



EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The Winter 2008 workshop season is an exciting one! Experience the traditions of PA German crafts by participating in our family workshops, explore our special winter exhibits using our family guides and make connections to tradition by utilizing our web only resources.

WORKSHOPS

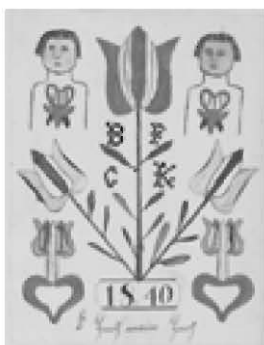
Join us Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 5:00pm for gallery activities and crafts related to our special exhibits and permanent collection. Cost is \$5.00 per participant. Pre registration is required and early registration is encouraged. For forms or more information visit www.schwenkfelder.com or call 215 679 3103.

PA German Cookie Cutters

January 31, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 7+
In addition to creating baking pans, pails and other household wares, the Pennsylvania tinsmith also made cookie cutters. The Pennsylvania Germans decorated and shaped cookie molds, cookie cutters and butter molds with stars, hearts and other motifs seen in fraktur. We'll look at these examples from our collection and, using aluminum strips, we'll design and shape cookie cutters you can use at home.



A student from our September family workshop on PA German pottery carefully decorates his sgraffito plate with slip. Due to high attendance in our fall workshop series, we doubled our winter offerings to twice a month!



Pennsylvania German Love Letters
February 14, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 5+
From love letters, True Lover's Knots and marriage certificates, the PA Germans decorated their manuscripts and cutwork with hearts and expressions of love. Just in time for Valentine's Day, we'll read *Appolonia's Valentine* by Katherine Milhous and make heart shaped cards and notes inspired by our Fraktur and Scherenschnitte collection.

Tin Punch Folk Art

February 28, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 7+
Tinsmithing was a common Pennsylvania German trade. Punched tin coffee pots, lanterns and other items were decorated with flowers, hearts, stars and birds. Using thin sheets of copper and tin, we'll design and create our own tin punch folk art.

Cookie Cutters
Family
Workshop
January 31, 2008
3:30PM

Grundsowdaag!

Celebrate Groundhog Day!
February 2, 2008
Groundhog drawings and
photographs are due
February 1st!

It's Valentine's Day!

Pa German Love Letters
Family Workshop
February 14, 2008
3:30PM

Tin Punch
Family
Workshop
February 28, 2008
3:30pm

Easter Eggs
Family
Workshop
March 6, 2008
3:30PM

EDUCATION CALENDAR

Flip over! There's more on back!



WORKSHOPS

Colored and Scratched Ostereyer or Easter Eggs

March 6, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 6+

The PA Germans dyed Easter eggs with onion skins, and decorated them by scratching into the dyed surface. They also covered eggs with cloth and 'binsa grows' a natural fiber. In traditional PA German fashion, we'll naturally dye eggs and decorate eggs with fabric, onion skins and more.

The Egg Tree and Other Eastertide Traditions

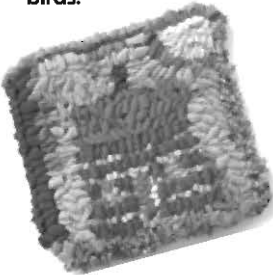
March 20, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 6+

The Easter rabbit and egg hunts are not the only local traditions at Eastertide. The Pa Germans participating in egg picking contests, made trees to suspend their decorated Easter eggs and hung Easter birds from windows and ceilings of their log homes. After a reading of Katherine Milhous' *The Egg Tree*, we'll make cotton wrapped egg trees and Easter birds.

Punch Needle Rug Hooking

April 10, 2008 3:30-5:00pm Ages 6+

During the colonial period, Americans crafted wool rugs out of clothing scraps and wool strips to cover wooden floors. Antique hooked rugs were made on burlap feed and grain bags as finer fabrics such as woven linen were utilized for bed linens and clothing. Using a punch needle, a simple hook, and wool strips, we'll make a small hooked rug mat.



Example provided by Mary Jo Gimber

EXPLORE EXHIBITS

Explore our winter exhibits using our family guides and a special Christmas Putz just for kids! A Christmas Putz is part of a Pennsylvania German custom of arranging miniature figurines around the base of a tree during the holiday season. Our annual multi platform Putz exhibit will be on display in our Local History Gallery. Adjacent to our Putz, a special area is reserved for young and old visitors to take part in arranging the display. In addition to our hands on area, guides for the Victorian Beaded Whimsey exhibit as well as the Putz will be available on our website and in our galleries for families to explore the exhibits together.

ON OUR WEBSITE

If you haven't received our latest eNewsletter with more information about our upcoming programs you can find it on our website www.schwenkfelder.com.



Send your email address to rebecca@schwenkfelder.com subject line: eNews and we'll place you on our emailing list.

Visit the education webpages to find additional information about our exhibits, activity pages for kids and timelines to help you in your classroom.



In addition, if our website is one of your favorites, click on our del.icio.us icon at the bottom of our homepage and bookmark us as one of your favorite sites!

CALENDAR

The Egg Tree
Easter Traditions
Family Workshop
March 20, 2008
3:30PM

Punch Needle
Rug Hooking
Family Workshop
April 10, 2008

GRUNDSOWDAAG 08

Groundhog Day, February 2, is one of the most important days in the Pennsylvania German calendar. February 2nd marks the middle of winter when the groundhog ventures out to predict the weather for the remaining season. This custom originates in Europe as the Germans traditionally brought out a Hedgehog or Badger to see its shadow. It also originates from Candlemas Day in Europe, as tradition states "If Candlemas Day be fair and bright Winter will have another fight."

To celebrate Grundsowdaag, or Groundhog Day, we're asking kids and adults to submit their drawings and photographs of Groundhogs. Drawings and photographs of badgers, hedgehogs and bears will be also be accepted, in European custom. We'll post the first 75 entries on our website.



Submission requirements:

Please include your child's first name and age. Additional information will not be posted on our website. Photographs must be digital, in .jpg or .tif format and can be submitted to rebecca@schwenkfelder.com, subject line: Groundhog Day '08. Drawings can be submitted to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Attn: Rebecca Lawrence, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg PA 18073. Drawings will be scanned, then returned to the owner, so please include a self addressed stamped envelope. Drawings can be no larger than 8.5x11.

Due date for entries: February 1st, 2008.