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## Heritage Center News

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### Slate of Events – 2003-2004

Colonial Embroidery Workshop (2003)	November 29
Christmas on the Farm (2003)	December 6
Easter on the Farm	April 3
Plow Boys Plowing Demonstration	April
Glieder Fescht (members only)	May 17
PA German Dialect Picnic	June 13
Kutztown PA German Festival	June 26-July 4
Children's Camp	July
Plow Boys Plowing Demonstration	August

**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

First, let me thank all of you who renewed your membership; we had several life memberships, which is a reaffirmation of our mission. It is this funding that allows us to host special programs such as the week-long summer Children's Camp held in July. There were 25 boys and girls in attendance and were immersed in Pennsylvania Dutch history, folklore, art, and language.

I just completed a trip to Germany, and an elderhostel in Bad Windsheim (Franconia) is contemplated and in conjunction with the Pastorious Heim, an affiliate of the Heritage Center. This is the restored homestead of Francis Daniel Pastorious. The Heritage Center was involved in the creation of a new organization to develop closer working relationships with Germany and the United States regarding immigration and the Pennsylvania Dutch history and culture. Membership is 25 Euros. If you are interested in either of these projects, please call our office at 610-683-1330.

New projects include the research of Pennsylvania German veterans of WW II and how their culture influenced the war. A second project involves research on the Pennsylvania Dutch in the American Revolutionary War. A Pennsylvania German Revolutionary War unit called von Heers (Provost) Marechausee is being recreated. The recruits came extensively from the Reading area. If you have information on any of these projects or are interested in living history, please call our office.

There are plans to quadruple the size of the Heritage Center library. The log cabin that will house the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen will soon be under construction. Consideration is also being given to begin our own press for the continual publication of quality articles and books dealing with all aspects of Pennsylvania Dutch life and culture.

Thank you for your continued support and encourage your family and friends to make a small investment in the culture by becoming a member.

Mach's gut!  
David L. Valuska  
Executive Director &  
Freyberger Professor of PA  
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## News from the Farm

A Pennsylvania German Colonial Embroidery Workshop, taught by Shirley Sacks, proprietor of "The Crewel World" in Kutztown, will be held at the Heritage Center on November 29, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The morning session will be devoted to Star Embroidery using a tin template. Found primarily in Berks County area, it is about 150 years old and almost extinct. The embroidery made use of left-over materials and was used in making comforters, chair pads, etc. You will finish a Christmas ornament using this method. The afternoon session will feature Candlewicking Embroidery where you will make a white-on-white 12" pillow top. Adult registration fee is \$15. For registration forms, please call Mary Henry at 610-683-1330 and leave your name, address, and phone number, or e-mail Ruth Emmert at [emmertruthie@aol.com](mailto:emmertruthie@aol.com).

Christmas on the Farm will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 6. The Belsnickel will visit the Heritage Center, the Zimmerman log cabin will be decked out for the holidays, Christmas crafts, music in the dialect, decorations, and goodies will be available as well. And, lunch will be available for purchase.

More information regarding Easter on the Farm held on April 3, 2004 is forthcoming in the next newsletter, but mark your calendar to attend—we'd like to see you there.

I would encourage those of you who have not yet become members to 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.

## Association Membership

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

- Paerson** (individual).....\$25-\$49  
*Use of library, Heemet Fescht, publications—free*
- Familye** (Family—children under 18).....\$50-\$599  
*Use of library, Heemet Fescht, publications—free*
- Hunnert Daaler Helfer** (\$100 Helper).....\$100-\$249  
*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*
- Bresident Glieder** (President Member)...\$500-\$999  
*All of above plus free dinner at Glieder Fescht*
- 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*

Please send me information to include the Heritage Center in my estate planning.

### 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.