



GERMANNA NEWS

Greetings!

Could you help volunteer at the Germanna Visitor Center on October 6 to help welcome newcomers to all that is Germanna?

Here is what we are telling the local media about us:

"The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc. (The Germanna Foundation) invites the public to celebrate German-American Day on Saturday, October 6 at the Germanna Visitor Center in Locust Grove from 1:00 to 4:00pm. First proclaimed twenty-five years ago by President Ronald Reagan, the day commemorates the contributions German-Americans have made to America's culture and society since landing at Jamestown in 1607. One in four Americans has German ancestors; the Germanna Foundation's mission is to preserve the heritage of German colonists who were part of the Germanna community in the Virginia Piedmont in colonial times.

"For the celebration, the Germanna Foundation will feature performances of German songs and folk dances by the Culpeper High School German students, an introduction to the Germanna Volkssporting Association on this non-competitive, family-oriented sports and recreational program, followed by children's activities and guided walks along the Rapidan River in the 180 acre Siegen Forest. The foundation's trustees, historians and genealogists will be on hand to answer questions about Germanna colonists, their important heritage in their Virginia Piedmont heartland and throughout the world, and to guide research in the foundation's database of 90,000 Germanna descendants.

"Bring a picnic, explore the foundation's grounds and four miles of hiking trails, tour the museum and research library, and join The Germanna Foundation in celebrating German-American Day. The celebration is made possible through the Germanna Foundation's members and benefactors. The Brawdus Martin Germanna Visitor Center is located at 2062 Germanna Highway in Locust Grove, VA; for more information call 540-423-1700 , email foundation@germanna.org or learn more at http://www.germanna.org/all_news."

Sound fun? Invite some friends and family and join us on October 6! I'm sure there will be many people whose interest in how their family came to America, and I would like you to be there to help them discover their own heritage.

Thank you Greetings! for your generous support of the Germanna Foundation!

Sincerely,



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Germanna Foundation Visitor Center hours are 1:00 to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Out of town visitors are encouraged to call 540-423-1700 to confirm or to make special arrangements for groups.

Founded in 1956, the Germanna Foundation's purpose is to preserve and make known the history of the Virginia Germanna colonies.