



A 12th Century German Woman
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German Historical Education Outreach

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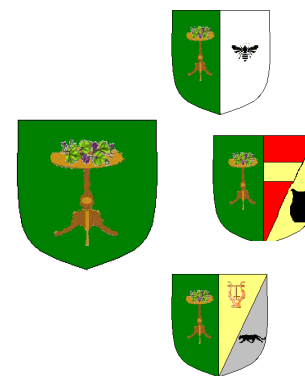
Das Maifest (pronounced my-fest) is a festival of history, wine, song and the joy of springtime. The *Maifest* celebrations in the Rhine and Moselle valleys in Germany delve deep into their history to the roots of their nobility in the Middle Ages. The joy of surviving the winter days of snow and ice and the beginning of the grape growing season that brought life and prosperity to the region was celebrated with rich pageants of color, music and poetry.

We hark to our cultural roots in this festival and hope that our offerings are enough to tantalize you to join us!

Started in 2003, our *Das Maifest* celebrates Spring and the rich history of medieval German Culture. The festival is held in the style of a medieval festival and features beautiful costumes and performers from all the lands the medieval Germans might have known. Our motto is "*Gastfreiheit and Glueck*" or "Hospitality and Felicity" and the heraldry on the front of this brochure represents the three *Mai-koenigen* and *Koeniginnen* (May kings and queens) who have served our festival.

Das Maifest 2006 will be held on May 20, 2006 at the Columbus Maennerchor from 11 am to 11 pm. Admission for non-participants is \$3.00 for adults. Children under 18 are free (as are participants).

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History Project Contest

May 2006

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It has been said that those who do not learn their history are doomed to repeat it. Bearing this in mind it is our goal to assist educators and parents in their quest to give their children the roots that they need in order to grow in our world today.

Perhaps one of the most overlooked periods of history is the middle ages, though much happened in this time period that makes our society what it is today. No group of people were more involved with this period of formation

than the people that would eventually form the German Nation. That is why we are pleased to introduce the German Historical Education Outreach History Project Contest. This contest is open to students in Middle School and High School. The rules are listed on the following page. We hope that you take this opportunity to dig in to the rich cultural heritage of the German People.

Essay Contest Themes

Essay Cap 100

Middle School Theme: The Impact of the Treaty of Verdun on the Carolingian Empire (500 words or less)

High School Theme: The effect of Charlemagne's Christianity on the system of government in the Carolingian Empire. (1000—1500 words)

(See Project Contest Rules for all other regulations)



A 12th Century German Court Re-enactment

Project Contest Rules

1. All art and written work must be original.
2. The project must follow the theme set forth by the Maifest Peerage. This year's categories are specific to the **9th Century Carolingian Empire**.
 - Clothing of the Aristocracy, Clergy and/or Peasantry
 - Trade: routes and goods (textiles, jewels, food, etc.)
 - Military Campaigns and/or equipment
 - Agricultural Practices (crops, techniques, animals, etc.)
 - Beginnings of Feudalism in the 9th Century
3. There will be two categories, middle school students and high school students.
4. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, there is no entry fee for projects or prizes for this year.
5. The entry cap is 65 projects and 100 essays. The closing date for entries is April 20, 2006 or when the cap is met. Any entries received after the cap has been reached will be returned and refunded.
6. All essays should be submitted by April 20th for review. Those essays submitted after the cap is reached or after the close date will be returned.
7. There will be a first, second, and third place winner in each category
8. The Prizes for each category are as follows:
 - First Prize will be a \$100.00 savings bond;
 - Second Prize will be a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local bookstore;
 - Third Prize will be a \$15.00 gift certificate to a local bookstore.
9. Students should strive to present their project from the point of view of their subject.
10. Projects should be no bigger than 48 x 48 x 36.
11. A bibliography must be available with the students work.
12. All works will be judged on the students' creativity, ability, articulacy, theme usage, and historical accuracy.
13. Judging of the projects will take place at Das Maifest, May 20, 2006, following Morning Court (approximately Noon). Set up of the projects can begin at 10:00 am.
14. Admission to Das Maifest is free to participants in the history fair. Children under 18 are free and Adults are \$3.00. Presale tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 at the Columbus Maennerchor.
15. The awards will be presented by the Maifest Monarch at the afternoon court on the day of Das Maifest.

Please feel free to duplicate this pamphlet and distribute it to others.

Registration Form

(please print)

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Grade Level	E-mail Address
School Name (if Homeschooled, write "Homeschooled")	
Chosen Topic	
How did you hear about this contest?	

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