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**Alexander Schaeffer House  
 Thomas R. Brendle Museum  
 Gemberling-Rex House**



Jan Taylor volunteers at the popular Tavern Lunch, an event held annually at the Gemberling-Rex House.

**The Pennsylvania German Experience**

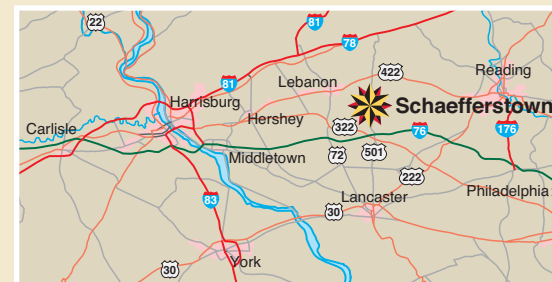
Founded in 1966, Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the culture and unique history of Schaefferstown and southeastern Lebanon County, PA.

The Pennsylvania German and Swiss cultures which flourished here during the last few centuries are authentically presented among several historic sites, including the Alexander Schaeffer House and Farm, the Thomas R. Brendle Museum, and the Gemberling-Rex House.

Visit our sites, take part in events, and become a member of HSI. You'll enjoy your memorable, authentic Pennsylvania German experience.

**A Picturesque Drive**

Schaefferstown is a scenic 30-minute drive from Hershey, Lancaster or Reading where Routes 501, 419 & 897 meet in southeastern Lebanon County.



**Alexander Schaeffer House**  
 This 18th century house, a National Historic Landmark, is located on a scenic 85-acre farm south of the village. The site hosts *living history* cultural events and educational tours.

**Thomas R. Brendle Museum**  
 Named for a local resident and leader in the preservation of Pennsylvania German folklore, the museum displays cultural artifacts from the region. Located at 111 North Market St.

**Gemberling-Rex House**  
 The 18th century tavern once served thirsty travelers and villagers. Original features include a bar cage, a Franklin fireplace, and unique wall stenciling. Located across the street from the Brendle Museum.



**Our Mission**

Historic Schaefferstown, Inc.'s mission is the collection, preservation, study, and dissemination of the history and folk culture of the Pennsylvania Germans in South Central Pennsylvania, with particular focus on the Schaefferstown area. The organization provides information through educational programs for adults and children, tours of its buildings and collections, festivals and special events, and publications of research and promotional materials.

See inside for information on membership, workshops, events, museum visiting hours and group tours ▶



## Your Historic Opportunity

Discover Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., and be part of 50+ years of cultural education and preservation. Take advantage of valuable HSI membership benefits:

**Free admission** to this year's Schaeffer Farm festivals.

**Free admission** to all HSI museums during regular hours.

**Free subscriptions** to the *Aus Em Schteddel* newsletter and the *Historic Schaefferstown Journal*.

**Special discounts** on HSI educational programs.

HSI is supported by charitable donations, grants, event fees, member dues and volunteer services. Your annual membership supports educational tours and events, restoration efforts, archaeological projects, and the HSI Artisan Apprentice Program – developed to link participants with masters of 18th and 19th century crafts.

Join today. Get involved. Be part of local history.



## Yes! I want to join HSI.

Please mark appropriate boxes and return this completed form with your payment:

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## The HSI Artisan Apprentice Program

Today's master artisans will help a new generation learn 18th and 19th century skills in crafts, cooking, toolmaking, and more. Apprentices age 8 through adult may enroll to learn about:

- ❖ Candle Making
- ❖ Squirreltail Oven Baking
- ❖ Broom Making
- ❖ Wool Spinning
- ❖ Clear Toy Candy Making
- ❖ German Star Making
- ❖ Colonial Gardening

For details, please contact us.

## Learn Pa-German

This 10-week class, led by language expert Alice Spayd, will introduce you to the unique Pa-German language. Choose either Saturday or Tuesday classes. For details on upcoming classes, contact HSI.

## One-Day Workshops

Try your hand at a fun early American craft – redware pottery, fraktur art, wool applique making, punched tin designs, and more. Enroll in a One-Day Workshop! Usually held on Saturdays during winter, it's a great way for older children and adults to learn a traditional art form. For details on upcoming One-Day Workshops, please contact HSI. Class sizes are limited, so please register early.



The redware charger shown below was produced during a One-Day Workshop.



## Museum & Farm House Tours

April 1 through October 1

The Brendle Museum at 111 North Market St., and Gemberling-Rex House at 106 North Market St., are open for guided tours from 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday, and on the first Saturday of each month.

The Alexander Schaeffer Farm House (213 South Carpenter St.) is open during festivals and by appointment.

Appointments and group tours are available all year round (weather permitting). Please call 717-949-2244 for details.

**Admission:** Adults – \$5.00 each. *Members admitted free.*  
Teens 12 to 17, seniors, & groups of 8 or more – \$4.00 each  
*Supervised children under age 12 admitted free. No pets, please.*

## Historical Presentations

Throughout the year at the Brendle Museum, regional historians give informative, FREE presentations on special topics of interest. Contact HSI for updated schedule. Donations appreciated.

## Refresh the Farm Day April 14

Calling all volunteers! We need your hands-on help for several pre-season must-dos – clean gutters, work on porch steps and gates, and help with general clean up. Have some fun the while work gets done! Rain date: April 21.

## Antiques Appraisal Day April 28

Wondering what your antiques are worth? Bring up to 5 items to the Brendle Museum to be checked by an experienced antiques appraiser. You might learn more details about your antiques, too.

**Hours:** 9am to 1pm   **Fee:** \$5.00 per item (*Limit: 5 items*)

## Traditional Cherry Fair and Early American Craft Show June 23

Since the 1700s, the Schaefferstown Cherry Fair has thrilled visitors. Now held at the historic Schaeffer Farm, guests can enjoy skilled artisans, entertainment, demonstrations, food, games and Forebay Gift Shop. Schaeffer House tour included.

**Hours:** Saturday 10am to 5pm  
**Admission:** \$5.00. *Members admitted free.*  
*Supervised children under age 12 admitted free. No pets, please.*

## Afternoon Garden Tea July 8

Tour the Schaeffer House and Heirloom Garden at the farm, enjoy a dry house demonstration, and learn about organic gardening. Books, seeds and refreshments offered.

**Start Time:** 2pm   **Suggested Donation:** \$5.00 per person

## Young Villagers Colonial Workshop July 16 through 19

For children entering 4th through 7th grades, this fun week at the farm is a great way to learn about early American life. Many "villagers" enjoy it so much, they return every year!

**Hours Each Day:** 10am to 3pm  
**Workshop Fee:** Members \$45.00 / Non-members \$65.00  
**To Register:** Call 717-866-5242

## Fall Harvest Fair September 15 & 16

The Schaeffer Farm comes alive *all weekend long* with period artisans, crafts, cooking, cider-pressing, farm-life demonstrations, unique entertainment, and more!

**Hours:** Saturday 10am to 5pm / Sunday 11:30am to 4:30pm  
**Admission:** \$5.00. *Members admitted free!*  
*Supervised children under age 12 admitted free. No pets, please.*

## Annual Meeting October 21

Everyone is invited to this free event starting at 2pm. Join us at Brendle Museum's Lower Level for a feature presentation, refreshments, and popular Silent Auction.

## Christkindlmarkt & Tavern Lunch December 8

Purchase holiday gifts at Christkindlmarkt and then enjoy a colonial-style tavern lunch. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** for the Tavern Lunch. Meal fee: \$14.00 For your convenience, credit cards are accepted for purchases.

**Shopping:** 9am to 3pm at Brendle Museum's Lower Level

**Lunch Sitings:** Reservations accepted for 10am, 11am, Noon, 1pm, and 2pm at Gemberling-Rex House



**Claim Your Limited Edition Mug** – This reproduction design is based on a late 18th century sgraffito vessel unearthed at the Schaeffer Farm in 2004. Artfully made by Jeff White, this mug may be purchased for \$37.95. Call 717-949-2244.