character of the settler they portrayed. Guests were invited to visit with the settlers throughout the afternoon. Historic Maeystown wishes to give heartfelt thanks to the following: Caleb Buchanan, portraying Wilhelm Hoefft, at the mill; John Rehling, portraying a friend of Thomas Fink, at the Fink/Rehling home on Mill Street; Pastor Patrick Poole, portraying Pastor Rasche, at St John Church; Dennis Grimes, working in his own role as a stonemason at the lots at the corner of Main and Franklin streets; Ken and Jean Knobloch, portraying Conrad and Emma Wippermann, at the Wippermann/Knobloch house on Mill Street; Ethan May, portraying Jacob Maey, in front of the bank building on Mill Street; David Braswell, portraying George Jacob Hoffmann, at the Corner George Inn; Pearl Hirsch, portraying an early accordion player and giving some history of the importance of music in early Maeystown, on the front porch of the Green/Jobb house; and Christy Muertz, portraying Gertrude Miller, the wife of Jacob "Tinner" Miller, at Vici's Front Porch (the Tinner Miller house). Assisting Christy were her daughters Kaylee and Julia. Thank you also to Chris Muertz for videotaping the presentations and to First National Bank of Waterloo for sponsoring carriage rides throughout the afternoon.

Despite the rainy weather and a smaller than anticipated crowd, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone attending. We hope to do it again.

Marcia Braswell

MONROE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

The coming year will be the 200th anniversary of Monroe County. The county museums have been asked to create unique displays to celebrate the event. We are looking for old doors to be donated or loaned to us for this

special exhibit. These doors will be painted. If you have one available or know of someone, please let us know by calling 618-458-6464 or 618-458-7463.

German Visitors Coming to Maeystown

German visitors from Bellheim/Rheinland Pfalz, Germany will visit Maeystown the weekend of October 23-25. The group of six from the Bellheim "Kulturverein" (historical society) will tour the village, attend services at St. John United Church of Christ, and have meals at Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden and The Tavern at Maeystown. Villagers are invited to attend a reception at the Maeystown Rock Mill and Museum to meet the group following lunch on Sunday, October 25. The guests coming from Germany are Ute and Klaus Schäffner, Sigrid and Hermann Josef, Bernd Schuler and Dirk Schäffner.

Bellheim lies in the state of Rheinland Pfalz in southwestern Germany west of the Rhein River. From this village came many of the original families who settled Maeystown in the 1850's: Hoffmann, Henerfauth, Sutter, Jobb and Doll. Others from Bellheim who settled in the area were: Bentz, Marxer, Kramer, Stein, Esswein and Hellmer. If you are a descendant of any of these early families and would like further information about the visitors coming to Maeystown contact David Braswell at 618-580-5875 or Shirley Asselmeier at 618-281-7441.

The Bellheim group, along with their hosts Shirley and Buzz Asselmeier, will visit sites in Chicago, St. Louis, and Columbia before coming to Maeystown. Following their visit some will continue on a tour to Memphis and New Orleans.

Last summer in June of 2014, Shirley and Buzz Asselmeier and David and Marcia Braswell were guests of Ute and Klaus Schäffner and Bernd Schuler in Bellheim.

David Braswell

Join the German Visitors as They Tour the Area

While the German visitors are staying in the area, we are visiting many interesting sites around the Maeystown and St. Louis areas. On Saturday, October 24, we will be taking a tour of Maeystown. After the tour we will be going to visit Fort de Chartres, confluence of the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers, and Fort Kaskaskia. We will have lunch at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher. If time allows, we will also visit the Popeye statue in Chester and the covered bridge near Chester. Dinner will be at a restaurant in Waterloo.

Plans are being made to visit the St. Louis Basilica, St. Louis Arch, Old Court House, Union Station, Jewel Box, Missouri Botanical Garden, Grant's Farm, Busch Brewery, and Ted Drewes. We hope to eat at the Boat House in Forest Park or at Fitz's Root Beer.

Plans are being made to tour Rock City in Valmeyer and tour Baum Cemetery. There are numerous people from Bellheim buried in Baum Cemetery.

If you are interested in joining us for these events, please call Shirley Asselmeier at 618-281-7441.

Canning Jars

The Society thanks everyone for all the donations of jars for apple butter. This really helps us out by not having to purchase so many jars. They are expensive. If you have some, contact one of the officers or you can call the Mill Museum at 618-458-6464 and leave a message. We will contact you.

Fourth Annual "Frauenabend"

Ladies, you are invited to our fourth annual Frauenabend or Ladies' Night Out, on Friday, November 20, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy appetizers at The Tavern and then a special menu will await you at Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden. Maeystown General Store will feature food tastings while the Village Kaffeehaus will offer hot and cold drinks as well as seasonal items. Georgia Mae's Antiques will have discounts on select antiques and Corner George Inn will have gift certificates available. Specialty vendors will be located in the Corner George Inn and the Rock Mill for a night of shopping and pampering. Leave time for a complimentary carriage ride just to enjoy the fall evening. For more information please call 618-458-6660.

Anita Muertz

Meeting Changes

Meetings of the Society will resume on Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mill to begin preparation for the Oktoberfest.

Save the Date

Maeystown Old Fashioned German Christmas to be held on Sunday, December 6, from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

Whip Hesterberg Turns 97

A birthday party honoring Wilbert "Whip" Hesterberg was held at the Maeystown Park on Saturday June 27. Whip turned 97 on June 24. About 300 family and friends gathered to help Whip celebrate. Since all of the family usually goes on a camping trip to celebrate his birthday, the family decided to go with a camping theme.

Tables were decorated with red and white checked table coverings and all kinds of snacks including goldfish, gummy worms, and pretzels were on the tables. His birthday cake, which was decorated at Schnucks, was specially decorated to go along with the theme. A camper (which of course was Whip's) and several tents, a campfire, trees and a lake. Pulled pork, brats & hot dogs along with a lot of sides was served to the guests. Everyone had a great time especially the "birthday boy" who was at the park until midnight.

More News from the "Republic Times" of Waterloo

The following article from the "Republic Times" is from the Ethan May donation reported in the last Volksblatt.

*Obituary
March 2, 1917*

Mrs. Philippine Krone (nee Becker) beloved wife of Louis Krone, postmaster and prominent merchant of Maeystown, Illinois, died at her home, as briefly announced in the TIMES last week on Wednesday, February 21, 1917, after an illness of several weeks.

The death of Mrs. Krone caused profound sorrow in the entire village where she was loved and respected by all. Every ready with a kind smile and helping hand, and thought having a large family of her own to attend to, she always found time to assist a neighbor or friend when necessary and was ever ready to do her part for her church and neighbors.

About a year ago Mrs. Krone underwent an operation, and it was thought she would eventually regain her health. But fate decreed otherwise and although she had been able to be up and about she never regained her strength entirely. Several weeks ago she again took sick and though loving hands and the best of medical attention fought

hard to avoid death, the struggle was fruitless and she passed away at the age of 49 years, 1 month and three days.

Her heart-broken husband and seven children, Irene, Selma, Olinda, Alma, Max, Edna and Clara survive, also four brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held in St. John's Evangelical Church by Rev. Schulz and the funeral was the largest ever witnessed in Maeystown.

The bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of the entire community and county in the loss of their dear one.

Death

John Bay

John Emery Bay died on June 15, 2015. He is survived by his wife Carol (a long time member of the Society). They were married for 61 years. He is survived by a son Damen and sister June Wolfe, along with many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on July 6, with Pastor Patrick Poole officiating.

Calendar

August 16	Maeystown Fire Dept. BBQ and Car Show 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
September 25	Apple Peeling Rock Mill 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
September 26	Apple Butter Stirring Rock Mill 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 11	Oktoberfest 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 17	Paint Out 9:00 a.m.
November 20	Frauenabend/ Ladies Night Out 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
December 6	Old-Fashioned German Christmas
December 12	Children's Christmas Tea 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
February 9	St. John Church Fastnacht 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
March 12 & 13	Spring Art Show 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 1	Frühlingsfest/Springfest 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.