

EASY News May/June 2009

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1. Seasonal recipe:

The asparagus season started early this year because April was an unusually warm month. Therefore you can buy fresh German asparagus in every supermarket or on a vegetable market. For many Germans an asparagus dish is one of the highlights on the menu list throughout the year. In Germany one eats mainly the white asparagus sort and the most common way to prepare it is the asparagus salad.

Asparagus salad

For 4 persons you need:

1 kg white asparagus
3 l of water, salt, a soup spoon of butter

For the vinaigrette dressing:

8 soup spoons of oil
3 soup spoons of vinegar
salt, white pepper, a little sugar
half a bunch parsley
half a bunch chive



Peel the asparagus and wash it. Make sure all the "hard" parts on the bottom end are cut off.

Heat water with butter and salt in a pot and add asparagus to the briskly boiling water. Reduce heat and let the asparagus boil for 15-20 minutes.

Prepare dressing in the meantime and pure on drained asparagus and let the salad get cold. You can prepare the salad hours before serving. Shortly before serving spread parsley and chive onto the salad.

Serve with warm ham and new boiled potatoes.

Quelle:Privat

If you do not have the time to prepare the salad yourself you can order it in practically every German restaurant at this time of the year.

Guten Appetit

2. Next easy-entry-get2gether

We would like to inform you already today about our next get2gether event: Note in your calendar:

Thursday, June 16th Minigolf in Regnitzgrund, Erlangen.

We will meet at **6:30pm** at the Wiesenweg (close to Damaschkeplatz).

Costs: Approx. Euro 4,- per person – food and drinks at own expense.

The Easy Entry Team is very much looking forward to meeting you there!

3. Erlangen News

- A big event, taking place in **Erlangen, Nürnberg, Fürth and Schwabach**, is coming up. The centre of the **“16. Internatioales Figurentheater-Festival”** will be Erlangen where this cultural performance was founded in 1979. This **figure theatre festival** will bring 50 groups from all over the world to 20 different venues in our region. There will be puppet theatres, object and picture theatres, dances, circus, video protections, interactive protections as well as street theatres, exhibitions, films workshops and more. Some of the events will be in English like **“Cuniculus”** by Neville Tranter, a puppet theatre where lonesome bunnies meet humans which cope with similar fears.

When: May 15th – May 24th 2009

For the complete program and the venues see: www.figurentheaterfestival.de



Quelle: Stadt Erlangen, Stuffed Puppet, Foto: Michael Kneffel

- Erlangen has a new event starting this year it is called **“Erste Erlanger Sternen Nacht”**. For the first time in the city’s history the shops will be open until 11pm and there will be attractions like a culinary street, **“Straße der Köstlichkeiten”**, stage shows, live bands, dances, fashion shows, acrobatics, a mysterious merry-go-round, illuminations, a Ferrari show and a lot more.

When: Friday, May 22nd starting at 5pm

Where: Along the main streets and squares in the centre and inside the Erlangen Arcaden

- **The famous “Markgrafentheater” in Erlangen will be open for a free guided tour!** You should not miss this rare chance because this theatre in Erlangen is the oldest still used baroque theatre in the south of Germany. The tour will allow you to look also behind the stage.
When: May 30th 2009, at 3pm
Where: Markgrafentheater, Erlangen, Theaterplatz 2
- The most important event in Erlangen is coming up this month as well:
The 254th Erlanger Bergkirchweih will start May 28th at 5pm and lasts until June 8th. The festival is open daily from 10am to 11pm.
You know the Erlanger Bergkirchweih is not the biggest beer festival in Bavaria (the Oktoberfest in Munich 19. 9. – 4. 10. 2009 and the Gäubodenfest in Straubing 7. - 17. 8. 2009 are larger) BUT it is the nicest and the oldest beer festival in Bavaria. Founded in 1755 it was a small weekend market with a shooting range at the beginning and got bigger and bigger over the centuries. But the location on a hill, the “**Burgberg**”, under big old trees with benches on top of the beer cellars, the so called “**Keller**” is still the same and all this together with excellent beer, good food and music - creates this unique atmosphere. You cannot describe it - you have to come and enjoy it!!!



Quelle: ETM, Foto: Sabine Ismaier

- The **outdoor pool season** has started. There will be a change in Erlangen this year because one of the two public open air pools is closed for renovation. The “**Röthelheimbad**” will open again next year with a complete new “face”. This season you can use the “**Freibad West**”.
Where: Erlangen, Damaschkestr. 129, Tel.: 09131-823 4828
For prices and opening hours see: http://www.estw.de/Baeder/Freibad_West/Freibad_West.html
- How about a **30 minutes organ concert for free?** Every coming Saturday until July 11th there will be a concert at the “**Neustädter Kirche**”, Erlangen, Neustädter Kirchenplatz, at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the sound of a great organ which was renovated completely last year.

4. Forchheim: A special market

90 artists will show their pieces on the “**Kunsthändlermarkt**”. If you want to see rare and really beautiful pieces of **handicraft and art** you have to visit this market. It is situated in the centre of

Forchheim around the historical building “**Kaiserpfalz**”, a former bishop’s residence built in the 14th and 16th century.

The slogan of this year’s market is “Ausgefallen – Ausgezeichnet” which means “fancy – exquisite” and this is exactly what this market is. Go and see yourself.

When: Saturday May 16th 10am to 8pm and Sunday May 17th 10am to 6pm

Where: Streets and squares around the Kaiserpfalz

5. Fürth News

- The “**Fürthlauf**” is the perfect event for sporty people, children as well as adults. This **running event** takes place for the 7th time and attracts more and more sport lovers every year. The route for children is 1302 meters long and the one for adults is 5037 meters long. There is a very nice side program for adults and children: like live music, dances, lottery drawings, warming ups, shows for children etc..

You must register. With your registration you get a T-shirt, a certificate and little presents and during the sprint you are offered water!

Register under www.fuerthlauf.de or personally at “**Kastners Sport Treff**”, Friedrichstr. 9, , until May 23rd, 2pm.

Adults pay Euro 16,-- and children up to 14 years pay Euro 7,--

When: May 24th, the children’s sprints start at 10.30 am, 11am and 11.30am

The adult sprint starts at 1.15pm

The shows end at 6pm

Where: **Fürther Freiheit** is starting point and event place



Quelle: Fürthlauf, D.Sandhöfer

- The spirit of News Orleans will be present in Fürth during the **New Orleans Festival**. This very successful festival is taking place for the 10th time and will present blues, rock, jazz, gospel choirs, music of the 50ies as well as a burlesque show and a lot more.

When: May 29th – 31st

Where: **Fürther Freiheit**

For the entire program and starting times see: www.new-orleans-festival.de

The festival is free, everybody can come!!!

- The city of Fürth offers a new kind of city tours: **Shopping and art tours.** Under the professional guidance of the photographer, Jan Schröder, from Fürth, you will meet "Italian moments", the so called "Dolce Vita in Fürth". This tour is created to combine art/exhibitions with the possibility of getting shopping ideas in especially selected little shops which you might not discover on your own. Just look and enjoy, you do not need to buy.
When: Saturday, May 23rd at 10.30am & Friday June 12th at 3pm
Where: Both tours start at the main entrance of the town hall, Königstr. 88
The tour is free and lasts about 2 hours!

6. Nürnberg News

- **Elton John** will come to Nürnberg with his band!!! If you are interested in this rare concert you should get tickets as soon as possible.
When: July 4th 2009
Where: Frankenstadion, Max-Morlock-Platz 1

For tickets see: <http://www.eventbuero.com/183/Events-in-Frankenstadion.html>
- Everybody who has been to the "**Blaue Nacht**", a night with art and culture wants to come again every year. And everybody who has not been to the "blue night" yet should go! Especially this year because this event celebrates its 10th birthday.



Quelle: Congress und Tourismus-Zentrale Nürnberg

There will be more than 200 different presentations like guided tours, exhibitions, music presentations, dancing, art presentations, theatre, culinary surprises, light installations (the entire town will be blue). The topic of the night is: ASTRONOMIE.

When: May 23rd from 7pm until some time the next morning!

Where: "Die Blaue Nacht", takes place in 65 houses, courts and squares all around the centre of Nürnberg

There are family tickets (2 adults and 4 children up to 13years) for Euro 29,--

For the complete program, tickets and venues see: www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de

- The **German American Institute** ("Deutsch Amerikanisches Institut") offers all kinds of English speaking activities and entertainments.

The institute will also be part of the above mentioned "**Blaue Nacht**" on **Saturday, May 23rd** **between 7pm and 1am. At 8.30, 9.30 and 10.30pm Marc O'Vincent will perform, imitating Tiger Tom Jones, Joe Cocker and Elvis!**

The **Book Discussion Group** meets again Thursday May 19th at 7.30pm.
The next **English Language Discussion Group** will be Thursday, May 28th at 7pm.

The DAI has also a **library** with over 9000 English books, 70 different English magazines, newspapers, DVDs and videos.

You find all this at **Geißbühlstr. 9, Tel.: 0911-23069-0**
For the complete program see: www.dai-nuernberg.de look under "Veranstaltungskalender"

7. Regensburg News

- The **cruise** season has started again. There is a number of different shipping companies in Regensburg which offer tours up and down the river of Danube. On the banks of the river there are all kinds of different attractions to discover: cities, castles, monuments, monasteries etc. Today we would like to introduce the "Personenschiffahrt Klinger" because many of their cruises are also in English.
For their complete program see: www.schiffahrtklinger.de
- While you are in the Regensburg region you should at least once go to **Riedenburg**. The town of Riedenburg is located in the heart of Bavaria, about 30 km west of Regensburg. The little town with only 5700 inhabitants is surrounded by a **magnificent landscape**. There used to be three **castles**. "Rabenstein" and "Tachenstein" are ruins but the third one, "**Rosenburg**" is complete and houses a **falconry** with flying displays every day between 11am and 3pm except Monday. <http://www.falkenhofrosenburg.de/burg.html>

A visit to the **crystal museum** with the world's largest rock crystal cluster is a must. Open daily between March and October between 9am and 6pm.
<http://www.kristallmuseum-riedenburg.de/diamanten.html>



Quelle: Stadtverwaltung Riedenburg

A special event is coming up between May 22nd and 24th, the "Mittelalter Festwochende". This **middle age festival** offers all kinds of attractions and entertainment. For the complete program see: <http://www.altmuehltal.de/riedenburg/veranst/mittelalter.htm>

8. Romeo and Juliet in Würzburg

The „Residenz“ in Würzburg is **one of the most beautiful baroque castles in Germany**. The castle was built in the 18th century and is surrounded by a beautiful baroque park.

The **American Drama Group Europe** is on tour performing in several German castles and palaces this year. One stop will be Würzburg. The park behind the castle, the so called "**Hofgarten**" will offer a perfect environment for the world's greatest love story: "**Romeo and Juliet**" by **William Shakespeare**. The open air performance will start at 7pm but you can come already at 6pm to enjoy the unique baroque garden. Get an impression on what to expect under: <http://wa5588.fv15.de/wuerzburg/wuerzburg.htm>

When: July 13th, 7pm

Where: Hofgarten behind Residenz in Würzburg

We inform you already now because the tickets might be gone soon.

For tickets call: 0931-55 55 4, the tickets cost Euro 19,80 each

For a map how to get there see: <http://www.residenz-wuerzburg.de/deutsch/tourist/anfahrt.htm>

There are several hundred parking places right in front of the castle. If you have time it would be worth coming early and taking a walk through the historical old town of Würzburg with many beautiful churches, historical buildings and nice shops and guesthouses.

9. Family News

- We know that many of your children or also yourself are interested in **horse back riding**. The Franconian Swiss, the so called "**Fränkische Schweiz**" offers a number of different places and possibilities to enjoy this sport. If you want to go there just once to give your child a chance to sit on a horse, if you want to go there to celebrate a child's birthday with a whole group or if you are interested in regular lessons or even a weekend stay or entire holiday. All this is possible. See yourself under: <http://www.fraenkische-schweiz.com/sport/reiten.html>
- If your children love **animals** you must go to the "**Wildpark Hundshaupten**" (east of Forchheim). There you will find all kinds of deer, house animals like sheep, rabbits, pigs, donkeys and many, many more. There is also a petting zoo and a restaurant. You can also adopt an animal for one year and choose a name if it does not have one yet.

Find more information and how to get there under: www.hundshaupten.de

- One section of the "**Bergkirchweih** in Erlangen has also a pretty nice **fairground** where children can have a lot of fun. If you bring your children it is best to go in the morning or early afternoon because there will be less crowd. The "Bergkirchweih is open between May 28th (opening day is not a good day for children) until June 8th between 10am and 11pm.
Thursday, June 4th is family day then all the rides are reduced.



- See also **2. Erlangen News**, "Erste Erlanger Sternen Nacht" & **3. Fürth News** "Fürthlauf"

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