

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Historic Maeystown to Host Antique & Garden Show (Fruehlingsfest)

Maeystown, Illinois, will host its annual Fruehlingsfest antique and garden show on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The show, which begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m., will take place around the stone mill in the heart of town. Maeystown, located only 30 minutes from St. Louis, is one of a handful of towns in Illinois that is listed, in its entirety, on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Fruehlingsfest will feature unique antiques from some of the finest dealers in the Midwest. In addition, various local nurseries will be selling annuals, perennials and herbs.

"The Maeystown Fruehlingsfest is permanently on my calendar," says Andy Culbertson of Quintessential Antiques in St. Louis. "We look forward to it every year, and I wouldn't think of missing it. It's a unique, entertaining day in a beautiful setting — appealing to hardened collectors and casual antique buffs alike, or for those just looking for an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday." Culbertson has been selling antiques at Fruehlingsfest since 2004.

This show, held rain or shine on the first Sunday in May, has rapidly become one of the best and most highly anticipated antique shows in the Midwest.

"It's amazing how the Fruehlingsfest has become a full-day's destination and event," says John Rehling, event coordinator. "At most antique shows, people arrive early, shop quickly, and leave for other events. At the Fruehlingsfest, people tend to arrive early, shop leisurely, and stay the entire

day to soak up the Maeystown magic. They relax at the wine garden, walk the creek, explore the town, and revisit the show to see the new items dealers bring out throughout the day." The event is free, so attendees can check out the show as often as they like.

A variety of food will be offered at Fruehlingsfest, including bratwurst, barbecue, potato pancakes, kettle corn, funnel cakes, pretzels and strawberry shortcake.

For more information, call the Corner George Inn at [618-458-6660](tel:618-458-6660) or visit www.maeystown.com.

John Rehling

Old Fashioned German Christmas

The Holiday season began with Old Fashioned Christmas!

Maeystown's Old Fashioned German Christmas on Sunday, December 7, was a beautiful start to the 2014 holiday season. Greeted by great weather and attended by a large crowd, the day featured music performances by Larry Forsting on piano, The Band Room Brass Strolling Ensemble, The Valmeyer High School Mixed Ensemble and Instrumental Ensemble and Carl Seevers and Jim Abbott on hammered dulcimer. A German Carol Sing accompanied by Mardy Eisloeffel on accordion and a Traditional Carol Sing accompanied by the dulcimers and accordion rounded out the music for the day. The vendors at the mill included Steve Eli of Johnston City, Elizabeth Eisloeffel of Belleville, and Palanita Eli of Johnston City. Merrill and Sheryl Prange of Fults displayed their collection of vintage nativity sets and

creches at the mill, and children were able to write letters to the Christkind.

The museum was open and the Maeystown Women's Club hosted its ever-popular Taste of Christmas downstairs. St. John UCC hosted its third annual Christkindlmarkt at the church hall with eighteen vendors present. Linda Keller read Christmas stories to children as Frau Kringle and St. Nicholas was present to greet visitors of all ages. Carriage rides, sponsored by Coast to Coast of St. Louis, gave complimentary rides to visitors throughout the village. The village shops were all open for the day, as were both the Tavern at Maeystown and Vici's Front Porch and Tea Garden. Finally, a house tour of four village homes and the sanctuary of St. John Church was held from 1-4 p.m. Proceeds from the house tour were given to a local family to help with their Christmas. All in all, a great day for Maeystown!

Marcia Braswell

Frauenabend (Ladies' Night Out) 2014

It seemed that the ladies attending Frauenabend were gearing up for the holiday season. Some began at Vici's Front Porch by making dinner choices between butternut squash or chicken and wild rice soups, salads and desserts like pumpkin mousse, parfaits or warm baked items. Up in the Corner George Inn ballroom women were modeling hand felted hats, trying on jewelry or buying hair ribbons for their girls. They were also tasting Wildtree Culinary Blend soups and dips or Persimmon Ridge Farm herbal goat cheeses and products. In the hallway

women lined up for chair massages. Another group of ladies began with a horse drawn carriage ride sponsored by Coast to Coast and enjoyed the luminaires along the street lighting their way to different destinations. Down at the Mill other women thought they had just dropped by Bountiful Blossoms for Christmas shopping. Some were ordering personalized lap top or tablet covers, admiring handmade Christmas cards and colorful children's onesies. You could even purchase unique hand created diaper bags. Most seemed to enjoy the gluhwein and specialty food samples while taking advantage of the holiday specials that the Kaffeehaus, Ice Cream Shoppe, Georgia Mae's Antiques, Corner George Inn and the Maeystown General Store had to offer. It didn't matter where any of the ladies began their evening. They all seemed to end up having a wonderful holiday time!

Anita Mertz

Art Show

The annual Maeystown Spring Art Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Works will be exhibited in the Maeystown Preservation Society Mill and Museum as well as the ballroom of the Corner George Inn. There is no admission charge for the show. For more details, please call the inn at 458-6660.

Marcia Braswell

Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership renewals were mailed out with the November issue. There are still several people who have not renewed their membership for 2015. If you received a membership form with this issue of the Volksblatt that means you have not renewed your membership for 2015. If we do not receive your renewal by April 15, we will assume you do not wish to renew and will drop your name from our list.

Calendar

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.
May 3	Fruehlingsfest/Springfest 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
August 1	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale 8:00 – 12:00 noon
September 26	Apple Butter Peeling 8:00 – 1:00 p.m.
September 27	Apple Butter Stirring 6:00 – 3:00 p.m.
October 11	Oktoberfest 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
November 20	Frauenabend 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
December 6	Old Fashioned German Christmas 11:00 – 5:00 p.m.