

MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

Maeystown Preservation Society

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Annual Fruhlingsfest Save the Date

CORRECT SAVE THE DATE!!!
Save this date, Sunday, May 7, 2017. It is this year's Fruhlingsfest. Organizers are already working hard on vendor contracts. They are also busy checking the Old Farmer's Almanac, Accu Weather forecasts, NOAA predictions, and any old wive's tales about possible weather forecasts just hoping for anything a little better than last year. The meteorological outlook doesn't really matter...Rain or shine, come prepared for the Fruhlingsfest Antique & Garden Show!

Anita Muertz

"Save the Bridge" Update

We have a lot of exciting news..... Dennis Killy, a former Monroe County resident now residing in Arlington, Texas, presented the Maeystown Preservation Society with a challenge. If the Maeystown Preservation Society received \$2000 in donations by April 30, 2017, Mr. Killy would match the \$2000. Killy believed this challenge was "about making the community aware of the bridge and the repairs it needs, the importance of the bridge to the county, and its important history to future generations." We put out press release and used social media as well as word of mouth, and are close to reaching the goal. However, we have only raised about half of the total funds needed for repairs to the bridge.

I would like to thank the Society for their generous donation of \$1000 and give BIG thank you to everyone who sent in raffle tickets or made a donation. Without the Preservation

Society and its members, this project wouldn't be possible.

For more information please e-mail Christy Muertz at 618-719-3726 or cmuert80@yahoo.com. Donations can be mailed to: Maeystown Preservation Society, Save the Bridge c/o Christy Muertz, 3265 Bushy Prairie Rd, FuLts, IL 62244. Please remember...No donation is too small and ALL donations are tax deductible.

Christy Muertz

Save the Dates to "Save the Bridge"

We are having a fundraiser for the "Maeystown Bridge" on June 10, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Stubborn German Brewery in Waterloo. Please join us for some fun and a great cause. We will be selling food and have other fun activities. The Brewery has offered to donate some of its profits from the day. Kids are welcome.

On February 24, 2018 we will be having a live dinner auction. Proceeds will benefit the "Maeystown Bridge." Details to follow. Christy Muertz

Plein Air Paint Out

Maeystown's annual Plein Air Paint Out will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to come together with other artists to paint or sketch the beauty of Maeystown are welcome to meet at the Mill between 8:30-9:00 a.m. for coffee, tea and pastries before heading out to paint.

All artists are asked to pre-register if possible by emailing Marcia Braswell at mbraswell@htc.net. There is no fee

to participate in the Paint Out---we just need to know approximately how many artists are coming.

At the end of the day, the artists can come together at the mill to share their creations, as well as to show their paintings to the public. Any artists who wish to offer their paintings for sale can do so at that time. The public is invited to visit Maeystown on June 3 and to observe the artists while they work and to watch the creative process unfold. It's quite a sight to behold---amazing to say the least! The Paint Out is sponsored by Historic Maeystown.

Marcia Braswell

2017 Spring Art Show Successful and Inspiring!

March 25 and 26 were the dates of the 2017 Spring Art Show, held at both the Preservation Society Mill and Museum and the Corner George Inn ballroom. This year's show took on a significant historical perspective as David Henerfauth and Dawn Henerfauth Eatherton displayed their beautiful photography on canvas, paintings and pottery, as well as the drawings and paintings of A. H. Wippermann, an ancestor of David's. The Wippermann display was put together beautifully through the actual drawings, a scrapbook of family history, photographs and the drawing table. Many thanks to those community and church members who loaned items made by Mr Wippermann for display at the mill. Of much interest was the diversity in style of all three artists, ranging from the sketches of Wippermann to the beautiful photographs of Maeystown and the surrounding area taken by David to the both insightful and whimsical paintings and pottery by Dawn. Although

all three artists differ greatly in style, all three are bound together not only by family ties but also clearly by a deep love of and devotion to Maeystown. Their art reflects this love of Maeystown and was inspiring to all who saw it.

Our sincere thanks to David and Dawn (and their families) for pulling this wonderful show together and for being in attendance to speak with guests. Finally, many thanks to all those who came to see the show and to support art in Maeystown! Historic Maeystown thanks you all!

Marcia Braswell

Letter from Member

The Society received the following letter from one of our members who sent in a donation to "Save the Bridge". It is so wonderful to hear how life was in Maeystown and the memories people still cherish....

Dear Christy,

Sorry that I have never met you, but I too love the Maeystown Bridge!

Gloria Maeys Bundy was a good friend of mine! I lived in several places in Monroe County during the "great depression"! I was born in the big stone two story house in Wartburg. My grandparents lived in Maeystown. They were well known there. Their last name was Klosterman, as was also my last name. My Grandpa rang the church bell twice a day, noon and 6 p.m. He mowed the cemetery and church grounds and they kept the church clean. I went to Sunday School there. We moved around a lot, jobs were scarce and money was too!

I started school at the Posten School. Elliot Altes was my teacher and my older brothers also. When there was snow I rode on the "bob sled". It was handmade and could seat at least four! The sled was stored some place in Maeystown during the summer. My grandpa Klosterman also dug the graves

with a shovel! I still have my Sunday School cards and also Posten School report cards. When WWII started, we moved to St. Louis because there were jobs for the war effort. I also miss the "foot bridge" over the creek! We also lived at the top of the hill after crossing the foot bridge.

Wishing you luck with the donations. Every bit helps.

Best of luck,
Jean York

Meeting Changes

There will be no monthly meeting of the Society in the months of June and July. Meetings will again resume on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mill to begin preparation for the Oktoberfest.

Deaths

Willard Meister

Willard Meister died on January 22, 2017. Willard was a long-time member of the Maeystown Preservation Society. He was very active in many of the community activities in and around Maeystown. He is survived by his wife Doris and his children, Deborah (Bob Barnes, Kent (Karen) Meister and Pamela (Terry) Rippelmeyer, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vernon Meister

Vernon Meister died on February 16, 2017, in Benton, Illinois. Vernon was a long-time member of the Maeystown Preservation Society. He is survived by his wife Ruth and his children, Annette (DDavid) McCoy, Lori Wilburn and Denis Richardson, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lucile Quernheim

Lucile Quernheim died on February 26. Lucile was a long-time member of the Maeystown Preservation Society. She is survived by her sister, Martha Travis, along with a niece and two nephews. Great nieces and a great nephew.

Calendar

May 7	Frühlingsfest/Springfest 9:00-4:00 p.m.
May 13	Hoyleton Hike & Bike St. John UCC 9:00 a.m.
June 16 & 17	Maeystown Homecoming
August 5	Trash & Treasures Village Yard Sale 8:00-12:00 p.m.
August 20	Maeystown Fire Dept. BBQ & Show Us Your Ride 9:00-4:00 p.m.
September 22	Apple Peeling 8:00-2:00 p.m.
September 23	Apple Butter Stirring 6:00-3:00 p.m.
October 8	Oktoberfest 9:00-4:00 p.m.
December 3	Old Fashioned Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.