

THE GERMAN PIONEER

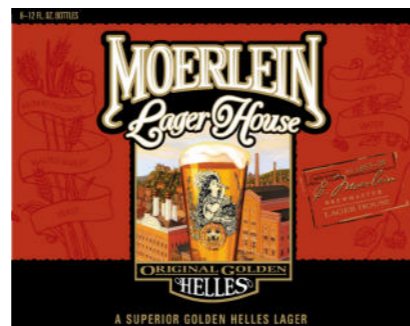
The Official Newsletter of the
German Heritage Museum
Of Greater Cincinnati



Christian Moerlein and Germania Host Keg Tapping

*Event to raise funds for
the museum endowment*

Come join us on Friday, May 15th, for a fun-filled evening at [Germania Park](#), to benefit the Endowment Fund of the German Heritage Museum! This will be the second in a series of special tapping events featuring the fine beers of Cincinnati's own [Christian Moerlein](#) brewery. This time we will feature the first public serving of Moerlein's new recipe for *Lager House*, their premium Munich-hosted by the Donauschwaben in with a full house enjoying the tap-Doppelbock. A new feature for this Moerlein's first commercial in 20 As in February, we will once again Rookwood Moerlein Barbarossa rare and collectible steins originally \$350, but now fetch more than twice that in the collector's market. All raffle proceeds, as well as proceeds from the sale of official Christian Moerlein merchandise, will be added to the Museum Endowment Fund. The party will feature live music by the Alpen Echoes, as well as plenty of good food and drink. Limited edition posters of the Moerlein Lager House stylistic design depicting the original brands Victorian era Lady sipping a Moerlein set within Cincinnati's Brewery District within Over-the-Rhine will be available.



style Helles Bier. Our first event, February, was a massive success, ping of Moerlein's Barbarossa tapping is the premiere of years, "A Journey in Every Bottle". be raffling a beer stein. These nally sold for



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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

May 15: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping

5:00 to midnight at [Germania Park](#)

See article on page 1

May 17: Maifest at the Museum

1:00 to 5:00 PM

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May 27: German Day Weekend Keg Tapping

7:00 to midnight at [Hofbräuhaus Newport](#)

A portion of all of the night's proceeds will be donated by Hofbräuhaus to the museum

June 6: German Day Kickoff Parade

11:00 AM at [Findlay Market](#)

Opening Ceremonies for German Day Weekend, including performances by German dance and singing groups

June 7: 114th German Day Celebration

11:00 AM to 11:00 PM at [Hofbräuhaus Newport](#)

Food, drink, and Gemütlichkeit, including hourly raffle prizes. All raffle proceeds and a portion of food and beverage sales will be donated to the museum.

August 15: Christian Moerlein Keg Tapping

5:00 to midnight at [Kolping Center](#)

Details to be announced

October: German American Heritage Month

Museum Hours

The museum is open on Sundays, May 17th through October 25th, from 11 AM until 6 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

Maifest!

Come Celebrate Opening Day at the Museum

Join us on Sunday, May 17th, for Opening Day at the Museum! We will celebrate the beginning of the museum season with *Maifest!*, including a full slate of entertainment and exhibits. The Opening Ceremony begins at 1:00 PM, and will include representatives from the member societies of the German-American Citizens League. Entertainment will include performances from the Kinderchor of the [Fairview-Clifton German Language School](#), as well



as the Youth Group Folk Dancers of the [Verein der Donauschwaben](#). The [Cincinnati Carvers Guild](#) will be presenting woodcarving demonstrations, as well as an exhibit of their work. There will be an extensive exhibit of antique and modern beer steins presented by the [Thoroughbred Stein Verein](#). Tours of the museum will be led by some of our many volunteers, giving you the opportunity to learn more of the stories behind

the many exhibits, and about the lives of the people they represent. In addition, some of the museum's newest acquisitions will be on display for the very first time! There is a large playground adjacent to the museum, so bring your children and grandchildren.

The festivities will last through 5:00 PM. Free refreshments will be available for all!



Moerlein Tapping Event

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Local artist Jim Effler, who was commissioned by Christian Moerlein Brewing Company to paint the artwork, will be on hand to sign the commemorative prints. The party runs from 5:00 until midnight, with the tapping ceremony taking place at 7:00. The stein raffle will occur at 10:00 (or when all of the tickets have been sold). The winner need not be present to win. Parking and admission are free. **See you there!**

Welcome to the First Edition Of the *German Pioneer*

This issue marks the first edition of the *German Pioneer*, the official newsletter of the German Heritage Museum. The museum is an exceptionally important asset for the German-American community of Greater Cincinnati, and is a major priority for the *German-American Citizens League*. Since 1895, the League has served as the central German-American umbrella association in the area, and continues to actively support and promote the civic, social and cultural interests of the German-American community. The League's membership is comprised of delegates from the many German-American organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area. The general purpose of the League is to coordinate, represent and promote German-American interests and culture. In the past, all information about the Museum has been passed from the GACL to the member organizations, and then passed along to their members. This arrangement has not always been successful in getting news out, and it also does not provide a means for getting information out beyond existing organizations. We've started publication of the *German Pioneer* in an effort to keep everybody more up-to-date about the Museum's hours and activities, and to encourage all to take advantage of this wonderful community asset. Our initial plans are to publish this newsletter three or four times a year. Being brand new, the format and features of this newsletter are likely to evolve. In addition to news, we hope to include stories about the people behind some of our exhibits, as well as recognize our contributors. If you have ideas or submissions for the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

Museum Expansion Nearly Complete

Expansion of the museum by enclosing the rear porch is almost finished! This project was required for a number of reasons, foremost being the need for more space at the museum, for exhibits as well as storage. Through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, the project is wrapping up on schedule and under budget. The tasks remaining are primarily cosmetic, including staining the exterior to match the existing structure, as well as some indoor painting and staining.

This project was made possible only through the efforts of many volunteers and donors. Our thanks go out to all of them!



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("Baumeister")
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Charles Haarlammert PA System

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

New Bricks

**Our newest additions to
The Heritage Walk!**

DePellegrini

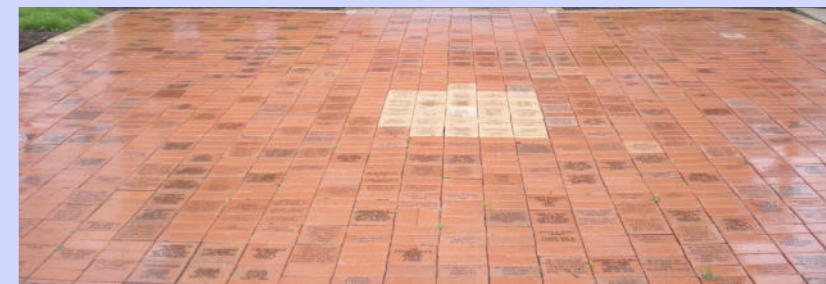
Karen Munch

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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