



Anticipating our 250th Anniversary Celebrations throughout 2014

President's Message

The Holiday Season is about to start and for many of us it is the most enjoyable time of the year. We hope that you have the opportunity to visit with friends and family members. It is also a time to reminisce about Christmas or the holiday celebrations in our youth. I just loved the stories written by Edith Schwab and Christa Jeschonnek in the latest issue of the Women's Auxiliary Newsletter. They talked about their personal experiences as children in Germany just after the war. Yes, we now live in a different time. We all enjoy the benefit of the economic growth experienced in the past sixty plus years. But I often ask myself whether our grandchildren today are happier or more content than we were. Maybe it has always been like this - grandparents worry what will happen to their grandchildren in a competitive and very rapidly changing world. With the latest addition of Nicholas to our family this past summer, Jutta and I can now worry about four grandchildren. Let me wish all of you the best for 2014, especially good health and if you have grandchildren many happy hours in their presence during the coming year.

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Building News and More

Visibility is key. In order to appreciate all the German Society has to offer, people first have to know that we are here and that we have a variety of exciting and informative events and services to offer. In the past, our presence was not as obvious as it could be.

Until now, there was no visible signpost to say "this is who we are" on our building. But that has now changed.



New Banners on the GSP Building

About two years ago, an idea was presented to the GSP Board to promote the Society and our events by installing large banners in two empty former window wells on the southeast corner of the building.

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Chairman's Comments

As in prior years, we celebrated our 249th Annual *Stiftungsfest* – also known as Founders' Ball – early in November. Even though the actual founding date of our Society is December 26, 1764, we schedule the event so as to keep a respectful distance from Thanksgiving and Christmas, our most family-oriented holidays. That day following Christmas was known in the English-dominated colonial period as "Boxing Day" – the day when monetary donations, and sometimes left-over food items (all packaged in boxes) were handed to servants and employees by their masters, as a gesture of appreciation.

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President's Message Cont'd

Our 250th Anniversary is just around the corner, and in fact we will start with an event on December 29th, most probably in our Library. Please join us and e-mail or call the office by December 15th to reserve your spot.

You might ask - why is our 250th Anniversary such a big deal? There are very few organizations that have survived for that length of time, including two world wars, have refocused their mission and activities to adjust for the needs of the time. If we look at other Colonial Societies in Philadelphia, formed more or less in the same time frame with missions to aid immigrants none of them owns a building or do any of them offers the diversity of programs and activities we have at the German Society. In fact during 2014 we will offer more than forty events, designed to appeal to different audiences with various interests. There should be something for everyone; the emphasis is on celebrating and having fun! Please make an effort to attend as many events as possible. The program listing is found towards the back of this issue.

An anniversary like the one we are about to celebrate is certainly a good opportunity to talk about the future of the Society. I have talked

a bit on this topic in the 2012 winter issue of the Staatsbote. Our vision remains to a recognized as *the premier German-American ethnic society in the United States*. As an integral part of this vision, we need to maintain and enhance our historic building, which includes our very unique Library and its holdings, and to use all of our assets and resources to enhance the diversity of social and cultural life available in the greater Philadelphia area.

This means that we need to aggressively continue with the building enhancements we started almost six years ago. We are facing some substantial financial challenges to replace and/or update existing air-conditioning and heating systems, and to install new sewer lines inside and outside of the building, all at considerable expense. We don't have a choice. In my opinion audiences and potential members are typically attracted to beautiful and well-maintained spaces, especially historic buildings. Enhancing the building is important but it is not enough. We need to seek new programs and activities which will appeal to additional audiences. And here, the forty some events planned for the Anniversary Celebrations will offer a unique opportunity to expose new and possibly very large number of participants to our programs and the beautiful building. We need to capitalize on this unique opportunity.

And finally we must continue to secure the financial status of the Society. We just mailed out our Annual Fund solicitation letter and highlight that we expect higher expenses during 2014 because of the anniversary and ask all our members to be as generous as possible. These funds are a critical component of balancing our yearly operating budget. And as previously reported, our Endowment Fund with The Philadelphia Foundation is designed to help with operating costs as well as capital projects. At this point, we have slightly more than \$ 400,000 in our account. The Philadelphia Foundation gave a very informative talk to a group of Society members on October 30th, and one of the attendees found the annuities offered to be very attractive, and he subsequently purchased one, listing the German Society as a beneficiary. The speaker highlighted that interest rates will likely rise in the coming year and the attractive annuity yields offered by the Foundation might become especially interesting to some of our senior members. At this point five annuities have been written with The Philadelphia Foundation. Sample yield rates are found toward the end of this issue.

Frohe Weihnachten und alles Gute
zum Neuen Jahr,
Ernie Weiler

Collaboration between Horner Memorial Library and Winterthur

A Hearty Welcome to our New Society Members!

Earlier this year, I was contacted by Alexander Ames, a graduate student in the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware. Alexander has interests in German-American history and culture, and ultimately wishes to pursue a career in librarianship. Maria and I met with him a few months ago to discuss ways in which he could possibly incorporate our library and its collections into his graduate research. During his visit, Alexander was particularly fascinated by the manner in which our library publicized its holdings in the 19th century: through periodically publishing its catalog. This fascination yielded an unusual proposition: after consulting with his academic advisors and the staff of the Winterthur Library, Alexander invited me to come to the Winterthur campus so that these 19th century catalogs (from 1839, 1864, and 1879) could be digitized. Once scans of the volumes had been obtained, he would then proceed to utilize OCR software to make the electronic versions keyword searchable, allowing for easier and more in-depth statistical and scholarly analysis. After consulting with the Library Committee, I accepted this offer, and made the trip to Winterthur in early November.

Though members of the Winterthur Library staff were available

for occasional guidance and troubleshooting (for which we were quite grateful!), Alexander and I completed the majority of the scanning ourselves. We used a Zeutschel OS 12000 book scanner to create high-quality, 300 DPI digital images of each page. Due to quirks of the books' physical conditions as well as the machine's "personality," the process involved some trial and error, but ultimately we were able to obtain satisfactory TIFF and PDF reproductions of the catalogs' pages. In the next stage of this project, Alexander will obtain a copy of ABBYY FineReader, an optical character recognition (OCR) software that is compatible with Fraktur. As such stylized fonts have historically posed problems to digitization projects, I'm excited to see how accurately ABBYY FineReader transcribes our scans.

While the chilly November temperatures prevented me from exploring the grounds too much, I was able to tour the Winterthur Museum and enjoy some of the estate's elegant gardens. I also had the pleasure of staying in one of the quaint Visiting Scholars Residences and sharing meals with Alexander and his colleagues during my visit. I look forward to seeing the fruits of this collaboration!

— Christine Bellizzi, Librarian

For privacy reasons, these names are not included in the web version of the Staatesbote.

Chairman's Comment cont'd

The Lutheran Pastor, **Heinrich Melchior Mühlberg** – whom I call the spiritual father of our organization – had offered the space of his Old Zion Lutheran Church for the "assembly of sixty-five good men" who decided to establish the German Society in order to help new immigrants from the "old country" – especially families, widows and orphans – to stay out of indentured service, to provide support as they settled in Philadelphia or the surrounding areas, and generally to do charitable work.

For many years, the old school house, of which we have a replica in our library – located at 325 Cherry Street here in Old City – was the meeting place of our organization. Thankfully, for the past 125 years we have had the benefit of calling our venerable building – with its beautiful library and splendid auditorium – here on Spring Garden Street our home. At this location, we will extensively be celebrating our 250th Jubilee with members and friends over the course of next year.

This year's *Stiftungsfest* fell on **November 9**, a date of historic significance. It is often referred to as a **fateful day in German history**, the anniversary of several momentous events – representing both high and low points for the country.

Let's look at three of the water-

sheds associated with **November 9** in the 20th Century.

1918 – Proclamation of Republic

In the face of certain defeat at the hands of the Western Allies in World War I, a mutiny of sailors in Kiel and Wilhelmshaven soon spread to other war weary soldiers and workers. They became a revolutionary movement seeking the end of the monarchic German Reich in favor of a democratic state. When the revolutionary movement reached Berlin, Chancellor **Max von Baden** announced the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II on that day.

Thereupon an SPD official, **Philipp Scheidemann** – to the chagrin of his party chairman, **Friedrich Ebert**, – unilaterally proclaimed the Republic from a window of the Reichstag in an effort to pre-empt, **Karl Liebknecht**, the head of the leftist Spartacist League from declaring a "free socialist Republic" of the Soviet model. After months of continuing parliamentary quarrel between those two parties, the Social Democrats prevailed. In August 1919 the Weimar Republic was formally established.

1938 – Reichskristallnacht

On this date, Germany's Nazi regime masterminded a night of terror against Jewish citizens – their homes, businesses and places of worship across Germany and in Austria. The pogrom was devised

by propaganda minister **Joseph Goebbels**, and carried out by members of the SS and SA paramilitary forces, although officially it was declared by the Nazis a spontaneous act of revenge by German citizens for the murder of a German diplomat in Paris by a 17 year-old German Jew.

During the night of November 9, the Nazi thugs broke windows, looted stores owned by Jews, trashed Jewish homes and set fire to synagogues. Firefighters and police across the country heeded orders to do nothing to intervene in the destruction. Scores of people were killed, some 1,400 synagogues destroyed or damaged, and thousands of Jewish businesses were demolished. The next day more than 30,000 Jewish men were deported to concentration camps.

That Night of the Pogrom was not the first crime against the Jewish community, nor was it to be the last. It was one more step in the escalating spiral that led to the calculated murder of six million Jews.

1989 – Fall of the Berlin Wall

The year 1989 was a year of sweeping changes in communist East Germany. While more and more citizens fled to freedom by seeking refuge at Western embassies in near-by countries, others wanted to stay and effect change from within.

On September 4, the first "Monday

Demonstration" took place in Leipzig – following a prayer meeting in the *Nicolaikirche*, led by **Pastor Christian Führer**. From 1,000 people on that first Monday, the demonstrations grew weekly, and by mid October, 120,000 from all over East Germany came to Leipzig to take part in the demonstration – demanding free elections, freedom of expression, freedom to travel and other rights, while chanting "*Wir sind das Volk*" (We are the people).

The demonstration movement also spread to other major cities in the GDR. On November 4, approx. 500,000 people gathered for a rally on East Berlin's *Alexanderplatz*. Still not satisfied with changes in the leadership of the communist regime, they demanded real reforms. Within days, the entire *Politbüro* of the Central Committee resigned.

On the evening of November 9, international television correspondents gathered for a press conference in East Berlin with members of the new *Politbüro*. Towards the end of the press conference, which was broadcast live, party official **Günter Schabowski** was charged with reading off a new travel regulation – allowing GDR citizens to travel abroad under simplified approval procedures. Asked by a journalist when the new rule would go into effect, Schabowski replied "immediately, without delay".

Within hours, East Berliners, who had seen the press conference or heard about it, began showing up at border crossings in growing numbers. East German border guards, overwhelmed by the size of the peaceful crowds, opened the gates rather than forcefully denying them passage. Thus, on the night of November 9 – without a shot being fired – tens of thousands of East Germans crossed the borders on foot or in their now-iconic Trabis, and were welcomed on the other side by their fellow Germans.

A personal retrospective

The Fall of the Berlin Wall also changed my life dramatically, as it permitted me for the first time in my adult life – after more than 40 years – to visit my homestead south of Leipzig. I was appalled to see how the once pristine countryside had changed into a heavily polluted moonscape. There was an acidic smell of sulfur dioxide in the air – emanating from the chimneys of the largest brown coal fired electric utility of the GDR which had been built on the land of my forefathers that had been confiscated by the Soviet occupation forces after WWII.

I was immediately resolved to do something about it, quit my well-paying job as an M&A management consultant in San Francisco and formed a not-for-profit organization, called CUSEP-USA (Clean

-up Saxony's Environmental Problems). For the next twelve years, I shuttled across the Atlantic monthly, working there on numerous industrial projects, as well as raising funds for the re-building of the former *Gottfried Semper Synagogue* and *Frauenkirche* in Dresden.

As a retro-fitting of that power plant was impossible, a new one with state-of-the-art technology had to be built. But to do so, an old chemical "superfund" site needed to be cleaned up first. While managing that project, I saw again **Ralf Irmert**, who had participated in a stateside workshop which I had organized for young GDR managers back in 1990. He had meanwhile advanced to technical manager of a near-by refinery. Today he is the Managing Director of STYRON's business in Germany. Its parent company had been purchased by Bain Capital, when DOW Chemical needed cash for the acquisition of Rohm & Haas, a few years ago.

It was this connection that led to the contact with **Ms. Catherine Maxey**, Vice President of STYRON, LLC. As a sponsor for our 2013/14 concert series – she handed over to us a \$10,000 check on the occasion of 249th Stiftungsfest. This largesse is greatly appreciated, and so is the matching support from the Albert & Hete Barthelmes Foundation. On the side of our building you can now



Presentation of check from corporate sponsor, Styron

see a huge posters drawing attention to upcoming music events, and prominently displaying the Styron and Barthelmes logos.

Of the 120 reservations for this year's Stiftungsfest regrettably only 105 persons attended due to last minute cancellations, mostly for reasons of health. Nonetheless, with the revenue of our Silent Auction and ads in our Gala brochure, we cleared a respectable net



Maria Sturm received a medal to honor her contributions to the Society at our Stiftungsfest

of close to \$16,000. As 52 other guests from the previous year could not partake because of prior commitments for that date, we are reasonably confident that our goal of 200 participants for our Jubilee gala next year on November 22, 2014 will be achieved. In fact,

you might be well advised to make your reservations early.

Other than that, you may wish to know that new duties await me at the German-American Heritage Foundation, and its museum in Washington, DC. I was elected to the Presidency on November 17, and shall assume that challenging position with the Spirit of a true '76er.

I wish you all the best for the coming Christmas season and a happy New Year!

– Hardy von Auenmueller

The Battle of Leipzig

Another battle was fought at Leipzig 200 years ago – in the Fall of 1813 – which is known as the **Völkerschlacht**, or Battle of Nations. More than 600,000 soldiers faced one another over a three-day period. It was the largest battle in Europe prior to World War I.

After his failed invasion of Russia, Napoleon sought to re-establish his hold in Germany. At Leipzig, the French army, which also contained Polish and Italian troops as well as Germans from the Confederation of the Rhine, faced the coalition forces of Prussia, Russia, Sweden and Austria. The Saxon troops – following their defeat in the battle of Jena in 1806 – were forced to go to battle alongside the French, but switched sides in mid-course.

Incidentally, the Russian troops were led by generals with distinctly Germanic names, such as Graf Benningsen, Kleist, Langeron, Sacken, Schwarzen-



Here's what is happening at PhillyKinder



berg, Wittgenstein and Württemberg. Perhaps, this was because Czar Alexander I, the Russian sovereign of that time – and grandson of Catherine the Great, a Saxon Princess who hailed from Anhalt-Zerbst – was a germanophile.

With casualties of over 100,000, the loss of human life was stupendous. In commemoration of the heavy Russian losses, a beautiful orthodox church now graces the city-scape of Leipzig. A gigantic memorial – called *Völkerschlachtdenkmal* – was erected in 1913, on the centennial of that battle.

Last October, a re-enactment of this historic event was carried out by more than 8,500 participants. "It was so authentic and noisy, that you thought a real battle was going on", so Ralf Irmert – who lives in near-by Markleeberg – told me.

– Hardy von Auenmueller

A great new year has started at PhillyKinder. The sound of children laughing, playing, singing and learning in German echoes throughout the building every Thursday afternoon. After the initial getting-to-know-you activities, the children have nestled comfortably into their groups and have been exploring fall topics: apples, colored leaves, hedge hogs, etc. With the winter season upon us, the children are now moving on to prepare for the holidays: making Christmas crafts, singing Advent songs and baking cookies.

Mommy-and-Me Groups: Making Friends & Learning at Play

The one and two-year olds have enjoyed following along during singing circle time and are coming out of their shell. By now, they have grown familiar with the session routine and look forward to the finger plays, traditional and contemporary nursery rhymes and popular German children's songs, such as "*In einem kleinen Apfel*" or "*Hänsel und Gretel*."

During free play, the toddlers are learning important concepts: sharing a toy, waiting a turn and showing empathy for one another. At snack time, each child is encouraged to recognize and use one-word phrases, such as *Bitte*,

Danke and *mehr* and names of favorite food items. While parents are active participants and role models during singing and play time, snack time provides a welcome opportunity for parents (and sometimes grandparents) to socialize.

Already a year ahead, the two-year olds next door try their hands at crafts, learning how to use scissors and glue bottles and painting with brushes. By now, they are busy solidifying friendships from last year and making friends with newcomers. The children are visibly growing more and more comfortable without Mommy's constant presence and starting to inch away and explore.



First friendship moments between two babies: sharing a toy and playing alongside each other.

St. Martin's Parade & Potluck

Lantern songs reverberated throughout the town of Narberth, when close to 40 children strolled

along the sidewalk showing off a great array of home-crafted and store-bought lanterns. As the evening air was crisp and icy, everyone appreciated returning to a tasty potluck dinner at the Presbyterian Church of Narberth. (This is also where a German Playgroup—which is open to all—meets up every other week.) Usually, the children have a great time playing in the expansive gymnasium.

The annual Lantern Parade is a favorite family-oriented event that attracts not only young families with children, but folks without children, as well as many grandparents. All are welcome to attend this annual potluck dinner.



"My hungry caterpillar lantern"

Trudging through the Winter Forest: Welcoming St. Nikolaus

In December, the children are introduced to the story of St. Nikolaus and learn how to prepare for his arrival by placing their pol-

ished shoes (*Nikolaus Stiefel*) outside the front door on the night preceding December 6th. If they have been good and obedient to their parents, St. Nikolaus will fill the children's boots with small gifts and treats while they sleep. Despite his busy schedule, St. Nikolaus is scheduled to stop by PhillyKinder and confer a modest gift upon each child after enjoying performances of songs and poems by each group. This year, the children will celebrate small class parties in lieu of a combined Christmas party.

German Nativity Play for Special Christmas Service

As they did the last two years, a number of PhillyKinder are working on memorizing their parts for the *Krippenspiel* (nativity play) as part of the third annual German Christmas Service. This will take place at Overbrook Presbyterian Church at the intersection of City and Lancaster avenues scheduled for Saturday, December 14, at 3 pm. Donning costumes of sheep, shepherds and angels they will delight the audience in German with their re-creation of this important story.



Performing on stage in front of a large adult crowd is a huge confidence booster for PhillyKinder.

Thank You:

♦to all our youth and parent volunteers. With busy schedules and under threat of cold and flu viruses, you continue to help out every week!

♦to Narberth Presbyterian Church, who opens its doors to the German Playgroup and supports us in hosting our events.

♦to Overbrook Presbyterian Church, who hosts the PhillyKinder and has so graciously accommodated our rapid growth.

– Manuela Sieber

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Quakers and Their Impact on Atlantic Trade

As mentioned in the 2013 GHI-GSP fellowship report in the fall issue of the *Staatsbote*, Esther Sahle, a doctoral candidate at the London School of Economics, had to postpone her fellowship at the Horner Library until September. Since her project, “The Competitive Edge of the Reliable Friends: Quaker Merchants and Institutional Chance in the Early Modern Atlantic,” opens a rare view into the special role that Quakers played for centuries in the Atlantic trade, GSP members might be interested in the following report.

– Frank Trommler

The expansion of trade in the early modern Atlantic was central to British economic growth. It was facilitated by the emergence of new institutions for the protection of property rights. The details of this development, however, remain disputed. Quakers were overrepresented in the Atlantic trade, implying that they had access to particularly efficient institutions. Studying them will shed light on the changes underlying early modern growth.

The historical literature has argued that Quaker meetings enforced debts by expelling offenders. However, the empirical basis for these claims is remarkably thin. As part of my thesis, I studied records

of Quaker meetings in the two biggest Atlantic ports, which were also home to the two largest Quaker communities: London and Philadelphia.

London was a commercial metropolis with well-developed legal institutions. In the London Quaker records I found, contrary to what has been argued in the literature, that Quakers only began to sanction debt offences after 1750. This change coincided with an acute rise in imprisonment for debt, bankruptcy numbers and a public debate on credit in England.

Studying records at the Quaker collections at Haverford College, the Horner Memorial Library, the Pennsylvania State and Philadelphia City archives, I found that Philadelphia Quaker meetings arbitrated debt disputes since the seventeenth century. As colonial courts were open for debt litigation twice a year at most, this activity of the meetings may have been crucial to Quakers’ commercial success. However, they sanctioned debt offences through expulsion only briefly and to a limited degree during the Seven Years and Revolutionary Wars. Simultaneously, expulsions for war related offences and slavery increased dramatically.

A preliminary conclusion is there-

fore that, contrary to what has been argued in the literature, Quaker institutions for debt enforcement in London and Philadelphia diverged. In London, state institutions were strong, and debt and bankruptcy were important issues. In Philadelphia slavery and conflict at home were far more pressing concerns. Moreover, state institutions for the protection of property rights were underdeveloped in Pennsylvania. As a consequence, Quaker meetings adopted different priorities and strategies. Their regulatory activities were not the result of a specific Quaker ideology, but a response to the realities the two communities lived in. Moreover, Quaker enforcement of debts through expulsion of offenders cannot have been crucial to trade expansion before 1750.

I am grateful to the German Society of Pennsylvania and the German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, for their generous support, as well as for the hospitality and kindness I received from many people during my stay in Pennsylvania. It has been a wonderful experience, and I hope to return in the future.

– Esther Sahle
GHI-GSP Fellow
London School of Economics

Building News and More, cont'd

The committees involved and the board liked the idea but there was no funding for realization. The costs for design and engineering had to be covered with private funding to make it a shovel-ready project. During the search for corporate sponsors for our 250th anniversary, funding for realization became available and, recently, the banners have been installed in their designated locations.

To enhance their appearance, the crumbling paint defacing the terracotta was removed.

In the future large (45'' x 67'') posters in the middle of each banner will advertize all major German Society events. Since installing the banners 4 weeks ago, we have already experienced a huge boost in traffic on our webpage and in social media.

The same principle holds true at the Philadelphia Christmas Market. For the past four years we were only able to maintain a presence on the weekends because we were reliant solely on volunteers to cover the up to nine hour shifts in the cold. The chance to expose our organization to approx. 500,000 visitors to the market is a wonderful opportunity. Thanks to cooperation with German-American Service Office LLC and WAWI, a German manufacturer of chocolate, we are now represented full time in our own booth. The staff (German Society Members) is organized and paid by the sponsors and will promote the GSP while also selling Chocolate. Volunteers are still welcome in the booth to get the word out!

Last but not least, there is another major change in the appearance of

our building. The Main Entrance Staircase is back in place. It has an entirely solid concrete substructure and completely overhauled granite steps and brownstone sides. Several layers of paint had to be carefully chiseled away to return the brownstone surface to its original pattern. Thanks to the meticulous work of a German stonemason, our construction crew and a helpful architect company, the steps are back in service and no longer a hazard or eyesore. Since not all of the old brownstone could be saved, we are still searching for matching stones to complete the side panels as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to continuing to improve our outreach up to and beyond the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

— Tony Michels

Annuities offered by The Philadelphia Foundation which benefit the German Society.

For more information call Pat Meller at the Philadelphia Foundation at 215-863-8117
or the office at 215-627-2332

Age	70	75	80	85	90
1 Annuitant	5.1%	5.8%	6.8%	7.8%	9.0%
2 Annuitants	4.6%	5.0%	5.7%	6.7%	8.2%
***Rates Subject to Change Annually					
On Gift of \$10,000					
Immediate Charitable Deduction	\$4,099.10	\$4,577.20	\$5,020.50	\$5,659.90	\$6,294.50
Annuity Payment	\$510.00	\$580.00	\$680.00	\$780.00	\$900.00
Tax-free Amount	\$371.28	\$437.32	\$529.00	\$638.04	\$756.00
Ordinary Income (Taxable)	\$138.72	\$142.68	\$150.28	\$ 141.96	\$144.00
Annuity Becomes Ordinary Taxable Income after	15.9 years	12.4 years	9.4 years	6.8 years	4.9 years

German Romantic Prints at Phila Art Museum

This is a busy time of year, but if you can find an hour to spare for this exhibition before it closes on December 29, you are in for a special treat. This is a wonderful overview of late 18th/early 19th century German printmaking, and while there are a number of familiar names like Schadow, Runge, and Caspar David Friedrich on the walls, many of the less well-known artists delight the eye just as much. For example, I did not know that the Brothers Grimm had a younger brother, Ludwig Emil Grimm, who illustrated some of their early publications of fairy tales, and did so very nicely! The show is organized by topics like family and friendship portraits, travel, or fairy tales, and each section has stunning images – and for visitors who really want to study these immensely detailed prints, the Museum provides plenty of magnifying glasses. So this is one instance where you are really encouraged to get close to the art, and it is absolutely worth it. The entire show is comprised of works owned by the Phila Art Museum, which apparently holds the largest collection of this kind in the United States, and let's hope that the Museum will delve into its vaults again soon and present us with more of these print treasures.

– Maria Sturm

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 2013

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| Sat. Dec. 14 | 3pm | PhillyKinder <i>Krippenspiel</i> at Overbrook Presbyterian Church |
| Sun. Dec. 15 | 3pm | “Wister and More!” Concert Series: Ephrata Cloister Chorus |
| Sun. Dec. 29 | 3pm | Opening Event for the celebration of our 250th Anniversary Year |

January 2014

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| Sat. Jan. 4 | 11am | Women's Auxiliary Appreciation Party |
| Sun. Jan. 5 | 3pm | “Wister and More!” Concert Series: Claire Huangci— Piano Recital |
| Sat. Jan. 11 | 1:30pm | <i>Buchclub</i> , Library, with Juli Zeh, "Schilf" ("Dark Matter" or "In Free Fall") |
| Mon. Jan. 13 | | Start of Winter Term Language Classes |
| Wed. Jan. 15 | | Last day to register for PhillyKinder's Second Semester |
| Fri. Jan. 17 | 6:30pm | Friday FilmFest presents "Marlene" (German with English subtitles) |
| Thurs. Jan. 23 | 6pm | Library Lecture Series: Dr. Friederike Baer – German-Americans, Nativism, and Murder: The Trials of Paul Schoepppe |
| Fri. Jan. 24 | 6pm | Evening in the Black Forest Fundraiser for the Women's Auxiliary at City Tavern |
| Mon. Jan. 27 | 7pm | Board of Directors Meeting, Ratskeller |
| Wed. Jan. 29 | 7pm | Konversationsabend: Jahresplanung |

February 2014

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| Sat. Feb. 1 | 10am | Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meeting in the Ratskeller |
| Sun. Feb. 2 | 3pm | “Wister and More!” Concert Series: The Delius Society presenting Davyd Booth & Michael Stairs |
| Fri. Feb. 14 | 6:30pm | Friday FilmFest presents "Ernst Lubitsch in Berlin" (German with English subtitles) |
| Wed. Feb. 19 | | Library Lecture Series: Dr. Randall Donaldson
<i>Topic to be determined.</i> |
| Sat. Feb. 22 | 1:30pm | 3rd Annual Bierfest |

March 2014

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| Sat. March 1 | 10am | Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meeting |
| Sun. March 2 | 3pm | “Wister and More!” Concert Series: Bach Choir of Bethlehem presenting Young Meister Bach |

WORLD CUISINE of the Black forest



**Join us on January, 24 2014 at 6pm
At Walter Staib's City Tavern
For the Women's Auxiliary's 11th Blackforest Dinner**

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