



THE GERMAN PIONEER

The Official Newsletter of the
German Heritage Museum
of Greater Cincinnati



2011 Winter Lecture Series

Three Presentations Planned, Including Our First German Language Lecture

The introduction of cultural lectures this past year has proven to be the most popular program that the Museum has ever produced. We are pleased to continue with this program, leading off with three new presentations during the winter season, including our first program in German.

On Sunday, January 30th, Mr. Jim Egbert, the Cultural Director of Hofbräuhaus Newport, will speak on "*Growing up Plattdeutsch in Northern Ohio.*" This will highlight German customs and traditions in northern Germany, as well as the Low German dialect spoken in Ohio.

Our second lecture follows on Sunday, February 27th. Mr Brian Becker, brewing historian, will speak on "*Prohibition: The Noble Experiment in the Queen City.*" This will focus on what Prohibition was like and its impact on the brewing industry and beer culture in the area, as well as how it continues to affect us today.

Sunday, March 27th, brings us our first lecture in German! Mr. Manfred Schnetzer, First Vice-President of the German-American Citizens League, will speak on "*Euere Opfer brachten uns Freiheit.*" This will be a German-language lecture about growing up in postwar Germany from the perspective of a German immigrant.

All presentations will be held on the second floor of the museum, and begin at 2:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

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The German Pioneer is the official newsletter of the German Heritage Museum of Greater Cincinnati. The museum is administered by the German-American Citizens League (GACL). The German Heritage Museum serves as a focal point in presenting and displaying German-American culture. This museum is the first of its kind in the region and a testament to the many contributions German immigrants and their descendants have made in the growth of the Ohio Valley and America. The museum focuses especially on representing the history of German-Americans in the Greater Cincinnati area, which became and remains one of the major German-American centers in the United States. In addition, displays showcase the activities of the organizations currently under the umbrella of the German-American Citizens' League of Greater Cincinnati.

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Join The Friends

The Friends of the German Heritage Museum (FGHM) was formed to support the German Heritage Museum, and was established by the German-American Citizens League (GACL).

The FGHM invites the support of all who are interested in the German Heritage Museum and wish to ensure its continued success for future generations. We strongly encourage all those interested in the German Heritage Museum to become a member of the FGHM!

Friends of the Museum may also wish to volunteer as guides at the Museum or assist in locating items of German-American heritage for donation to the Museum.

Membership Category

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$30.00
Non-profit Organization	\$35.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Benefactor	\$500.00

Memberships are for a one-year period, and include an electronic subscription to this newsletter.

Memberships, heritage items and financial donations will support the Museum, as well as its ongoing educational programs and activities in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Make your contribution payable to the German-American Citizens League, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts are tax deductible.

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Upcoming Events

January 30: Winter Lecture Series

"Growing up Plattdeutsch in Northern Ohio", presented by Mr. Jim Egbert, Cultural Director, Hofbräuhaus Newport. 2:00 PM

February 27: Winter Lecture Series

"Prohibition: The Noble Experiment in the Queen City," presented by Mr. Brian Becker, local Beer Historian. 2:00 PM

March 5-7: Bockfest

Parade (Friday), and multiple cultural and entertainment events throughout the weekend. More on page 3, and at [Bockfest](#).

March 27: Winter Lecture Series

"Euere Opfer brachten uns Freiheit," presented by Mr. Manfred Schnetzer, First Vice-President of the German-American Citizens League. 2:00 PM

May 15: Maifest

The Museum opening festival for the 2011 season. Details to be announced in the next issue.

Second Monday: Stammtisch Night

Join the GACL and it's member clubs at [Hofbräuhaus Newport](#) from 6:30 to 9:00 for general information and lots of socializing. Stammtisch participants will receive special pricing on food and beverages.

Museum Hours

The museum is open on Sundays, mid-May through October, from 1 until 5 PM. The museum can also be opened by special appointment. There is no admission charge. The museum is staffed solely by volunteers. If you have a desire to view any particular artifacts, please make prior arrangements by calling (513) 598-5732.

The museum is located in West Fork Park, at 4764 West Fork Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45247.

[Map It!](#)

Bockfest "Continental Sunday" To Honor Cincinnati's German Heritage

Bockfest, Cincinnati's unique spring celebration, is now 20 years old! Originally begun as a celebration and promotion for craft beer, Bockfest has evolved into a major community event focused on highlighting Cincinnati's unique German heritage, including our strong brewing history. The festival occurs on the first weekend of March, starting this year on Friday, March 4th, and continuing through Sunday, with several additional preliminary events. While the complete schedule can be found on the [Bockfest](#) website (including a wonderful collection of cultural and historical information), some of the highlights for the German-American community include:

Wednesday, March 4: [Bock Tapping](#), at [Mecklenburg Gardens](#), 5:00 to 10:00 PM. This evening features the first tapping of this year's Schoenling Bock, as well as availability of several additional bock beers, and includes a German buffet dinner.

Friday, March 6th: [Bockfest Parade](#), stepping off at 6:00 PM. Starting at Arnold's, Cincinnati's oldest saloon, the parade route leads through Over-the-Rhine, finishing at [Bockfest Hall](#) (1619 Moore St.), which is also the new home of the [Christian Moerlein Brewery](#). Look for the participation of many of our region's German-American organizations, perhaps including you! New this year will be a parade award, sponsored by the German-American Citizens League, for the society with the most members in tracht.

Saturday features the availability of two walking tours. The [Prohibition Resistance Tours](#), sponsored by the [Brewery District CURC](#) explores Cincinnati's unique brewing heritage, both above and below ground. Past tours have included visits to pre-Prohibition breweries such as Clyffside, Kauffman, Crown, and Jackson, where we visited brewing spaces and lagering cellars and tunnels deep below the street. The [Over-the-Rhine Foundation](#) will present their popular [Church Tours](#). This walking tour explores several of Over-the-Rhine's most important sacred spaces. Past tours have included visits to Old Saint Mary's (Cincinnati's oldest church), Saint Trinity (the home of German Methodism in America), and Saint Francis Seraph (including the basement graveyard).

[Continental Sunday](#) will feature a full slate of German entertainment and culture. The day starts at 11:00, with German Mass at [Old St. Mary's Church](#). After a stop in the church rathskeller, the free shuttles move to Bockfest Hall. At the Hall, Sunday is full of traditional German dancing, variety shows, and music, along with tours, authors, steins, and breweriana.

Continental Sunday at Bockfest Hall also includes a German buffet and \$1 off beer to everyone in tracht (wearing traditional German dress). The schedule includes:

- 1:30P-2:30P - Polka Dots
- 2:30P-3:00P - Enzian Tanzgruppe
- 3:00P-3:30P - Germania Jagdhorn Group
- 3:30P-4:30P - Polka Dots
- 4:30P-5:00P - Donauschwaben Schuhplattlers
- 5:00P-7:00P - Vereins Musikanten



Museum Baumeister Honored as Parade Marshall

This year, the German-American Citizens League, partners in Bockfest organizing, have voted to elect Gottfried Schlembach as Bockfest Parade Marshal 2011. Born in Schweinfurt in Oberfranken, Germany, Gottfried came



to America in 1950 and first lived at the Kolping Haus on Republic (formerly Bremen) Street in Over-the-Rhine. A well-known master craftsman, he now serves as Baumeister for your German Heritage Museum. He also has served five terms as president of the [Liberty Home German Society](#) and belongs to the [Kolping Saengerchor](#). His wife Josephine has also been active in the German-American community, belonging many years to the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Frauenstadtverband (the German-American Women's League). Gottfried Schlembach epitomizes the German immigrant success story in Cincinnati and one that began in Over-the-Rhine.

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The German Heritage Museum is now on Facebook! Come check us out, find out what's happening, view pictures of past events, and maybe become a friend! Just click the Facebook logo below, and you'll be taken straight to our page.



St. Nikolaus Day at the Museum

St. Nikolaus made his annual visit to The German Heritage Museum on Sunday, December 5th. In addition to having St. Nikolaus greet children of every age, those in attendance were treated to songs from the Germania Singers and the Kinderchor of the Fairview German Language School, under the direction of Katie Hofmann. Although the day was chilly, the blanket of fresh snow created a wonderful setting for this celebration! Fortunately, the hot chocolate and kuchen helped take the edge off the weather.



Photos courtesy of Karin Kraeling

German Church Services

Services in German are available at several Greater Cincinnati churches. Visitors are always welcome at every location!

Old St. Mary's Church

123 East 11th Street

11:00 AM, held every Sunday

(513) 721-2988

Christ Lutheran Church

3301 Compton Road

5:30 PM Saturday, held quarterly

German Bible Study

7:00 PM first and third Mondays

(513) 385-8342

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

306 Center Street

Bellevue, Kentucky

(859) 581-7129



The German Mass returns to Old St. Mary's, Easter Sunday, 1962

New Members and Renewals

Thank you for your continuing support!

Individual

Jerry Glenn

Gerald & Claire Houchell

Robert & Laura Ann Pahls

Gary Link

Marjorie Mueller

Manfred and Regina Schnetzer

Pamela Collins

Frances Ott Allen

Ludwig Muschong

Dennis and Judy Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Heuck

Frances Deddens

Organizations

Wagner Society

Germania Society

Tri-State German American School

(in memory of Elmer Grossheim)

Verein der Donauschwaben

To become a member of the

Friends of the German

Heritage Museum,

see the information on page 2.

Thank You!

New Bricks

Bill, Herta, Karla, Ingrid,
and Lisa Moore

George and Ruth Eury

Volkmar Family:

Victoria, Christian, Erik, Tezra,
Donald, and Suzette

Buy a Brick!

Commemorate the contributions of the German-Americans of Cincinnati by becoming a part of

The Heritage Walk

at the German Heritage Museum.



The Heritage Walk is a 24 x 26 foot brick walkway directly in front of the German Heritage Museum. The purpose of the walkway is to allow the people of Cincinnati to celebrate their German-American heritage by becoming a permanent part of the German Heritage Museum. In addition, all funds derived from this program will assist in the maintenance of the museum.

It's For Everyone

You need not be of German ancestry or even from the Cincinnati area to become a part of The Heritage Walk. You need only be proud to be a citizen interested in preserving a large part of Cincinnati's history.

Gift or Memorial

An engraved brick makes a thoughtful and lasting gift to a relative or friend. A brick can also be a way to memorialize your ancestors and others. Gift cards are also available. In addition, donations are tax deductible! Bricks are available in two sizes. The large 8x8 bricks have space for up to six lines of 14 characters each. The smaller 4x8 bricks have space for up to three lines. Large bricks are available for \$50. Small bricks are \$35, or three for \$100.

Order Today!

For more information about obtaining your brick for The Heritage Walk at the German Heritage Museum, contact:

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