



THE GERMAN PIONEER

The Official Newsletter of the
German Heritage Museum
Of Greater Cincinnati



Museum Lecture Series Expands *Six Presentations Featured For the Fall of 2010*

Continuing the success of our lecture programs, the German Heritage Museum is proud to sponsor six new presentations as part of our fall series. Five of these will be held at the museum, in our second floor meeting space. The other will be hosted by Northern Kentucky University.

Our first presentation comes on Sunday, September 26th. Jim Slouffman, the President of the Wagner Society of Cincinnati, will present "Das Rheingold: The Theft of Light." This discussion about the music of Richard Wagner takes place at the Museum at 2 PM.

Sunday, October 3rd, will feature Mr. William L. Selm, Architectural Historian, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, will present, "Oldenburg, Indiana: The Architecture of the Village of Spires." This presentation will take place at 2 PM at the Museum.

On Wednesday, October 6th, Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, GACL President and Curator of the German Heritage Museum, will present "German Immigration, Settlement, and Influences in the Tri-State." This event will take place at the Otto Budig Theater, on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, at 7 PM. Directions can be found [here](#), or by calling 859-572-7650.

Our third presentation takes place on Sunday, October 10th. "Tracing Your German Genealogy," will be presented by Kenny Burck, President of the [Hamilton County Genealogical](#)

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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

September 26: Fall Lecture Series

"Das Rheingold: The Theft of Light," by Jim Slouffman. 2 PM

September 28: Visit from the German Ambassador

Dr. Klaus Scharioth, German Ambassador to the U.S. will visit the Museum, 2:30PM.

October 3: Fall Lecture Series

"Oldenburg, Indiana: The Architecture of the Village of Spires," by William L. Selm. 2 PM

October 6: Fall Lecture Series

"German Immigration, Settlement, and Influences in the Tri-State," by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann. 7 PM at Northern Kentucky University

October 10: Fall Lecture Series

"Tracing Your German Genealogy," by Kenny Burck. 2PM.

October 17: Fall Lecture Series

"Turnvereine in the Tri-State Area," by Dann Woellert. 2PM.

October 24: Fall Lecture Series

"Cincinnati's German Brewing Heritage," by Brian C. Becker. 2PM.

Second Monday: Stammtisch Night

Join the GACL and it's member clubs at [Hofbrauhaus](#) 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, May 17th through October 25th, 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!](#)

Volunteers Come Together For Museum Repairs

*Scraping, Sanding, Caulking,
Staining, Sawing...*

A large group of volunteers worked together to give the exterior of the Museum a major facelift this summer. The chinking between the logs was scraped and sanded to remove the old, peeling stain. Repairs were made as needed, including fresh chinking and caulk, and then all of the chinking was restained. The new stain should last us for 5 to 7 years.

Major infrastructure work included the in-



stallation of new rain gutters in both the front and back, as well as all new decking material for the front porch.

As a mid-19th century structure, our mu-



seum is always in need of some repair. The next major project is replacement of our 22 year-old air conditioner.

Many thanks go out to our hard-working crew of volunteers: Karin Albrecht, Wilhelm Kraeling, Ludwig Muschong, Gottfried Schlembach, Manfred Schnetzer, and Don Heinrich Tolzmann.

Richard Wagner Featured in New Exhibit

*Wagner Society Items Available
For Only A Limited Time*

The newly formed Wagner Society of Cincinnati has placed its library on loan to the German Heritage Museum. It consists of books, articles and videos dealing with the composer Richard Wagner. The current exhibit dovetails nicely with the first presentation in our Fall Lecture Series, "Das Rheingold: The Theft of Light." The Wagner Society's President, Jim Slouffman, will speak to us on Sunday, September 26th. The presentation starts at 2 PM.

The charter of this new society states, "The Wagner Society of Cincinnati's Mission will be to promote study of the Music Dramas of Richard Wagner and to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of his works." The Society will educate its members by promoting lectures, watching media presentations, and attending live performances of Wagner's Music Drama.

In addition to the aforementioned lecture, future activities include:

Viewing of all 12 episodes of the made-for-TV mini-series, "Wagner", starring Richard Burton (Part 3 will be following the 9/26 lecture, at 5:00 PM)

Saturday, October 9th: Trip to local movie theater to see the new production of "Das Rheingold", in Live HD, 1:00 PM performance broadcast live from the Met, Regular meetings held at the Museum.

More information about the Wagner Society of Cincinnati can be obtained by contacting [Jim Slouffman](#).

German Heritage Night At The Ballpark!

*Cincinnati Reds To Honor Our
Region's German Heritage
Friday, September 10th*

The Cincinnati Reds will hold "German Heritage Night" on September 10th, in recognition of our town's German roots. The evening will include performances by German groups before and after the game, including the singing of our national anthem. Discounted group tickets are available. Tickets are available at three price points, and the German groups will be seated together. The groups will be located near the Fan Zone where the band, dancers and other entertainment for the evening will be located. The options are: Infield box for \$22, Mezzanine for \$14, or View level for \$10. To order tickets as part of the German group, just click on the Reds logo below. Once there, use the password "schnitzel" to get the discounted prices. Batter Up!



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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.



Society. This presentation will take place at 2 PM at the Museum.

Mr. Dann Woellert, Turner Historian, of the [Cincinnati Central Turners](#), will present, "Turnvereine in the Tri-State Area," on Sunday, October 17th, at 2 PM at the Museum.

Finally, on Sunday, October 24th, Mr. Brian C. Becker, Founder & Director of Sales & Marketing, Incline Brewing, will present, "Cincinnati's German Brewing Heritage," also at 2 PM at the Museum.

Finally, free reprints of all of our past lectures are now available. Just stop by the museum to pick up your copy soon!

Lectures and reprints are made possible in part by a grant from Northern Kentucky University.

German Ambassador To Visit German Heritage Museum

Dr. Klaus Scharioth, German Ambassador to the United States, will visit the German Heritage Museum on Tuesday, September 28th. Other attendees will include representatives from many of the German-American societies that are members of the German-American Citizens League. Friends of the Museum are also invited to attend. For information contact GACL President [Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann](#).

New Members and Renewals

**Thank you for your
continuing support!**

Individual

**Erika and Ludwig Muschong
Dr. Jerry and Renate Glenn
Art and Ruth Pfefferkorn
Stephen and Rosemary Bird
Marge and Pete Poole
Gary Link**

Roxanne and Rob Westendorf

Organizations

**Donauschwaben Society
Liberty Home German Society
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Friends of the German
Heritage Museum,
see the information on page 2.
Thank You!**

New Bricks

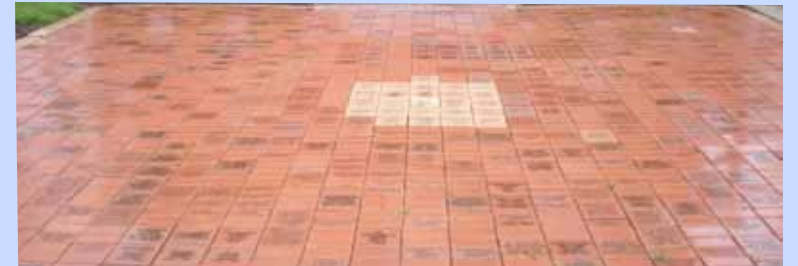
**Cecilia Hoffrogge Feiler
New Ulm, Minnesota
Hermans Denkmal Verein,
New Ulm, MN
George Glotzbach
New Ulm, MN**

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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