2012 Calendar of Events
of Pennsylvania German Cultural Interest

Starred(*) events are listed through the courtesy of Russell Miller, Blandon, Pa., and Francis D. Kline, Robesonia, Pa.

The reader is advised to use the contact information included for the various events to verify any changes in scheduling as a result of extenuating circumstances.

January

January 6, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

January 16, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

January 17, 7:00 p.m.
Show and Tell
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

January 18, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

January 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Conversation Group
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, Pa.
Join members of the Pennsylvania German community to listen and talk about various subjects in Deitsch. Sing songs in the dialect and listen to music. Conversation group meetings are open to the public. The SLHC provides coffee and tea for all participants. Join the conversation! No RSVP required.

January 19, 7:00 p.m.*
Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

January 20, 6:43 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 17, Fersommling No. 31
Fire Company, Mount Zion, Pa.

January 21, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

January 25, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 15, Fersommling No. 46
Fire Company, Kutztown, Pa.

January 25, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Show and Tell.
Sponsored by Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, Ephrata, Pa.
Phone: (717) 733-1616; e-mail cjmarquet@gmail.com

January 26, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 4, Fersommling No. 64
Center Hall, Quakertown, Pa.

January 26, 7:00 p.m.
Show and Tell
Gratz Historical Society Meeting,
Simeon’s Lutheran Church, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

January 30, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 9, Fersommling No. 58
Fire Company, Dublin, Pa.

February

February 2, 8:00 a.m.*
Will “Uni” See His Shadow?
Union Canal, Myerstown, Pa.

February 2, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 1, Fersommling No. 76
Fire Company, Germansville, Pa.

February 3, 10:00 a.m.
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

February 4, 7:00 p.m.
**Annual Music Night**
A Lancaster Roots 2012 event
Neffsville Mennonite Church, Neffsville, Pa. Tickets required.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

February 6, 2:00 p.m.
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

February 8, 6:30 p.m. *
**Grund Sau No. 2, Fersommling No. 75**
Fire Company, Tylersport, Pa.

February 8, 7:00 p.m.
**Anabaptist Lecture Series: Plain People, Rich Culture**
Session I: Donald Kraybill, Ph.D.
Kutztown University, Alumni Auditorium. Free.

February 10, 6:30 p.m. *
**Grund Sau No. 11, Fersommling No. 55**
Smitty’s Social Hall, Ashfield, Pa.

February 10, 6:30-8:30
**Auction of Rare, Out-of-Print, and Used Books**
Guidelines and catalogs available by subscription or at www.lmhs.org.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745

February 14, 6:30 p.m.
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

February 15, 8:00 a.m. *
**Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society**
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

**February 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
**Pennsylvania German Dialect and Conversation Group**
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, Pa.
Join members of the Pennsylvania German community to listen and talk about various subjects in Deitsch. Reminisce about the old days and review William Rupp’s column in *Town and Country*. Conversation group meetings are open to the public. The SLHC provides coffee and tea for all participants. Join the conversation! No RSVP required.

**February 16, 7:00 p.m.**
**Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group**
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

**February 18, 1:00 p.m.**
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

**February 20, 7:00 p.m.**
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

**February 21, 7:00 p.m.**
**History of Dulcimers**, Ray Holland, speaker
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

**February 22, 5:00 p.m.**
**Anabaptist Lecture Series: Plain People, Rich Culture**
Session II: Comparing the Old Orders, featuring Benuel Riehl and James Weaver.
Kutztown University, Rohrbach Library. Free.

**February 22, 7:30 p.m.**
**My Adventures with Fraktur in Southeastern Pennsylvania**
Dr. Robert N. Kline, speaker.
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, Ephrata, Pa.
Phone: (717) 733-1616; e-mail: cjmarquet@gmail.com

**February 23, 7:00 p.m.**
**Ray Snyder film of 1955 Gratz Sesquicentennial Parade**
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

February 24, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 6, Fersommling No. 62
Kresgeville Fire Company, Kresgeville, Pa.

February 27, 7:00 p.m.
A Brief History of the Victim-Offender and Restorative-Justice Movements,
Howard Zehr and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz
A Lancaster Roots 2012 event. Free.
Strasburg Mennonite Church, Strasburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

March

March 2, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

March 2, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 16, Fersommling No. 41
Schnecksville Fire Company

March 5, 2:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

March 9, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 18, Om Gross Forelle Grick No. 21
Fire Company, Emerald, Pa.

March 10, 9:00-noon
Paint a Pennsylvania German Box
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Reservation required. Fee.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

March 11, noon-5:00 p.m.
Charter Day, Landis Valley Farm Museum
2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
March 13, 6:30 p.m.
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

March 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
**Pennsylvania German Dialect and Conversation Group**
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center Pennsburg, Pa.
Join members of the Pennsylvania German community to listen and talk about various subjects in Deitsch. Conversation-group meetings are open to the public. The SLHC provides coffee and tea for all participants. Join the conversation! No RSVP required.

March 15, 6:30 p.m.*
**Grund Sau No. 14, Fersommling No. 50**
Lower Milford Fire Company

March 15, 7:00 p.m.*
**Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group**
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

March 17, 9:00-noon
**Fraktur Class**
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Reservation required. Fee.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

March 17, 1:00 p.m.*
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

March 19, 7:00 p.m.
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

March 20, 7:00 p.m.
**How Northumberland County Townships Were Named**, Scott Heintzelman, speaker
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773
March 21, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

March 22-May 24, Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beginner Pennsylvania German Dialect Classes
Alice L. Spayd, instructor; advance registration required. Fee
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; dsiegrist@lmhs.org

March 22, 7:00 p.m.
Armstrong Valley Winery
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

March 24-25, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
9th Annual Reading-Berks Chapter, Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsman, Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival
80+ master traditional folk-art and contemporary craftsmen and fine artists showcase juried crafts and artwork; senior art and craft students from Kutztown University will display and sell their work; includes wood carving, scherenschnitte, metalwork, theorem and folk-art painting, redware pottery, fiber work, stained glass, rug hooking, jewelry, and more; live music, café. Adults, fee; children 12 and under, free; ample parking.
Hosted in partnership with the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown Keystone Hall.
Phone: (610) 678-6650; e-mail: spring_show@rbcrafts.org

March 26, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 13, Fersommling No 50

March 28, 7:30 p.m.
Women of the Civil War: Clothing, Culture, and Contributions
Janice Grove and Lynette Miller, speakers.
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, Ephrata, Pa.
Phone: (717) 733-1616; e-mail: cjmarquet@gmail.com

March 30, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 10, Fersommling No. 57
Fire Company, Polk Township, Pa.

March 30, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 5, Fersommling No. 65
Masonic Lodge, Pine Grove, Pa.

**March 31, 6:00 p.m.**
**Annual Banquet, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society**
“The Early Church on Killing,” by author Ron Sider
Weaver Banquet Facility, Adamstown, Pa. Reservations required.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; dsiegrist@lmhs.org

**March 31, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
**Easter on the Farm**
Program featuring Pennsylvania German Easter customs and traditions. Artisans will demonstrate in farmhouse. Activities for everyone. Free admission and parking.
Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, 13 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, Pa.
Phone: (484) 646-4172; e-mail: heritage@kutztown.edu

**April**

**April 2, 2:00 p.m.**
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

**April 6, 10:00 a.m.**
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**April 9, 6:30 p.m.*
**Baerricks Kounty Fersommling No. 73**
Market Hall, Leesport, Pa.

**April 10, 6:30 p.m.**
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

**April 13, 6:30 p.m.*
**Grund Sau No. 8, Fersommling No. 59**
Smitty’s Social Hall, Ashfield, Pa.

**April 13, 6:30-8:30**
**Auction of Rare, Out-of-Print, and Used Books**
Guidelines and catalogs available by subscription or at www.lmhs.org.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745
April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

April 17, 7:00 p.m.
The Zeigler/Ziegler Family of Northumberland County, Shirley Silvick, speaker
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

April 18, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

April 19, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Conversation Group
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center Pennsburg, Pa.
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April 19, 7:00 p.m.*
Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

April 20, 5:00 p.m.*
Unner Mahanoy un Nochberschaft 68th Fersommling
Kevin’s Place, Lykens, Pa.
Phone: (570) 648-4095

April 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Annual Lancaster Family History Conference
Deep Roots: Using DNA to Unlock Your Family’s Ancient Past
Keynote speaker: Darvin L. Martin, scientist
Concurrent workshops and tours.
A Lancaster Roots 2012 event. Pre-registration required
Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: perb@lmhs.org

April 21, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
April 24, 6:30 p.m.*
Upper Perkiomen Ladies No. 7, Banquet No. 28

April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Limekilns of Lancaster County
Kenneth G. Miller, speaker
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, Ephrata, Pa.
Phone: (717) 733-1616; e-mail: cjmarquet@gmail.com

April 26, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 7, Fersommling No. 61

April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Beekeeping
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

April 27, 6:47 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 12, Fersommling No. 53
Haag’s Hotel, Shartlesville, Pa.

May

May 4, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

May 5, 6:00 p.m.*
Huffa Karrich Fersommling No. 17
Fire Company, Seisholtzville, Pa.

May 7, 2:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

May 7, 7:00 p.m.
Music in Worship among Five Anabaptist Groups
Learn about five distinct musical traditions from members of Old Order Amish, Old Order River Brethren and Weaverland, Groffdale and Lancaster Mennonite Conferences
Sponsored by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Free.
Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center, Martindale, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

May 8, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

May 11, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Herb and Garden Faire, Heirloom Seed Project
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401

May 12, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Telling Your Life Story Class
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Reservation required. Fee.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

May 12, 9:00 a.m.*
Nicholas Stoltzfus Home Benefit Auction
1700 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, Pa.

May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Tour of Stone Valley (Zion) Cemetery, Hickory Corners, Northumberland County, Pa.
Judge William H. Wiest, guide
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Stone Valley Church Cemetery, Hickory Corners, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

May 16, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

May 17, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group Versammling
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

May 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Conversation Group
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center Pennsburg, Pa.
Join members of the Pennsylvania German community to listen and talk about various subjects in Deitsch. The SLHC provides coffee and tea for all participants. Join the conversation! No R.S.V.P. required.

May 19-20 and 26-27, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Farm Animal Frolic
Quiet Valley Living Farm Museum, 347 Quiet Valley Road, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Phone: (570) 992-6161; e-mail: farm@quietvalley.org

May 19, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

May 21, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

May 23, 7:30 p.m.
Weavers and Their Trade
Alan S. Keyser, speaker
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
Ephrata Public Library, 550 South Reading Road, Ephrata, Pa.
Phone: (717) 733-1616; e-mail: cjmarquet@gmail.com

May 26-28, Memorial Day Weekend
Civil War Memorial Weekend to Honor Local Civil War Veterans
Gratz Historical Society
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

June

June 1, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

June 2
Pennsylvania German Society, 122nd Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Frakturfest III, Huff’s Church, Alburtis, Pa.
Phone: (717) 597-7940; e-mail: pgs@innernet.net
June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
**Auction of Rare, Out-of-Print, and Used Books**
Guidelines and catalogs available by subscription or at www.lmhs.org.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745

June 9, 8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m.
**Field Trip: Three Histories of Lancaster County**
Tour leaves from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Fee. Reservation required.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

June 12, 6:30 p.m.
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

June 16, 8:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.
**Field Trip: Amish Businesses without Electricity**
Tour leaves from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Fee. Reservation required.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

June 16, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.
**Blacksmithing Class**
1719 Herr House, Willow Street, Pa.
Fee. Reservation required.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director @hansherr.org

June 16, 1:00 p.m.*
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

June 19, 7:00 p.m.
**Tour of Dalmatia Fire Company Building**
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Dalmatia Firehouse, Middle Road, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

June 19-22, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
**Summer Institute, Landis Valley Farm Museum**
Choose from a variety of traditional craft classes.
2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401
June 20, 10:30 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society Picnic
Williamson Lodge, Womelsdorf, Pa.

June 21, 7:00 p.m. *
Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

June 23, 6:00 p.m.
Music in the Orchard
Folk trio Mandalele and local singer-songwriter Jessica Smucker
1719 Herr House, Willow Street, Pa.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

June 23, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*
Cherry Fair
Historic Schaefferstown Farm, Schaefferstown, Pa.

June 28, 7:00
The One-Room Schoolhouse
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Kessler’s One-Room School, Erdman, Pa.
Fee. Reservation required.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

June 30-July 5, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Kutztown Folk Festival
Exhibits by about 200 of America’s finest traditional craftsmen; food, music, and folk life; fun for all ages
Kutztown Fairgrounds, Kutztown, Pa.
http://www.kutztownfestival.com

July

July 6, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

July 10, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511
July 14, 8:00 a.m.-noon.
**Field Trip: 300th Anniversary of the Ferree-LeFevre Huguenot Settlement**
Tour leaves from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Fee. Reservation required.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

July 15, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
**Hessian Heritage Day**
Find out how to document Hessian ancestors, and meet descendants of other Hessian soldiers
Johannes Schwalm Historical Association
Valley View Park, Valley View, Schuylkill County, Pa.
Phone: (570) 648-4095

July 17, 7:00 p.m.
**Collecting Postcards**, Catherine Keiffer, speaker
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

July 21, 1:00 p.m.*
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

July 26, 7:00 p.m.
**35th Anniversary of First Meeting of Gratz Historical Society, July 21 1977**
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

July 28-29, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
**Civil War Days**
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401

**August**

August 3, 10:00 a.m.
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

August 10, 12:00-8:00 p.m., **August 11, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**
**Goschenhoppen Folk Festival**
Family oriented day of old-fashioned (1750-1900) foods and Pennsylvania Dutch meals; 500+ skilled and apprentice craftsmen giving live demonstrations of more than 150 skills of the 18th and 19th centuries. Exhibitors are dressed in authentic period costumes of the periods and use authentic tools to recreate traditional home skills, trades, pastimes, foods, and folk music. Stage programs and lectures are scholarly and entertaining, serious and humorous, in the dialect and in English. Adults and children (6-12), fee. No pets. Henry Antes Plantation, 318 Colonial Road, Frederick, Pa. Phone: (215) 679-9109 or (610) 754-9238; Web site: http://www.goschenhoppen.org/festival.htm

**August 11, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
**Storytelling Day**
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401

**August 11, 6:30 p.m.**
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

**August 15-17, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**
**August 18, 9:00-4:00 p.m.**
**Annual Bookworm Frolic**
40,000+ categorized, used books for sale; rain or shine.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

**August 18, 1:00 p.m.*
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

**August 18, 4:00-9:00 p.m.*
**Deitsch Piknik, Walt Groller**
Huff’s Church, Berks County, Pa.

**August 21, 7:00 p.m.**
**Historic Walking Tour of Dalmatia**
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

**August 22, 7:30 p.m.**
**Harry Franklin Stauffer, Printer and Tinker of Farmersville, West Earl Twp., Lancaster County, Pa.,**
**Clarence E. Spohn, speaker**
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley
August 23, 6:00 p.m.
**Annual Society Picnic**
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

August 27, 7:00 a.m.-noon
**Heritage Trail Bike Ride and Walk**
Bike from eastern edge of Lancaster County to Willow Street, or walk the length of the original Pequea settlement (from Strasburg to Willow Street); follow path that early settlers walked through Lancaster County, Pa.; enjoy refreshments at journey’s end at 1719 Herr House, 1749 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street, Pa.; fundraiser for reconstruction of Native American longhouse on 1719 Herr House grounds; a Lancaster Roots 2012 event. Fee.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

September

September 3, 2:00 p.m.
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

September 7, 10:00 a.m.
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

September 8, Dinner, 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.; play, 2:15 and 6:15 p.m.*
**Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner Theater**
Huff’s Church, Berks County, Pa.

September 8, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.
**Blacksmithing Class**
1719 Herr House, Willow Street, Pa.
Fee. Reservation required.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

September 8, 5:00 p.m.
**Community Hymn Sing**
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org
September 9, 2:30 p.m.*
Dialect Service
Little Tulpehocken Church, Bernville, Pa.

September 10, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Storytelling Night
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs

September 11, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

September 13-October 18, Thursdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.*
Six-Week Pennsylvania German Dialect Class
N. Daniel Schwalm, teacher
Salem Church, Ridge Road, Rough-and-Ready (near Klingerstown), Pa.
Phone: (570) 648-4095

September 13-November 15, Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beginner Pennsylvania German Dialect Classes
Keith Reigart, instructor; advance registration required; fee.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; lmhs@lmhs.org

September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Auction of Rare, Out-of-Print, and Used Books
Guidelines and catalogs available by subscription or at www.lmhs.org
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745

September 15, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Pequea Settlement Historic Driving Tour
Starting at the 1719 Herr House in Willow Street, Pa., drive, ride, or walk between historic sites in Lancaster County’s first settlement.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

September 15, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960
September 15-16, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*
Fall Harvest Fair
Historic Schaefferstown Farm, Schaefferstown, Pa.

September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

September 18, 7:00 p.m.
Program To Be Announced
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

September 19, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

September 20, 7:00 p.m.*
Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

September 21, 6:43 p.m.
Heidelberg Fersommling No. 30
Fire Company, Mount Zion, Pa.

September 22, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Heritage Harvest Fescht
Experience Pennsylvania German music, food, crafts, and farm activities at a family-friendly event. Local artisans will demonstrate crafts and display their art. Demonstrations will occur daily in the farmhouse museum and at different locations on the complex. Historical farmhouse will be open for tours as well as other buildings, such as the summer house, the bank barn, and one of the log houses. Inside the log home will be a carpenter’s tool exhibit.
Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, 13 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 683-1330

September 26, 6:30 p.m.*
Die Grossdaadi Grundsow Lodge No. 26
Kutztown Grange Hall, Kutztown, Pa.

September 27, 7:00
Old Mill at Specktown
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
September 29, Service, 2:30 p.m., Supper, 4:00-7:30 p.m.*
**Dialect Service / Turkey and Waffle Supper**
Salem (Bellemann’s) Church, Mohrsville, Pa.

October

**October 1,** 2:00 p.m.
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

**October 5,** 10:00 a.m.
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**October 6***
**German American Day**

**October 6,** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
**Snitz Fest**
Lancaster County’s beloved festival of Pennsylvania German foods and crafts. Celebrate the cultural heritage of the Pennsylvania Germans in this community event featuring costumed interpreters demonstrating colonial-era arts, crafts, and farming; includes hands-on activities and traditional foods; a Lancaster Roots 2012 event.
1719 Herr House, Willow Street, Pa.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

**October 6,** 5:00 p.m.*
**West Berks County Fersommling No. 33**
Saint Paul’s United Church of Christ, Robesonia, Pa.

**October 6-7,** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
**Harvest Festival**
Quiet Valley Living Farm Museum, 347 Quiet Valley Road, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Phone: (570) 992-6161; e-mail: farm@quietvalley.org

**October 7,** 12:00-4:00 p.m.*
**Berks County Heritage Days, Pennsylvania German Day**
Berks County Heritage Center, 1102 Red Bridge Road, Reading, Pa.
Phone: (610) 374-8839
October 9, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511

October 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Auction of Rare, Out-of-Print, and Used Books
Guidelines and catalogs available by subscription or at www.lmhs.org
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745

October 13, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Featherstitching Class
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Reservation required; fee.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

October 13-14, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Harvest Days Festival
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401

October 13, 6:00 p.m.*
Ono Deitsch Fersommling No. 60
Fire Company, Ono, Pa.

October 14, 2:30 p.m.*
Dialect Service
Altalaha Lutheran Church, Rehrersburg, Pa.

October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

October 16, 7:00 p.m.
Program To Be Announced
Mahany and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

October 18, 7:00 p.m.*
Pennsilaanisch Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

October 20, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

October 20, 6:30 p.m.*
Grund Sau No. 15, Monsleit un Weibsleit No. 27
Kutztown, Pa.

October 25, 7:00
Topic To Be Announced
Gratz Historical Society Meeting
Historical Society headquarters, Main Street, Gratz, Pa.
www.gratzpa.org; e-mail: society@gratzpa.org

November

November 2, 10:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania German Hour
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

November 4, 2:30 p.m.*
Dialect Service
Weisenberg Lutheran Church, New Tripoli, Pa.

November 5, 2:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Christianity and the Native American Religious Experience
Linford Fisher, assistant professor of history at Brown University
Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville, Pa.
Sponsored by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society; free.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

November 13, 6:30 p.m.
Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German dialect Conversation Group
Matthews Library, Main Street at the Square, Fredericksburg, Pa.
Phone: (717) 933-5511
November 15, 7:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Deitsch Friend Group
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.
Phone: (610) 264-2979

November 17, 1:00 p.m.*
Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.
Phone: (717) 764-0960

November 17-December 29, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Annual Pennsylvania German Folk Art Exhibit and Sale
Show and sale of reproduction Pennsylvania German folk art, including hooked rugs, wood-carving, traditional fiber arts, scherenschnitte, trade signs, painted boxes, quilts, Sunday rugs, braided rugs, saffron boxes, fraktur, theorem painting, redware, and blue stoneware. Free admission. Opening reception: Friday, November 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

November 18, 2:30 p.m.*
Dialect Service
Saint Paul’s Lutheran (Smoke) Church, Hamburg, Pa.

November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

November 22, 7:00 p.m.
Bird Migrations, Bill Baker, speaker
Mahanoy and Mahantongo Historical Preservation Society
Trinity United Church of Christ, Pa. Route 147, Dalmatia, Pa.
Phone: (570) 758-8773

November 21, 8:00 a.m.*
Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

December

December 1, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Field Trip: Winterthur and Longwood Gardens
Tour leaves from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Fee. Reservation required.
Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 393-9745; e-mail: lmhs@lmhs.org

December 1, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
December 2, noon-4:00 p.m.
**Country Christmas Village**
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa.
Phone: (717) 569-0401

**December 1-2 and 8-9, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Old Time Christmas**
Quiet Valley Living Farm Museum, 347 Quiet Valley Road, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Phone: (570) 992-6161; e-mail: farm@quietvalley.org

December 3, 2:00 p.m.
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.
Phone: (610) 641-0690

December 6-7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
December 8, 5:00-8:30 p.m.
**Christmas Candlelight Tours**
1719 Herr House Museum, 1749 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street, Pa. Tickets required.
Phone: (717) 464-4438; e-mail: director@hansherr.org

December 7, 10:00 a.m.
**Pennsylvania German Hour**
Comcast Cable, BCTV (can be viewed at www.BCTV.org)
Replays Saturday at 9:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

December 8, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
**Christmas on the Farm**
Share holiday traditions of the Pennsylvania Germans. The Belsnickel will visit, and carolers will roam the farm singing Christmas carols in the dialect. For the kids, farm animals and farm equipment demonstrations will be in the barn. The Old-Time Plow Boys will have their kitchen open for a warm bite to eat. Craftsmen from the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen will sell their wares and demonstrate. Free admission.
Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, 13 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, Pa.
Phone: (484) 646-4172; e-mail: heritage@kutztown.edu

December 11, 6:30 p.m.
**Fredericksburg Pennsylvania German Dialect Conversation Group**
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December 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Phone: (717) 393-9745

**December 14, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**  
**Holiday Bonfire at Landis Valley**  
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa. Free.  
Phone: (717) 569-0401

**December 15, 1:00 p.m.*  
**Pennsylvania Dutch Heritage Group**  
Providence Place, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, Pa.  
Phone: (717) 764-0960

**December 17, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Oley Valley Pennsylvania Dutch Club**  
Frieden’s United Church of Christ, Main Street, Oley, Pa.  
Phone: (610) 641-0690

**December 19, 8:00 a.m.*  
**Pennsylvania German Dialect and Kultur Society**  
Risser’s Restaurant, Stouchsburg, Pa.

**December 20, 7:00 p.m.*  
**Pennsilaanisch Deitsch Friend Group**  
Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church, 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, Pa.  
Phone: (610) 264-2979

**December 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Old-Fashioned Children’s Christmas**  
Landis Valley Farm Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster, Pa. Free.  
Phone: (717) 569-0401