



Texas Wendish Heritage Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are many exciting things happening in and around the Wendish Heritage Society Museum.

Spring is here, a very nice time of the year, and the yard around the Museum reflects the springtime atmosphere. The Committee remains faithful and takes care of the yard conscientiously.

The tour committee has been very busy and is doing an yeoman's job providing tours and helping the tourists with information. The tours are contributing greatly towards financing the Museum.

The Collegium Musicum from Bremen, Germany performed well at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings and it was truly an enjoyable experience listening to their performance. Many thanks to all of the Society members who helped welcome the choir members at the Museum.

Plans are now being made to have a Board of Directors meeting, and a committee workshop type meeting, on May 18th which is the Saturday before our next membership meeting.

Any Board member or committee chairman that has anything to present or bring to the Board may do so at that time. Much of the emphasis will be placed on the fund raising for the Endowment Fund and for general purposes.

Yesterfest Chairperson, Carolyn Bohot and Barbara Hielscher spent many hours and placed much effort into organizing the Yesterfest Committee. They sold noodles and handcraft items at the Bastrop Texas Celebration.

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin will be celebrating its Homecoming on May 26, 1991. The Rev. Wallace Schulz, Associate Lutheran Hour Speaker, will be the guest speaker at the 8:30 A.M. church service. Rev. Schulz will share his experiences which he had visiting the USSR. Rev. Schulz will also be available at the picnic ground for those who would like to visit with him personally.

Ken Weiser
President

MAY MEETING SPEAKER

The program at the May 19 general membership meeting will be conducted by Dr. Joseph Wilson. Dr. Wilson will share with us the Haak Diary of the Ben Nevis Voyage. The diary was kept by a Non-Wend who was one of the group aboard the chartered ship of the 1854 immigration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19	Quarterly Membership meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum.
May 20	Deadline for articles for May Newsletter.
May 26	Serbin Picnic - Homecoming - at the Servin Picnic Grounds.
June 14	Deadline for articles for June Newsletter.
July 4	Museum will be closed - Independence Day.
July 19	Deadline for articles for July Newsletter.

ARCHIVES

by Daphne D. Garrett, Archivist

The Museum has purchased a computer with the \$1000 grant from Exxon Company, U.S.A. plus \$775 from Museum funds. We selected a Compu-Add 212 with 40 M hard drive, 1 M Ram memory, and a Panasonic 24 pin wide-carriage printer as well as a surge protector. The computer was especially needed for the Archival Photographic Inventory. The Archives has supplied photos for two Texas A & M University Press publications, private publications, and is now working with the Institute of Texan Cultures on the revision of the Wendish exhibit. Georgie Boyce is putting the inventory on a data base so that we can find photographs by subject, name, date, type, etc. The other Archival & Curatorial inventory will eventually be placed on a data base. Barbara Hielscher is entering the membership records on a data base, and other business records will be entered in the future.

GROUP TOURS

by Evelyn N. Kasper, Chairman

The Monument Hill chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, chose March 2nd, Texas Independence Day, to tour the Museum and St. Paul Lutheran Church. At two o'clock they paused to join Texans around the state with a "Toast to Texas" as part of the Texas Independence Day celebration, with water from Lincoln, Texas, and these words:

To Texas
Joyous and sparkling,
Evergreen when it rains,
enduring in drought,
Timeless, endless in
boundaries, exciting
Home to the adventurous of
yesterday and today,
With shrines from the past
And space and spirit for
the future.
To Texas,
Everlasting in the hearts
of your people!

March 11th brought a busload of senior citizens from Heritage Hall in Houston. They enjoyed coffee cake and coffee during the afternoon.

Thanks to our docents for helping host these groups.

DOCENTS

Serving as docents during the month of March were: Georgie Boyce, Elinor Steglich, Evelyn Kasper, Jack & Marian Wiederhold, Ruby Koslan, Bea Tschatschula and Ken Weiser.

VISITORS

In addition to visitors from all over Texas the complex was visited by people from: New York, Illinois, California, and Maine. On March 14 Dan Rather with CBS news paid an unexpected visit to the Museum. He was impressed with the facilities, and with the books in the library. Mr. Rather is married to Jeannie (Goebel) who is originally from the Winchester area.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members/Previous Members-Renewed

Susan M. Thompson, Adkins, TX.

John C. Thompson, Adkins, TX.

Shirley B. Goodman

STUDENT

Susan M. Thompson, Adkins, TX.

John C. Thompson, Adkins, TX.

Ketrin L. Jones

MEMORIALS

In Memory of	Donor	Amount
Louise Schulze	Austin Chapter TWHS	\$25.00
Charles Haschke	M/M Milton Pampell	\$10.00
Charles Haschke	M/M Carroll Hielscher	\$10.00

In the March newsletter a donation by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garrett was incorrectly listed as being for Mary Krause, it should have been May Krause. We apologize for the error.

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THIS SUMMER

THE COURSE WILL BE TAUGHT TUESDAYS FROM 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. AND WILL LAST FOR SIX WEEKS. THE FIRST CLASS MEETING WILL BE JUNE 4. THE INSTRUCTOR WILL BE DR. CHARLES WUKASCH OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY. DR. WUKASCH SPENT THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 1965 IN THE DEPT. OF SORBIAN, UNIV. OF LEIPZIG, GERMANY.

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, CONTACT GWEN SIEDER KOLM AT MURCHISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL (346 8930).

On March 21, Dr. Charles Wukasch gave a talk on "The Wends of Germany" to the German-Texan Heritage Society (Capital Area Group).

The 1991 German-Texan Heritage Society annual meeting will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, September 6, 7, & 8 at the The Holiday Inn, Emerald Beach. The agenda offers many opportunities for all interests, from the recent reunification of Germany to German immigration, genealogy, and the role of Germany to German immigrations in the U. S.

YOUNG WENDS

On March 1 Stacey Lehmann of Winchester won a second place medal in the 400 meter dash at the Bastrop track meet. Stacey who is in the seventh grade at La Grange Middle school is the daughter of Macklyn and Janice Lehmann of Winchester and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lehmann of Giddings.



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