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New! One Stop German Shop!

My name is Thomas, and I'm one of the Co-Founders of One Stop German Shop. We recently launched our online store onestopgermanshop.com to bring a wide range of German favorites to consumers in the USA. As immigrants from Germany ourselves, we understand how hard it is to find and buy the things we miss from home. Thus, we strive to offer a broad variety of German food staples - from Ritter Sport chocolate to Swabian Spätzle and sweet mustard from Bavaria.

We'd love to welcome all members, friends, and family of the German Society of Pennsylvania to check out our offerings. Since we share a German connection, we'd like to offer all of you a **15% discount** on your first purchase with us. Just use the following discount code during checkout: **German15**.

Wir würden uns freuen, euch bald bei uns begrüßen zu dürfen.

Vielen Dank und beste Grüße,
Thomas Hessler

January 2024 Events

- 7 Gentle Yoga, 11:00am
- 10 Konversationsabend, 6:00pm
- 13 Buchclub: *Königliche Hoheit* by Thomas Mann, 1:30pm
- 19 Friday Film Fest: *Wunderschön*, 6:30pm
- 20 Wandern at the Willows, 11:00am
- 21 "Wister and More!" presents Grant Youngblood and Marvin Mills, 3:00pm

Learn to Read the Old German Script! Virtual Workshop in Two Parts with Mark L. Louden and Antje Petty

Learn to read Kurrent, the old German handwriting most widely used in the 18th to early 20th centuries. Through presentations and practical exercises, you will learn strategies for how to decipher this script even if you don't speak German.

Part I: Deciphering Kurrent for Beginners

Saturday, January 27

10:00am – 3:00pm, Central Time

This workshop will introduce you to the old German script, its alphabet, common letter combinations, words, and sentences. Exercises will include simple texts from a variety of sources.

Part II: Deciphering Kurrent — Intermediate Level

Saturday, February 3

10:00am – 3:00pm, Central Time

Part II will provide strategies on how to decipher more challenging texts. Participants will have taken Part I or will have otherwise acquired a basic knowledge of Kurrent script.

[Click here to learn more and register!](#)

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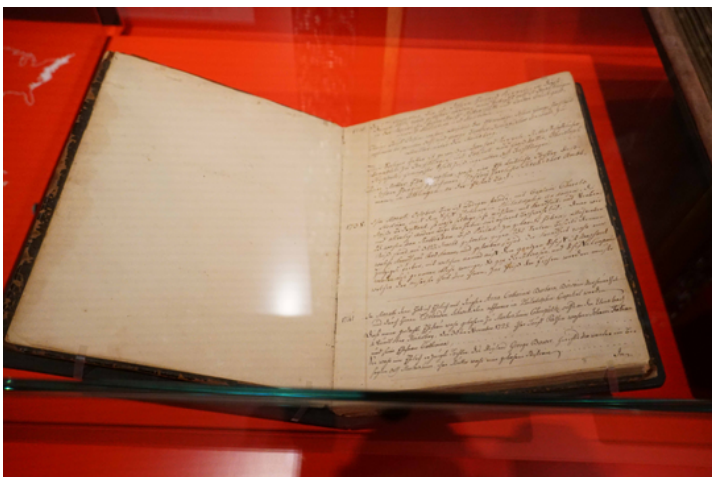
WunderbarTogether.net, the new German-American events calendar website, is the leading source for German cultural events in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. Explore the list of events, concerts, festivals, lectures, meet-ups, and more! Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in your area by subscribing to the mailing list. [Click here to check it out!](#)



Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg

Can't make it to see our items in the exhibition "American Dreams: Life in the USA" at Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg? We can help! Click [here](#) to watch a video of the exhibition's opening night on YouTube.

Our items included in the exhibition are a portrait of Henry Keppele, a family record book kept by Henry Keppele, and one of our Agentur books! All three are pictured below.



The Bergdoll Boys: America's Most Notorious Millionaire Draft Dodgers

In this virtual presentation through the Chester County History Center, former NBC10 Philadelphia anchor **Tim Lake** will take viewers into the glittering, daredevil world of the Bergdolls, a family made wealthy—and notorious—through their brewing empire. The Bergdolls were members of the German Society during the late 19th century, and some of Tim's research for his new book, *The Bergdoll Boys*, was carried out in the German Society's Library!

When the glare of the legal, political, and media spotlight became too intense, the Bergdolls sought privacy in Chester County. Along with a general overview of the Bergdoll story, Tim will focus on their lives in Chester County in the 1940s-60s. He will discuss how local historians preserved their documents and photographs and how access to the collection informed the intimate details of the Bergdoll family drama. Tim will share some of the photographs and documents used to illustrate the book.

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00pm
[Click here to learn more and register!](#)



Registration is now open for the German Society's **Fourth Annual Bösendorfer Youth Music Festival!**

Any Philadelphia-area musician grade 1-12 is welcome to enter. A panel of professional judges will evaluate participants' audition videos and select Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists from each age group and instrument category. Medalists will go on to perform in a concert for the public on **Saturday, March 9 at 3:00pm** in the German Society's beautiful Albert & Hete Barthelmes Auditorium.

Please share the news of this competition with family, friends, and any young musicians in your life!

[Click here to register.](#) Applications are due by February 1, 2024!