



You are invited!

Universität Heidelberg is looking for former students, exchange students, professors, researchers and friends to build its American HAUS (Heidelberg Alumni U.S.). After forming the national Alumni organization, we are now starting Regional Chapters in different areas of the country. The Ohio Chapter of HAUS will hold its kick-off meeting on

Saturday evening, April 24, 2010, in Amish Country.
5:00 pm at the Chalet in the Valley, between Berlin and Millersberg (SR557)

We will eat supper around 6:00 pm and share our love of Heidelberg all evening. Kathleen Lance, the HAUS Leadership Committee Secretary, will join us to talk about the exciting 625th Birthday Celebration being planned for Universität Heidelberg. And most of all, we look forward to hearing YOUR ideas for the HAUS Ohio Regional Chapter! Bring your photos, Scheine and Studienbuecher.

Sunday we will visit Zoar, and eat dinner at 1:00 pm, at Zoar Tavern, 162 Main St.

Ohio has the largest population of Amish and Mennonites in the world. It's an ideal place for us to meet, with a rich German tradition and lots of things to do before and after our get-together. It's an easy drive from Cleveland, Columbus, Wheeling or Pittsburgh, and also can be reached in a day from Cincinnati, Toledo or Indianapolis. Some of you can drive down for the day and get back before bedtime. Or, you can stay the night. (For more details and travel information please see the attached sheet.)

Whether you spent a semester, a year or even graduated from Universität Heidelberg, you are invited. Spouses and all friends of Heidelberg are also welcome.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend the meeting and dinner Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 pm, and/or Sunday dinner at 1:00 pm in Zoar, by emailing Mark at mark.peeples@alumni.uni-heidelberg.de or Ellie at ellie.tschugunov@alumni.uni-heidelberg.de by April 19. Ellie will be coming from her home near Cleveland and Mark from Columbus. Please make your own reservations for your accommodations (see attached sheet for hotel recommendations). We will make the reservations for dinner. Everything will be "Dutch Treat." We're looking forward to seeing you in Amish Country! If you know of others who have a connection to Uni Heidelberg, please pass this invitation on to them, too.

Even if you can't join us on the weekend of April 24/25, we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail us at info@HeidelbergUniversity.org. For more information on HAUS please go to www.haus.uni-hd.de/

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Co-chairs, HAUS Regional Chapter Ohio



HAUS Meeting in Amish Country

Travel information and details

If you want to stay overnight and can decide quickly, stay in Berlin at Zinck's Lodging on the Square (<http://zincksinn.com/wordpress/>; 866-893-1060). This hotel is very popular, so reserve early. There are two other Zinck's locations nearby, as well as other hotels. Tell Zinck's that you are part of the HAUS group. Information on Zinck's is below, under Berlin. From Cleveland, take I-77 south. From Columbus I-70 east to I-77 north or US62 for a more scenic drive.

Below we've also listed lots of interested things in the area. Note that almost all of the shops and many of the other attractions are closed on Sunday. (And Schoenbrunn Moravian Village in New Philadelphia doesn't open until Memorial Day; have to come back!) So, if you arrive in the area earlier on Saturday or better yet Friday, check out the cheese making in Millersburg, the antiques in Wilmot and New Philadelphia, the general store in Walnut Creek, the Alpine Hills Historical Museum of Amish and Swiss Cultures, the quilts and crafts in Sugarcreek, the incredible hardware store in Charm, and the furniture, forge and "Behalt" Heritage Center in Berlin.

Sunday we will visit Zoar, a town with a 12-block historic village. Zoar was founded in 1817 as a commune by a small group of German Separatists with a mystical brand of worship and thrived into the mid-1800's.

Here is a compilation of some of the things to see in Amish Country, from several sources. Double check times and exact locations.

Berlin

- Schrock's Amish Farm and Home: if Walt Disney had been Amish, furniture and everything else (Mon-Sat 10-5)
- "Behalt" Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center traces the Mennonites roots from Zurich in 1525 (year round, Mon-Sat, 9-5)
- Amish Cultural Tours from "Behalt" and elsewhere; \$25-\$129 (Mon-Sat, reservations required: 330-893-3248)
- Wendell August Gift Shop and Forge: distinctive hand-forged aluminum, bronze and pewter items (Mon-Sat)
- Lehman's Mt. Hope: the real Amish shop here for machines without plugs
- Stone Barn Furnishings: two floors of hand-made Amish furnishings, from free-standing sinks to computer desks
- We'll be staying at **Zinck's on the Square** (close to the buggy action and shops, highly recommended; \$59.99 Saturday night; \$99.99 Friday night) 877-435-6600
 - Alternative: Zinck's Inn (nice views of farmlands; \$84.99 Saturday night)
- Dinner: **Chalet in the Valley** (Swiss and German food; west from Berlin on SR39 for one mile, left on SR557 for 2.5 miles) 330-893-2550



Millersburg

- Victorian House Museum (Sat/Sun 1-4 April)
- Yoder's Amish Farm: 2 homes, buggy rides, crafts
- Heini's/Bunkerhill cheese: yogurt cheese, among 50 others
- Giggisberg Cheese: watch cheesemaking at the home of the original Baby Swiss

Wilmot

- Grandma's Alpine Homestead-Swiss Village, restaurant (Mon-Sat, 8-7:30)
- 1881 Antique Barn
- Amish Door restaurant
- Hasseman House B&B, antiques, stained glass and intricate woodwork (Next door to the Amish Door restaurant)
- The Wilderness Center, 600 acres of forests, marshes and prairies with winding trails (year round, Tues-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5)

Walnut Creek

- Troyer's Trail Bologna, old-fashioned general store
- Holmes County Amish Flea Market
- Der Dutchman, Amish style cooking overlooking Genza Bottom Valley, and bakery

Sugarcreek, "Little Switzerland of Ohio" for its settlers and architecture

- Alpine Hills Historical Museum of Amish and Swiss cultures (April-Nov, Mon-Sat 10-4:30)
- Swiss Village Quilts and Crafts
- Dutch Valley Restaurant

Charm

- Keim's Lumber: Hardware lover's heaven
- Charm Countryview Inn: 15 rooms, handmade quilts, oak furniture 330-893-3003

New Philadelphia

- (Memorial Day-Aug, Wed-Sat 9:00-5, Sun 12-5) Schoenbrunn Village was founded in 1772 as a Moravian mission to the Delaware Indians established the first civil code, Protestant church and school in Ohio. Abandoned in 1777 because of pressure from the British-backed Indians. 18 reconstructed log structures with men and women dressed in period clothing, demonstrating crafts and customs. (AAA gem)
- Riverfront Antique Mall, 400 vendors
- The Schoenbrunn Inn: 66 rooms, pool

Zoar

- Zoar Village, 12-block historic district, small shops, restaurants, B&Bs, museums (April/May, Sat, Sun 11-5) (AAA gem)
- **Zoar Tavern and Inn:** German cuisine, dining room open year-round 303-874-2170
 - B&B rooms with hand-hewn beams, antiques
- The Inn at Cowager Village: stay in 1817 log cabin, 1833 post and beam manor or Amish oak cottage 800-874-3542