

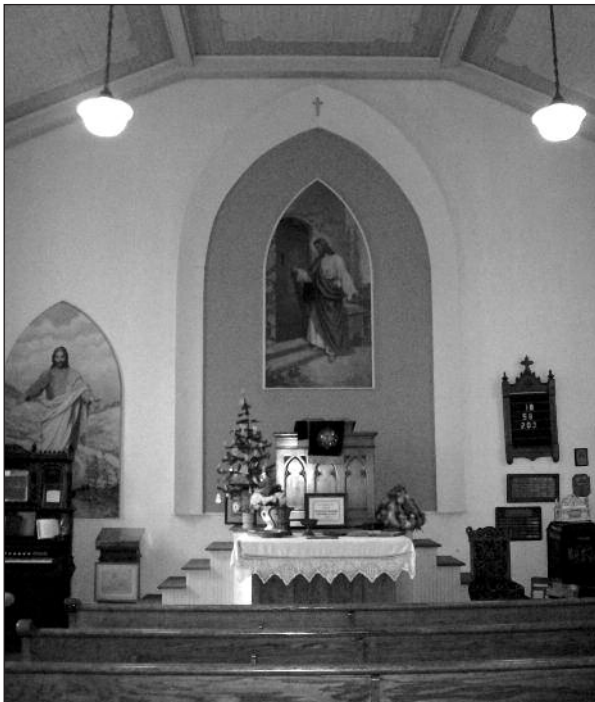
# *Germanatown Historical Society* **Newsletter**



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## “33RD ANNIVERSARY” OF CHRIST CHURCH JUNE 1ST – MUSEUM EXHIBITS WORKDAY, CAKE & COFFEE!



**C**ome join us Monday, June 1st from 5-7 pm for some coffee and cake while we work to clean up the exhibits. We are getting ready for opening the Christ Church of Local History for the season, Sundays 1-4 pm or by appt. If you are able to volunteer periodically at the Christ Church please let us know. June 1st marks the 33rd Anniversary of the Christ Church Museum of Local History.

Our coveted pictorial history book, *Germanatown-The Early Years* will be on sale \$5 off.

The Valentine Wolf Haus Museum and Jeffris' Genealogy Research Library will open on Wednesday, June 3rd. Hours are Wednesday and Sunday 1-4 pm.

We have applied for a \$650.00 MATCHING MINI GRANT for archival storage and supplies to organize and clean up our exhibits and buildings. The grant is offered by the Wisconsin Historical Society & Wisconsin Council for Local History. Thank you to Tiffany, Irene and Cynthia for your work on this.

**IMPORTANT!** We are in need of all the pictures available that you can share for a second book volume “GERMANTOWN — THE 20TH CENTURY” planned for the future. Bring them in to the museums for scanning.



# Mark Your Calendars!

Join Us on the first Wednesday of the month for our "Koffee Haus" and Bell of the Month presentation at 2 pm. Free refreshments with regular admission. Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children 5-12 \$1



## BAST BELL MUSEUM

OPEN April 1-Nov 1, Wed-Sun. 1-4 pm  
Group Reservations of 10 or more open ANY TIME.



### JUNE

- **MONDAY 1ST** 5 – 7 pm  
Join Us to CLEAN UP exhibits at Christ Church Museum before opening on the 3rd. 33rd Anniversary Cake & Coffee. Open Sundays June 3 – Sept 30 1-4 pm or by appt.
- **TUES. 2ND** 6 pm - Oktoberfest Meeting
- **WED. 3 RD** 2 pm Bell of the Month Program, Koffee Haus from 1-4 pm. Free refreshments with regular admission.
- **WED. 3RD** The **GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY IS OPEN** to the public June 3rd through September 30th, Wednesdays and Sundays 1-4 pm.
- **WED. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2009**  
11-12:30 pm - \$10.00 total for series  
**GENEALOGY CLASSES 4 WEEK SERIES**  
By Robert Kohls, see first page, call 262-966-9615.
- **SATURDAY 27TH** 4-7 pm  
**WORLDWIDE WINE TASTING PARTY**  
Bast Bell Museum & Park, Refreshments, Raffles, Music and More!  
**Advance tickets available \$25.00, \$30.00 at door**
  - Online at [www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org)
  - Bell Museum Wed-Sun 1-4 pm
  - House of Home Made Sausage
  - M&I Bank, Germantown
  - Bieri's Cheese & Deli in Jackson

## HAVE EXTRA BASKETS?

**WE NEED SUPPLIES TO MAKE THEMED BASKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE.**  
(recycle unused gifts)

Themes include: Holidays, Pets, Sports, Cooking, Cars, Gardening, Wine, Kds, Play, Baby, Tea, Crafts, Scrapbooking

Save your baskets, ribbons, easter grass, gifts that you plan to "recycle". Items you find at the dollar store and gift certificates that you can solicit from businesses. Popular baskets are: Children's crafts, toys, games, barbie dolls, pizza movie night, puppy or kitty gifts, sports, Nascar, cookbooks and baking supplies, spa/bath items, etc.

**BRING ITEMS TO THE BAST BELL MUSEUM  
WED. THRU SUN. 1 TO 4 PM**

### JULY

- **SATURDAY 4th** 3 and 5 pm  
**ANNUAL BUS TOURS OF HISTORY**  
Leaves the Senior Center at Fireman's Park at 3 & 5 1 1/2 hour motorcoach. Donations Welcome.
- **WED. 15th** 6:00 pm Quarterly Board Meeting, Wolf Haus
- **TUES. 21ST** 6:00 pm Washington County Historical Society Meeting, Christ Church

[www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org) for full calendar

# Upcoming Events!



## Germantown Hunsrucker Oktoberfest

**SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2009**

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING!**

1/2 off Bast Bell Museum with  
canned food item 1-4 pm Sat & Sun of the Festival

**WE ARE IN NEED OF:**

**VOLUNTEERS 3 HR. SHIFTS**

(setup Friday, festival Sat & Sun, clean up Mon & Tues)

**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**

**Many opportunities for advertising at different levels.**

Jeff 262-689-0537, Tiffany 262-853-9044, Kevin 262-227-7908

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS & BASKET SUPPLIES**

Drop off at museum

Dheinsville Historic Park

N128 W118780 Holy Hill Rd, Germantown, WI  
(Holy Hill Rd, Hwy 145 & Maple Rd.)

Continuous Music & German Dancers. Great Authentic  
Food, NEW Dheinsville Dachshund Dash, WI Power Reunion  
Tractors, Silent Auction, Inflatable for Kids, Kids Pumpkin  
Painting, Sunday Bake Sale & More!

**Dheinsville Dachshund Dash Start:**

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3:00 pm

**Sponsor:**



**House of  
Homemade  
Sausage  
Germantown**

**Grand Prize:** One Year Supply of Fromm's Dog Food

**Registration:** \$5 for 1 dog, \$7 for two dogs. Forms online  
soon or Call Sandi at 262-305-7399.

**Still accepting \$250 and \$100 level sponsorships and/or  
donations of any dog related items:** gift cert, dog brush,  
shampoo, collar, leash, etc.)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 12 - 10 PM**

12:00 - 3:00 pm River City Blaskapelle  
3:00 - 3:30 pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt  
3:00 pm NEW! Dheinsville Dachshund Dash  
to support the MidWest Dachshund  
Rescue  
3:30 - 6:30 pm Music Vendors  
6:30 - 7:00 pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt  
7:00 - 10:00 pm Austrian Express

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 12 - 8 PM**

12:00 Bake Sale  
12:00 - 3:00 pm Julida Boys  
3:00 - 3:30 pm Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt  
3:30 - 8:00 pm Copper Box

MidWest Dachshund Rescue is an all-volunteer  
dachshund rescue and adoption organization  
which operates in the Midwest States (Illinois,  
Michigan, Indiana & Wisconsin). We do not  
have a physical shelter of our own but operate  
rather with a networks of private foster homes,  
allowing us to better know our animals and  
prepare them for a future as wonderful family  
pets. For more information: MidWest  
Dachshund Rescue, Inc. [www.mwdr.org](http://www.mwdr.org), 8073  
Stonegate Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60487.



## OTHER AREA EVENTS —

### LAMMSCAPES SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 21st 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Jack Morgan and the Russ Morgan Orchestra  
A Day with Dad! Big Band Favorites (admission)

Thursday, July 16th 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Fireflies & Nite Life  
Live Music by the Cayuse Cowboys  
Moonlit fun and specials-- A summer garden party!

Sunday, August 2nd 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Kettle Moraine Symphony  
7th Annual Garden Concert & Summer Picnic (admission)

Visit [www.lammscapes.com](http://www.lammscapes.com) for information.

### RICHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Events below all are held at Richfield Historical Park:

June 27, 2009 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Old Tyme Treasures Appraisal

July 25, 2009 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Art Fair at the Mill

September 19th and 20th, 2009  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Annual Thresheree

Visit [www.richfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.richfieldhistoricalsociety.org) for information.



## Stories of Interest

### MEET TERRY MARGHERITA

Terry Margherita is currently the Executive Assistant at the Germantown Historical Society. Stop in and visit with her at the Bell Museum Wed-Sun. 1-4 pm.

Terry Margherita, MA, CYT is an educator and translator. In 1971 she earned her BA in Philosophy Magna cum laude at Fordham University in New York, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. Study in Germany for a year before attending graduate school enriched her life and paved the way for her MA in German, awarded in 1975 by the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. While attending Fordham, Terry taught herself yoga for greater physical and spiritual well-being, and continued her studies with classes held in Milwaukee in the late 1970s by the Himalayan Institute. She later became an initiate of the Institute and was certified in 2006 as a yoga instructor through Aura Yoga of Massachusetts.

Terry has been a library professional, an archival assistant and curator of the Tolkien Manuscripts at Marquette's Memorial Library, a legal assistant, a teacher of German and Spanish, and a translator. She studied voice for several years and has sung with the MSO Chorus, with the Bach Chamber Choir, and with the Sullivan Ensemble. She performed for four years in the medieval Play of Daniel and Plays of St. Nicholas at the Cathedral of St. John in Milwaukee, and served a term as secretary for Early Music Now.

Because of her love for nature, Terry is a long-time organic gardener, and enjoys celebrating the seasons in her garden. She studied plant culture at MATC-North and enjoys designing gardens to help others create and care for a landscape that nourishes both body and soul.

### EXCERPT OF LETTER FROM HIERONYMUS BAST TO RELATIVES IN AMERICA

27 APRIL 1850

TRANSLATED BY TERRY MARGHERITA

Just think, my dearest, what my state of mind was, with only the children about me and endless work, and I also had two men quartered with me as soldiers, namely Magdeburg-Garde-Militia. For this was the time when, all across Germany, the clouds drew down, dark and thick throughout all the states. It was right during the days when our province was overrun and fell to those Freischaren who held the Oberland, mainly in Baden and Rhein-Baiern. The Freischaren-Army supposedly consists of some 300,000 men, but they could only muster 150,000. Suddenly, and to our great good fortune, our troops brought 80,000 men into these lands under the command of General von Hirschfeld and the Prince of Prussia, who held command, and they achieved a wonderful victory for our fatherland. But it cost us in blood, very little on the part of the Prussians, yet a great deal of the Freischaren. The investigation is still under way, executions are still going on. The Pomeranians are still assembled in Berlin, though they have worked out new laws for our city, which are to be implemented by July, still in my opinion a great deal remains as it was. Since the 20th of March the elected German Reichskammer has met in Erfurt, but what their work has been is still unknown. That's how things stand now in the fatherland, no one can say a lot about the war, but no one thinks in terms of peace, because so many preparations for war are still being made, and trade and all business has quite died down.

### REMEMBERING THE INSURANCE COMPANY OFFICE RESTORATION

A note from Marge and Ed Graf's daughter who lived in the house for 28 years (1962 to 1990):

Mom and Dad put their heart and soul into making it a showplace. Mom immediately went to work restoring the kitchen walls and ceiling where much plaster had fallen off. She also tackled another large chore—removing the linoleum that covered the lovely wood floors of the living room and bedrooms—and then refinished the same.

Then came painting and wall-papering. Dad re-wired the entire house, re-puttied every window and storm window. Through the years, Dad found antique shutters which were put up on all the windows. Looking good!! He enclosed the kitchen sink with bricks and old wood, paneled the bathroom and replaced the old tin shower with an old "ball-and-claw-foot" tub...and more and lots more... We loved the old place...

# Special Events!



Purchase online using your credit card or echeck at [www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org)

A four week genealogy class taught by local society member, Robert Kohls, will begin in June.

## GENEALOGY CLASSES SCHEDULED

For "Beginners" and those who need "Direction"

### ORGANIZING & SEARCHING

June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2009

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

The Germantown Historical Society will offer a 4 week series of genealogy classes led by Robert Kohls, local genealogist and Society volunteer. The classes will begin Wednesday, June 3rd at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Jeffris' Research Library in Wolf Haus, Dheinsville Historic Park, Germantown, WI. Intersection of Holy Hill Rd., Maple Rd. and Hwy 145. Basic methodology for beginners and individual direction will be a part of the four Wednesdays. Mr. Kohls does extensive research in many area archives and has recently published comprehensive family genealogies. He has offered his expertise and experience to our society every season on Wednesdays at the Jeffris' Library.

Cost of the 4-week series: \$10.00 pay in advance  
Call to register, space is limited: 262-966-9615

#### REGISTER & MAIL PAYMENT TO:

Robert L. Kohls, W316 N8628 Palomino Circle, Hartland, WI 53029 (Include your name and phone number. Payable to: Germantown Historical Society)

## GHS STUDENT GOES TO "NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" CONTEST

Tiffany Scuglik, a freshman at Germantown High School, is a finalist in the national competition, representing Wisconsin. Chosen from over 8,000 regional and state level contestants, she will compete at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland June 14 - 18, 2009.

In Madison she was chosen as one of two finalists to go to the nationals! Tiffany created a website that presented "Susan B. Anthony" for the theme: The Individual In History: Actions and Legacies.

We congratulate our local historian and urge your support by helping to contribute to part of the cost of her travel, lodging and meal expenses (approximately \$1,600).

You can view Tiffany's website at [www.susanbanthony123.weebly.com](http://www.susanbanthony123.weebly.com) and information about History Day at [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org). You can also call her at (262)250-1072.

\$25 advance tickets or bring this ticket to pay \$30 at the door

Germantown Historical Society presents

# Worldwide Wine Tasting

JUNE 27, 2009 4-7 pm



Bast Bell Museum & Fire Hall  
Dheinsville Historic Park  
W18780 Holy Hill Rd at Hwy145, Germantown

- Enjoy Over 40 International Wines
- Discover the Sila Lydia Bast 5000+ Bell Collection
- Sample Hors d' Oeuvres of all kinds

Tickets sold online or at The Bast Bell Museum  
Wed-Sun 1-4 pm  
and at these Sponsors:

- OTTO'S  
Beverage Center  
Menomonee Falls
- The House of Home  
Made Sausage  
Germantown
- Bieri's Cheese  
Jackson
- M&I Bank  
Germantown



GIFT BASKET DRAWING

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make reservations for Kirsten's Birthday Party by June 1st online or call.

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 \* **Germantown** \*  
 \* **Historical Society** \*  
 \* **celebrates** \*  
 \* **Kirsten's Birthday** \*  
 \* **June 14, 2009** \*  
 \* **1:00 to 4:00 PM** \*  
 \* **at** \*  
 \* **Dheinsville Historic Park** \*  
 \* **Holy Hill/Maple/Fond du Lac Rd** \*  
 \* **Germantown, WI** \*  
 \* **Games, Crafts, Dances & Cakes as** \*  
 \* **found in the American Girl** \*  
 \* **storybook Series of Kirsten's** \*  
 \* **1854 era at our** \*  
 \* **1854 Fachwerk House &** \*  
 \* **1860 Pioneer Stone Church** \*  
 \* **call (262) 628-3170** \*  
 \* **reservation by June 1 - \$8.00 fee** \*  
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**Hommerntag**  
 Outdoor German Festival  
 Sunday, June 28, 2009 - Noon to 6:00 p.m.  
 Mequon City Park - 11333 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, WI  
**FREE ADMISSION** **FREE PARKING**

**Continuous Entertainment**

- Alte Kameraden Band
- Pommersche Tanzdeel
- Ethnic Food
- Cultural Exhibits
- Genealogy Displays



Sponsored by  
**Pommerscher Verein Freistadt**  
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 Germantown, WI 53022  
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 Website: <http://pommerschervereinfreistadt.org>

**34th Annual Celebration**

Visit [www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org) for up-to-date information.

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