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Slate of Events - 2003

Easter on the Farm	April 12
Plow Boys Plowing Demonstration	April 26, 27
Glieder Fescht (members only)	May 19
Heritage Tour to Germany	May 27-June 6
PA German Dialect Picnic	June 8
Kutztown PA German Festival	June 28-July 6
Children's Camp	July 28-31
Plow Boys Plowing Demonstration	August 9-10
Christmas on the Farm	December 6

Ongoing school tours are held throughout the year.
The Center is opened for group tours by appointment.
Individuals can tour the Center of Monday through
Friday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. To
schedule an appointment, please call 610-683-1330.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

News from the Farm

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One of the great problems facing the preservation of the Pennsylvania Dutch culture is the declining use of the language. Very few young people, unless they are Mennonite or Amish, are fluent in the language. The Heritage Center, in a beginning effort to meet this challenge, is holding a small seminar/conference to discuss the problems and possible solutions regarding the preservation of the dialect.

Our counter parts in Germany, Dr. Michael Werner, Frank Kessler, and Professor Walter Sauer, have already taken steps to provide answers, and they are planning to create a society that will merge both American and German cultures in our efforts to preserve this very vibrant culture. The Heritage Center has become a sponsor in helping to financially underwrite some of Dr. Werner's Herculean efforts in his publishing the acclaimed *Hiwwe wie Driwwe*. I would encourage all our members who understand the dialect to subscribe to *Hiwwe wie Driwwe*. Dr. Werner's address is: Bitzer Pfad 9a, 55270 Ober-Olm, Germany. You can also log on to hiwwe-wie-drive.de for more information.

One last comment. I am working on a book of Pennsylvania Dutch soldiers in the European theater during World War II. If you are a vet and would like to be included in this study, please call Mary Henry at 610-683-1330 and give her your name.

Mach's gut!
David L. Valuska
Executive Director

The Program Committee wishes to extend a big and sincere thank you to all the dedicated and faithful volunteers who helped to make CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM such an extraordinary success. And thank you to all visitors who came out to the event. We know you enjoyed yourselves—you told us so! The weather was good to us, the artisans were superb, the programs were fun and interesting, the decorations were perfect, and the refreshments were delicious. It was so much fun to have our first log cabin open for visitors and another first: three busloads of visitors dropped by to enjoy our Christmas on the Farm. We had a wonderful day; thanks to all.

With real spring weather approaching, we look forward to seeing colorful flowers, rather than piles of fluff. You may visit the restored log cabin during the spring and enjoy its 18th century beauty and quaintness. The second log cabin is started. Plans are underway for restoring the grounds using 19th century plants, which will be a long-term project. Donated plants are always welcome. This semester, Nick, our intern, has been busy with the expansion of the upstairs military room. Also, many group tours and school tours are scheduled for the next few weeks. Thursday is volunteer day, so stop by to see us and be a part of the changes we are making on the Farm.

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year on June 30, 2003, and I would encourage those of you who have not yet become members to seriously consider joining the Association for fiscal year 2003-2004. Information is listed in the column to the right. Simply cut off the panel, fill out the reverse side, and mail it with your check. Members now receive the acclaimed semi-annual *Pennsylvania German Review* and will have a yearly journal/yearbook made available to them as well. We look forward to seeing your name listed on our membership list.

Category *Membership Gift*
(All members may tour the buildings at the site free)

- Paerson (individual).....\$25-\$49
Use of library, Heemet Fesch, publications—free
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Use of library, Heemet Fesch, publications—free
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All of above plus 10% discount on items offered for sale at the Center's gift shop
Gross Helfer (Big Helper).....\$250-\$499
All of above plus priority participation in trip to Germany
President Glieder (President Member)....\$500-\$999
All of above plus free dinner at Glieder Fesch
Hoch Gewwe Glieder (Top Giver)....\$1,000-\$2,499
All of above plus large unframed school print (The amounts listed above are annual fees)
Leweszeit Glieder (Lifetime Member).....\$2,500+
All of above plus large framed school print

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Mission of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center

The mission of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University is to gather, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of Pennsylvania German rural life in southeastern Pennsylvania. The primary functions of the Center are educational and archival. Our mission is achieved by programs and collections which authentically portray Pennsylvania German life. Examples of programs are lectures, musical events, reenactments, folklife festivals, and courses in folklore, history, and the Pennsylvania German dialect. Collections include the Center's buildings and artifacts, literature, historical and genealogical records representing the spectrum of activity in rural life of the period. The Center is part of the educational program at Kutztown University as well as a public resource. The Center seeks the participation and support of individuals and organizations in fulfilling its mission.