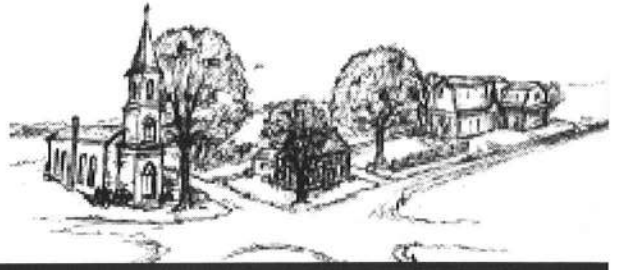

Germantown Historical Society
Newsletter



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1ST QUARTER 2012



will again be our Presenting Sponsor for Oktoberfest 2012!

Hello members and friends. We are about to enter one of our most exciting years in quite awhile. We will be hosting a few new events that we hope will increase interest in our organization. In April, our community garden will begin its inaugural season. There are still some plots available. Contact the Germantown Rec Dept. to sign up for one.

Coming in May, we will host the “Grand Re-opening” of the Christ Church Museum of Local History. Check out the newsletter for more details. We can’t wait to share our new look with the public.

Then in June, we will be having a Rendezvous on our park grounds. Once again, more details within.

We are also going to have some more work done to our grounds in preparation for this years Oktoberfest.

There are also memorials that continue to come in to honor Rollie Bast. We will be getting together with the Bast family to decide on the best use for that fund. If anyone has ideas please share them with us.

The 25 Sportsmen Club has offered to set up an archery target area in the Northeast corner of the park.

Planning is underway. We are also going to have the Bell Museum professionally cleaned in time for the new season. That will go nicely with the newly carpeted balcony/office. Premier Flooring donated the carpeting and Bill Brockman installed it with the help of Kurt Heilgendorf. A huge thank you to Ray Heilgendorf for his continued support of not only us, but also many other community events throughout the years. It is people like Ray that make such a difference around town.

Oktoberfest is in the planning stage, as we have lined up the music and are working on the rest of the show. It has just been confirmed that Sendik’s will be our presenting sponsor again this year. Keep an eye out for the newly invented Barlympics or whatever we decide to call it. This will be an expansion of the bier race. Maybe you would like to try our new “Brew-ski” multiple beverage dispensing system. (You may end up on our website.)

We are always looking for new people and ideas. We have many areas that could use help from flower gardening to cleaning to paint to just about anything. If you have an interest or certain talent, I am sure that we can find a use for you. You have the talents, we need your time.

Thanks again for your continued interest in our little group and we look forward to having some fun this year.

Sincerely,
Jeff Dhein
President and Oktoberfest Chair

Stories of Interest

Board Member – Mike Krull

You can consider Mike a “life-long” resident of Germantown. He grew up in this community...from MacArthur, to Kennedy, to the last class to graduate under Washington High School before officially switching to Germantown High (that was 1991 in case you are interested). He continues to make his home here with his wife Kelly, and their new daughter MacKenzie.

For the past few years, Mike and Kelly have volunteered their time helping out with Germantown Oktoberfest. It all started out with them helping to bartend for a few hours during the festival. Their involvement with Oktoberfest grew to joining the planning committee and helping out more the week of, and during the festival.

When Jeff Dhein asked if Mike was interested in joining the Historical Society board...He was interested. When he was told that he was accepted to the board...he was honored. Mike looks forward to working with those that currently serve on the board. He also hopes to help to continue the hard work of those who formerly served on the board.



Christ Church Museum of Local History

Please Join Us for the Grand Re-Opening of the Christ Church Museum of Local History and the building's 150th Anniversary Open House—Saturday, May 5th, 3:00—5:00 pm

Come see how magnificent the building looks now that it has a new roof, new interior paint, and refurbished floor.

We will have refreshments and snacks beginning at 3:00pm, bell ringing at 5:00pm and more in between!

Spread the word and bring a friend.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –
 Genealogy needs help with Data Entry of Archive Information, starting June 1st. If interested, please come to the Wolf Haus when open on Wednesdays or Call Bob Kohls.

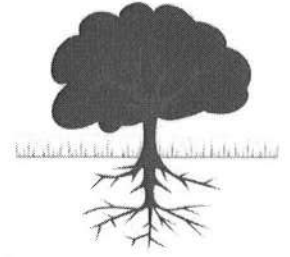
Please join us on Saturday, April 28 for our annual spring cleaning weekend to help make the museums sparkle and shine for the upcoming season. Come for an hour or stay for the day! For more information please call (262) 628-3170 or info@bastbellmuseum.com. We hope you will be able to come and help out!



Rendezvous – (sometimes called BuckSkinners) to be held the First Friday and Saturday nights in June. Please see our updated website for more info.



Genealogy Class



Title: **Organization and Searching**

Where: Germantown Historical Society Research Center (in the Wolf Haus)

When: Wednesdays – June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2012

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Who: “Beginners” **and** those who need “Direction”

Cost: \$12.00 (for all 4 classes) as donation to Historical Society.

Payable to: Germantown Historical Society.
 Pay in advance between May 17th and May 25th. Include: Your Name and Phone Number

Instructor: Robert L. Kohls
 W316 N8628 Palomino Circle
 Hartland, WI 53029
 Call for Information: 262-966-9615
contact as soon as possible

Space: Limited -- Class offered one time per year. (Be sure to call “Bob” prior to mailing payment.)

Donation

Thank you to Murray Investments LLC for the donation for Vol 2 of the Germantown History Book.

April 2012

TUESDAY

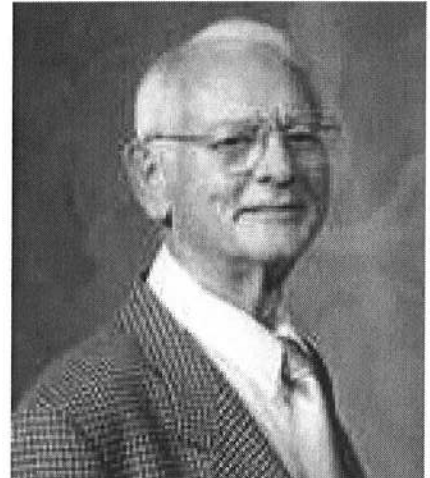
17th - Annual Meeting - 6:00 pm @ Christ Church Museum of Local History. Board Nominations and officer elections will be held at the meeting. 2012 Board Nominations (for a new 3 year term) Peggy Bast 2012-2015

Board of Directors
 Gordon Bast 2010-2013
 Carol Barkow 2010-2013
 Mary Brownell 2010-2013
 Eileen Densow 2010-2013
 Sandi Dhein 2010-2013
 Jeff Dhein 2011-2014
 Mike Krull 2011-2014
 Oliver Schowalter 2011-2014

All are Welcome. Please join us.

In Memory

Lyle Barkow was a Lifetime Member of the Germantown Historical Society who passed away in January. He spent countless hours volunteering over the years along with his wife, Carol, from cleaning the museums to handling parking at Oktoberfest. Carol is still a member of our Board of Directors and a genealogist.



Lyle Barkow

In memory of Lyle Barkow the following donations were received:

- Bast Bell Museum
 - Gordon, Judy, Renee and Peggy Bast
- Church Restoration
 - Don & Esther Boehlke
 - Ethel Stephan
 - Eileen Densow
 - Jeff Dhein
 - Carol Barkow
 - Mary & Bob Brownell
- Germantown History Book Volume 2
 - Carol Barkow
 - William and Susanne Gay
 - Frank and Irene Blau

In Memory

Roland “Rollie” Bast of Germantown passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the age of 91. He was born in Germantown on April 21, 1920.

Rollie supported many charitable and benefit organizations with auctioneer services including the Germantown Scholarship Auction. He was named Germantown

Citizen of the Year in 1999, awarded as the Jackson-area Business Association Man

of the Year in 2000, inducted into the Menomonee Falls High School Wall of Recognition in 2006 and presented with the Golden Gavel Award for 50 years as a professional auctioneer in 2007.

Rollie’s greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. He was a joyful man with a positive outlook and an infectious laugh.

The Germantown Historical Society would like to thank all the donations that have been made in honor of Rollie. We will be working with the Bast family to determine how the monies will be used.



2012 Calendar of Events

May 5th : Grand Re-opening of Christ Church
Museum of Local History 3:00 – 5:00pm

June 1st – Season Opens for Sila Lydia Bast Bell
Museum, Wolf Haus & Genealogy Research
Center and Christ Church Museum of Local History

June 1st and 2nd – Rendezvous

June 6, 13, 20 and 27 – Genealogy Classes
11:00am-12:30pm

September 29th : Oktoberfest

September 30th : Oktoberfest

October 1st : Wolf Haus & Genealogy Research
Center closes for the season

October 1st : Christ Church Museum of Local
History closes for the season

November 1st : Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum closes
for the season

December 2nd : Sinter Klausen Christmas Concert

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