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## 1. Seasonal Customs

The month of November is also called the fog or wind month.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November we celebrate "Allerheiligen" and "Allerseelen". During these two days people visit the cemeteries and bring fall flowers and lanterns to the graves of their dead relatives. The most common flower you will find on almost every grave is the chrysanthemum in white, rose, yellow or orange.

Although November is not really the most beautiful month of the year in our region, there is something kindergarden children are waiting for every year around this time: November the 11<sup>th</sup> is the day of "Sankt Martin".

Martin von Tours lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and later in his life became a bishop. According to a legend he, as a young man, was riding on his horse when he met a freezing beggar and he then cut his coat in two pieces with his sword and gave half of it to the poor man.

Now every year on Sait Martin's day children are reminded to share with others and they celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> of November with a lantern parade and sometimes "Sankt Martin" with his horse is even coming along. There is a song every German kindergarden child learns: "Laterne, Laterne, Sonne, Mond und Sterne"..... In case you would like to join one of these parades see 2. Erlangen News and 3. Fürth News.



AND this time of the year is also theater and concert season therefore you will find a couple of proposals of that kind in this newsletter and quite a few other in-door events!

## 2. Erlangen News

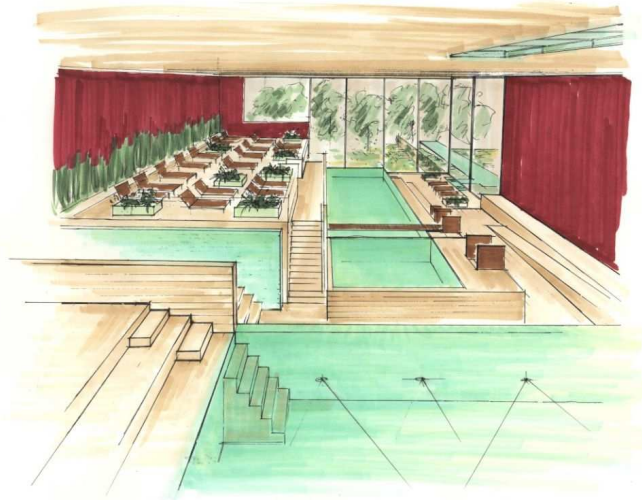
- “Erlanger Herbst”, is the magic word and means a day (Sunday, October the 21<sup>st</sup>) full of different attractions for the whole family. There is something special on practically every square in town. The historical fall market will offer all kinds of goods around the Neustädter Kirchenplatz. You could also call it a journey back to the middle ages! Or would you rather see how “Hobbybierbrauer” make their own beer? Then go up north to the Altstädter Kirchenplatz. At the Schloßplatz the Red Cross informs about its work and the Alpine Rescue Outpost will be there with their trained dogs. At the Hugenottenplatz you can meet the fire brigade and at the Bohlenplatz the historical flea market starts at noon (till 5 p.m.) All shops will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (a chance to visit the new shopping mall “Arcaden”) AND different food and snacks at every corner!



- Erlangen has a beautiful theater, as a matter of fact, the “Markgrafentheater” is the oldest still used baroque theater in the south of Germany. November 2007 is Shakespeare month. Hamlet and Richard III will be shown and in the little theater next to the Markgrafentheater called “Garage” there will be Shakespeares Sonette “My love is as a fever”. For dates etc.: [www.theater-erlangen.de](http://www.theater-erlangen.de)  
Erlangen has also a concert hall, called “Heinrich Lades Halle” with over 1200 seats and if you love classical music the starting winter season offers many highlights like the Dutch violinist Janine Jansen, the Hungarian trumpeter Gabor Boldoczki, the Turkish pianist Fazil Say, the British violinist Daniel Hope or the French/Swiss super-flute-player Emmanuel Pahud.  
[www.gve.de](http://www.gve.de)  
Also in the “Heinrich Lades Halle” there will be a charming event for children (starting age 4) and grown ups: One of the most popular ballets of Peter Tschaikowsky: “Der Nussknacker”. Brilliant music and the wonderland of a lovely fairy tale are waiting for you on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets call “erlangen ticket”: 09131-2 21 95 or 09131-80 05 55
- In case you want to be part of the parade with “Sankt Martin” on his horse in Erlangen, the “Kindermartinszug” starts at 5.00 p.m. at Martin-Luther-Platz on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. (see also 1. seasonal customs) Don’t forget to bring your lantern!

### 3. Fürth News

- 25.10.2007 is an important date for the city of Fürth: then their new spa, called “Fuerthermare” will be opened. A place for sport, fun and relaxation! The pool area is 4000 square meters big, partly inside and partly outside. There is also a large area for children in the fun spa. The thermal spa however is for “grown ups” (16 or older) only. You will also find a sauna in the style of Majorca to relax. In front of the spa there are 350 parking places but also the underground stop “Stadhalle” is close. Open daily from 10.00a.m. to 11p.m., Scherbsgraben 15, Fürth. For more information: [www.fuerthermare.de](http://www.fuerthermare.de)



- For those of you interested in art there is a must in Fürth Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>: The so called “Fürther Kunstwochenende”. Artist and their friends invite all interested art lovers to come to 40 different studios and see their fine arts, watch them, talk to them etc. For names of studios and town plan: [www.kulturringC.de](http://www.kulturringC.de) link: “Gastspiel 2007”
- Three days of gospel music with gospel singers and musicians from the USA are waiting for gospel fans in Fürth from November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2007. Details: [www.gogospel.com](http://www.gogospel.com)
- In case you want to be part of the parade of “Sankt Martin” on his horse, the “Kindermartinszug” in Fürth starts at 5.30 p.m. at the corner of Schwabacher Strasse and Marienstrasse on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Since Fürth celebrates its 1000<sup>th</sup> birthday this year the major of Fürth, Dr. Thomas Jung, bets that all schools and kindergartens of Fürth will NOT be able to come to this years parade with at least 1000 lanterns. However if there will be 1000 or more lanterns, the major promises that next year HE will ride on a horse, in front of the parade, dressed as “Sankt Martin”!  
So, don’t forget to bring your lantern! (see also 1. seasonal customs)

## 4. Nürnberg News

- If you are interested in modern art there is an exhibition you must not miss: Oeuvres of **Henri Matisse** the most famous French painter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century are shown in Nürnberg for the first time. This is a “guest presentation” of the “Musée Matisse” in Nizza. Most of his life Matisse had lived in Nizza, in the south of France, and there the largest collection of his art is gathered. Since Nizza is the sister town of Nürnberg and they are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of their partnership, Nizza sent part of their Matisse collection, the “Matisse JAZZ” to be presented in Nürnberg. The exhibition is still open until November 4<sup>th</sup>, Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nürnberg, Kartäusergasse 1, [www.gnm.de](http://www.gnm.de)
- Gran Fiesta Mexicana with “Los Mariachis del Mariachi” presents Mexican folk music which means: temperament, rhythm, joy of life and the feeling of vacation. There are also Mexican dishes and beverages offered at the “Kulturtreff Bleiweiß”, Hintere Bleiweißstr. 15, Nürnberg, Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. (entrance at 7:30 p.m.) [www.kuf-kultur.de/bleiweiss](http://www.kuf-kultur.de/bleiweiss)
- If you prefer Irish/Bretonish folk music combined with elements of Eastern Europe sounds, you should not miss the FOLK CLUB: GRÁDA. The band was founded only a couple of years ago in Dublin but the artists Nicola Joyce, Alan Doherty, Brendan O’Sullivan, Andrew Laking and Gerry Paul receive outstanding international critics in the meantime. On October 21<sup>st</sup> they play at 7 p.m. in Nürnberg at the “Loni-Übler-Haus”, Marthastr. 60 [www.kuf-kultur.de/loni](http://www.kuf-kultur.de/loni)
- Nürnberg has a wonderful museum for children. There you can find two main exhibitions. One is called “Bei den Urgroßeltern” here the children learn what everyday life was like in former times and the other exhibition called “Schatzkammer Erde” explains how our earth was formed. There is an additional, special exhibition “Unterwegs nach Tutmirgut” this is an event for children age 5 -12 to inform about nourishment, sport, noise, first aid, relaxation and also how to cope with emotions and conflicts. The museum is open every Saturday from 2 - 5.30 p.m. and Sunday from 10.00 a.m.- 5.30 p.m., Michael-Ende-Str. 17, Nürnberg, [www.kindermuseum-nuernberg.de](http://www.kindermuseum-nuernberg.de) For groups there are also guided tours in English, reservation is then necessary.



## 5. Regensburg News

- Regensburg has a very popular art gallery called “Kunstforum Ostdeutsche Galerie”. There you find permanent and temporary exhibitions. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month the entrance is free. The next charge free Sunday will be October 21<sup>st</sup>, opening hours are 10.00 a.m.- 5.00 p.m. The address is Dr.-Johann-Maier-Str. 5, Regensburg. For more details: [www.kunstforum.net](http://www.kunstforum.net)
- The cathedral of Regensburg is one of the nicest in Germany. There is a guided tour with organ-recital on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m. The Domorganist Prof. Franz Josef Stoiber will play the organ and Domvikar Dr. Werner Schröder will guide around this very special monument. The tour starts in front of the cathedral: Domplatz 5, Regensburg, For more information: [www.domplatz-5.de](http://www.domplatz-5.de)

## 6. Special hint: Historical trains

Riding on a historical train is a very special attraction for the whole family. If ever you had the chance to watch people on these trains or the people along the way: Everyone seems to be happy. “Wir machen Dampf” is the slogan of the club members of the FRÄNKISCHE MUSEUMS-EISENBAHN E.V. Steam locomotive 52 8195 will start again October 21<sup>st</sup> 2007. It will leave Nuernberg (Nordost station) at 7:45 a.m. and will return at 20:30 p.m. after a day full of joy. There are two destinations offered. You can either get off in Volkach where there is a fall market or in Würzburg where there is a city tour offered. Food and beverages are offered on the train.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> a train will part for Regensburg and there will be a train to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Then a real Nikolaus (Santa Claus) will be on board!  
For more information see: [www.fraenkische-museumseisenbahn.de](http://www.fraenkische-museumseisenbahn.de)



## 7. Die lange Nacht der Wissenschaften

The long night of the sciences takes place for the 3rd time this year and will again attract many people in Nürnberg, Fürth and Erlangen. The Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg wants to prove to people that research work can be a lot of fun if only it is presented in an interesting way. And this is exactly what this nightly tour should be, an orientation through different scientific fields.

Laboratories, research rooms, workshops and studios of humane sciences as well as natural sciences will be open for the public from 6 p.m to 1 a.m.

There is a special program for children starting already in the afternoon at 2p.m.

See: [www.ufo-nuernberg.de](http://www.ufo-nuernberg.de)

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