

Germantown Historical Society **Newsletter**



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In Memory of Carol Barkow



Carol Barkow, one of the longest serving Board Members of the Germantown Historical Society passed away this month. Carol spent countless hours working diligently on the society's records in the Wolf Haus and Genealogy Research Center. She was a fixture at the Wolf Haus on Wednesday afternoons from June thru October along with Bob Kohls assisting those looking for information. Carol and her, husband, Lyle were active volunteers of the society for decades. Lyle passed away in 2012. Carol took photos of Oktoberfest and other events and was a tremendous source of knowledge. Carol is survived by her son, Scott and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



From the GHS President – Hello, and thank you for taking the time to check us

out. I am writing this at what should be a fun and exciting time of the year with Oktoberfest right around the corner. That upbeat feeling has been dampened quite a bit with the passing of one of our long-time members. We are mourning the passing of Carol Barkow. She has been a huge part of our group for a long time, and along with Bob Kohls, has been a huge resource in the genealogy center. She will be missed.

With our big event coming up, we must go on and we are all busy with last minute chores. We are also looking for more volunteers. If you have a few hours to give us call me, Kevin Nash or the society's number 262-628-3280. The food stand is always in need of added help. We have moved a few things around and hope this is the best fest ever. Please come early, stay late, and enjoy all of our effort. (Also spend freely) Check out our web site www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

We have come a long way on the steeple roofing repair project. We have a signed contract with Noffke roofing and hope it gets done soon. Thank you to the generosity shown for this project. We are still looking for some more help financially so we do not have to dig too deeply into our "rainy day" fund.

We have also gotten a commitment to fund the air conditioning for the Christ Church Museum. That project continues to move forward, although at a snail's pace. We hope to have it complete in time for next year's hot season.

Now for the **biggest** news to hit our park in a long time. We have begun preliminary work on a new pavilion that will replace the tent that we use for Oktoberfest. It will be large enough to accommodate reunions, weddings and many other functions under one roof. This "Festhalle" is just starting to take shape, but will be a valuable addition to the park. Something that everyone can use. It will bring more people to our park and from the preliminary artwork will look awesome! We are hoping to have more details to share at Oktoberfest. Anyone with ideas can get in touch with me and help with the design and fundraising. I truly believe this is something the village can really use.

I would like to close with a thank you to everybody that to joined us at our 2 bier garden events. Those were just trial runs and we hope to have at least one a month next summer. Hope to see you there.

Thank you again for checking us out, and your continued support. I hope to see you at Oktoberfest.

Jeff Dhein

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION:

In memory of Dorothy Kohl a donation has been received from Mary Dhein & Lee Schuldt.

Genealogy Research Center

In June, Bob Kohls hosted his annual Genealogy Class. He had twelve students this year learning about the process involved with searching for records and finding ancestors. Bob will miss Carol but will continue their work on the Society's collection of records. He also assists visitors on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm from June 1st thru October 1st.

The Museums

We continue to welcome local visitors as well as those from across the United States. We have had several large group tours already this season and have tours booked for two more large groups. This would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers who help with the tours: Gordon & Judy Bast and Oliver & Shirley Schowalter.



ATTENTION BAKERS!!

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

TEEN/ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Setup Friday, Festival Sat. & Sun,
Grounds Clean Up Thurs, Fri, & Festival Sat AM
Call Kevin Nash at 262-227-7908 to be scheduled.



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS & BASKET SUPPLIES

Please Drop Off ANY supplies/items at museum.

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past...
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Dheinsville an 1850s Original Settlement
Corner of Holy Hill Rd, Hwy 145, & Maple Rd

FAMILY FUN!

GERMAN FOOD & DRINK!

MUSIC & DANCERS

Bast Bell Museum Sat & Sun 1-4pm

Bring a canned good for ½ off admission to see 5,000 Bells!

Silent Auction Both Days

Children's Area with Activities

Dachshund Dash Saturday 3pm (Bring Chairs, Rain or Shine)

Barlympics Sunday

Bake Sale – Noon Sunday

Wisconsin Power Reunion Exhibit

Classic Car Display & MORE!

Help Support Local History Preservation

FREE PARKING & ADMISSION

AUTHENTIC GERMAN ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC, DANCERS, & EVENTS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:00-3:00 pm Goodtime Dutchmen

3:00-4:00 pm **Dheinsville Dachshund Dash**

(To support the MidWest Dachshund Rescue, www.mwdr.org)

4:00-7:00pm Music Vendors

7:00-7:30pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt

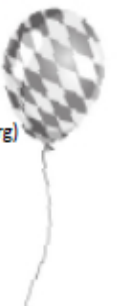
7:30-10:30pm **Copper Box**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00-3:00pm River City Blaskapelle

3:00-3:30pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt Kids

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