Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Masks are requested but not required in all Amana Church Society buildings. Respect the choice of others to wear masks, even if we choose to not mask.

The Early (German) Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, May 01, 2022, starting 8:30 AM with Tony Berger presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Gott des HImmels and der Erden" No. 332 Seite 328

Testimony: B. Heinemann, June 29, 1821

Scripture: John 21: 15-25

Psalm: 126

Closing Hymn: "Mir nach! Spricht Christus unser Held" No.708, Seite 707

The Late (English) Service will start at 10:00 AM with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "God who madest Earth and Heaven" No. 32

Closing Hymn: "Hark the voice of Jesus crying" No. 176

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 AM Service.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday May 02, 2022 in the Amana Sanitary lift station.

RED CROSS LIFEGUARDING CLASS at AMANA POOL

Two full days on Sunday, May 15 and May 22. Full attendance mandatory.

Contact TJ Croco at 319-430-9181 or text to tjcroco@gmail.com

Please register before first class date.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

in the 1950's and before women seemed to wear more corsages then they do now. It seemed as if every guest speaker would get a corsage. Of course the mothers of the bride and groom plus grandparents and possibly aunts also got corsages, and so it went.

Some of the corsages were so huge as to envelop the entire bosom of the woman wearing it.

You really felt special if you got an orchid corsage. Actually there was no special reason for it except it was the "top of the line."

Then came the corsages for proms. The poor guy had to first find out what color his date's dress was. That came after the agony of working up the nerve to even ask her out and then figuring out how to get her to and from the prom if he didn't have a car of his own.

Finally going to the girl's home and meeting the parents and trying to make small talk. When the girl finally made her grand entrance (and she did have to make ***THAT SPECIAL ENTRANCE***) the next problem was pinning the corsage unto her dress.

Luckily in the 1960's wrist corsages became the vogue.

Having two sons who like their father before them could care less about corsages, I took matters into my own hand and (with the help of a friend) fashioned wrist corsages for my sons to give.

They, decided to go to prom in a group. One of them even went with two girls, letting them sit in the front seat while he sat in the back and realized that his mother had given him one (*only one*) corsage so he split it in two figuring that would solve the problem.

It is now 2022 and Mother's Day approaches.

As a little girl I remember my father and uncle giving their mother or my mother a corsage.

In the "outside" churches that was the custom, but not in Amana. My father enjoyed giving mom

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Chinese Delegation Visits Amana Colonies

The Chinese Ambassador to the United States visited the Amama Colonies last week.

Qin Gang, China's Ambassador to the United States and his special envoy were here for quick visit on their way through the Midwest. They arrived at the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids about supper time and were heading by car to Des Moines.

Jon Childers, Amana Heritage Society executive director and ACCVB president, explained that retired American Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, currently the President Emeritus of the World Food Prize was their escort. Mr. Quinn arranged for the visit to Amana. The entire party consisted of Chinese delegates and some Americans with the World Food Prize and Syngenta, about 25 total people. Their Amana visit included supper at the Ox Yoke Inn followed by a 10 p.m. visit to the Amana Heritage Museum, where Elise Heitmann, ACCVB Executive Director, Childers and members of the Amana Heritage Society board shared Amana's history and culture with the group.

They were in the Amanas because in 1980 when the first Chinese delegation to visit America in the modern era toured America they stopped in Iowa and in the Amanas. Current Chinese President Xi Jinping's father, Xi Zhongxun was principal representative for China during this visit to America. When visiting the Amana Heritage Museum, Madeline Roemig gave a talk about Amana, it's formation as a communal society and eventual change to the system we have today. After many questions and a discussion, the Chinese delegation departed and ate dinner at the Colony Market Place in South Amana. They they went to visit other historical sites in Iowa.

As it was explained to Childers, in the early 1980s, Xi Zhongxun reformed the Chinese economy and laid the groundwork for today. His reforms led to 750,000,000 people being brought out of poverty. He is a national hero and considered one of the most important figures in their nation's history.

Delegates noted that they were "walking in Xi Zhongxun's footsteps" as a symbol of the nation's past and present connection to the U.S. Ambassador Quinn remarked that there exists sentiment that the reforms put in place in China during the 1980s reflect some of the knowledge they received during their Amana visit in 1980, Childers reports.

Amana Colonies Maifest Hurrah!

It's been a chilly, windy spring but Maifest is blowing in on time and there is so much to do and to enjoy this weekend. Maifest is Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

Here are some highlights:

The Amana Colony Maipole Dancers will be performing Friday at 6 p.m. at Millstream Brewing Co.; Saturday at 10:45 at the Blümen Haus; 11:30 at the Festhalle; 12:15 at the Amana General Store; 2 p.m. at the Amana Heritage Museum; and 5:30 at Hotel Millwright.

Sunday they will perform at 1:15 p.m. at the Amana General Store; 2 p.m. at the Festhalle and 2:30 p.m. Blumen Haus, Amana.

In case of rain the Maipole Dancers will perform at these times, indoors at the Festhalle barn.

There is entertainment this weekend at the Festhalle. Saturday 11 – 3 p.m. it's the popup, mini-world on wheels, food truck feed. Serving 11 – 3 p.m.

From noon to 2 p.m. Blame Not the Bard, a highly acclaimed, lively, Irish folk music group performs. 2 – 3 p.m. the Robert Thomas Dancenter Irish Dancers will dance with Blame Not the Bard returning to the stage at 3 p.m. All on Saturday.

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Join Us on Mother's Day

price creek EVENT CENTER

at the Price Creek Event Center

A Delicious Buffet is being served
from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Please call to reserve your table.
319-622-5254 or 319-361-6786

AMANA POETRY COMPETITION

Calling all interested poets! The Amana Arts Guild is having a poetry contest that will offer poets an opportunity to have their poems read at the Amana Poetry and Song Celebration Saturday May 14, 2022

Persons of any age may enter. Categories include (1) adults and (2) grades 3 – 5. There is no entry fee.

Contest deadline is Friday May 6

Entries must have for a subject matter a connection to the Amanas, past present or future. Any form rhymed or unrhymed. may be used. Types of poems may include: historical (factual), narrative (story telling), descriptive (a person or place, or lyric (expressing feelings)

Each poem must be on a separate page, with the author's name and address placed in the upper left corner of the title page. No more than two poems by one author will be accepted. Joint authorship or collaborations by groups are encouraged.

All poems must be delivered to the Amana School Community Library on or before the deadline. Winners will be awarded certificates and will be asked to read their poems at the Amana Poetry and Song Celebration on Saturday May 14, 2022 This event will be held at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana

Water Babies Swim Classes

May 09 - 13, 2019
Amana Pool, Middle Amana

Classes will be held
Monday thru Friday
The cost is $40.00
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
6 mo. - 18 mo.
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
19 mo. - 2 yrs

Contact: Margaret Trumpold
Cell 319-400-0062 or home 319-622-3299

HEY GOOD LOOKIN,' GOT KUCHEN?!

It's approaching Maifest time again, and the Amana Heritage Society will be helping feed hungry visitors at the Festhalle. If you'd like to help us out by baking Kuchen, we would appreciate it. It can be dropped off beginning at 9am at our booth at the Festhalle grounds.

We thank you ahead of time for your continued support of the Amana Heritage Society!!

FOR RENT: Graduation Parties, Reunions, social gatherings, meetings

The Homestead Welfare Club (4215 V St. Homestead), offers an exceptional 1100 sq. ft. meeting or gathering room in our historic 1860's home. It includes a mini kitchen, tables and chairs for 80+ persons plus a ½ acre private, beautifully shaded back yard with picnic tables and small shelter, perfect for outdoor activities. Rental is $75/day. An additional 500 sq. ft. full-service kitchen is available for an additional $25.

Call 319-622-3620 for details and scheduling.

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a special flower once in awhile and she certainly appriciated it.

I remember asking why some women got white carnations and others pink or red. I was told that the women who got colorful carnations had mothers who were still alive while the white meant their mothers had passed away.

I was young and my friend's mothers were all alive. I felt so sorry for the older ladies.

Time has gone by and I would give so much to be able to wear a corsage with a pink carnation and hug my mother again.

B.S.H.

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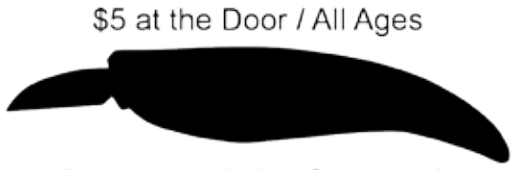
WANTED/WANTED TO BUY

BUYING All ANTIQUES; Toys, Furniture, Crocks, Paintings, Advertising Signs, and Weird Items "any condition." Buying Entire Estates, call for fair pricing. Please call 319-270-1251.

FOR RENT

For Rent in Middle Amana. One Bedroom Apartments. Just remodeled. Laundry and water furnished. No pets, no smoking. One year lease references and background check required. Call 319 360 8875 for application.

1 bed room Apartment for rent South Amana. No smoking, references required, background check. Call Larry at 319-540-9351 Also have a room for rent, shared bath and common area.

Amana Arts Guild
Woodcarving Club
Mon, May 2nd, 6-8 pm, High Amana
$5 at the Door / All Ages

Bring your Knife / Carving Kit
Free Perched Eagle Roughout
319-551-2800 (Bob Ward)

AMANA POOL HOURS
OPEN SWIM
Sunday 1-3:00PM
Wednesday & Friday 7-9:00PM
MORNING LAP SWIM
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6-7:30AM
WATER AEROBIC CLASSES
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:30PM
Private Lesson or Private Parties
Contact Pool Director
T. J. Croco at **319-430-9181**
or Email: **tjcroco@gmail.com**

Lakeview Village
Assisted Living Apartments
- Meals Provided
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- Activities

Units Available
Call Tanya Powell for a tour 622-3131
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BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 10 from 2:00 to 6:30 and Thursday, May 12 from 2:00 to 6:30. The Drives will be held in the Donor Bus at the Amana Library Parking Lot, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana.

As a special THANK YOU, all donors will receive a $10 gift card and get a tree planted in their name! Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. Please eat and hydrate before donating. APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate on both days. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

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TOMATOES, PEPPERS AND MORE!

The 2022 Iowa County Master Gardener plant sale will be held Friday, May 13, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Marengo.

Iowa County Master Gardeners have been busy growing more than 30 varieties of tomatoes, 18 varieties of peppers and many vegetables, herbs and flowers. They will be on sale at the low prices unchanged from past years. Rain barrels in a selection of colors and organic mosquito repellent will also be available for purchase. Master Gardeners will be ready to answer any gardening questions you might have and door prizes will be awarded. Hope to see you there!

Hotel Millwright
IN AMANA
The INDIGO ROOM
ELECTRIC THREAD
SOCIAL CLUB
Hours
Monday Closed
Breakfast 7 - 11 am Tuesday - Sunday
Lunch 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday - Saturday
Dinner 5 - 9 pm Wednesday - Saturday
Monday - Wednesday Closed
Thursday - Saturday 4 - 11 pm
Sunday Closed
Come join us!

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Sunday at the Festhalle from 11 to noon the Native Pride Dancers perform. Then from noon to 2 p.m. it's our own Riverbottom Ramblers, bluegrass band. At 2 p.m. the Maipole dancers dance and the Riverbottom Ramblers return the dancing to conclude the festival.

Pick up a brochure or check out the complete schedule of festival events at the Amana Colonies website. Some things to do during Maifest:

- 10 a.m Mainstreet Amana Parade
- Pony go round pony rides, mini maipoles and more for kids at the Market barn, Amana.
- At Fireside Winery in Amana a kids guessing game and kites for sale!
- Aj's Copper Garden yard sale at Ackerman Winery- all weekend. Plus French pastries and wine flights/ wine slushies – enjoy out in the wine garden or indoors.
- The Rusty Tractor – a DYI bird house kit $10 to make there or take along.
- "Kindness Rocks" rock painting craft at Amazing Grace- free for kids. On their patio.
- Snow Cones for sale at the Amana Colonies Bakery.
- Join Opa for tours of the woodworking shopat Schanz Furniture, South Amana Saturday noon – 4 p.m. Friday too.
- Ronneburg's annual streetside Maifest party featuring Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen, food and drink 11 – 3 p.m. Saturday.
- Ox Yoke Inn Maifest beer special in the Bierstube, Decorate your Own Yokey the Bear Sugar Cookie ($2 benefits Safe Haven.)
- Millstream Brau Haus 6 – 9 has Larry Myer Live!
- Village Antiques 1st Anniversary Sale.
- Hotel Millwright "Mai Kind of Party" 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Saturday. Yard games. Live music with New Trick starting at 6 p.m. Irish Step Dancing workshop noon and 4 p.m.
- Wine, Beer and Chocolate Walk ius Sunday 11 – 4 p.m.
- On Sunday at the Ox Yoke Inn kids receive a complimentary Kinder
- Gift Bag at their table with the purchase of the childrens' meal.
- The Amana Heritage Museum and the High Amana Store will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday too.
- The Amana Arts Guild Gallery will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Gardening tools, spring themed cookie cutters and Mai baskets will be featured!

GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale at Price Creek Event Center May 27 and 28. You are invited to sell your no longer wanted items. ~ tables for your displays $15 each ~ plenty of parking ~ set up Wednesday ~ BBQ and beverages.

For more details call 319-622-5254

Amana Library Hours:
Monday 8:00-3:00
Tuesday 8:00-6:00
Wednesday 8:00-12:30
Thursday 8:00-6:00
Friday 8:00-6:00
Saturday 9:00-12:00

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