
Germantown Historical Society **Newsletter**



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From the GHS President - OKTOBERFEST

UPDATE

Hello all.

Thanks again for checking out our little newsletter. We appreciate your interest in the Historical Society. With Oktoberfest nearing this is our busiest time of year. That being said, here is some of the things that we have been up to.

I hope you have had the chance to take a look at the new landscaping around our Christ Church of local history. John Lamm and crew did an awesome job! It looks great. On a side note, we lost a large tree in the cemetery. Only a few tombstones were affected and the clean-up went well. We are still looking into starting some sort of repair/restore project of headstones and hope to have something started by spring. Also, steeple roof repair is on the way. We were hoping to add climate control (aka air conditioning) added to the museum to help preserve our artifacts, but the long arm of government has put this project on the back-burner due to cost increases due to mandated requirements. Sometimes the red tape is overwhelming. Elsewhere in the park there will be lots of upgrades by the end of September. Painting, landscaping, door removal, door repair and other things should make the park look better than ever. A special thank you to the Village of Germantown and all of the fine employees that are helping out.

It looks like our gardeners are having a banner year in the community garden. Look for a mini farmer's market during Oktoberfest. The park also hosted the Wisconsin Nursery Association annual convention and by all accounts the site worked out quite well. It is always nice to see new people use our facilities. Speaking of which, the archery area is experiencing quite a lot of traffic as bow season approaches. We welcome anyone to come to our park and enjoy.

As I said earlier, Oktoberfest is right around the corner. Please see our flyer in this edition. If you need a yard sign or poster please contact the society at 262-628-3170 and we will do our best to get you what you need. We will be trying some new things this year. One of which we hope will be a big help to our guests with ambulatory issues. It has come to our attention that due to the limited handicapped parking available some people were forced to park in the field with the rest of our guests. This year we are going to offer a shuttle for these people so they can get a free ride between the field parking and the festival. This will be accomplished by using a passenger type golf cart which will be manned by volunteers. Thanks Andy for your generosity, I think this will be well received. So, please come on September 28-29 and celebrate another great year with us. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Jeff Dhein

NEW HISTORY BOOK - Germantown in the 20th Century - Part I: 1900-1959

The second volume of the Germantown history book is in the final stages and will be printed in time for sale at Oktoberfest. We are thrilled with the next volume of the book which continues to tell the history of Germantown. Many individuals with ties to Germantown responded to the call for additional photos, documents and stories for the book and we thank them for their willingness to search their family's archives and share them with us.

This book is made possible through the tireless efforts of Bill Gay who serves as the writer and Irene Blau as the researcher. Tiffany Brandt did the graphic design. This team has brought us another amazing book, and we are honored that they continue to share their knowledge and talent with the historical society.

The books will be available for sale during Oktoberfest. They will also be available for sale on our website and at the Bast Bell Museum during our regular hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm. after Oktoberfest.

The cost of the book is \$55.00 (includes tax). There are still a few copies of the first volume of the history book available for sale.

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION:

A donation for the Church Restoration fund has been received from Irene Blau in memory of Frances Ferrell.

An additional donation from Gladys Muehl was also received.

Museum Update

We continue to have visitors stop by the museums and enjoy taking a step back into history. The museums draw a wide range of visitors and this season we have hosted church groups, senior groups and Boy Scout troops. We always enjoy sharing the museums with visitors of all ages.

Reminder - The Wolf Haus and Christ Church Museum of Local History close for the season on October 1st and the Bast Bell Museum on November 1st. We continue to schedule tours for groups of 10 or more after the museums close.

Genealogy Research Center

Bob Kohls and Carol Barkow are our resident genealogists. Bob taught his Genealogy class in June and shared his knowledge and skills. Bob and Carol are at the Wolf Haus on Wednesday from 1-4 pm through October 1st. (Welcome back Carol, we missed you.)

**Did you see the article about Bob Kohls in the June 27, 2013
WB Daily News?**

A few clips on next page... Thanks to Bob and Carol and others who help to make this treasured resource.

B8 The Daily News, Thursday, June 27, 2013

TIME *Out*
Arts • Entertainment • Dining

WASHINGTON COUNTY WHEN ...

Welcome, genealogists

Germantown
Historical Society a
treasure trove for
family researchers

Due to picture darkness, only able to provide caption.

Linda McAlpine/Daily News Staff

Robert Kohls of Hartland, a genealogist and volunteer, looks through some of the more than 70,000 handwritten index cards that have information about families who settled in the Germantown area at the Jeffris Genealogy Research Center inside the Valentine Wolf Haus Museum, which is owned and operated by the Germantown Historical Society.

GERMANTOWN — If your ancestors settled near Germantown and you have an interest in your family history, consider yourself very lucky.

Thanks to the Germantown Historical Society, your genealogy research should be a bit easier.

It operates the Jeffris Genealogy Research Center, which holds records pertaining to the village of Germantown, Dheinsville, Goldenthal, Rockfield and other early settlements.

"We have over 70,000 handwritten index cards on individuals that are in our collection of manuscripts, records and documents," said Robert L. Kohls of Hartland, a historical society volunteer and genealogist

Plat maps, which the center also has, are another resource for finding family that settled here, Kohls said.

The center has records of land purchases prior to 1844 and have indexes of property owners in the area for 1859 and 1873.

Even if your ancestors didn't settle in the Germantown area, it's worth the trip to visit the resource center and its environs if you are at all historically inclined.

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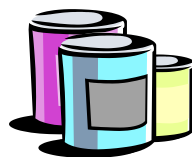


OKTOBERFEST!

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2013

FESTIVAL & PARKING FREE!

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N128 W18780 Holy Hill Rd, Germantown, WI
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MUSIC LINE-UP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Noon – 11 PM

12:00 – 3:00 pm Good Time Dutchmen

3:00 – 4:00 pm Dheinsville Dachshund Dash

4:00 – 7:00 pm Music Venders

7:00 – 7:30 pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt

7:30 – 10:30 pm Copper Box

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 Noon – 7 PM

12:00 – 3:00 pm River City Blaskapelle

3:00 – 3:30 pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt

3:30 – 7:00 pm Austrian Express

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS & BASKET

SUPPLIES Please Drop Off ANY supplies/items at museum.

ATTENTION BAKERS!!

Bakers Wanted to help to again make our bake sale at Oktoberfest the best! Goods can be packaged whole or individually. For more information call 262.628.3170.
THANK YOU!!



** 1-4 pm Sat & Sun of the Festival only.

TEEN/ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Setup Friday, Festival Sat. & Sun,
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