
Germantown Historical Society **Newsletter**



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Hello Everyone,

Once again, thanks for spending a few minutes with us at The Germantown Historical Society (GHS).

We had our annual dinner meeting at The Fox and Hounds in the beautiful Holy Hill area on April 15th. To those that came, thanks for coming. To those that couldn't make it you missed a good time and some great food. It is nice to see all of the familiar faces, although, more new faces would be nice. We discussed the state of the society, which looks pretty good overall, but we are definitely facing some major financial challenges. The largest of those is the repair of the roof on the steeple on the church/museum. We have received some bids and forwarded them to a business that has offered to help pay for this. We will try to get this done this year. I don't think we can wait any longer as there are other areas that are becoming vulnerable to damage due to the leaks. If we can get this done, all major areas will have been addressed for now. More info on the meeting below.

We also are going to see our community garden grow. The village will be adding more spots for this growing season. Hopefully we can get a few growers to sell their items at Oktoberfest this year.

Speaking of Oktoberfest, we will be celebrating our 20th year! Watch your newsletters and our website for updates and new things for this year. If you have ideas of how we can make our party better, please call 262-628-3170 and leave us a message.

Our new display cases will be in the museum before the grand opening. Stop in a check them out.

In April, this year's class from Leadership Germantown came to Dheinsville to offer their services to do some spring cleaning around the park. What a wonderful job! Thank you Donna Nash, for setting this up. I am amazed at everything that was accomplished. As long as L.G. is around, good things will continue to get done in our village.

There are quite a few "irons in the fire" at the park right now. As soon as something is finalized we will let you know. I can tell you that we are continuing to have talks about a new pavilion. A slow process but well worth the effort in my opinion.

Thank you for your time,

Jeff Dhein
President and Oktoberfest Chair

ps If you know of any life members that stopped receiving newsletters inform us, we know we have lost some in computer transitions. Sorry.

Thank you to Gladys Muehl and Charles Koehler for donations received.

A donation in the amount of \$1000 was received from Associated Bank in recognition of Peggy Bast's volunteer hours. Peggy was one of the top 20 volunteers for Associated for 2013. The top 20 volunteers logged over 10,000 hours for the year.

The museums open for the season on Sunday, June 1st. We are excited to announce that Zachary Sours our director from last season will be returning for the 2014 season. Zach is continuing his studies at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Our annual meeting was held on Tuesday, April 15th at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant in Hubertus. The meeting started with a welcome by President, Jeff Dhein who detailed the needs of the society. A financial update was provided by Treasurer, Peggy Bast. Dinner was served and during dessert, author Bill Gay gave a presentation on the process of writing Germantown in the 20th Century Part I: 1900-1959. Irene Blau and Bill autographed copies of the books.

Board members Jeff Dhein and Oliver Schowalter had their three year terms renewed.

We welcomed a new board member, Mike Raab, who has been an active member of our Oktoberfest committee.

Mike Krull's three year term expired, and we thank him for his service on the board. Mike will still be involved with the Oktoberfest committee.

The results of the officer elections are:

Jeff Dhein, President

Gordon Bast, Vice President

Peggy Bast, Treasurer & Secretary

Board of Directors

Carol Barkow, 2013-2016

Gordon Bast, 2013-2016

Peggy Bast, 2012-2015

Mary Brownell, 2013-2016

Eileen Densow, 2013-2016

Jeff Dhein, 2014-2017

Sandi Dhein, 2013-2016

Mike Raab, 2014-2017

Oliver Schowalter, 2014-2017



Genealogy Class

- Title: **Organization and Searching**
- Where: Germantown Historical Society Research Center
Intersection of Holy Hill Rd., Maple and Hy. 145
- When: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2014 - Wednesdays
- Who: "Beginners" AND - Those who need "Direction"
- Register: Call in Advance: **Phone: 1-262-966-9615 prior to sending money**
- Cost: \$10.00 - Total
- Payable To: Germantown Historical Society
- Pay in advance between May 20th and May 28th
- Include: Your Name and Phone Number
- Send To: Robert L. Kohls
W316 N8628 Palomino Circle
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029
1-262-966-9615
- Instructor: Bob Kohls
- Space: Limited (Sign up in advance prior to sending money)

2014 Calendar of Events

April 15, 2014 – Annual Meeting

May 3, 2014—Bell Ringing at Christ Church Museum of Local History

June 1, 2014—Bell Museum opens for the season

June 4, 2014—Genealogists are available at the Wolf Haus on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm thru October 1, 2014

September 27 & 28, 2014—Oktoberfest

October 1, 2014—Genealogy closes for the season

November 1, 2014—Bell Museum closes for the season