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THANK YOU TO OUR Festival Committee & Volunteers!

Without you, there wouldn't be a Buffalo German Fest! Countless hours of planning and organizing goes into hosting an event like this and we appreciate every single one of you! Doesn't matter if you sold tickets, poured beer, peeled potatoes, set up tables/chairs, or helped clean up the event, the list was long and you helped make our 42nd Buffalo German Fest extra special!

And An Extra Special Thank You To
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Support Of The Buffalo German Fest!

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 2026 Buffalo German Festival! The Federation of German-American Societies of Buffalo & Vicinity is excited to be celebrating another year of Gemütlichkeit and German American heritage with all of you. Although German American Festivals were prevalent in WNY for many decades before, the current iteration of this Buffalo German Fest can be traced back to 1982, where it first took place in Schiller Park on the East Side of Buffalo, close to the border with Cheektowaga. At the time, the area still had a robust German population and heritage. By 1994 the Buffalo German Fest had moved to Cheektowaga Town Park and took advantage of the wonderful pavilion and festival grounds we still enjoy today.

The Buffalo German Fest holds a special place for me, as it was 12 years ago, I attended my first event. Driven by a passion for family history and genealogy, along with a general interest in history and the German culture, I quickly became a member of one of the Federation's member organizations, The Spring Garden Association, and that led to being directly involved with the Federation of German American Societies of Buffalo. I can say without hesitation, the current leadership of the Federation is committed to continue the hard work, dedication, and passion of those before us, and to continue to promote and celebrate the German-American heritage and culture of WNY.

Please enjoy our 42nd celebration. I hope you have as much fun celebrating it as we did planning it!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Chris Krueger

President, Federation of German-American Societies of Buffalo & Vicinity

Ein Prosit, ein Prosit

A toast, a toast

Der Gemütlichkeit.

To cheer and good times

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To cheer and good times

Oans Zwoa Drei! G'Suffa! One Two Three! Drink up!



Buffalo German Fest Schedule

Kick Off Celebration!

Friday, August 28, 2026

Gates open 5:00PM—10:00PM



Imbiss/Kitchen open 5:00PM—9:00PM

Imbiss & Bar accepts food & beverage tickets

Dan Wilke The German Organ Grinder

5PM to 6PM & during band breaks until 9PM throughout the festival

Opening Ceremony 6:00PM

Color Guard provided by American Legion Post #735

****Special Keg Tapping Event****

Sponsored by Briar Brothers Brewery

Music by The Bergholz German Band

6:00PM—10:00PM

Under the Fest Pavilion sponsored by Robert Basil Buick/GMC/Cadillac

Stein Hoist Competition 7:00PM

Sponsored by Hofbräuhaus Buffalo

Men & Women Competition

\$20 entrance fee—Register at Merchandise table

Waltz Competition 8:00PM

Imbiss & Marktplatz Tent—shop at over 20 vendors

HeritageBurg—visit over 10 cultural & history tables

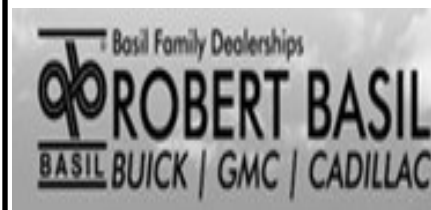
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Knöggle—the nail striking game located by bar

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Family Fun Day Celebration!

Saturday, August 29th Gates open 12:00PM—9:00PM

European Car & Motorcycle Corral 12:00PM– 3:00PM

Imbiss/Kitchen open 12:00PM—8:00PM

Imbiss & Bar accepts food & beverage tickets

Dan Wilke The German Organ Grinder

12PM to 1PM & during band breaks until 8PM throughout the festival

Kinder (Kid's) Tent 1:00PM—6:00PM (Gray Tent)

Free Face Painting 1:00PM—4:00PM

Crafts, Games & More for the Kinder! Thank you Cheektowaga Y.E.S.

Music by The Polka Boyz 1:00PM—4:00PM

Under the Fest Pavilion sponsored by Robert Basil Buick/GMC/Cadillac

Special Opening Ceremony 1:00PM

Color Guard provided by American Legion Post #735

S.G.T.V. Edelweiss Buffalo Dancers 3PM, 4:15PM, 6PM

****Special Presentation of The German of the Year &**

Keg Tapping Event 4:30PM**

Sponsored by Eli Fish Brewery

Music by German-American Musicians 5:00PM—9:00PM

Other Special Contests & Knöggle (located by bar)

Sauerkraut Eating Contest 2:30PM Hummel Look-Alike Contest 4:00PM

Waltz Competition 5:45PM Yodel Competition 8:00PM

Stein Hoist Competition 7:00PM Sponsored by Hofbräuhaus Buffalo

Men & Women Competition

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Located at the Amphitheater

Imbiss Stand Menu (Snack Stand)

Purchase with Food & Beverage Tickets

\$1.00 per ticket

Open Friday 5:00PM-9:00PM, Saturday 12:00PM-8:00PM

Dinner Platter.....	17 Tixs
(2 sausages, sauerkraut, German potato salad, rye bread)	
Kid's Meal.....	5 Tixs
(Hot dog, bag of potato chips, capri sun, treat)	
Bratwurst w/ Sauerkraut.....	7 Tixs
Swiss Cheese Knackers w/ Sauerkraut.....	7 Tixs
Leberkäse w/ Rye Bread.....	7 Tixs
Limburger on Rye Bread.....	7 Tixs
Hotdog.....	4 Tixs
German Potato Salad.....	5 Tixs
Sauerkraut	4 Tixs
Pretzel w/ Mustard.....	5 Tixs
Pickle.....	1 Tix
23 oz Bottle Water.....	3 Tixs
20 oz Bottle of Pop.....	3 Tixs
Capri Sun.....	1 Tix
Coffee (Buy the cup, free refills).....	1 Tix

****Lanjäger and pretzel snacks sold at the bar****

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Are you a jokester? Do you seek more music, art, and friendship in your life? Escape the mundane at Schlaraffia Bisionia Buffalo German Club! It's your turn to journey to the land of milk and honey, where we are knights, apprentices, squires, artists, musicians, and storytellers at our men's group in a wooden castle at 74 Lasalle Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214. You can even learn and practice German along the way. We meet every second, third, and fourth Wednesday of the month from October to April at 6:30 PM; business casual is required. Contact Jack Oshei at 716-391-7489 or email johnoshei100@gmail.com with questions about our fun!



Weis Vineyards (Saturday by Bar)

2026 NYS Winery of the Year!

This vendor will NOT be accepting festival food/beverage tickets

Weis Vineyards will be selling their German-style Finger Lake Wines by the glass to drink at the festival and by the bottle to enjoy at home! Selections include:

Dry Riesling, Grüner Veltliner, Gewürztraminer, Semi Dry Riesling, Blaufränkisch, Schulhaus Red

Buffalo German Fest Bar Menu:

Purchase with Food & Beverage Tickets \$1.00 per ticket

Warsteiner Oktoberfest, Warsteiner Pilsner, Warsteiner Dunkel, Koenig Ludvig Weissbier

6oz Cup.....7 Tixs 32oz Cup.....11 Tixs

Miller Lite

16oz Cup.....5 Tixs 32oz Cup.....8 Tixs

Other Bar Menu Items:

Landjäger (2 sticks).....5 Tixs
Pretzel w/ Mustard.....5 Tixs
6oz Cup of Wine (Semi-Sweet Riesling/Blaufränkisch).....6 Tixs
Clarksburg Semi-Sweet Hard Cider Can.....5 Tixs
Surfside Vodka Flavored Drinks.....5 Tixs
Sierra Nevada NA Can.....4 Tixs
23oz Bottle Water.....3 Tixs
20oz Bottle Pepsi, Diet or Sprite.....3 Tixs

Marktplatz Tent, Lawn Area, Bar Tent

4 Kings Distillery (Sat. only)

Free tastings, vodka slushies, bottles of spirits

The Art Wax Werke & House on Hill Cookie Molds

German wax ornaments, decorative wall plaques, House on the Hill Cookie Molds

Bavarian Nut Company (lawn)

Candied nut varieties

Berry Haus

Interactive Bienenstich Cake

Catering by Marjorie

Black Forest, drunkle, German Chocolate, hazelnusse, Hungarian harvest, Mick Jager Meister, molasses, pfeffernusse, Old Vienna, big chocolate chip & sugar

The Cereal Spot (lawn)

Milkshakes, cereal tacos, sundaes

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Elador Rose Gift Boutique

Handmade German earrings, signs, candy; Bills items, beer candy, German shirts, German seashell decor, charged hand fans, pretzel & beer mugs

Festival Merchandise Table

(under pavilion by ticket tables)

Event t-shirts, & other festival merchandise

Garlands Galaur

5.5 ft garlands celebrating holidays, Buffalo Bills & German-themed

German-American Musicians

German steins, hat pins, shirts, novelties

Glass Menagerie

Glass items. Make your own keychains & nightlights

****verified list of vendors at time of printing****

*****Vendors DO NOT accept fest food/beverage tickets*****

Helmut Strudel of WNY

Apple, cheese, cherry or apricot almond strudel, vegetable puffs (leeks & parmesan or spinach & feta), strawberry turnover, Danish, Austrian twist (cinnamon or butter rum)

JimTear Lemonade (lawn)

Fresh squeezed lemonade, limeades, iced tea, dirty sodas, coffee and lattes

Old Scotland Rd Distillery (Fri.)

Free tastings, whiskey, moonshine, Krupnik, cream liqueurs

Outback Kettle Korn (lawn)

Kettle korn

Rayser Creations

Custom and premade laser engraved gifts. Cutting boards, trivets, coasters and signs

Saved by Grace Botanicals

All natural products. Pain rubs, magnesium spray, nasal sticks, lip balms, moisturizers

The Shabby Chic Garden

Nutcrackers, smokers, hat pins, German table cloths, trinkets, wooden signs, jewelry

Swede Hill Garden & Gifts

Wooden welcome signs, Bills décor, wooden flags, coasters, dreams catchers, hot plates, freeze dried candy

Sweet Impressions

Springerle, Gingerbread & Spekulatius

Taylor Made Crowns

Flower crowns and fashion hair accessories

Touchstone Crystal

Jewelry—a Swarovski Company

Vintage Linens & Things

Linens, tablecloths, dolls from Germany, German mugs, ceramics, kids toys

Weis Vineyards (Bar Tent—Sat.)

Glasses of wine at fest, bottles for home

Matthew C. Collard

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Jaehrliche Weihnachtsmesse



Annual Christmas Mass

St. Louis Church

Main and Edwards Streets

Downtown Buffalo

**Sunday, November 29,
2026**

10:30 Traditional Carols

11:00am Mass

Reception to follow
in Church Hall

R.S.V.P required for
reception

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HeritageBurg (Amphitheater)

Bergholz Blaskapelle

Information table

**Buffalo Dortmund Sister City Committee with
Student Exchange & Borussia**

Information table

Buffalo Standard Printing Publisher of German Citizen Newspaper

Newspaper serving Upstate New York

The Concordia Foundation

Information table

Das Haus Historical Society of North German Settlements

Information table

Echoes Through Time Historical Press—Civil War

Information table & historical books

European Train Enthusiasts

Model train display. Come help build and see the German Candy Train Cars

**The Federation of German-American Societies of
Buffalo & Vicinity, Inc. & Learn About Germany**

Information table

German Genealogy

Information table, find out about your heritage

The Mount Calvary Heritage Foundation German French Cemetery

Information table

Stories of Swormville—A Historical Novel of German Immigrants

A historical novel by Peggy Wiltberger, of German Immigrants in their mid 19th century emigration from Germany to their settlement in a small farming community in WNY

****verified list of vendors/cultural tables at time of printing****

Family Day at Historic Concordia Cemetery

Join us for a fun-filled Family Day at Historic Concordia Cemetery!

Saturday, September 19th 10:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
438 Walden Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211



Bring the whole family and enjoy:

- Picnic at the Cemetery featuring a Hot Dog BBQ
- Kids' Scavenger Hunt
- Plant Sale
- Basket Raffle

Spend the day exploring Buffalo's history while enjoying free family-friendly activities, great food, and community fun.



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Bergholz Blaskapelle

The origins of the Bergholz Blaskapelle date back to 1843, when German immigrants in WNY formed a small brass ensemble to preserve the music of their homeland. These settlers, many of them farmers and craftsmen, brought with them a love for Blasmusik—the traditional brass music of Bavaria and the Rhineland.

The first musicians played at church services, weddings, harvest festivals, and community gatherings. Often performing by lantern light in barns or simple halls, they relied on handmade or passed-down instruments. Music became the heartbeat of the community, a source of pride and connection to their German roots in a new land. The band's musical style captured the true essence of a Bavarian Blaskapelle.



During this period, the band began touring extensively across the United States. They performed in iconic venues such as Rosie O'Grady's Church Street Station in Orlando, Florida, entertained crowds in Balboa Park, San Diego for the San Diego Symphony Oktoberfest, and even played in Hawaii.

The ensemble's musical scores were often sourced directly from Germany, ensuring authenticity. Many members hailed from Bergholz itself—a tiny hamlet settled by German ancestors in 1872—where even today, many streets bear the same family names as the musicians.

The band's dedication to cultural preservation led to several excursions to Germany, including performances in Munich's world-famous Hofbräuhaus, the mecca of German music. This international recognition was a defining moment, connecting the Bergholz musicians directly to the roots of Bavarian Blasmusik.

Today, the Bergholz Blaskapelle thrives as a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization, comprised of about 30 talented musicians. They continue to perform extensively across Western New York at concerts, parades, Oktoberfest celebrations, and cultural events, carrying on over 180 years of tradition.

The group proudly maintains authentic Bavarian attire, rich German brass harmonies, and the spirit of Gemütlichkeit—warmth, friendliness, and good cheer—that defines true Oktoberfest music. All funds earned are reinvested into instruments, uniforms, sheet music, and educational outreach, ensuring the next generation can inherit this unique cultural treasure.

From lantern-lit barns in 1843 to international stages and modern-day festivals, the Bergholz German Band has carried forth a legacy of music, heritage, and fellowship that continues to unite audiences with the joyful sound of Bavarian brass.

Buffalo Dortmund Sister City Committee

The enduring sister city relationship between Buffalo, New York, and Dortmund, Germany, began in 1972. Official delegations from both cities exchanged visits between 1974 and 1976, laying the groundwork for the formal partnership established on July 4, 1977, in Dortmund.

Rooted in a shared industrial heritage—particularly in steel production—Buffalo and Dortmund also boast a mutual love for football, distinctive beer cultures, and dynamic urban environments that reflect how their industrial pasts have been thoughtfully woven into modern life.

Today, both cities are recognized for their diverse, multicultural communities, thriving start-up ecosystems, and entrepreneurial spirit. Their vibrant music and arts scenes further highlight a rich tapestry of cultural expression and creativity.

A highlight of the partnership is the annual homestay program, where high school students from Dortmund travel to Buffalo from August through December. This exchange has connected generations of families and deepened the bond between the two cities.

Through cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and enduring friendship, the Buffalo—Dortmund sister city relationship continues to grow and inspire meaningful connections across borders. John Kleinmann, President

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2026 EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

FRI 18 9PM-MIDNIGHT *COLD BEER CREEK *PRE-GAME!*
SAT 19 5:30-8:30PM BERGHOLZ GERMAN BAND *KICK OFF!*
SAT 19 9PM-MIDNIGHT LATE NIGHT DJ
SUN 20 11AM-2PM "BAVARIAN BRUNCH" DAS HAUS DUO
WED 23 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND
FRI 25 4:30-7:30PM DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 25 *9-MIDNIGHT "COUNTRY NIGHT" NOAH AND THE STETSONS
SAT 26 5:30-8:30PM "OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION" WITH SCTV
SAT 26 9PM-MIDNIGHT LATE NIGHT DJ
WED 30 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND

WED 14 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND
THU 15 5:30-8:30PM "PROST" ALL AGES BINGO WITH DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 16 4:30-7:30PM DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 16 *LATE NIGHT BAND TBD
SAT 17 5:30-8:30PM PARKSIDE BRASS
SAT 17 9PM-MIDNIGHT LATE NIGHT DJ
SUN 18 11AM-2PM "BAVARIAN BRUNCH" DAS HAUS DUO
WED 21 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND
FRI 23 4-7PM DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 23 *9PM-MIDNIGHT NINETIES BY NATURE
SAT 24 5:30-8:30PM DIE HAUS BAND
SAT 24 9PM-MIDNIGHT DJ LATE NIGHT
SUN 25 11-2, MAGICIAN AT 1 KIDS HALLOWEEN BRUNCH
WED 28 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND
FRI 30 5:30-8:30PM DAS HAUS DUO
SAT 31 4-7PM DAS HAUS DUO
SAT 31 *HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH XOXO POP BAND

*COVER CHARGE AT THE DOOR



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OCTOBER

THU 1 5:30-8:30PM "PROST" ALL AGES BINGO WITH DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 2 4-7PM DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 2 *8PM-MIDNIGHT "EL SCORCHO & THE STRICTLY HIP"
SAT 3 5:30-8:30PM "GERMAN AMERICAN MUSICIANS"
SAT 3 9PM-MIDNIGHT LATE NIGHT DJ
WED 7 7-9PM WING NIGHT + OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MICHAEL HUND
THU 8 5:30-8:30PM "FEST BIER" TAPPING HONORARY BURGERMEISTER - "EDDY TABONE OF NERDS GONE WILD" + DIE HAUS BAND + GERMAN DANCE LESSONS
FRI 9 4:30-7:30PM DIE HAUS BAND
FRI 9 *LATE NIGHT BAND TBD
SAT 10 5:30-8:30PM DIE HAUS BAND
SAT 10 9PM-MIDNIGHT LATE NIGHT DJ

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Buffalo Schwaben Chor

From our humble beginning in 1880 with 46 German immigrants, the Buffalo Schwaben Chor has continued to thrive as one of the few, ethnic signing groups in the Western New York area. Our primary purpose is to promote interest in German and American culture with music and song. Our first spring and fall concerts were held in 1885. Many years later we celebrated our 50th concert at the former Elmwood Music Hall. That same year the concert was broadcast on Buffalo's newly established WBEN radio station.

Over the years the chorus has enjoyed two extensive concert tours of Germany and has performed at numerous venues throughout Western New York. We've been delighted to be a guest chorus at Youngstown, OH, Pittsburgh, PA, Midland, Ontario and Toledo, OH. For many years we provided music for a German mass to benefit St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church and Shrine which was formed by German immigrants.

We are a group of friends who enjoy singing, laughing, spending time with one another and performing in both German and English. If you'd like to join us at a rehearsal, please contact Christel Kasprzak at cmkasprzak@yahoo.com

Concordia Foundation Inc.

Formed in 1859, Concordia Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Western New York and one of only 4 that still remain in the City of Buffalo. The historic cemetery is listed on both the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places and its buildings are designated Buffalo Landmarks.

Originally it was founded by three German Protestant churches to be shared as their burial ground: the term "concordia" means harmony, and is a reference to the coming together of the 3 congregations to share this property.

Encompassing 15 acres, the cemetery is the final resting place for thousands of early residents of Buffalo, including over 500 war veterans. There are over 21,000 people of all ethnic backgrounds, cultures and religions reflecting this area's vast diversity at rest here. This includes thousands of Black Americans who came to WNY during the Great Migration.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, this historic site was saved from abandonment in 2003 and relies on donations and grants. The Concordia Foundation, Inc. is a 501-C3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. To learn more about us, please visit our website ConcordiaBuffalo.org and follow us on Facebook at *Friends of Concordia Cemetery*.

Contact us at Concordia1859@gmail.com



German-American Musicians Association, Inc.

The German-American Musicians may be known as "Buffalo's BIG German Band," but we are much more than just a band! Founded in 1933, we are now a 45-member 501(c)(3) nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to the cultivation and performance of the traditional music and culture of German-speaking lands.

Our shows feature energetic sets of traditional German waltzes, polkas, marches, folk music, Rheinlanders, modern pop, and more. Our dance squad gets any crowd onto the dance floor, leading them through a variety of fun, simple dances.

We color our performances with historical backstories, geography, and light comedy. We even cart in our Schlagzeug (complete with anvil) and other fun props!

Follow us on Facebook or visit www.buffalogermanband.com for more information!



Hops und Schnapps

The newest German band in Western New York. But despite being new, the members bring decades of knowledge from performing with multiple German groups in Buffalo and Europe. This quintet was formed to be able to play in a true "Biergarten-style"; using acoustic instruments traditional to the setting, the group can perform an afternoon of all authentic music that all ages and backgrounds can enjoy while sipping on beer and talking with friends. But just

because this is their primary style doesn't mean that they aren't just as comfortable performing the more interactive modern pop tunes you hear in the Oktoberfest tents of today to get the audience singing and dancing along. While their calendar is booking up for the year, there is still time to hire them to bring that authentic style to your party. Contact Alan Knowles (716) 208-1458

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Mount Calvary, Buffalo, Pine Lawn, Ridge Lawn, and United German and French. Their mission is to work alongside their partners to leverage Mount Calvary's beauty and history to welcome, engage, and enrich the community. They hope you join them on one of the Explore Buffalo Boos and Spirits:

An Oktoberfest Walking Tour at the United German & French Cemetery to learn more about our rich brewing and malting history! For more info:

<https://explorebuffalo.org/specialty/boos-spirits-oktoberfest/>

Follow Mount Calvary Cemetery on Facebook for a listing of more of their events, or for information on how you can support their fundraising and clean up efforts.

SGTV Edelweiss

Was founded July 7, 1933 by German immigrants who wanted to keep up their Bavarian traditions of music, song, dance, and Tracht (traditional Bavarian attire) for the past 91 years. Our Verein actively participates in the Buffalo area community with performances for local organizations as well as our own functions — Frühlingsfest co-sponsored with Hofbräuhaus Buffalo, Oktoberfest, and co-sponsor Waldfest with the Spring Garden Association. We are a member of Federation of German-American Societies of Western New York. Our Verein (club) is a founding member of Gauverband Nordamerika. This is an umbrella organization for Schuhplattler Vereine in Canada and United States. Under this organization we have hosted 3 Gaufeste which brought in 1500 Trachtler and Trachtlerin (dancers) for each event. This event includes workshops, competition for group and single couple dancers, traditional folk music and dance. It also promotes camaraderie among those in attendance which builds lifelong friendships. If you or your children would like to dance and become members with our Verein, please contact our Vorplattler (dance director) Brandon Harris either via cell phone: 716-710-2669

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Spring Garden Association

A mutual appreciation of the out-of-doors, a desire to share in the peace and beauty of the woods, streams and hills plus the willingness to work and make it all possible is where it began.

In 1938 a group of friends, under the leadership of our first president, Emil Auer, formally requested a Charter from the State of New York. The Charter was granted on April 1, 1938 and the Spring Garden was born. The search began to find a suitable place on which to build the necessary facilities to make Spring Garden a self-supporting enterprise. Finally, our present location was chosen and the reasons are all too obvious for it contained all the things that were deemed necessary to our wellbeing—a stream winds gently through the wooded hills where the beauties of nature have remained as undisturbed as possible. In short, it answered all the requirements that have been sought.

The ground was cleared and leveled in preparation for our picnic hall. It was a stroke of good fortune that we had the talent that was needed to complete the tasks required. A feverish pace was necessary because even though it seemed impossible, a picnic had been planned for that May 30, 1938 only a short time away.

This has been the guiding spirit of the Spring Garden. Never content to rest after one task has been completed but always looking forward to what can be done to improve our Park. From this beginning, we now have one of the finest recreation spots in Western New York that is not only self-sustaining but as modern as is possible.

Preserving and promoting German traditions, culture and heritage for future generations is Spring Garden's on-going mission. For additional information, visit our website at www.springgarden.com



Kid's Tent—Thank You Cheektowaga Y.E.S

Saturday, August 29th from 1:00PM—6:00PM (Located in Gray Tent)

Free Face Painting from 1:00PM—4:00PM

Kids games, and crafts. Make your own Schultüten, Lebkuchenherzen,

Paper Cuckoo cCocks, & Scherenschnitte just to name a few!



The Steuben Society Samuel Helm Unit 144

The Steuben Society of America was founded by patriotic Americans of German descent to foster good citizenship in the German-American community, to educate the public as to the positive contributions people of German descent have made to the growth and success of the United States, and to preserve and promote a sense of pride in their German-American heritage. Founded in May 1919 in response to the anti-German sentiment that followed World War I, the society is named after Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben. A Prussian officer by training, von Steuben was persuaded by Benjamin Franklin to offer his services to the Continental Congress. With the rank of Major General, Von Steuben's contributions to training the Continental Army at Valley Forge were vital to American victory.



Today, the society has numerous units across the United States. Each individual unit and the national Steuben Society continue the mission of the original founders by organizing and supporting, for example: college scholarships, parades, historic road markers, educational seminars, a bi-monthly publication of The Steuben News and unit meetings.

The Samuel Helm Unit 144, Buffalo, NY was chartered in 2013. Named after Samuel Helm, possibly the first German to settle in Buffalo. He was born in the Palatinate region of Germany arriving in NYS in 1806. He purchased Lot 144 on van Staphorst Street (today approximately 745 Main Street) in 1809 and built a home. Today, a historic street marker, placed by Unit 144 at the approximate site of the Helm house, commemorates our namesake. The Buffalo unit has a monthly Stammtisch where over dinner we celebrate and share our German heritage and is an active member of the Federation of German American Societies of Buffalo & Vicinity. Membership includes a subscription to The Steuben News: A Newspaper by German - Americans for all Americans. Contact Lou1Dan2@aol.com.

The Federation of German-American Societies of Buffalo and Vicinity, Inc

The Federation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit cultural organization, was founded in 1922, in order to promote, develop, maintain, and sustain the fostering of a community of purpose among individuals and clubs formed to celebrate their German-American heritage. Through meetings, promotions, and hosting events, the Federation works to bring a better awareness of the many organizations and their mission to showcase different aspects of the culture, both past and present. Membership is open to any club who can show how they are actively fulfilling the purpose of the Federation, and any organization who is able to do so is invited to apply for membership. Individuals are invited to check out the different clubs and to see which ones they may be most interest in. www.BuffaloGerman.com
www.facebook.com/FederationofGermanAmericanSocietiesBuffalo/

