



THE GERMAN PIONEER

The Official Newsletter of the
German Heritage Museum
of Greater Cincinnati



St. Nikolaus Comes To The Museum Sunday, December 4th

Celebrate the beginning of the traditional German Christmas season with the annual St. Nikolaus Day Celebration at the German Heritage Museum, sponsored by the German-American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati. This year's celebration will take place Sunday, December 5th, from 1 to 5 PM.

St. Nikolaus is scheduled to meet and greet children and guests from 3 to 5 PM. Members of the Cincinnati Carvers Guild will display their beautiful wood carvings, and German Christmas songs will be presented at 3 PM by the Kinderchor of the Fairview German Language School. Refreshments, including hot chocolate and Kuchen, as well as juice and cookies for the children, will be available. We hope to see you there!

2012 Winter Lecture Series Announced

The Museum will begin its 2012 German Heritage Lecture Series in January. Four lectures are planned and will be held at the German Heritage Museum located at 4764 West Fork Road, each beginning at 2PM.

29 January: "**German Immigration Shipping Lines**", presented by Russ Willoughby, German Ocean Liner Historian.

19 February: "**Boone County's German Colony: The Early Settlers of Hopeful Lutheran Church**," presented by Micahel D. Rouse, Boone County Historian.

18 March: "**Turnvereine in the Greater Cincinnati Area**," presented by Dan Woellert, Turnverein Historian.

15 April: "**German Catholic Churches and Institutions in Cincinnati**," presented by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, GACL President and Curator of the German Heritage Museum.

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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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[FGHM website](#)

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

Dec 4: St. Nikolaus Day

St. Nikolaus visits the Museum, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Dec 11: Advents Kaffee

Social hour at the museum, 3:00-5:00 PM. See article on page 5.

Jan 22: Kaffee und Kuchen

Social hour at the museum, 3:00-5:00 PM. See article on page 5.

Jan 29: Museum Lecture Series

"German Immigration Shipping Lines, presented by Russ Willoughby, German Ocean Liner Historian at the German Heritage Museum, 2PM.

Feb 19: Museum Lecture Series

"Boone County's German Colony: The Early Settlers of Hopeful Lutheran Church," presented by Micahel D. Rouse, Boone County Historian, at the German Heritage Museum, 2 PM.

Mar 18: Museum Lecture Series

"Turnvereine in the Greater Cincinnati Area," presented by Dan Woellert, Turnverein Historian, at the German Heritage Museum, 2 PM.

Apr 15: Museum Lecture Series

"German Catholic Churches and Institutions in Cincinnati," presented by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, GACL President and Curator of the German Heritage Museum, at the German Heritage Museum, 2 PM.

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!](#)

German Christmas Show

Join well-known German singers Yasmine-Melanie, Raphael & Susanna, der Blonde Hans, along with Austrian band Zillertaler Edelweiss Trio, for a festive evening at Donauschwaben. The second half of the program features German Christmas songs.

Note: This show is entirely in German.

Details for the Evening

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, December 8, 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
- **Location:** Verein der Donauschwaben, 4290 Dry Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH
- **Admission for the show:** \$15
- **Food & Drink:** Between 5:30 and 7:00, pork roast dinners will be available for \$9. Of course, there will be plenty of beer and drinks throughout the evening!

RSVP & Additional Information

Reservations are required. Contact Helmut Wolfram at 513-451-6452 or derkaiser@fuse.net.



Museum T Shirts Back in Stock Soon

New Color Available for the Christmas Season!

The reception for our new T-shirt has been beyond all of our hopes! We're nearly sold out of our second printing, with only some limited sizes remaining. A third printing is on the way, this time in black with yellow lettering. Why not pick one up as a Christmas gift for the quality German in your life? The price remains the same, at \$20, with sizes from small to 3XL available. They're available at museum events, or drop us a message at fgmnewsletter@fuse.net, and we'll arrange a pick-up time at the museum. Thank you for your continued support!

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Museum Updates

We have received several recent donations that we would like to highlight. Mr. John Emig has given several books to the Museum, including a history of German-Americans in the Civil War, Wilhelm Kaufmann's **Die Deutschen im amerikanischen Bürgerkrieg** (1911), and a volume of the historical journal German-American Annals. His most recent gift to the Museum is another fine book: **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Reineke Fuchs. Mit Zeichnungen von Wilhelm Kaulbach.** (München: Verlag der Literarisch-artistischen Anstalt, 1846). This beautiful volume (pictured on the right) is bound in red leather with gold inlay design on the cover and spine. It contains 36 steel engravings and 24 woodcut vignettes by the well-known illustrator Wilhelm Kaulbach and represents a fine addition to the Museum. Goethe's book consists of his poetic treatment of the story of Reynard the Fox and was first published in 1794.



Barbara Wechsler presented the museum with a book that has been in her family for centuries: Francois Giry, **Das Leben der Heiligen...**(Augsburg: Veith Erben, 1730). This is a life of the saints and has a leather binding covering its wooden board covers.



Thomas E. Huenefeld presented the Museum with a copy of Lewis E. Unnewehr's **Silent Night, Unholy Night: The Story of German-Americans During World War I** (2000). This is an historic novel that takes place at a Midwestern college during World War and "chronicles the testing of American democracy when the loyalty of some citizens becomes suspect merely because of their Germanic names." It describes events that actually took place at Baldwin-Wallace College, a German Methodist college, in Berea, Ohio. Thomas E. Huenefeld is descended from Engelhardt Riemenschneider, one of the founders of the German Methodist church.

A Visitor from Washington



On Friday afternoon, October 7, 2011 we had the honor of a visit by Dr. Hans-Ulrich von Schroeter, Counselor and Deputy Director of the German Information Center USA in Washington, DC. Dr. Richard Schade, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany and his wife, Heike Schade, brought Dr. von Schroeter to the German Heritage Museum where he was met by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President of the German-American Citizens League and Manfred Schnetzer, 1st VP of the GACL. Dr. von Schroeter was very much impressed by all of the historic items in our Museum. He mentioned that the German-American Museum in Washington only has pictures and posters. He promised to supply us with literature about Germany for our Museum and for hand-outs at our festivals.



Adventskaffee im Museum

Come and join us on Sunday, December 11th from 3 to 5 pm at the German Heritage Museum.

- Christmas cookies
- Cake
- Coffee, Tea and Glühwein
- Christmas music

Let's get into the Christmas Spirit by spending an afternoon together, listening to some old fashioned Christmas music, telling stories and eating homemade cookies with our friends!

Please bring some Christmas cookies (maybe even homemade) with you, if you are planning to attend!

We will also host a second *Kaffee und Kuchen* social gathering for Museum Members on Sunday, January 22nd from 3 to 5 PM. We hope to see you there!

New Members and Renewals

Thank you for your continuing support!

Individual

Steve Poole

Chris Schnetzer

Wilhelm Kraeling

Raymond and Ann Schlinkert

Sandra Kordish

Jerry and Renate Glenn

Marc and Martha Utter

Organizations

Bloatarian Brewing League

Wagner Society

**To become a member of the
Friends of the German
Heritage Museum,
see the information on page 2.
*Thank You!***

New Bricks



***Frohe
Weihnachten!***

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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