

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Old Fashioned German Christmas 2015

The annual Old Fashioned German Christmas in Maeystown celebration will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The event will focus on German customs and music. Sponsored by Historic Maeystown, there will be a strolling brass ensemble, a vocal ensemble from Valmeyer High School, hammered dulcimers, a traditional carol sing at the tree lighting and the German carol sing at the inn. There will be a demonstration of German paper stars and an opportunity for people to make them. Carved wooden Santas, photography, women's jackets and jewelry will be featured. The Women's Club will host A Taste of Christmas in the basement of the mill. The Women's Fellowship of St. John Church will hold their annual Christkindlmarkt in the church hall and also, for the first time, a quilt show in the sanctuary of St John Church. Carriage rides will be available in the afternoon and a photo opportunity with a traditional Victorian sled will be possible at the mill. There will be other activities, as well as the traditional German Weihnacht Stew and other great food at the village eateries. Also, a house tour of several Maeystown homes will be held from 12 noon - 4 p.m. Tickets for the house tour must be purchased at the General Store. Proceeds will benefit a local family.

Mark your calendars now to attend this event and begin your Christmas celebrations in a traditional way. For more information, call 618-458-6660.

Anita Muertz

35th Annual Oktoberfest

I am always anxious to see what novel things I can find at each annual Oktoberfest. This year did not disappoint. My recent finds included willow twig snowmen, an antique "salesman's sample", royal blue enamel and cast iron cook stove, jewelry made from "fair trade" beads, delicious herb-flavored goat cheese, alpaca yarn socks and a primitive school desk made with square nails and hand carved ink wells. The German bakery had large heart-shaped gingerbread cookies that were to be worn around your neck hanging from her canopy. There were three southern Illinois authors signing their books. Mid-century items were sold out of a 1960's camper. I discovered a two-foot diameter dough bowl, a glamorous miniature witch's hat perfect for any little girl and an artist offering private painting lessons. Adding the perfect weather, this Oktoberfest was another success!

We had a remarkable occasion take place that will also make this 35th Oktoberfest most memorable. One of our favorite young Maeystown couples got engaged! Jeremy, who was up all night patrolling the Oktoberfest grounds, carefully planned to surprise Paige. Through the years she has worked with us at the Maeystown Preservation Society, Corner George Inn and the Maeystown General Store. He had both of their families hiding in Georgia Mae's Antiques along with his best friend to video everything. As like so many times before, Jeremy took Paige to the Village Kaffeehaus for smoothies. He had painted a vintage window with his romantic sentiments and hung it right where Paige would notice. That was the exact time of his

proposal with his beautifully chosen ring. Without a doubt, she accepted. Congratulations!

Anita Muertz

Thank You for Apple Butter Workers

A very big thank you to all who help peel apples on Friday, September 25, and those who helped stir apples on Saturday, September 26, 2015. We made a total of 236 quarts or 472 pints.

Apple peelers: Susan Barker, Jean Rahn, Christy Muertz, Julia Muertz, Whip Hesterberg, Rose Wilson, Dennis Dvorachek, Loretta Siekmann, Joe Siekmann, Patricia Klopmeyer, Rosemary Bechtoldt, Joanne Goeddel, Rosemarie Upchurch, Ron Upchurch, Carol Bay, Pam Rehling, Anita Muertz, Linda Green, David Braswell, Harvey Riess, Ken Knobloch, Jean Knobloch, Carmen Lewis, Donna Meidinger, Viv Horn, Gloria Knoke, Ginny Humphrey, Barb Curtis, Mary Jo Kalka, Pat Gleason, Cyrilla Watson, Lynn Cereghino, Mary Lou Galle, Doris Adams, George Austermann, Linda Coats.

Apple stirrers: Rosemarie Upchurch, Ron Upchurch, Chris Muertz, Christy Muertz, Anita Muertz, David Muertz, Adam Ritzel, Linda Green, Tiffany Taylor, David Braswell, Marcia Braswell, Joan Braswell, Dena Shaw, Alan Shaw, Fay Ross, Jason Crouch, Ashlyn Crouch, Jane Schmitt, BJ Henerfauth, Dave Henerfauth, Harvey Riess, Elise Finnerty, Lynn Bersche, Patrick Poole, Gloria Knoke, Joanne Goeddel, Rob Schulz, Allison Steppig, Shirley Asselmeier, Jean Rahn, Bob Borutta, George Obernagel, Logan Whitlock, Julie Whitlock, Kevin

Eader, Vici Eader, Whip Hesterberg, Lynn Hicks.

David Braswell

Thank You for Country Store Workers & Donors

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!

Thank You for Apple Butter 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 Fred & Lilian Pieper by their family, in memory of Charles & Doris Kuergeleis in honor of Whip Hesterberg by his family, and Dorothy Brandt.

Maeystown Shines during 2015 Plein Air Paint Out

On the morning of October 17th, under a cloudy sky and with crisp cool air, several artists came to Maeystown for the third annual Plein Air Paint Out. The artists came searching for naturally beautiful sites to capture on canvas and they were not disappointed. Though chilly at first, the artists selected spots

to set up and to paint from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Some painted or sketched several different scenes during that time, while others preferred to concentrate on perfecting one work of art. We had ordered sunshine for the day, and the sun indeed came out mid-morning, much to the artists' delight. After registration and light refreshments at the mill, the artists set out. Most took a break around lunch time to eat the delicious chicken pot pie at Vici's Front Porch or to grab a burger at the Tavern. They all came back to the mill at 3:00 p.m. to display their paintings and to talk with each other about their experience. Throughout the day, quite a few other visitors came to Maeystown to observe the artists in process and some stayed to view the finished paintings at the mill. All in all it was a wonderful day---a day to appreciate the beautiful sights and sounds of an autumn day in Maeystown. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success. The Paint Out was sponsored by Historic Maeystown.

Marcia Braswell

Monroe County Celebrates 200 Years

In 2016, Monroe County is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The Bicentennial Commission has asked history groups in the county to participate in this celebration by creating displays to be placed in each museum. There are seven groups participating, exhibiting ten different themes. Maeystown Preservation Society has been asked to feature the "Monroe County Stone Bridges" and "German Heritage". The county theme is "Opening the Doors to our Past". As you might have guessed, our displays will all be featured on doors. Wilke Windows & Doors has been kind enough to donate all the doors needed while Tim Ogle of St. Louis commercially primed and painted them. Soon each historical group will be at work readying their displays for January

2016. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anita Muertz.

Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2016. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2016. 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.

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. A special menu, featuring soups, salads and desserts 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

Because of Thanksgiving, the monthly meeting in November will be held November 17.

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 26.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Gifts to the Society

We want to thank the following people that have given donations to the Maeystown Preservation Society during the last few months. It is through gifts such as this that we are able to carry out our efforts to preserve the history and culture of Maeystown and the lifestyle that it represented.

An old scythe from the Carl and Anna Asselmeier estate – Joyce Ernst

A butter press once owned by Rev. Otto and Velma Schroedel – Carol Gillilan (their daughter)

A sewing table once owned by her grandmother (Mrs. Gertrude Miller) and crocheted doilies - Ruth Stumpf

Thank You!

This year we were in need of two new apple butter stirrers. Fortunately, we were able to have them made locally by David Muertz. He used birch and ash to make the paddles and hard maple for the handles. David, thank you for your hard work!

More News from the “Republic Times” of Waterloo

The following article from the “Republic Times” is from the Ethan May donation reported in a previous Volksblatt.

*Obituary
March 2, 1917*

Fred H. Hesterberg, of Maeystown died in St. Clements Hospital, Red Bud, Illinois, Sunday morning, February 25, 1917, aged 47 years, 8 months and 2 days.

Deceased had been sick only on short week and was removed to the hospital to undergo an operation. He was one of the prominent farmer near Maeystown and resided two miles east of that village. He leaves a wife (nee Philippine Schultheis), two daughters Lena and Elsie, and one son Raymond. He is also survived by his father, Fred Hesterberg, Sr., four brothers, Henry, August, Herman and William, and two sisters, Mr. John Trost and Mrs. William Buschmann.

His remains were laid to rest in the Maeystown cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were held in the Maeystown church, Rev. Paul Schulz officiating. A large number of sorrowing relative and friends attended the last sad rites.

Mt. Hesterberg was a good, honest hard-working farmer, and was highly respected by his neighbors and friends. In his death his wife loses a good husband and his children a kind and loving gather. The bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of all in their deep affliction.

Calendar

November 20	Frauenabend/ Ladies Night Out 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
December 6	Old-Fashioned German Christmas 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
December 12	Children’s Christmas Tea 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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 Antique & Garden Show, Food Fair 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 7	Hoyleton Hike & Bike St. John UCC 9:00 a.,m.
August 6	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale 8:00 12:00 noon
August 21	Maeystown Fire Dept. BBQ & Show Us Your Ride 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
September 23	Apple Peeling 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
September 24	Apple Butter Stirring 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 9	Oktoberfest 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.