



Free Lecture: "House Blessing Stones: A Pennsylvania Dutch Tradition of Establishment" Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm

This presentation by Patrick Donmoyer features a survey of architectural house blessings, in the forms of stone inscriptions and date plaques, with parallels found in written and printed blessings used in the home. A wide range of German-language blessing inscriptions ranging from the Lebanon to Lehigh valleys will be explained, each with an English-language equivalent, as well as their biblical and historical significance. The history of these inscriptions is traced through the building and stone-carving trades, as well as linked to the interrelated traditions of both officially sanctioned church rituals regarding the blessing of buildings, as well as folk applications of domestic ritual used in the home.

Patrick J. Donmoyer is the Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University, a folklife museum and research center on the Kutztown Campus. An avid speaker of Pennsylvania Dutch and advocate for regional folk culture, Patrick's work blends language, cultural traditions, and vernacular architecture in his folklife research. Patrick is the author of numerous articles, and three books. His most recent book explores the ritual healing traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch, entitled "Powwowing in Pennsylvania: Braucherei and the Ritual of Everyday Life."

Mike Emery (CIF Administrator) will moderate a brief discussion at the end of the presentation for the audience to ask questions.

This online lecture will utilize the Zoom platform on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm.

There is limited space available so is registration required.

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