

# MAEYSTOWN VOLKSBLATT

Maeystown, Illinois

## Maeystown Preservation Society

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### Plans for the Old Fashioned Christmas

Join us for a quiet exhale before the holiday hustle and bustle. The town will be brimming with relaxing activities to enjoy at the Old Fashioned Christmas on Sunday, December 3. Again our church will host the Christkindlmarkt and Quilt Show. Throughout the village, inside and out will be brass, vocal and dulcimer musical performances. A Taste of Christmas will be offered for those dessert lovers as well as food offerings at Vici's Front Porch, Mason's, the Kaffeehaus, or the Sweet Shoppe. The Wiehnachthaustour (mini house tour) will be from 11:30-3:30 p.m.. Participate in German and traditional Christmas carol singing, enjoy complimentary horse drawn carriage rides, shop at the 'Vintage Christmas Shop', watch a woodcarver at work, take a photo opportunity in a Victorian sleigh, and fold your own German paper star. You may also order a custom putz house, sip on warm gluhwein, have your child create a simple craft, or stop by our shops for some unique holiday shopping. The schedule of events will soon be made available with a more complete listing so you may plan your day. For more info call 618-458-6660.

Anita Muertz

### Frauenabend Invitation

Where can you pamper yourself and get ready for the holidays all in one evening? At Frauenabend, Ladies' Night in Maeystown on Friday, November 17, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. You are invited to chair massages, soups, salads and desserts, private label food tastings, ladies' drink special, and

local stores offering unique gift shopping. Specialty vendors will offer more choices: Evolution Fashion Truck, Initial Outfitters, Trades of Hope, Lipsense, Norwex, LuLaRoe, Premier Designs Jewelry, Rodan + Fields, Tastefully Simple, Essential Oils, Ruby Ribbon, baby onesies, sock monkeys and puppets and even more. Leave time for a complimentary carriage ride sponsored by Coast to Coast. Look for the luminaries! For more information please call 618-458-6660.

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### Oktoberfest 2017

Every year things change at the Oktoberfest. Vendors retire, they get tired of making/selling the same thing, and maybe their merchandise is no longer collected. Some have previous commitments like weddings, anniversaries, double bookings, and for others it has simply become more difficult for them to do outdoor shows. That's when you see the changes like jewelry made with vintage watch pieces, tooth fairy holders, unique primitive signs or sleek modern signs, more chalk painted items, and specialized photo calendars, just to list a few. Of course, many vendors don't change and always come back: hand made rugs, gourmet dips, western antiques, German baked goods, vintage trailer, our pumpkins and mums. And the list goes on. Then there are changes in parking, wisely directed by the fire department. Our worker list varies and of course there is the weather! This year the crowd again was consistently colossal! Maybe there is truth in, "the more things change, the more they stay the same". That's not at all bad!

Anita Muertz

### Apple Butter Days

A large group of apple peelers and apple butter stirrers turned out at the Maeystown Preservation Society Mill on Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23. We would like to thank everyone who attended. Friends of Maeystown who helped peel apples on Friday, September 22, were: Linda Green, Anita Muertz, Christy Muertz, David Braswell, Jean Rahn, Donna Meidinger, Whip Hesterberg, Linda Coats, Harvey Ries, Vivian Horn, Jean Knobloch, Ken Knobloch, Ron Upchurch, Rosemarie Upchurch, BJ Henerfauth, Jane Schmitt, Gloria Knoke, Loretta Siekmann, Joe Siekmann, Lorisa Rivers, Ginny Humphrey, Barbara Curtis, Mary Jo Kalka, Irene Potoski, Cyrilla Dawe, George Cable, Peggy Cable, Wanda Deppe, Shirley Asselmeier, Doris Adams, Louise Meyers, Carol Bay, Mary Lou Galle and Sandy Tutka.

The following helped stir apple butter on Saturday, September 23: Chris Muertz, Anita Muertz, David Muertz, Christy Muertz, Kaylee Muertz, Julia Muertz, John Goeddel, Fay Ross, Julie Whitlock, Jay Whitlock, Logan Whitlock, Jason Crouch, Rigby Whitlock, Dorothy Brandt, Jane Schmitt, Elise Finnerty and her friend Joe, Gloria Knoke, BJ Henerfauth, Robbie Schulz, George Obernagel, Rosemarie Upchurch, Ron Upchurch, Shirley Asselmeier, Sandy Tutka, Linda Green, Harvey Ries, Glen Coats, Joe Siekmann, Loretta Siekmann, George Green, Kevin Eader, Connie Turner, Bud Knoke,

Kermit Constantine, David Braswell, and Whip Hesterberg.

Thank you again to all. If we missed your name, please let me know, and it will be added in the next issue of the newsletter.

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!

## Unique Bridge Fund Donation

We are quite grateful for the bridge fund donations coming in, but this summer we were given a unique one. Charley Bieber, who originally lived in Maeystown and now resides in Hanover, Pennsylvania, came home for a class reunion and dropped off his donation. He met with Jean Rahn and she was surprised when he pulled out this bag of doll clothes! Charley explained that his wife enjoys meticulously sewing doll clothes. Not just any kind, but those that specifically fit American Girl dolls. Mrs. Bieber created over a dozen outfits like rompers, sundresses, full length coats with matching hats, pajamas, and even holiday dresses. Charley and his wife thought we might like to sell them in the Country Store at Oktoberfest. That's what we did and, they were a hit. Within a short period of time they were sold. We thank you for your unique and charitable donation. Charley,

anytime you wish to send more our way, we will gladly accept them.

## Membership Renewals

It is that time of the year when it's time to renew memberships for the year 2018. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form for your existing membership for 2018. 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.

## Letter from Visitors

To Maeystown Preservation Society Organizer,

Enclosed is a contribution to help further your efforts to keep Maeystown History alive.

We visited Maeystown to see the solar eclipse in late August, and stayed a week at the Corner George Inn. Everything about the visit was fantastic, from the people and hospitality to the charming one-lane bridge and desire to keep the history alive.

We appreciate your efforts and hope Maeystown can maintain its charm and beauty for centuries to come.

Thank you,  
Greg Smith & Patricia Bauerle  
Tucson, Arizona

## Death

*Robert Zeitinger*

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Robert Zeitinger. Mr. Zeitinger was born on August 10, 1927, and passed away on June 5. He is survived by his wife Jackie of 64 years,

his son Robert Carl, and daughter Janice Read. He was active in a number of organizations including advertising, pilot associations, Moolah Shrine, and Masons. In his personal life, Mr. Zeitinger was a writer, an accomplished photographer and aviation enthusiast. Robert's most rewarding flights were as a pilot for Moolah Shrine Air Patrol flying patients to and from Shriners Hospitals.

Robert Zeitinger had read an account in a newspaper about Anthony Zeitinger and didn't know Anthony was his great grandfather. The Zeitingers came to Maeystown, visited Gloria Bundy and had his information verified. They also found out at that time that his great grandfather had owned the Mill from 1859 to 1868. Since their meeting, Robert and Jackie have been dear friends of Maeystown. They haven't missed an Oktoberfest. Last year Jackie even brought Robert in his wheel chair. Jackie continues to honor Robert's wishes and joined us again this Oktoberfest.

## Meeting Changes

Because of Thanksgiving, the monthly meeting in November will be held November 14.

As is the usual custom, no monthly meeting will be held in December. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, January 23.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Calendar

November 17	Frauenabend 4:30-8:30 p.m.
December 3	Old Fashioned Christmas 11:00-5:00 p.m.
February 13	St. John Church Fastnacht 5:00-8:00 p.m.
March 17 & 18	Spring Art Show 11:00-4:00 p.m.
May 6	Frühlingsfest/Springfest 9:00-4:00 p.m.
June 9	Plein Air Paint Out 9:00-3:00 p.m.