

# Texas Wendish Heritage Society Newsletter

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## Open House

### A "Marvelous Success"

Vivian Taylor, Museum Director

The GRAND OPENING of the PETER BUILDING and the other buildings in the Museum Complex is now history. It was a MARVELOUS SUCCESS!!! We were blessed with a beautiful afternoon and the crowd of well-wishers was tremendous. Over 500 people signed the Guestbook and I know many others slipped by without signing. We estimate that at least 700 or more were actually there. THANK YOU all for coming out. We hope you were pleased and will return. From all the complimentary comments heard, I'm sure that many of you will visit again and will bring others.

Although the entire afternoon was unstructured, we did have one official function. This was the formal dedication at 2:30 pm of the LILLIE MOERBE CALDWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY. The ribbon was cut by her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Caldwell Hutchinson of Gonzales, Louisiana. Lillie Moerbe Caldwell was the founder of the original WENDISH CULTURE CLUB, the beginning of the TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SOCIETY.

The four remaining charter members were all present for the day's events. They are: Laura Zoch, Frieda Wendland, Emma Wuensche, and Gertrude Mitschke. Mrs. Mitschke had four generations of her family present for the day. They were: Gertrude Kasper Mitschke, Carol Mitschke Hamon, Nancy Hamon Bell, and Sarah Bell.

It was an exciting Afternoon. People who hadn't seen one another in years were seen greeting and hugging and eagerly catching up on past events. It was very gratifying. I, myself, was completely suprised by the visit of Martin and Lorraine Dobring from Fort Huron, Michigan. I made their acquaintance through correspondence for genealogy information. Martin later became a member of the Society and here they were. They came especially for the open-house. This is what makes all the work worthwhile.

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## November Meeting

The November 20 membership meeting will be conducted by George Boerger, a member of the TWHS. In August of this year, George traveled to East Germany and spent 9 days in the Bautzen/Cottbus area which is where Texas Wends originated. George's stops included Bautzen, Cottbus, Weigersdorf, Spreewitz, Hochkirch, and the Spreewald. The highlight of the trip was the 300th anniversary celebration at Spreewitz. The program, focusing on East Germany, will include slides and a discussion. Anyone interested in the Wendish homeland should plan on attending.

## A History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Cont.)

By the late Rev. Bewie  
(from an unpublished manuscript)

### Part 10

Rev. Kilian, at the request of the district president, installed Rev. Palmer. He preached a sermon on the ministry. In *Der Lutheraner* I find that he first preached this sermon in Wendish to his own congregation, which was certainly in place. Then he went over on the other side of the cemetery and preached the same sermon in German to the German congregation.

He began by saying, "It is hard for me to stand before you, but I was instructed to install your pastor and so I must speak. Even Abraham and Lot separated and still remained bretheren. So also has the church at Serbin separated. External relations may be thus and so, for they are changeable. But let us forget all that, and recall the matters in which we are united. We all want to go to heaven. Also, as St. Paul says, There is one body and one spirit even as we are called in one hope of calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all. Finally, we are agreed that other foundation can no one lay than which is laid, namely, Jesus Christ.

For the next few years there were still little difficulties cropping out between the two congregations. People from the one church would decide that, after all, they really belonged to the other church, etc. It was quite confusing to any pastor. St. Paul's made some rulings in these matters which were not in the best Christian spirit.

Gradually, the difficulties ended. Until the churches reunited in 1914, there was such peace between the two congregations as is possible in this sinful imperfect world.



Once again, I've taken on a new set of challenges. Since everyone else who was qualified to edit the TWHS newsletter was too busy to actually do it, I volunteered for the job. It will be a learning process and an interesting experience.

The biggest challenge is keeping a rein on my interests and focusing on TWHS issues. I have dreams and goals for this newsletter, but they may not reflect YOUR dreams, interests, and goals. I would like:

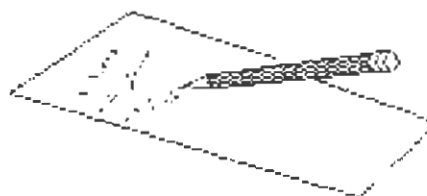
1. to be saving memories of everyday life. Simple stories of who we were (and are) have disappeared. Write things down, even if you aren't confident of your talents. I can edit, but only if someone gives me material.

2. An important goal is the development of new writers. Getting published is quite a morale boost.

3. We need to increase membership. A variety of interesting articles could turn this newsletter into a recruiting tool.

Let me know where you think this newsletter should grow. We can agree, I'm sure.

Lisa Stapp



## Tools of the Trade

Words, words, words. We use them almost without thinking. In speaking and letter writing, words flow naturally.

Until we try to write something for many others to read.

When the words stop flowing, it usually helps to read for a while. Unfortunately, many "How to Write" books are intimidating. I found one that isn't.

Promise you won't laugh when I tell you that it's a kids' book! Juvenile literature has changed since the days of "Dick and Jane." Now, when I need an overview of an unfamiliar subject, I start in the childrens' section of the library. Once I grasp the basics, I can go fill in gaps in the information. (I usually find few gaps.)

Take a peek at Susan Tchudi's book, "The Young Writer's Handbook." (\$12.95 hardback, \$4.95 paperback. Available from Scribner/MacMillan Press 1-800-257-5755)



## FOR SALE

### Heirloom and Original Cookbook

Published in 1988, this book is a real treat. It has some great recipes, but that isn't all. It documents the history of the Wends. And don't forget the beautiful illustrations.

What better way to show pride in your heritage? Wouldn't this "Heirloom and Original Cookbook" look beautiful in your kitchen?

It costs \$14.00 including tax. Shipping amounts to \$1. At these prices, order several. Christmas is coming up, and these would make great remembrances.

Order from: Mrs. Emma Wuenche  
Rt. 1, Box 175  
McDade, TX 78650

## Letter From the President

Dear Members of the Society,

Greetings and God's blessings to each of you. Since my last letter to you, so many wonderful things have happened, and I want to share my excitement with you.

First, the Folklife Festival in San Antonio was well-attended by Society members and the public. The Festival turned out to be an excellent fund raiser. Thanks to all of you who made pickles, noodles, and arts and crafts.

Second, our grand opening of the Museum Complex was a huge success. Over 700 people helped open the best historic ethnic museum in Texas, if not the US. I am honored to be associated with this facility and you should be too.

And now, my fellow members, this will be my final correspondence to you as your President. This year sped by! Thank you for your support. Your continued membership is needed to tell the story of the Wends and continue sharing the blessings.

## Open..., Cont. From page 1

To all of you wonderful, hardworking volunteers --THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. I'm sure that all of the officers and committee chairmen feel the same way. We could not have accomplished any of this without you.

To all the hosts and hostesses who demonstrated the various crafts which were well received and enjoyed by all, the ladies who served the wonderful refreshments, the ladies who baked and donated all the Kuchen and cookies, GOODSON LUMBER CO. who donated all the ice, to everyone who helped in any capacity to make the afternoon so memorial, we appreciate your effort and sincerely

thank you.

By the way, if you carried your name tag home, be sure to wear it or bring it with you next time you are a host or hostess at the museum. I want to color the border on them, if you'll leave them at the Museum I would appreciate.

After viewing the great facility that we now have, I'm sure Barbara won't have any trouble scheduling hosts and hostesses for Sunday afternoons!!! We have a unique story to tell and beautiful displays to help tell everyone about the WENDS. Perhaps this note from one of the Advisory Board Members, Terry G. Jordan, Webb Professor, Geography Department, University of Texas, will encourage you.

You have already [developed] the best museum devoted to single ethnic group in the state. You are far ahead of the Czechs, Poles, Germans, Swedes, and other Texas groups far larger in number than the Wends. Please accept my compliments for a job well done.

As Director, I want to compliment the Display Committee for the miracle they performed in the KILIAN BUILDING, the ST. PAUL BUILDING, the KURIO and MERTINK LOG ROOMS, and also the grounds. It took a lot of hard work, and, here again, volunteers played a great part. I know that you, yourselves, heard many lovely compliments on Sunday and you deserved them.

And last but not least, I want to say a few words about the PETER BUILDING, also known as the "Interpretive" center. It is BEAUTIFUL!!! From the first presentation of sketches which the curator, Nancy Allen, showed to the Museum Board, to the actual assembling of the displays, narratives, etc. all has been put together in a most pleasing way. For some, it may seem a bit modern, but when compared to other really prestigious museums, we really do have something to be proud of. And, it should encourage everyone of Wendish descent to work a little harder to preserve our precious heritage. I personally feel that we owe Nancy a well-deserved thank you for helping us take that GIANT step forward. THANK YOU, NANCY!!!

## Misplaced Museum Musings

July 23 - Vivian Taylor and Laverne Gersch attended the CIMA meeting and workshop held in Austin at the Reill-Cochran House. The topic was "Textile Conservation in Museums."





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OCTOBER 1988

## TO ALL TWHS MEMBERS:

This is your invitation to attend the 4th quarterly meeting to TWHS, Sunday, November 20, 1988. The meeting will be held in the KILIAN BUILDING. This is the last meeting of the year and it is also ELECTION time. According to the revised Bylaws adopted at the August 21, 1988, meeting, all officers will be voted for, PLUS (5) five members to the Board. So, please make every effort to attend. The Society needs you! Each member does make a difference.

Speaking of members--it is time to begin renewing memberships for the year 1989. Please notice on the enclosed cards the additional categories. Won't you earnestly consider one of them. The Society desperately needs your generous support for the coming years. All "Museum" memberships go into the Endowment Fund. The "Silver" and "Gold" annual contributions will eventually lead to "Life" membership status. By being a "Silver" member for any 6 years or a "Gold" member for any 3 years, you will become a life member.

As you all know we have five buildings plus grounds to keep up. We are known world-wide. We have visitors everyday, a large number from out-of-state. We have guided tours, and busloads of school children; therefore, we surely want to present our facilities in the best possible light. All of these people return to their homes and they tell others about TWHS and the Wendish Museum. What they report is up to us.

The recent open-house is a fine example. If you were not able to attend, let me say a few words about it. It was GREAT! It was EXCITING! ALL the buildings and the grounds were in tip-top shape thanks to many hard-working volunteers. The hosts and hostesses for the afternoon were in costume. Everyone was most friendly. The refreshments were delicious (unfortunately we did run out), the craft demonstrations were most informative and interesting and well received. All in all, it was a most successful afternoon. One person was overheard to comment, "It's like a huge family reunion". Please read the Museum News for more on the opening.

Now back to business-----

NEW MEMBERS: since July 11, 1988.

Mrs. Ed. Wuensche, Cypress  
Lisa M. Stapp, Houston  
Elinor Viasak, Rosebud  
Margarete Huebner, Mexico City, Mexico  
R. W. Namken, Giddings  
Mrs. Edwina Walker, San Antonio

Alice Gaugler, Victoria  
Harold V. Theiss, Houston  
Howard Zoch, Pasadena  
Dr. Charles Wukasch, Austin  
Mrs. Milton von Minden, La Grange  
Robert H. Zschappel, M.D., Dickinson

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NEW MEMBERS, con't.

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Mrs. Kenneth Schoppa, Lubbock  
William Droemer, Lexington

Carol D. Green, Austin  
Lawrence Knippa, Kingsville

PATRON: Edward Kasper, Austin  
CENTURY: Jerry L Knippa, San Antonio  
No SPONSOR OR LIFE MEMBERS.

MEMORIALS: IN MEMORY OF

DONOR

Annabel Wukasch  
Clara S. Ludolph  
Mrs. Marie Moerbe  
Mrs. Henry Wukasch  
M/M Henry Wukasch  
Annie Kurio Schkade  
(for Restoration of Log Buildings)  
Walter A Zoch  
(for Museum Landscaping)

Walter G. S. Fehr  
Della Mullens  
Emma Wuensche  
Dr. & Mrs. Carl A. Fehr  
Mrs. Arthur Fehr  
M/M Walter Gersch  
M/M Walter Gersch

Our sincere sympathy to these families.

By now you have noticed that this is your quarterly newsletter. A new format has been discussed for quiet sometime and now with the resignation of Rev. John Socha, the time to try out a new style is here. Please let the officers and Board members know what you like or dislike about it. Suggestions and constructive criticism are welcome. If you will jot them down on paper, they will be considered. One thing I would point out is that this type "letter" is less expensive to work up and to mail. No extra envelopes for one. You might take this into consideration when deciding if you like it or not. The main object is-- how can the "Newsletter" be made better. Let us know.

As secretary, this is my last letter to all of you. In all candor, I must say that these past two years have really been a challenge, but with the help of God, the encouragement of many good friends in the Society, the telephone and my trusty old car, I have gotten through. It has been a multitude of experiences. I do not regret any of them.

And so, I will close --- GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

See you at the November 20th meeting.

Most Sincerely,

*Vivian*  
Vivian F. Taylor  
Secretary, TWHS

President Elwood Domaschk, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Rev. Wayne A. Schurz of Winchester presented the opening devotion and prayer. He chose for his text Eph. 5:v.15 ff. He spoke about making the most of our time. He mentioned the church at Spreewitz celebrating it's 300th year and how they have made the most of their time in keeping God's word. He noted that our Wendish ancestor's made the most of their time when they came over by keeping God's word and establishing new congregations. We should take pride in these accomplishments and continue by making the most of the time that God has given us.

President Domaschk reported that TWHS member George Boerger was in East Germany and attended the celebration of the church in Spreewitz. He carried with him a letter of congratulations from the Society which he was to present to the pastor of the Spreewitz church, Rev. Paul Hornich. George will give a report at the November meeting.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

The Treasurer's report was handed out and reviewed. It was accepted to be filed. The total cash on hand as of July 31, 1988 is \$101,798.99.

General Fund	\$44,877.95	Museum Fund	\$ 30.00
Fixed Assets	17,493.23	Endowment Fund	\$39,397.81

Total Revenue \$18,628.90.      Total Disbursements \$20,884.39.  
A net loss of \$2,255.49.

#### Committee Reports:

Building - Leroy Steglich reported that a scale model of the interior plan of the display area in the Peter Building was set up for viewing. Work on this and the log buildings was proceeding as planned.

Vic Mathias, chairman of the Museum Board then gave a detailed report on the plans for the Grand-Opening which will be held on Sunday, October 9, from 2-5 pm. He also announced that there will be a "workday" on Sept. 24. Announcements for the Grand-Opening will be sent to churches and to the press.

Membership - Vivian Taylor reported that there were still a large number of members who had not renewed. Several new memberships have been received. The LWML Convention was attended and the TWHS Display was well received by those viewing it. The Display is available to our members for use at family reunions or other functions. It may be checked out through the Museum secretary, Barbara Hielscher.

Book & Bylaws - Joyce Dube was not present due to illness. No Book report. Bylaws will be presented under New Business.

Slide & Video - No report - Georgie Boyce not present.

Refreshments - Ruth Lindner reported that she and her helpers will be serving refreshments for the Grand-opening. The November meeting will be served by the Austin Chapter.

Ambassador - No report - Laverne Gersch not present.

Editor - Geroge Boerger not present. Society is looking for a new "editor" due to illness and resignation of Pastor John Socha. Viola Spacek

reported that at the present, Pastor Socha is doing quite well.

Fund Raising - E. C. Knippa, Jr. gave a brief talk on generating much needed funds on which to operate. All gifts to the Museum are tax exempt. For more information contact Mr. Knippa or Elwood Domaschk.

Float - Herbert Falke reported that the Ben Nevis is almost finished being renovated. He is planning to enter the Fair Parade at La Grange, Sept. 3, The Giddings Geburtstag parade, Sept. 10. Passengers are urgently needed. You must wear a costume to get aboard. Contact Mr. Falke or the Museum office for more information.

Folklife Festival - Patty Bones reported that the festival was a success attendance wise but revenue was down. As all bills were not yet paid, the Society's share will be somewhere around \$4,000. The gross amount generated was \$7,285.25. The Institute gets 21% and then the bills are taken care of. A final report will be presented at the November meeting. A few notes: ran out of noodles!! more needed for next year. Crafts did well, especially children's bonnets. Could have used more adult size bonnets. Pickles were great. Volunteers were fabulous. Many thanks to all who helped.

New Business: Chairman Domaschk appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee for the November election. Telford Zoch, Evelyn Kasper, Mary Watts, David Goeke and Carolyn Bohot.

A letter from Paul Gersch of Australia had been received. Those wishing to read it in detail may do so after the meeting.

- Copies of the proposed revised Bylaws had been disbursed, along with an 'addendum'. President Domaschk gave a brief review of the work. Joyce Dube was chairman of the committee. R. H. Lawrenz served on the committee along with Elwood Domaschk, Jr. Elwood then turned the meeting over to R. H. Lawrenz who proceeded to go through the proposed bylaws Article by Article. As each Article was addressed, discussion or clarification was given. A brief discussion was held on the need for guidelines pertaining to dues on both the Chapter level and the parent organization. This is under Article XIII - Local Chapters. At the conclusion, R. H. Lawrenz moved that the proposed bylaws be adopted as presented, with notations. Leroy Steglich seconded and the membership present voted to adopt. New Bylaws are now in effect.

President Domaschk welcomed five visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Schneider, Giddings, Beatrice Whitsel and Hermine Moerbe, Dime Box and Rev. Wayne A. Schumacher Winchester. Two new members were welcomed: Mrs. Lillian Falke von Minden, La Grange and Mrs. Rodie Namken, Giddings. There were 32 members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Vivian F. Taylor  
TWHS Secretary

P.S. Refreshments served by Ruth and her helpers were bountiful and delicious!! THANK YOU, LADIES. Those furnishing goodies were Ruby Koslan, Elinor Steglich, Erna Mersiovsky, Barbara Hielscher, Judy Hielscher, LaVerne Falke and Viola Spacek. 7



# The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Newsletter

## Library Opens

Daphne Garrett, Archivist

We reached another milestone in our history.

The Lillie Moerbe Caldwell Memorial Library, named for the founder of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society, was formally opened at 2:30 p.m. on October 9, 1988. Vic Mathias introduced Evelyn Kasper, who gave a resume of the work of Mrs. Caldwell in promoting the Wendish Heritage and Daphne Garrett, who gave a resume of the contents of the Library and Archives. Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of Mrs. Caldwell, and Laura Zoch, sister of Mrs. Caldwell, cut the ribbon. Mrs. Hutchinson presented the Library with a water color portrait of her mother, and an album containing a biography and photographic memorabilia. Furnishings for the Library were made possible through a grant by Elizabeth and Gene Hutchinson and Jerry and Elaine Caldwell.

Daphne Garrett, Archivist  
12427 Pebblebrook  
Houston, TX 77027

## Genealogy

Our request for names and addresses of persons with Family Histories for sale brought only one response. Surely there are more available. Please send the name of your book, where to order, and price including tax and postage.



We hope to hear from you soon.

## Curator's Corner

The TWHM was very gratified when over 700 people attended the open house on Sunday, October 9 to celebrate the viewing of our new exhibit space and log structure area. This represents the culmination of over eight months of intensive effort to research photographs and archival documents, build interior walls and cases, design the

educational format, edit and photograph all materials, and install the exhibit itself.

With maps, pictures, and artifacts, the new exhibit tells the story of the Wends from the pre-historic Slavic tribes, through the drama of the Ben Nevis, to the Wands of today. In addition to the new space, the exhibit was designed to add a video table to the Kilian Building, new explanatory labels to the St. Paul Building, and three moveable display columns plus two portable screens to provide flexibility for temporary displays and traveling exhibits, such as the Folklife Festival. Our log cabin area reproduces the feeling of the early pioneer homes and even our original building has been re-arranged into topical vignettes. We feel that this effort has yielded an exhibit that is a true investment in our cultural heritage.

All this could not have been possible, of course, without much help. I would like to especially thank Vivian Taylor, Elwood Domaschk, Mary Watts, Evelyn Kasper, Laverne Gersch, Marian and Jack Wiederhold, Mildred Kilian, and last but not least, Barbara Wielscher. Marian did the beautiful stenciling and feather painting, which is copied from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin.

There is more to do, however: work continues on the folklore screens, refining labels, re-labeling the St. Paul Building. Your volunteer time or check will help keep us going. We are expecting many exciting new memorabilia to turn up, and in fact, on the day of the opening another beautiful dower chest was added to the collection.

Thanks again to everyone who made this such a positive day.

## Docents

With the many new exhibits now in place, it is especially important that those hosting the Museum as Docents learn more about our exhibits and how to guide visitors around the Museum Complex. Please watch for announcements concerning training workshops, and plan to attend. WE NEED YOU!!



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SEPTEMBER 30, 1988.

EXHIBITS: see material furnished by Nancy Allen, curator

ACCESSIONS: A WOODEN HAND-OPERATED HAY BALER -- Leroy Faske, Giddings  
GREY WEDDING GOWN -- Pauline Schneider, La Grange  
BLACK WEDDING BODICE -- Hulda Graf, La Grange  
Blue WEDDING DRESS -- Alvina Schroeder, Navasota

VISITORS: since July 15, 1988. 231 visitors have signed the guest book.  
They came from Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, West Germany,  
Republic of Panama, Minnesota, Louisiana, Ohio, N. Carolina and  
West Virginia.

Dr. Geo. R. Nielsen of Oak Park, Il. visited on July 19 and 20.  
Bill and Stefana Biar, of Denver, Colorado, visited September 19.

DOCENTS: Elsie Penk, Evelyn Kasper, Mina Sump, Elinor Steglich, Viola  
Spacek, Beatrice Whitsel, Erna Mersiovsky, Laura and Aug. Zoch,  
Bea Tschatschula, Bessie Mertink, Irene and Reinhold Teinert,  
Lillian Oltman, LaVerne and Herbert Falke, Ruby Koslan.

ARCHIVES - LIBRARY: see material furnished by Daphne Garrett, archivist

GENEALOGY -- no report this quarter

GIFT SHOP

A NEW ITEM IN THE GIFT SHOP is a lovely blue MUSEUM POSTER. This poster  
sells for \$1.00 plus postage & handling & tax. Total cost \$1.57.  
Approximate size 9" x 14".

Another NEW ITEM: Prints (black & white) of villages in E. Germany, Saxony  
& Prussia, from which our ancestors migrated. size approx. 11"x 14",  
cost: \$8.50 plus tax, handling and postage \$2.55. Total \$11.05

When ordering, be sure to state village desired. These are suitable for  
framing.

MUSINGS: Dr. Nielsen's revised edition of IN SEARCH OF A HOME, should  
be ready early next fall (1989). Watch the newsletter for ordering  
information when it is ready.

CHRISTMAS is just around the corner!! The Museum Gift Shop has handcraft  
items, including some Christmas ornaments, stationery and books. All of  
which would make great gifts.

Speaking of lists, Evelyn Kasper, who is chairman for the TOUR GROUPS,  
has given me a "need list" for the kitchen in the KILIAN BUILDING. If you  
can help her out, she would need to purchase these items. The list includes:  
Flatware - 2 heavy pots (big, for noodles) - Electric roaster -  
Mixing bowls - Ladles and long handled spoons.

## Homemade Blessings

Martha Faerster

It doesn't look like much, this old metal tatting shuttle. Still, it brings to mind all sorts of memories.

I started tatting at 16. My sister taught me how since my mother passed away when I was 12. This is the same shuttle I bought in the early 20's. Then, a ball of thread cost 20 cents. Now its costs anywhere from 65 cents to \$1.35. You have to shop around to find good prices.

This shuttle, with A LOT of love and prayers, has tatted: hundreds of yards of edgings for sheets, pillow cases, handkerchiefs, etc; baby caps, collars-- all sizes; and insert lace for dresses and blouses. To that list add the hundreds of crosses used as bookmarks, given to special friends of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In fact, one great-grandchild asked for 8 to give to her confirmation class girlfriends as a keepsake. The tatted cap worn by my daughter at baptism was also worn by her greatgranddaughter 53 years later.

My greatest joy was when a granddaughter asked me to make the lace for her wedding dress. The lace, with pearls worked in abundantly, adorned the front of the dress, the collar, the wide cuffs, the headpiece, and was an edging around the entire veil. People said that it was a

Masterpiece.

At age 89, by the Grace of God, I am still tatting about 8 hours a day. Friends keep me busy with requests. What a blessing from God to still be able to continue this gift of tatting, an almost lost art.

Note: Mrs. Faerster is a friend of a friend of mine. When I asked her to tell me about tatting, she seemed surprised that anyone was interested. Were you? If so, drop a few lines to her and I'll pass them on.

## Accessions

One of the new exhibits, an old fashioned General Store, is in need of old cans with labels, bottles, and other examples of items which would have been for sale in a general store. Please look through your kitchen, garage, and attic to see what you might wish to donate. Please bring all accessions directly to the Museum as we can not be responsible for items given through a third party.

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