

Kaffee und Kuchen—online and on the lawn!

Along with spring flowers and green grass, May at the GAI brings two delicious events involving *Kuchen* and *Torten*.

Afternoon *Kaffee* is a strong tradition in the German-speaking world, especially on weekends and holidays. It's a chance to get together with friends and enjoy a pick-me up of strong coffee and a piece of cake topped with whipped cream.

On Saturday, May 8, you can learn to bake an authentic German *Apfelkuchen* and *Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte* from an expert: in the second installment of "From the GAI Kitchen", Helga Parnell will share her baking secrets and show the steps to preparing these two iconic German cakes. The ingredients and instructions will be emailed to participants after registration.

We'll celebrate the return to outdoor events on Sunday, May 23, with a spring Lawn Café on the GAI grounds. Choose from an assortment of mouth-watering *Kuchen* and *Torten* baked by the GAI Damen. Seating will be distanced on the lawn and tickets are required.

Stay tuned for more *Kaffee und Kuchen* events this summer!



VIRTUAL EVENT
From the GAI Kitchen:
German Cakes with Helga Parnell
Saturday, May 8 | 1–2:30 PM
\$5, register at gaimn.org



ON THE LAWN
GAI Lawn Café
Sunday, May 23 | 1–3 PM
\$12 includes coffee and one piece of cake
Advance tickets are required and available at gaimn.org



Haus & Grounds Spring Clean Up
Saturday, May 8 | 9 AM–noon
Followed by lunch and social hour
All GAI members and friends are welcome to join the Haus & Grounds crew to help with repairs and getting our grounds ready for spring. We will follow all COVID-19 protocols for everyone's safety. Contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.



Deutsche Tage

[GAI GERMAN DAYS]

Lift your beer steins—Deutsche Tage is back! With authentic German beers (five kinds of Paulaner on tap!) and food from local vendors, there will be no shortage of opportunities for toasts and *Prosts*. A variety of live musicians including the Bavarian Musikmeisters and Alpensterne, GAI favorite Ron Machel and master concertinist Josh Eidsor will perform on our outdoor stage. Makam Baklava Turkish music ensemble will entertain, as will Rivers Ballet. And don't miss a special appearance by MN Opera soprano Karin Wolverson. As in past years, our local vendors will have German goods for sale.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, visitors to DT are required to purchase tickets for a specific three-hour time slot on June 12 or June 13 to attend the festival. There will be different entertainment for each registration time, which will be listed on the registration form.

Saturday, June 12, noon – 9 p.m.

Reserve tickets for a 3-hour time slot: 12–3 p.m., 3–6 p.m., or 6–9 p.m.

Sunday, June 13, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Reserve tickets for a 3-hour time slot: 11 a.m.–2 p.m. or 2–5 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per ticket for adults 21 and over.

Those under 21 must also register but are free of charge.

Safety: Tables will be placed to ensure social distancing and patrons will be asked to wear a face mask when they are not eating or drinking.

Tickets on sale May 14. More info at gaimn.org/DT.



Volunteer at Deutsche Tage

We're back to a live, in-person Deutsche Tage and we need live, in-person volunteers! Find more information on volunteer opportunities at gaimn.org/DT or email volunteer@gaimn.org.



Sponsor one of GAI's longest standing traditions and Saint Paul's oldest ethnic festival!

We continue to rely on our donors and supporters to make cultural programming possible in challenging financial times for nonprofits. Our resourceful staff utilizes volunteers and in-kind contributions to assist with the event, but we still need your help! If you decide to contribute, as a personal sponsor you will receive:

- VIP sponsor gift
- 1 free admission/2 for couple
- 2 free drink tickets/4 for couple
- Recognition on the grounds

We are asking \$100 for individuals and \$150 for couples. You may pay securely online at gaimn.org/DTVIP or call the office at 651.222.7027.

Thank you for considering a personal sponsorship for Deutsche Tage 2021!

Note: For recognition on the grounds at the event, your sponsorship must be received by June 1.

Corporate Sponsorship

Support the GAI while building awareness of your business with a diverse group of Deutsche Tage attendees. More information about sponsorship levels at gaimn.org/DTcorporate



SUMMER GERMAN CAMPS FOR AGES 4–14

Don't delay, some of our most popular camps are selling out but there are still lots of fun options:

- For ages 7–10, topics include *Feen und Zwerge: Kleine Gärtner* (Fairies and Gnomes: Little Gardeners), *Pirate Voyage*, *Science in the Kitchen*, *Spione und Agenten* (Spies and Agents), *Creepy Crawlies*, and *Kinder Lernen Deutsch* (Intro to German).
- *Kinder Lernen Deutsch* (Intro to German) is also offered for our youngest campers, ages 4 to 6.
- For ages 10–14, students will learn hands-on how to make a podcast in *Wir Machen einen Podcast* (Podcasting for Kids).

Each camp runs for one week (M–F), from 9 a.m. to noon. Morning drop off begins at 8 a.m. Afternoon extended care is available. Find more information and registration at gaimn.org/camps.



SUMMER TEEN INTENSIV

This advanced full-day camp experience is for teens with level B1 German skills or graduates of TCGIS. We will dive into two important current topics in these week-long camps: Multiculturalism—what does racism look like in Germany, and Living the Sustainable Life—how does "Nachhaltigkeit" relate to nutrition, housing, education, and the digital world. Register at gaimn.org/camps

AROUND THE HAUS

Saturday work sessions have resumed

Haus & Grounds has resumed regularly scheduled monthly work sessions. All masking and distancing protocols will be followed. I am hoping we can get a good start on our spring work as well as catching up on much deferred maintenance. Work sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon with lunch and beer!

Contact Jim Gruetzman at jgruetzman@gaimn.org.

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HIER & THERE

Newspapers and Grammar Deep Dive

Jeana Anderson joins us to covers word order and other grammar questions. Günther, Jeana, and Erin also discuss the newspaper landscape in Germany and Austria, as well as preview upcoming events at the GAI. Listen at gaimn.org/Podcast

HIER & THERE

Storycast

Goethe Gedichte

Günther reads three classic Goethe poems, *Erkönig*, *Der Zauberlehrling*, and *Der Abschied*. Listen and follow along with the text at gaimn.org/Podcast.



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In case you missed it...

Learning from the Germans with Susan Neiman

We were honored to host Susan Neiman, live from her study in Berlin, for a Q & A about her most recent book, *Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil*.

Some key points from the talk:

- German "working off the past" is still an ongoing and imperfect process, but one that the United States can learn from as we examine the history of indigenous peoples, slavery, and racism in our country. The process is not a simple formula or one thing—it includes popular culture, school curricula, art, and constant vigilance and dialogue.



- Public monuments are society's expression of our values and who and what we want to uplift for future generations. Susan Neiman noted that there are no monuments or memorials to the Nazi regime in Germany today. Taking down confederate monuments is not taking away heritage or history, but honors the values we live by today.

If you missed the event, a recording is available on the GAI's YouTube channel at tinyurl.com/ycunz8tm.