

# *Germantown Historical Society* **Newsletter**



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Hello all,

Welcome to our busy little corner of the world. The Historical Society is doing our best to keep improving, both in quality of displays and in the look of our park.

We have a new director for this year his name is Zachary Sours, welcome him to the neighborhood when you see him. See additional information further in newsletter.

The new and larger community garden is growing and we now have a water connection at the site.

We are continuing to try and improve our museum. We recently received some interesting donations. Stop by and check them out.

Our genealogy group is doing great work. We are always looking for people to join us in the Wolf house to learn (or teach) a thing or two about our past.

We are looking into partnering with the cemetery committee from the church to begin some much needed repairs and also to help with a "map" of the cemetery to help visitors find their descendants.

We are also working with John Lamm to clean up the plantings around the museum to make them more pleasant to look at and to keep maintenance to a minimum. Later this summer our park will be hosting a large group from the state nursery association. We better have the place looking spiffy.

A special thanks to Scout Troop 271 for their part in placing flags on the graves of the veterans in the cemetery. That was a very impressive display of patriotism. See additional information further in newsletter.

Thank you for looking over our letter and if you can be of any help at our park please contact us. Oktoberfest is right around the corner. Don't miss it.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Dhein

President and Oktoberfest Chair

## A Note from our New Director:

Hello, my name is Zachary Sours and I am very excited to get the chance to work with the Germantown Historical Society!

I am currently a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, attending the Masters program in Public History.

I am also an intern with the Milwaukee County Historical Society where I have been researching the residents of the Kilbourntown House, Milwaukee's oldest house that is still in existence today. This fall I will be entering the program's Museum Studies tract.

After I graduate I hope to work for a historical society, historic estate, or living history museum.

## Museum Updates:

We had our first tour of 2013 in May and welcomed a group from the Oshkosh Senior Center. Thanks to our loyal volunteers who facilitated the tour: Gordon Bast, Judy Bast, Eileen Densow and Oliver Schowalter.

The museums opened for the season on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to another exciting season of welcoming visitors.

Bob Kohls is busy at the Wolf Haus on Wednesdays helping visitors with research and gathering information. He is teaching his Genealogy Class: Organizing and Searching in June. We hope Carol Barkow will be able to join him soon at the Wolf Haus.

The Annual Wine and Cheese Event to coincide with the first Bell Ringing at the Christ Church Museum of Local History took place on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The bells at the church will ring every Saturday at 5:00 pm throughout the season. Thanks to Oliver Schowalter for continuing this tradition.

At this event, Marge Miller presented the Germantown Historical Society with a framed land contract signed by President Tyler showing the transfer of land to Ulrich Huber and a framed passport for the Ulrich Huber Family from Geiminde Dettinge Switzerland. The Family traveled to New York where all of their cash was stolen by a confidence scheme. The two items will be on display at the Christ Church Museum of Local History. The items were donated by Marge Miller, Janet Arnold, Eileen Gierach and Linda Stinson. Thank you for the donation of artifacts to the Germantown Historical Society.

A piece of the Berlin wall – approximately 6” long – has been donated by Lincoln Smith, along with a family German Bible dated 1911 and a collector plate. These will be on display in the future. Thank you also for the donation of artifacts to the Germantown Historical Society.

A lovely golden oak 1915 era white sewing machine has been donated by local residents Carl & Shelly Holzbauer. This is now on display in the church museum. Many thanks for offering Germantown Historical Society a family treasure for display.

Have a little time to spare? We are hoping to establish a file of cemetery stones by using charcoal rubbings and photos for future research. If you have any free time and would like to assist, either with charcoal rubbings or photos, please call the Historical Society or Mary at 262-707-3276. Even if it is time enough to do one charcoal rubbing, it gets us one step closer to our goal!



## **Sinter Klaasen Christmas Mart**

*N116 W15909 Main Street  
Germantown, Wisconsin 53022*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY – GOES SILVER”**

The Sinter Klaasen Christmas Mart, located at W15909 Main Street, Germantown, Wisconsin, is celebrating **25 years in business** with an “Open House” starting on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and running thru Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Everything is 25% off!**

Special events include door prizes, refreshments and a month long “Silver Basket” raffle with proceeds going to the Germantown Historical Society’s Restoration Fund.

Store hours are 11:00AM to 5:00PM each day.

Come join us in celebrating this milestone event!

For additional information, please contact Irene Blau @ (262) 251-6378.



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> NOON – 11PM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> NOON – 7PM**

❖❖ Release of the Germantown History book Vol. 2 ❖❖  
❖(covering 1900-1950's)❖

- Children's Activities
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barlympics
- Sunday Bake Sale
- Wisconsin Power Reunion Exhibit
- Silent Auction
- Sunday Classic Car Display 12-3pm

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**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 - 3:00pm GoodTime Dutchmen
- 3:00 - 4:00pm **Dheinsville Dachshund Dash**
- 4:00 - 7:00pm Music Venders
- 7:00 - 7:30pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt
- 7:30 - 10:30pm **Copper Box**

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 - 3:00pm River City Blaskapelle
- 3:00 - 3:30pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt
- 3:30 - 7:00pm **Austrian Express**

Bring a canned good for ½ off admission to see 5,000 Bells!  
Bast Bell Museum Sat & Sun 1-4pm



**Volunteers Needed or BE A SPONSOR!**

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Members of Germantown Boy Scout Troop 271 recognized Veterans with flags at Dheinsville cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.

### Germantown Troop 271

**Boys:**

Bobby Aveni  
George Bailey  
Alex Breunig  
Matt Breunig  
Noah Brozowski  
Logan Butch  
Connor Dunn  
Nathan Heisl  
Zach Heron  
Charlie Ishihara  
Nick Nuchikat  
Josh Pagel  
Gavin Rangel  
Ben Siegesmund  
Ian Simmons  
Nick Spitz  
Adam Thiessenhusen  
Barrett Waldvogel



**Adults:**

Pamela Aveni  
Joseph Butch  
Kurt Degner  
Neal Degner  
John Siegesmund

Thank you for honoring our Veterans.

The Germantown Historical Society's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 16 at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Hubertus. Approximately thirty society members attended and enjoyed the delicious food, socializing and meeting. It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends. We look forward to next year's event!

The Officer Elections were held at the Annual Meeting and the results are:

Jeff Dhein, President  
Gordon Bast, Vice President  
Peggy Bast, Treasurer & Secretary

The following Board Members were re-elected to three year terms:

Carol Barkow  
Gordon Bast  
Mary Brownell  
Eileen Densow  
Sandi Dhein

**Thank you to all Board Members for their continued service!**

## 2013 Season and Hours:

Valentine Wolf Haus & Genealogy Research Center  
– Open Wednesdays

June 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church Museum of Local History  
– Open Sundays

June 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum  
– Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## 2013 Calendar of Events

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** : Bell Ringing and Wine & Cheese at  
Christ Church

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

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Center closes for the season

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History closes for the season

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** : Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum closes  
for the season

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** : Sinter Klaasen Christmas Concert