



Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park

January 4th, 2024

Dear Valued Members,

It is my privilege to write to you today as a supporter of the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park. We continue to be blessed by so many people willing to donate their time, talent and treasure to make the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park a success. As you know, every year brings new challenges and opportunities. The year 2023 has been no different.

Several major improvement projects were completed at the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park this year due to the generosity of our donors. At our planning meeting in January of 2023, the board set goals for the year. One of the goals was to repair the roof on the Hausbarn. Thanks to time spent on the phone finding the experts to do that, we were able to get a crew from Virginia to mend holes and close openings that had appeared in the thatching. The crew liked our community and are looking forward to coming back to check the roof in years to come. Other goals were to use the Farmstead more as an income stream, increase visitation, and continue to hold our place as a wedding venue.

The campground at the Park is a major source of income and was carefully tended and remodeled to accommodate lots of campers. Additionally at the campground, a display called the Charters of Freedom was installed. It is appropriately set next to the Carroll County Freedom Rock and consists of replicas of the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence.

Because of a very generous bequest from Grace Hansen, the mortgage on the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park Konferenz Center was paid off. An endowment fund has also been set up with an initial contribution of \$25,000 from the Hansen Trust bequest.

The Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park events that were held throughout the year were the Rib and Soup Fundraiser in March, the Car Cruise in July, Oktoberfest at the end of September, and a variety of other events. Other organizations held meetings or events at the Park as well. The Boy Scouts had their annual statewide meeting in March, IKM-Manning Prom was held in April, the Museum of Danish America's 40th Anniversary in June, and Main Street Manning had their annual fundraiser at the Park in November.

All of our events and projects are designed to preserve, protect and promote the heritage and integrity of the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park. We ask for your continued support of our efforts to communicate our German heritage and customs through an investment in an annual membership. Please find enclosed a brochure that details our membership and gift levels. Your membership gift to the Manning Community Foundation is



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tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. I encourage you to consider a membership with the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park, and invite a friend or neighbor to join!

In addition to your membership, please consider purchasing a commemorative brick in the courtyard to honor or remember loved ones; making an extra donation earmarked for the 'Save the Farm' project, the renovation of windows in the carriage house and farmhouse, or for general needs.

The Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park continues to share our German heritage through the many and varied contributions of members just like you. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Manning Community Foundation, we thank you for your continued support of this invaluable asset to our German heritage.

Sincerely,

Freda Dammann
President
Board of Directors

The Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park was established and dedicated in August 2000. Its purpose is to preserve and promote the German history and traditions of Manning's forefathers by raising awareness of the park, increasing visitation and creating a plan to sustain the park for the future.

The Hausbarn-Heritage Park includes:

- Authentic 1660 German Hausbarn from Schleswig-Holstein Germany. It was dismantled in Germany, shipped in 1996, reconstructed in Manning in 1998 and dedicated on August 13, 2000.
- The Leet-Hassler Farmstead Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It represents an early-20th century purebred hog breeding operation and is architecturally significant for the arts-and-crafts era home and state-of-the-art farm structures.
- Trinity Church, a century-old church with all original contents. The former Lutheran church was moved from 11 miles south of Manning to the park in 2006.
- Freedom Rock, home to Carroll County's Freedom rock. Recently, refurbished by the order artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II.
- Charters of Freedom, permanent display featuring replications of the United States Bill of Rights, the Constitution of the United States, and the Declaration of Independence.



The Hausbarn-Heritage Park hosts:

- Educational tours for school groups and visiting tourists
- Heritage celebration events
- Welcomes visitors May 1-October 31. The park is accessible year-around by appointment.

Visit us this Season!

Open: May—October

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10—4, Sunday 1—4

Admission: Adults—\$6, Children 12 and under—\$3

Guided tours can be arranged in advance for \$7 per adult. Special rates for school groups. Call for more information and suggested itineraries.

Plenty of onsite parking. School and tour buses are welcome. Cobblestone Inn & Suites is onsite (712-655-4000) and additional lodging options are available within 20 minutes of the park.

Rental of the facilities may be scheduled throughout the year even during the winter months when the Park is closed for the season.



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130 Heritage Drive, Manning, IA 51455
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Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park Guide to Charitable Giving and

Membership



Featuring

Authentic 1660 German Hausbarn
Leet-Hassler Farmstead Historic District
Century-old Trinity Church

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Join us! German Cultural Heritage & Traditions Agricultural Heritage & Historic Preservation

Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The park is supported by charitable donations, gate admission, proceeds from events, corporate sponsorships and membership dues. We also seek funding from other sources, such as grants and foundations.

We welcome gifts in any amount and will greatly appreciate your continued support.

Celebrate German Cultural Heritage at Manning's Annual Festivals!

Kinderfest, a 125-year-old tradition, is a celebration of children held each June and one of Iowa's oldest traditional celebrations.

Oktoberfest—The beer and spirits flow freely at the annual Oktoberfest! Enjoy an authentic German meal served fireside, an official keg tapping ceremony (done the old German way), polka music, dancing and more!

Weihnachtsfest is Manning's annual Christmas celebration. Weihnachtsfest is held the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving.

Host Special Events and Meetings

At this Unique Venue

The Hausbarn, grounds and Trinity Church can be rented for special events such as weddings, receptions, dances, parties, dinners and meetings.



Planned Giving, Bequests and Life Income Gifts

For information about planned giving, bequests, and life income gifts, please contact the Hausbarn-Heritage Park Executive Director at 712-655-3131.

Shop at the Museum Gift Shop

The Museum Gift shop includes heritage gifts, food, books, and more. Proceeds from purchases support the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park.

Become a Member

As a member of the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park, you help to tell the story of this important and fascinating historical site. Proceeds from membership fees help to preserve the historic structures, as well as the upkeep of the site. Membership privileges include:

Level of Membership	Price	Benefits
Senior Citizen, Kids	\$15	Get 1 pass per year special member appreciation Dinner Park Communication Special Event Entry Pricing
Individual Membership	\$75	Get 2 Free passes year special member appreciation Dinner Park Communication Special Event Entry Pricing
Family Membership	\$150	Get 8 Free passes year, or one guided tour for family special member appreciation Dinner Park Communication Special Event Entry Pricing

The Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by US Internal Revenue Service.



I want to support the historic preservation and educational programming of the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Membership Dues

Membership runs from January 1-December 31. Lifetime memberships are no longer offered; however, members with that designation maintain that level of membership.

- Senior, Kids..... \$15
- Individual..... \$75
- Family.....\$150

Annual Gift or Gift for Designated Use

- Annual Gift \$ _____
- Other (designate intended use) _____

Volunteer at the Park

MHHP relies on volunteers to welcome visitors and guests as well as help care for the property. Please check the boxes below if you'd like to volunteer to help:

- Volunteer at the site.
- Help with events.
- Be responsible for one area of the park lawn.
- Be responsible for one area of the buildings.
- Other _____

Please contact me to further discuss planned giving, bequests and life income gifts.

Please send an automatic withdrawal form so that donations can be set up electronically for monthly contributions.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to: Manning Community Foundation

Return to: Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park, 130 Heritage Drive, Manning, IA 51455.