

Voigt House German Fest

Hearty Festival Adds Hill Tour Fun



People taking the Heritage Hill Tour of Homes, or just those looking for a taste of traditional German fall festivity, are invited to stop by the Voigt House Victorian Museum October 6 and 7 for the first *Voigt House German Fest*.

Celebrating the German Heritage of Carl Voigt Sr., a tent will be set up on the front lawn to serve *Wasteiner Oktoberfest*, a traditional draft beer, and *Gluehwein*, a warm red wine with cloves and cinnamon (something to suit any weather in Michigan's temperamental autumn). Public Museum Executive Chef Hans Dokl, right, has drawn on his own Austrian heritage to

create a Beer Garden menu to accompany the libations. On both days, authentic German musicians will perform on the front porch of Voigt House, including a player on the *Steirische Zeiharmonika* (accordion), adding to the wonderfully festive oom-pah-pah atmosphere.

Hill Tour ticket holders also are invited to take a walk-through of a portion of the beautifully preserved Queen Anne style Voigt House at no extra charge. The home contains many items from Voigt family life and is an excellent example of the lifestyle of prosperous German immigrants in Grand Rapids during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

In addition, *The Milling Company Gift Shop* will offer an array of quality traditional Christmas ornaments, Advent calendars, nutcrackers, Victorian Goods and other fine gifts to help start



October Tours Feature German Heritage

During October's regular Voigt House tour schedule, Tuesdays and second and fourth Sundays, the Museum will explore the German heritage of the builder of the home, Carl Voigt Sr., with a new guided tour. Using artifacts in the house and from Museum collections, along with archival materials relating to his immigration to the U.S. in 1847, volunteer guides will present interesting details of Mr. Voigt's life as a first generation German-American. Below, the birthplace of Carl G. A. Voigt in Wennugen, Prussia.





holiday shopping early. Museum members receive 10% off of all purchases.

The Heritage Hill Tour of Homes, and the Voigt House German Fest, run on Saturday, October 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Admission to the Voigt House those days is part of the tour, call the Heritage Hill Association office at 616.459.8950 for information on purchasing tickets. The public is invited to enjoy the German Fest separate from the Hill Tour opportunity as well.

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• BEER GARDEN MENU •

Wiener Schnitzel Broetchen \$6

*(Vienna Schnitzel Sandwich)
Breaded Veal Cutlet on a Kaiser Roll
with lettuce and tomato served with
Pommes Frites (French Fries) and Tartar Sauce*

Pommes Frites (French Fries) \$1.50

Apfel Strudel \$2.50

*Chef's own homemade Apple Strudel
dusted with powdered sugar*

• LIBATIONS •

Gluehwein \$4

*A warm red wine simmered
with cloves and cinnamon*

Warsteiner Oktoberfest \$4

A traditional Oktoberfest Draft Beer

*Coffee, Bottled Water and
Assorted Sodas also available*



Christmas ornaments for sale during the holiday season at Voigt House includes this reproduction Victorian paper ball with tassel, \$5.95.

Victorian Dinner

Start thinking now about treating your Valentine to a Victorian Dinner at Voigt House. The next opportunity to enjoy a lavish dinner in the wonderful Voigt dining room, will be Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16. More information in the next Discoveries, or call 616.456.4600.

