

Germantown Historical Society **Newsletter**



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HISTORY BOOK SELLS OUT FIRST PRINTING OF 250 IN FIRST WEEK!

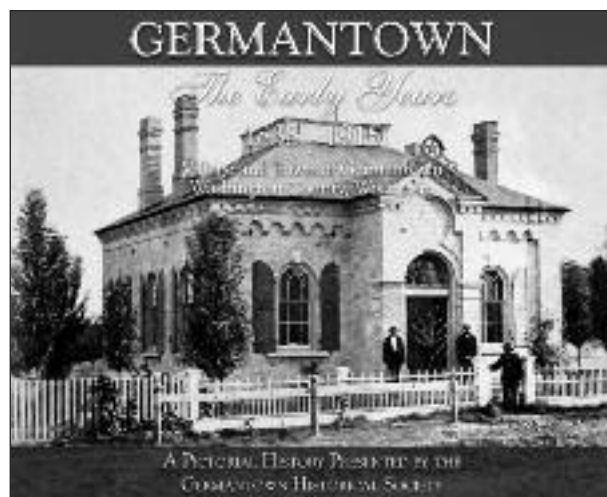
The new “GERMANTOWN — THE EARLY YEARS” book of our history was finally at the publisher in January for the first edition. On Friday, January 15th, the books were delivered to the Bast Bell Museum for pick up orders. In spite of the bitter cold, over 75 citizens picked up their copies, 100 copies of the book were delivered to our ten sponsors and another fifty were sent to the UPS office next to the Allied Digital office for shipping. After the hectic weekend, we took the remainder of the first printing along to distribute at the library and German Glass & Gifts...and went home to watch the Packer game. Next day it snowed...again so we have been working with Christa and Lori at German Glass to complete orders.

We are now finishing the last pick-up orders and the phone orders that came in on the museum line since Christmas. It's been quite a ride. We are grateful to all of the patient friends that have waited for their order to be filled and to all the efforts of Tiffany and Francis to complete the orders. We have now received 350 books and will continue to print as needed to the limited edition of 500 this year. A second edition will be printed in two years or as needed. Books will be on sale at the Bell Museum on April 1st.

The year 2007 began with weekly meetings with our “in haus author” Bill Gay who enthusiastically composed each picture's description and set the stage for each chapter. Bill Melendez at Express News, who suggested publishing our history, gave insights of his experiences over the years and sponsored the order forms advertising throughout the summer.

In October, we approached Allied Digital Photo in Germantown to publish the hard cover edition after scanning the final special pictures we needed. The final copy, printed on “100 pound” paper, includes 120 pages. Francis and her staff focused on the project after the holidays and our “webmaster” Tiffany Navin offered to redo the layouts to meet our deadline of January 15th.

We honor all of the players on this team for their contributions to this outstanding publication!



No one was happier at the completion of our first history book than our Executive Director, Irene Blau!

Her lifetime of knowledge and dedication to preserving the history of Germantown now documented. Great Job to everyone who helped and businesses who continue to support our efforts!



The history books were printed at Allied Digital Photo in Germantown. Francis and her staff did an outstanding job creating these one-of-a-kind books.

You honor the story of our unique community and the special people who have lived here!

IMPORTANT! We are in need of all the pictures available that all of you can share for a second volume “GERMANTOWN — THE 20TH CENTURY” to be planned in the future. Bring them in to the museums for scanning.



Bell Museum Season!

April 1st and the welcoming of Spring also welcomes the opening of the 2008 season of the BAST BELL MUSEUM by the Germantown Historical Society and the walking tour of the Dheinsville Settlement. Bus tours are being scheduled and plans for new activities are developing.

The Bell of the Month program highlighting bells from new cultures of the world continues to inform and educate visitors stopping by on the first Wednesday of each month and in addition will couple with the development of a "Koffee Haus" setting on the same day from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. European pastries from Germantown's new Truffles Bakery and Specialty Koffee from the Village's Latitudes coffee house will be served with regular admission to the museum.

The Bell program will take place at 2:00 PM for all attending. Docent tours of the entire 5000 bell collection will follow as usual. First Wednesday of the

month is April 2, 2008 and the program will feature the Easter Island Bell from Chile presented by curator Eileen Densow. The year's features will represent Finland, Israel, Argentina, Spain and Norway. Over the last seven years, Eileen's research and presentations have opened new insights into the world cultures and how they are expressed by the artisans of each country.



DHEINSVILLE PARK is located at West 18780 Holy Hill Road at the intersection of Fond du Lac Ave. (Hwy. 145) and Maple Road. The Bast Bell Museum is located in the large green restored barn in the park. Parking is located at the east side of the park.

DO YOU HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME? WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

The following list of activities of our society have been outlined on "TASK SHEETS" to assist volunteers with the needs of various committees. They include the Events for the public and Programs for individuals and the day-to-day operation of the three museums.

TO VOLUNTEER for any of these below, please call Irene at 262-628-3170.

EVENTS

- E-1 Motor Coach Marketing
- E-2 Tour Information Requests
- E-3 Small Group Marketing
- E-4 Bell of the Month Program
- E-5 Meet the Pioneers Tours
- E-6 Spring Wine & Cheese Hour – May
- E-7 Anniversary Party – June 1st
- E-8 Kirsten's Birthday Party – June 10th
- E-9 Wolf Haus Tour Guide
- E-10 Christ Church Tour Guide
- E-11 OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE
- E-12 Christmas in Dheinsville – Dec. 6th
- E-13 Leadership Germantown Day – Sept.



PROGRAMS

- P-1 Indexing of Genealogies
- P-2 Family / Name Search
- P-3 Baptism, Marriage, Obit Records
- P-4 Photo File Collection
- P-5 Photocopies
- P-6 Assessions Collection
- P-7 Periodical Files
- P-8 Archives Files
- P-9 Exhibit Development
- P-10 Website / Email / Phone Messages

Upcoming Event



“MEET THE PIONEERS” WALKING TOUR FOR STUDENTS

This tour is an outreach program for elementary children to be enacted on Thursday and Friday, May 15 and 16, 2008 in the settlement of Dheinsville. The Bast Bell Museum is located in Germantown’s Dheinsville Park on Holy Hill Road at Fond du Lac Ave. (Hwy. 145) in the restored barn.

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| 1. CHRIST CHURCH | Rev. William Binner and Mrs. Emma Binner |
| 2. CHURCH CEMETERY | Mr. Philipp Dhein, Sr. and Mrs. Catherine Dhein |
| 3. DHEIN HOTEL & LIVERY-INDIAN TRAIL | Philipp Dhein, Jr. |
| 4. WAGONMAKERS’S HOUSE | Mr. Ignatious Zins and Catherine Zins |
| 5. BLACKSMITH’S HOUSE | Mr. John Neidlein and Mrs. Rosina Neidlein |
| 6. BLACKSMITH’S SHOP | Mr. John Neidlein |
| 7. SHOEMAKER’S SHOP | Mr. Valentine Wolf and Mrs. Margarita Wolf |
| 8. POST OFFICE & GENERAL STORE | Mr. William Dix |
| 9. DHEINSVILLE SCHOOL | Teacher |

For more information call Irene Blah at 262-251-6378.

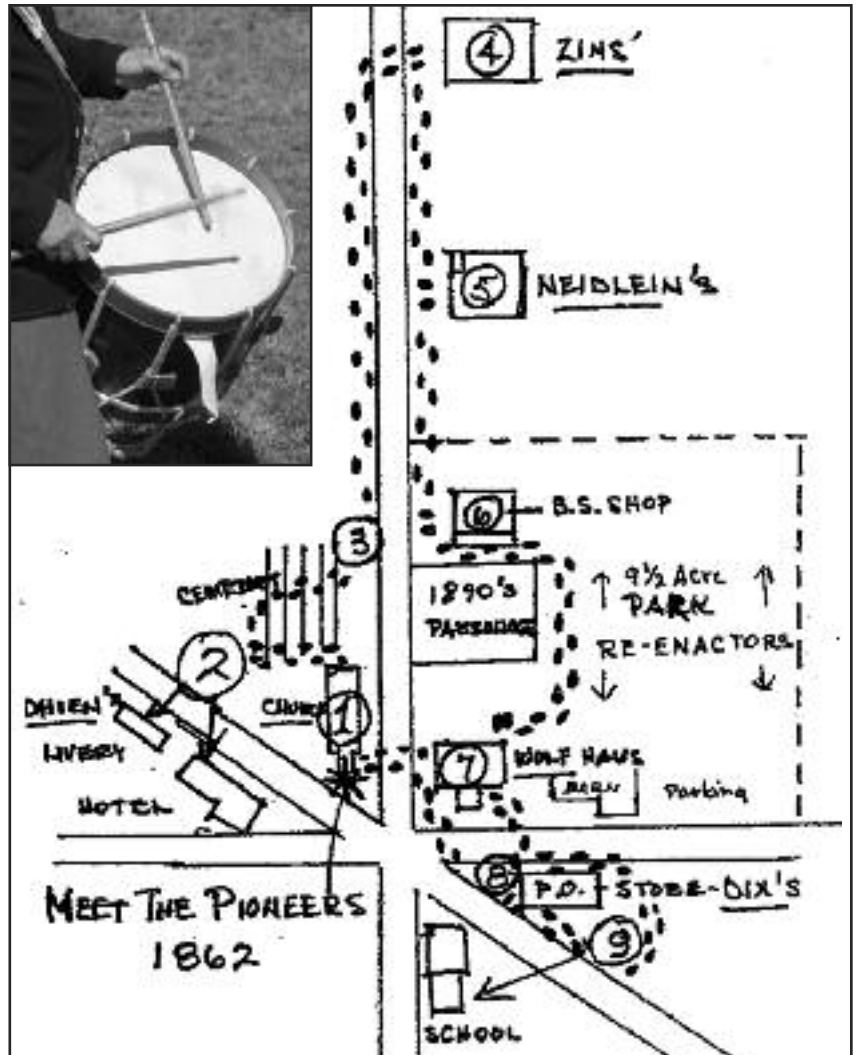
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! WINE TASTING EVENT — JUNE 21st

Saturday, June 21st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Bell Museum and Fire Hall as well as the outside patio and gazebo. John Edwards, owner of the Vintage Wine shop in Germantown and Milwaukee will again provide the tasting selections and an interesting display of refreshments. Any ideas are welcome! Call and leave a message for us, 262-628-3170.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE ANNUAL
WINE & CHEESE HOUR ON MAY 3RD.
PRE-SALE AT \$25.00

MAIFEST ETHNIC GERMAN SPRING FESTIVAL MAY 16th – 18th

Located at Squire Dr. & Mequon Rd,
Germantown. **NEW! FRIDAY FISH
FRY.** More information will be in our
next newsletter and on our website.





Annual Dinner Meeting

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING IN APRIL

“GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY”

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 — Bub’s Irish Pub Dining Hall

Main Street at Park Ave. Germantown, Wisconsin

5:30 pm

Gathering

6:30 pm

Buffet Dinner – Catering by Judy – Aldo’s Catering

Hunsrucker Stuffed Pork Roast and Gravy

Baked White Fish

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans with almonds

Tossed Salad and Dressings

Beverages and Dinner Wine

Filled Marble Cake by Pat-T-Cakes

7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: William Gay – Author & Book Signing of “Germantown – The Early Years”

Bill is a retired teacher of our High School English Dept. and 25 year director of the National Honor Society. A loyal volunteer since 1975, his efforts have encouraged student involvement in society activities. Since retirement, he has spent the winter months, developing the Wolf Haus archives, writing the script for Our Pioneer Tour and lending his expertise to the publishing of the Beautiful New History Book! His remarks will be followed by a Book Signing and Sale!

8:00 pm

Business Meeting – Election of Board Members and Awards

RESERVATIONS:

PLEASE CALL IRENE AT (262) 251-6378 BY APRIL 10TH.

\$11.00 individual / \$21.00 couple

Mail payment to:

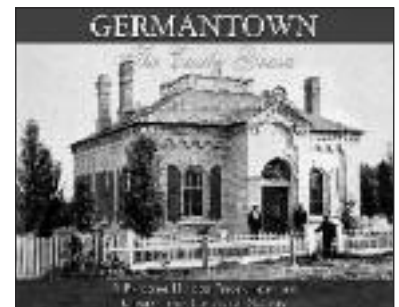
Germantown Historical Society, P.O. Box 31, Germantown, WI 53022

DEADLINE TO RESPOND: APRIL 10TH

GERMANTOWN HISTORY BOOK — THE EARLY YEARS

Available for purchase at the Annual Dinner Meeting, online at www.bastbellmuseum.com or at The Bast Bell Museum starting April 1st during regular hours of operation.

NOTE: SEE INSERT FOR BOOK ORDER FORM TO USE FOR YOURSELF OR GIVE TO A FRIEND, COPIES MAY BE MADE AND DISTRIBUTED! This makes a great gift!



Mark Your Calendars!



BAST BELL MUSEUM

- **TUES. APRIL 1ST SEASON OPENS**
Wed. - Sun. Group Reservations
of 10 or more open ANY TIME.

• “BELL OF THE MONTH” SCHEDULE FOR 2008

APRIL 2nd	CHILE	Easter Island Bell
MAY 7th	BEIRUT	Lebanon Bell
JUNE 4th	FINLAND	Various Bells
JULY 2nd	ISRAEL	Tel Aviv Bell
AUG 6th	ARGENTINA	Llama Bell
SEPT 3rd	SPAIN	Malaga Bell
OCT 1st	NORWAY	Reindeer Bell



NEW TIME! KoffeeHaus held from 1-4 pm

Find out more about these bells from the Sila Bast collection on the **first Wednesday of Sept. and Oct. at our 2:00 pm program** at the Bast Bell Museum. **OPEN TO ALL.**

APRIL

- **TUES. 8TH** Deadline to respond for Annual Dinner Meeting
- **WED. 16TH** 6:00 pm Quarterly Board Meeting – ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MAY

- **SAT. 3RD** 4 - 5 pm
3rd Annual Wine & Cheese Hour BELL RINGING at Christ Church Museum. **ADVANCED TICKETS ON SALE** for the June 21st, Worldwide Wine-tasting Event at the Bell Museum.

MAY

- National Preservation & Tourism Week Celebration, Spring Planting and Clean up / Paint Volunteers
- **THURS. 15TH - FRI. 16TH** “Meet the Pioneers” walking tour of The Dheinsville Settlement in 1862. School program.

JUNE

- **SUNDAY 3RD** 1-4 pm - SEASON OPENS for Christ Church Museum & Wolf Haus Museum. 1-4 pm Anniversary Cake & Coffee. Open every Wed. & Sun. 1-4 pm

The **GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY IS OPEN** to the public June through September 30th, Wednesdays and Sundays 1-4 pm.

- **SATURDAY 21ST** 4-7 pm
WORLDWIDE WINE TASTING PARTY
Bast Bell Museum & Park, Refreshments, Raffles, Music and More! Sponsor, Vintage of Germantown

JULY

- **FRIDAY 4th** 3 and 5 pm
ANNUAL BUS TOURS OF HISTORY.
Leaves the Senior Center at Fireman's Park at 3 and 5 pm - 1 1/2 hour motorcoach. Donations Welcome
- **WED. 17th** 6:00 pm Quarterly Board Meeting, Wolf Haus

Visit our website at www.bastbellmuseum.com for update event information or changes.

EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS IN DHEINSVILLE!



St. Nick gives out “sükker tüttes to all of the MacArthur students at the Christmas Konsert on Dec. 2nd.



Special guest from Ischmaning, Germany High School Christa Nicklaus

WE ARE SEEKING A PART-TIME EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Germantown Historical Society is seeking a part-time executive assistant for the education/tourism season from April to November 2008. Needed is an energetic history-buff with computer skills to conduct marketing and development skills for our three local museums of Germantown. Work includes communication, website and management tasks during afternoon hours and as needed. WE ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS.

Send resume to Germantown Historical Society,
P.O. Box 31, Germantown, WI 53022 by March 31st
or email www.bastbellmuseum.com. Irene Blah

BELL MUSEUM MEMORIALS

MARGARET ZANDER –

Longtime member & supporter
of the Christ Church history.

BERNICE SOBCHAK – GHS Member

ADELINE T. ANDERS

Supporter of Our Preservation Fund



ONLINE SHOPPING

www.bastbellmuseum.com

“Germantown History” Book,
Dheinsville Settlement Prints, Sweatshirts,
Germantown History DVDs & more!

Watch website for up-to-date
Event & Volunteer Information.

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RETAIL PRICE is \$49.00 plus tax & shipping

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Please reserve _____ copies of the “History of Germantown”
at \$49 (plus \$2.74 sales tax & \$5.00 shipping).

TOTAL (\$56.74/book) \$ _____

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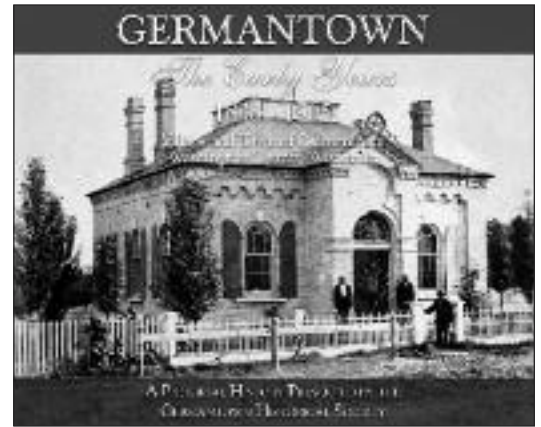
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