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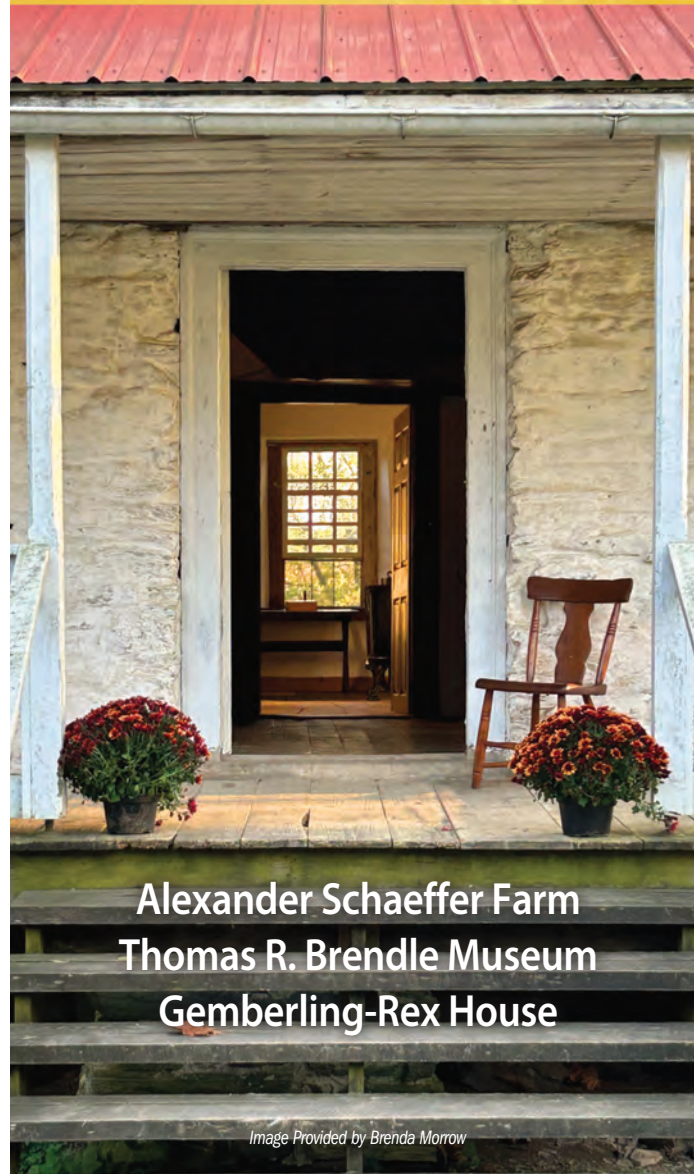
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2024 EVENTS * HSIMUSEUM.ORG



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

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History Lives Here

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.

Nationally Recognized Community and Properties

The 18th-century Alexander Schaeffer House was designated a *National Historic Landmark* in 2010. The 85-acre farmstead has been on the *National Register of Historic Places* since 1972. The Gemberling-Rex House is also listed on the National Register.

Schaefferstown Historic District is Officially Listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*

This district includes the properties roughly bounded by SR-501, Oak Street, Locust Street, Schaefferstown Cemetery, High Street, Fountain Park, the second blocks of S. Market, S. Lancaster, and S. Carpenter streets, and properties along the south side of Heidelberg Avenue.

Schaefferstown Historic District is one of just three historic districts in Lebanon County.

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



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. Located at 213 S. Carpenter St.

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

Also on the National Register, this 18th century tavern once served travelers and villagers. Original features include a bar cage and Franklin fireplace. Located at 106 North Market St.



Our Mission

Founded in 1966, Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization.

HSI'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 Schaefferstown.

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.

Become a Member!

You can help ensure that we continue to preserve our historic sites and unique culture. Your membership, support and donations allow us to provide events, workshops, manage restoration projects and more to honor our history. Take advantage of these valuable HSI membership benefits:

Free Admission to:

- HSI Fairs hosted at the Schaeffer Farm
- All HSI Museums during regular business hours

Free Subscriptions to:

- *Aus Em Schteddel* newsletter (4 editions per year)
- *Historic Schaefferstown Journal* (1 edition per year)

Special Discounted Member Rates on:

HSI workshops and classes

Yes, I Want to Join!

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

- ☐ \$25 Single Membership ☐ \$35 Family Membership

I am enclosing an additional contribution of:

- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$_____ (Thank You!)

Primary Adult: _____

Additional Adult: _____

Family Members (List names & ages 12 to 18): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Please make your check payable to: Historic Schaefferstown Inc.

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Get Involved. Have Fun!

Please mark appropriate boxes below and return the completed form with membership payment. I am interested in volunteering as noted:

- ☐ General Volunteer ☐ Museums/Schaeffer House
☐ Historic Farm ☐ Artisan Crafts ☐ Restoration
☐ Young Villagers/Kids' Activities

Learn Pennsylvania German

This 10-week class, led by language expert Alice Spayd, will introduce you to the Pa. German language. Choose Saturday or Tuesday classes. For details, check our website, or call 717-949-2244.



The redware charger shown here was produced during an HSI Workshop.

Workshops

Try your hand at an early American craft – pottery art, fraktur art, wool appliques, metal work, and more. Our One-Day Workshops – usually held on Saturdays during winter – are a great way for older children and adults to learn traditional arts.

For details, check our website, or call 717-949-2244. Class sizes are limited. *Please register early.*

Guided Museum & Farm House Tours Available

The Brendle Museum and Gemberling Rex House are open for guided tours April 2 – October 5 from 1pm to 4pm every Tuesday, and on the first Saturday of each month.

The historic Alexander Schaeffer Farm House is open for tours by appointment and during HSI festivals. (No additional admission fee required during festivals.)

Appointments and group tours are available year round. Please call 717-949-2244 for details.

Admission Fees

HSI Members: Free (During regular visiting hours)

Non-Members Age 12 or Older: \$5.00 (Per museum)

Children Under 12: Free (Supervised by paying adult)

When planning your visit, please be mindful that our historic buildings were constructed many years ago, and may not be accessible for individuals with physical challenges — there are stairs, uneven original floors, restroom limits, etc.

2024 Events

All scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation due to public health concerns.

Historical Speaker Series

The Brendle Museum hosts free educational presentations by regional historians, including:

March 17 - Henry William Stiegel

Presented at 2pm by Dan Snyder

April 28 - Draft Farm Animals

Presented at 2pm by Dr. Katelyn Reist

May 19 - Miniature Portraits

Presented at 2pm by artist Ruth Williams

Cherry Fair and Early American Craft Show June 22

Since the 1700s, the Schaefferstown Cherry Fair has thrilled visitors. Now at the Historic Schaeffer Farm, guests enjoy artisans, entertainment, demonstrations, food, games, and our Museum Store. The Schaeffer House and Heirloom Garden will be available to tour.

Hours: 10am to 4pm

Admission: \$8.00. *Members free. Children under age 12 free with paid adult. Leashed pets permitted.*

Afternoon Garden Tea July 7

Enjoy a tour of the farm's Heirloom Garden. Speaker Jenel Schaffer of Sheep Hill Herbs will present *All About Making Herbal Teas* – with different ways to make teas.

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

Young Villagers Colonial Workshop July 15 through July 18

This fun week at the Historic Schaeffer Farm is a great way to learn about true early American life. Offered for children entering 4th through 7th grades.

Hours: 10am to 3pm each day

Fee: Members \$50.00 / Non-members \$70.00

To Register: Call 717-866-5242



WWII Weekend July 27 & 28

The *East Penn Re-Enactors* host a World War II infantry encampment. Enjoy live battle re-enactments, displays, demos and tours of the bivouac areas. Food available.

Hours: Saturday 9am to 5pm / Sunday 9am to 3pm

Admission: \$5.00 Parking Fee, but no event admission fee. *No pets. (Service animals permitted.)*

Fall Harvest Fair and Early American Craft Show September 14 & 15

The Schaeffer Farm comes alive. Enjoy period artisans, crafts, baked goods, cooking, cider-pressing, farm-life demonstrations, unique entertainment, and our Museum Store. The Historic Schaeffer House and the Heirloom Garden will be open for self-guided tours.

Hours: Saturday 10am to 4pm / Sunday 11:30am to 4pm

Admission: \$8.00. *Members free. Children under age 12 free with paid adult. Leashed pets permitted.*

Annual Meeting October 20

All members and non-members are welcome to attend this free event. Join us at 2pm in the Brendle Museum's Lower Level for our annual meeting, featured presentation (TBD), refreshments, and popular silent auction.

Christkindlmarkt December 13 & 14

Enjoy this free-admission event where you'll enjoy finding handmade period gifts made by 20+ skilled artisans working in our region. You'll find ample shopping space, plus plenty of off-street parking. Credit cards accepted. Location: St. Paul's UCC Social Hall.

Shopping: Friday 4pm to 8pm, and Saturday 9am to 3pm – *Credit cards accepted. Admission is free.*

Tavern Lunch December 14

Experience a true tavern lunch at the Gemberling-Rex House. There are 5 full-service sittings from late morning to mid-afternoon. Reservations required. Call 717-949-2244. Meal: \$18 per person.

Lunch: Sittings start at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm.