

# THIS SUNDAY!

Sinter Klausen Christmas Markt  
announces the

## “2009 Christmas in Dheinsville”

Annual Sinter Klausen Konsert  
Sunday, Dec. 6th  
3:00 - 4:00 pm  
at Christ Church Museum

Fond du Lac (Hwy 145) & Holy Hill Rd., Germantown, WI

- An old fashioned children’s German/English choir directed by Linda Wall, our dynamic teacher at G.H.S.
- Music Selections on our antique pump organ presented by Beverly Wilke, talented music professional.
- A visit from St. Nick with “sukker tutes” (candy totes) for all of the “kinder”.
- Prizes, Refreshments and Sing-a-long carols.  
(Donations to the Historical Society appreciated)

Sinter Klausen OPEN to Dec 31 / Tues–Sun 11 to 5  
W15909 Old World Main Street, Germantown, WI 53022

## MEET THE PIONEERS OF 1862 For School Age Children

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MAY 6 & 7, 2010

One hour re-enactment tour of 10 buildings in Dheinsville Park and the New Christ Church of 1862.

Tours between 9 - 12 or 1 - 3 pm each day.

\$2 Students, Teachers no charge, \$3 Adults  
School Reservations required.

### Calling All Seniors, Adults & Teens!

Be part of bringing history to our local school students! We have many volunteer positions available to fill or a few hours. Let’s keep our history alive! Call 262-628-3170 or email info@bastbellmuseum.com

## GENEALOGY CLASS with Bob Kohls, Genealogist

WED. JUNE 2-9-16-23, 2010 1:00 PM

Jeffries Genealogy Research Center in the Wolf Haus Museum

Please call Bob to register 262-966-9615

# Germantown Historical Society Newsletter



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## DACHSHUND RACES BRING RECORD CROWDS TO GERMANTOWN OKTOBERFEST

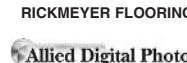
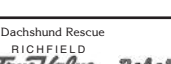
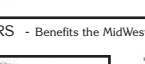
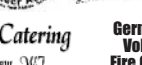
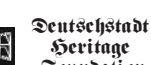
Beautiful weather and added activities such as the 1st Annual Dachshund Race to support the MidWest Dachshund Rescue brought many new faces to Germantown Oktoberfest! Thank you to the committee for all your work. The new tent layout, expanded tractor and vintage car display, fire department bounce house and more made for a successful fundraising event!



2010 Oktoberfest will be Sept. 25 & 26,  
See inside for MORE photos!

## Germantown Historical Society at Dheinsville Historic Park THANK YOU for Your Support!

2009 was another record year for our fundraising efforts!  
MANY THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS, BUSINESSES & PATRONS



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# Current News!

## BAST BELL MUSEUM WILL OPEN ONE MONTH LATER IN 2010!

With a new year, comes new changes for the Germantown Historical Society. With Irene Blau's retirement we are losing our main, hands-on director at the museums who has graciously volunteered and funded the society since its inception in 1976. She is an irreplaceable asset to our community as Germantown's Historian and to the Historical Society.



The board of directors needs to hire a paid public relations professional in order to continue running the museums for 2010. We are seeking an intern for the summer months.

To reduce expenses, we are opening the Bast Bell Museum one month later, May 1, 2010 instead of April 1, 2010. Hours will remain the same Wed - Sun 1-4 pm. The Church and Wolf Haus will open in June. Bast Bell Museum tours will continue to be offered year round for groups of 10 or more.

If you can ever volunteer 3 hours of your time at our museums or Germantown Oktoberfest Sept. 25 & 26, 2010. Call 262-628-3170 or email [info@bastbellmuseum.com](mailto:info@bastbellmuseum.com).

If you wish to donate funds in order for us to keep these museums open it is needed. Donations can be mailed to Germantown Historical Society, PO Box 31, Germantown, WI 53022.

**2009 Visitor Statistics:** Thousands at our public events. We had 416 paid admissions at the Bell Museum. Visitors were from 31 Wisconsin Cities (24 cities outside of Washington County). Visitors from 6 states (CA, CO, IL, MI, MN, OH) International visitors from Germany.

QuickBooks for Non-Profit Organizations has been purchased and will be utilized for better tracking and reporting.

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# The Making of a Movie

Once Upon a Time...

## DHEINSVILLE PARK PAVILION HOSTS L.A. CATERING COMPANY!

This summer was the filming of a 1920's Movie, *No God, No Master*, starring Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee, David Strathairn. The filming was at Nash Acres in Germantown. A historic residence on Holy Hill Rd.

The Hat Trick Catering Company from Los Angeles, California used the Dheinsville Park and Pavilion for their trucks and setup their catering to those involved with the movie. They brought rows of tables, chairs and plenty of food which was beautifully displayed under the pavilion with a chalkboard sign listing the day's menu.

Rows of Model T's and movie trailers were just south of the park for several days while the filming took place. Gregg Zangl of Germantown owns a Model T and transported executives from the trailers to the movie site each day.

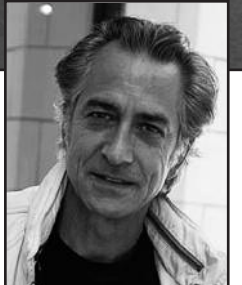
Milwaukee, Wisconsin has been the first choice location for Chicago Writer/Director Terry Green since the inception of the project. The city's rich history, vintage architecture, and Lake Michigan's horizon are the perfect backdrop for the 1919 period locations which simulate old world New York City. Milwaukee and other notable locations such as Germantown were selected for filming. The production crew's goal was to mainly use Wisconsin residents. Scott Robbe, Executive Director, of Film Wisconsin had warmly welcomed the filmmakers in the support of this exciting project.

*No God, No Master* is the story of U.S. Bureau of Investigation agent William Flynn who is swept into the world of homegrown terrorism during the Red Scare of the early 1900s. His journey into the culture of anarchism sets the stage for a timely drama with resounding parallels to the politics and issues of contemporary society. This action-driven feature film is the story of one man's odyssey into a universe of power, greed and corruption, forcing him to confront the very principles and values that make him an American.

For more information, visit [www.nogodnomasterthemovie.net](http://www.nogodnomasterthemovie.net)



Gregg Zangl of Germantown showcases his Model T used to transport executives filming in Germantown this past Summer!



*No God, No Master* stars David Strathairn, at right.

## READY TO SHARE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

William Gay and Irene Blau will be meeting Thursdays at the Wolf Haus this winter sorting, collecting and beginning our second history book but we need your 20th Century Photos to really make it complete and priceless!

## PHOTO SCANNING BY ALLIED DIGITAL PHOTO

on Mequon Rd. in Germantown for all who have photos for our History Book II - The 20th Century. FREE by appointment offered by owner, Francy Paquette. Call 262-251-8805

## CAN WE EMAIL YOU OUR NEWSLETTER?

Thank you to those who have emailed their addresses to us. If you have not submitted it, please email us at [info@bastbellmuseum.com](mailto:info@bastbellmuseum.com).

## WINNER!

The emails collected were put in a drawing for a Dheinsville Sweatshirt and the winner is:

Jeffrey Klug

Visit [www.bastbellmuseum.com](http://www.bastbellmuseum.com) for 2010 event calendar, updated news & ordering!



# Eagle Scout Project

## EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT BENEFITS DHEINSVILLE HISTORIC PARK



Pathways were not easy to walk on and hard for our hundreds of visitors each year to pass through.



The finished pathways are more solid and easy to navigate through the museums at the park.

Special Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 67 of Germantown, under direction of the Eagle Scout Michael Ellis for the fabulous work done at our park. They worked this summer on a three-phase improvement project in Dheinsville Park. The work included weeding, spraying, cleaning up of ground paths between the three buildings and eight handmade wood benches for our visitors to enjoy!

A new cover of gravel was added and provides a more solid, cleaner pathway for visitors, tour groups, seniors and school children in the park until we can get blacktop pathways. The work was completed on July 11th and 12th, 2009.

The third phase was the construction of "Leopold/Ice Age" benches placed along the pathways. Assembly was performed by scouts, family and friends of Troop 67 in August under the direction of Michael. GREAT JOB!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Dheinsville Park contains the original Indian footpaths used in Wisconsin!

### NEED A UNIQUE AND LASTING GIFT IDEA THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

Buy a Brick engraved with your family names or business. These bricks compile our patio and will be a long lasting gift. Visit [www.bellmuseum.com](http://www.bellmuseum.com) for printable order forms.

# Irene Blau's Dedication

Once Upon a Time...

## IN HONOR OF IRENE!

WOW! THANK YOU to all Irene's family and friends who have contributed in honor of Irene Blau's dedication to the Germantown Historical Society for over 35 years!

We have collected over \$9,000.00 in donations in Irene Blau's honor to professionally renovate the historical exhibits within the Christ Church of Local History! Irene's life story and portrait will be permanently displayed in the church. A longtime friend, Mr. William Gay did a wonderful job writing the letter mailed to our members in our previous newsletter.

The pews and raised alter area will remain in the center as it was when the church was active. The perimeter of the church and the entrance way will showcase our historical collection of photos and artifacts in wood cases and graphic displays.

Irene Blau has begun work on the timeline and documenting the major categories of the museum. We have begun meetings with a museum professional to accomplish this goal.

These exhibits will showcase the very beginning of Germantown with a timeline and historic portraits, pre-settlement history, early settlement history, settlement maps, the seven hamlets history and school histories, church history, other religious congregation histories of the area, business histories of the area and a temporary feature exhibit area to change annually.

If you have any historical artifact you have been hanging on to now is the time to donate it to this museum of local history. The balcony of the church needs to be cleaned out and organized the early part of spring, Watch the website home page for a date and come to the church if you are able to move some items.

Dear Members & Friends,

Never in a million years did I ever expect to be honored in our museum as the board of directors announced at Oktoberfest!! I still have trouble "getting my mind around the idea" - I am overwhelmed and deeply honored and grateful.

These past 35 years have been filled with delightful memories of the rich heritage of Germantown expressed to me by the families. What a special privilege to visit with the grandchildren of the pioneers - themselves in their 80's - who shared the stories of the many day to day events in early Wisconsin; and an honor to have witnessed the hundreds of volunteers giving so many hours of their time and effort to accomplish all these historic programs and projects. Most significant are the many thousands of donations that have made the "Dheinsville Settlement" a reality!

Now that I have celebrated my 80th birthday and enjoyed all of the surprises and fun that have come my way, I'm sure that the new board of directors will carry on with great success and innovations never dreamed of 35 years ago! I'll be proud to volunteer for them and be available to answer questions any time. Join me as we move forward!

Gratefully,  
Irene

P.S. Enjoy this "80 Year Old's" observation sent to me.

### LIFE BEGINS AT 80

Hang on 'til you're 80; it will be worth the wait.

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties. Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name or an appointment or your own telephone numbers, or promise to be at three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you're 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, you have a perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age, they expect you to retire to a house in Florida, complain about your arthritis (they used to call it lumbago), and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually your hearing is about 50 percent gone.)

If you survive until you're 80, everybody is surprised that you're still alive. The treat you with respect just for having lived so long. Actually they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly. So please folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of your life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

— Ann Landers



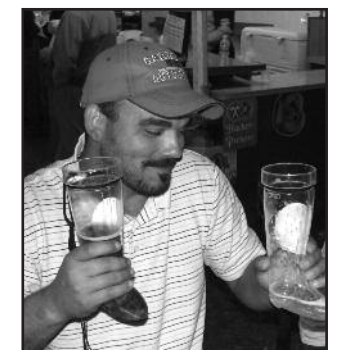
# 2009 Germantown Hinsrucker Oktoberfest - Record Crowds!

OKTOBERFEST 2009 —  
ANOTHER RECORD YEAR!  
*Thanks to all for your efforts!*

INCOME ..... \$31,263.51  
EXPENSES ..... \$21,307.50  
BALANCE - OUR PROFIT! \$ 9,956.01



**RT'S SPORTS CORNER 2009  
BIER RACE TROPHY WINNER!**  
Congratulations Sports Corner won the Bier Race Trophy! Many area bars competed in our Annual Bier Race! The creative costumes & attitudes are always unique! Participants had a great time! We had outstanding weather, music, dancers and record crowds! Can't wait for next year!





*Mark Your Calendars!*

**DECEMBER 2009**

- **OUR FAVORITE GERMAN CHRISTMAS IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
SPONSORED BY SINTER KLAUSEN  
SUNDAY DEC. 6TH 3 – 4 PM  
Annual Sinter Klausen Konsert, German; English Carols, St. Nick. TREATS.

**GERMANTOWN HISTORY BOOK \$5.00 OFF**  
Available at Christmas Consert and at Sinter Klausen Christmas Markt, Old Main St. in Germantown 262-251-2121.

**JANUARY 2010**

- **TUES. JAN. 12TH** 6 pm Oktoberfeset Planning Meeting, open to anyone willing to help, Wolf Haus
- **WED. JAN. 13TH** 6 pm Quarterly Board Meeting, Wolf Haus

**FEB / MARCH** No events planned

**APRIL**

- **SAT. APRIL 17TH** 5:00 TO 7:00 pm  
OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL MEETING Christ Church
- **WED. APRIL 21ST** 2 pm WINE TASTING  
Planning Meeting at Bell Museum

**MAY  
BAST BELL MUSEUM  
NOW OPENING IN MAY!**

- **SAT. MAY 1ST BELL OF MONTH SEASON OPENS** 1:00 pm  
OPEN Wed. thru Sun. 1 to 4 pm  
Wed. - Sun. Group Reservations  
Group Tour welcome all year by reservation.  
Call (262) 628-3170 or [www.bastbellmuseum.com](http://www.bastbellmuseum.com)

KoffeeHaus held from 1-4 pm. Learn about a bell of the month from the Sila Bast collection of over 5,000 Bells on the first Wednesday of the month at our 2:00 pm program at the Bast Bell Museum.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**MAY (CONTINUED)**

- **SAT. 2ND** 4 - 5 pm  
4th Annual Wine & Cheese Hour BELL RINGING at Christ Church Museum. ADVANCED TICKETS ON SALE for the June 26th, Worldwide Wine-tasting Event at the Bell Museum.
- **WED. 5TH** 1 pm  
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**JUNE**

- **MON. 1ST** 6:30 pm - Christ Church  
34th ANNIVERSARY PARTY!
- **WED. 2ND** 1 pm  
WOLF HAUS GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY & CHRIST CHURCH MUSEUM SEASON OPENS  
OPEN Wed. and Sun. 1 to 4 pm
- **WED. 2 - 9 - 16 - 23** 11:00 - 12:30 pm  
GENEALOGY CLASS by Bob Kohls, Genealogist Jeffries Genealogy Research Center in the Wolf Haus Museum. Call in advance to register 262-966-9615  
Price: \$12.00 Adults & Students for 4-week class
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BELL OF THE MONTH, Bast Bell Museum
- **SAT. 26TH** 4 to 7 pm - Worldwide Wine Tasting, Bast Bell Museum and Dheinsville Historic Park

**JULY**

- **WED. 7TH** 1 pm  
BELL OF THE MONTH, Bast Bell Museum
- **WED. 14th** 6 pm Quarterly Board Meeting, Wolf Haus

NOTE: We will no longer be holding our July 4th Tour of History.

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Want to help a few hours with a one-day event? Call or email us!



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(also available at Sinter Klausen)

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*Our beautiful history book*

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