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*Dear readers,
dear Hummel fans!*

Coburg is a "culinary center." One of the topics of this third Postillion edition discusses what is typical of the many appetizing Franconian specialties available in the home of Hummel. In addition, Mother's Day is just around the corner. When the American Ann Jarvis began her fight for a Mother's Day in 1905, she probably did not expect to achieve such a success. Today Mother's Day is celebrated by millions of people worldwide. We also keep our fingers crossed for Germany's high school graduates as well as graduates around the world, introduce you to Kerstin Griesenbrock from the Rödental Club team and hope that the "frost saints" or "black-berry winter" in May will not make it too difficult for our plants this year. Just turn the page and enjoy!

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Let's dance!

Dancing refreshes the body and soul. Dancing is popular all over the world. Since 1993, on the 29th of April, "World Dance Day" has been celebrated worldwide. Whether folk dance, tap dance, Latin, hip hop or ballet; whether alone, as a couple or in a group; in a studio, club, at home or in competition – dancing is simply fun! In Coburg, the A team of the Ketschen-dorf gymnastic club danced its way onto the winners' podium in the southern regional league: In the 2017/2018 season they danced to a third place out of eight teams from all over southern Germany. A great achievement!



Portrait

Kerstin Griesenbrock from our Club team lives the "fascination of Hummel"

My job is to be here for you," says Kerstin Griesenbrock. The 46-year-old lives in the Upper Franconian town Koednitz, in the valley of the White Main not far from the "beer city" Kulmbach. She drives daily to "her" Hummel Club in Rödentel.

"With me you will always find an open ear for your concerns," says the sympathetic team member from Kulmbach, who looks back on 15 years of experience in retail sales' management. Since February, she has been one of the contacts for the collectors in the Hummel Club.

Kerstin Griesenbrock has always had a connection to the adorable figurines. "My grandmother gave me my first

Hummel," she recalls. As a trained mental and burn-out coach, she knows that some must seek refuge in an increasingly hectic world. For them, Hummel figurines are such a small, fascinating refuge. "You just have to feel it," she says. "Take a few minutes with a figurine in your hand. It's an immersion in an idyllic world." Looking at a "Hummel" delights the heart and warms the soul. "The small faces especially attract me," she says. "Our painters, who make each figure unique, are true artists".

The Hummel Club and its benefits

Since 1977, the Hummel Club has been keeping collectors up-to-date with information about new products,



activities and interesting facts. Four times per year Club members receive our magazine "Hummel-Post" free of charge with exciting news from the Manufaktur, pictures, stories and a detailed catalog. In addition – after registration on the website – one can also receive our newsletter "Postillion".

Your membership fee includes an exclusive members-only Hummel figurine. An additional exclusive figurine is also available to members at a special price. In addition, we celebrate

your Club anniversaries (5, 10, 15 etc.) with a special pin and an exclusive figurine.

There will be more "Hummel" events in the future. Stay tuned!

SKROBEK-EDITION

Limited to 950 pieces

Exclusive Club figurine – a series to the 95th birthday of master sculptor Gerhard Skrobek: 1980 Summertime Surprise **HUM 428/1** 5.75 in \$ 360



Exclusive Club figurine: Marion Huschka 2018 Housecleaning: Girl Washing **HUM 2397** 4.25 in \$ 225

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I bring a lot of love:

A toast to the best of all mothers!

They just can't wait to deliver their gifts. Three little girls stand with shining eyes in front of their mother, with flowers, a sweet treat and a basket. What's in it? Juice maybe, a cake or a good wine? The girls are coming from outside, the weather wasn't very good, so they made sure not to forget their umbrella. The children have picked flowers and are accompanied on their little hike back home by a cute little bird. This little trio wants to honor their mother and wish her a happy Mother's Day. The

girls were sculpted by Helmut Fischer for the first time in 1989. At that time, the figure was just about 4.75 inches tall. The figurine has been revised: Now the elaborately modeled and decorated figurine stands a stately 7.50 inches. It is limited to 1,999 pieces.

Mother's Day on May 13 is a day to honor of mothers and motherhood. From the United States, it began its triumphal growth across Switzerland, Austria and Scandinavia and on

around the world. The American Ann Jarvis fought after the death of her own mother in May 1905, that all mothers would be honored during their lifetime. To achieve her goal, she wrote letters to important figures. Only a few years later, the day was officially declared „Mother's Day“. Today, millions of sons and daughters honor their mother every second Sunday in May. We join in with some adorable little well-wishers.

Helmut Fischer
2017
Joyful Gifts
Hum 605
7.50 in, \$ 2,000



Helmut Fischer
Anette Barth
2006
For Mommy
Hum 2258
4.50 in, \$ 215

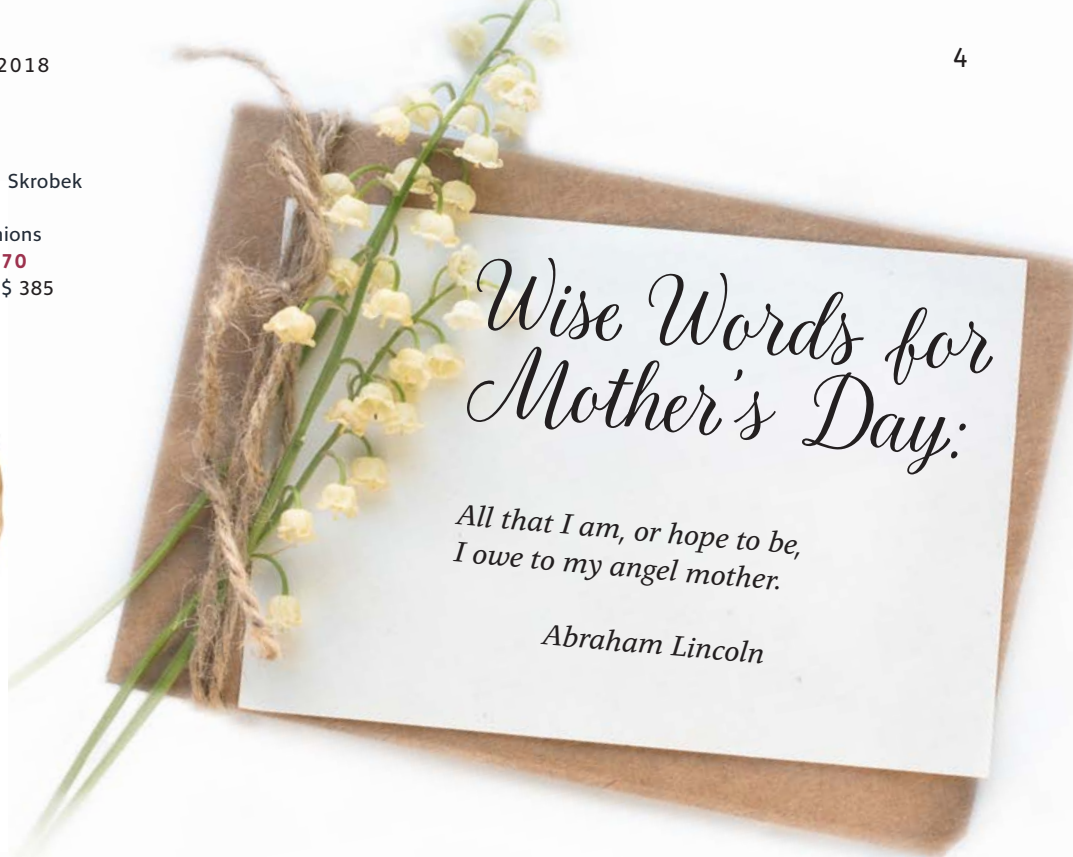


Anette Barth
2007
A Gift For You
Hum 2259
4.00 in, \$ 245





Gerhard Skrobek
1964
Companions
Hum 370
4.75 in, \$ 385



A Day for Fathers:

Father's Day

In Germany the male head of the family gets to celebrate his "Father's Day" or "Lord's Day" earlier, on Ascension Day. The custom to honor the fathers began in Berlin at the end of the 19th century. Since then, men are allowed to enjoy a "men's day" on "Father's Day", which this year falls on May 10th. On this day of celebration – we are happy to join the party! Our little Hummel girls are proudly bringing their Dad some pretty flowers.



Gerhard Skrobek
1964
Daddy's Girls
Hum 371
4.75 in, \$ 385



Coburg is a "culinary center"

The home of Hummel figurines is a treasure chest of culinary delights: First of all come the Coburg "Bratwurst" (sausages), which are freshly roasted over "kuehla", pine cones collected in the local forests. The fragrance drifts across the historic market square in Coburg and the aroma alone will awaken your appetite.

Or the Coburg "Schmätzchen" (ginger snaps) enriched with gold made by the Feyler bakery, the former Coburg court purveyor and baker, a sweet treat that is not only bought during the Christmas season. In addition to the Coburg ducal house, the Swedish royal family is one of the customers of this gingerbread manufactory.

The third hearty delicacy is the Coburg "Rutscher" (slider), a typical dumpling specialty from the Duchy,

which is popular here in the region as a side dish to a hearty roast. The Franconians also love a freshly tapped "Seidla" (glass) of beer – of course brewed strictly according to the German beer purity law. After all, Franconia is the region with the largest brewery density and a long brewing history.

With this "culinary dream" the "Vestestadt" (fortress city) convinced a selected jury of gastronomy, tourism, culture and agriculture in the competition "culinary centers." Coburg is now one of 45 Bavarian municipalities where culinary enjoyment is at home. A gourmet guide is planned, which will list 100 cities and towns with their typical regional



delights. The Coburg region has additionally applied together with the nearby Franconian towns of Sesslach and Bad Rodach. We'll see how it goes!

Festival Journey
HUM 2380
4.25 in, \$ 225



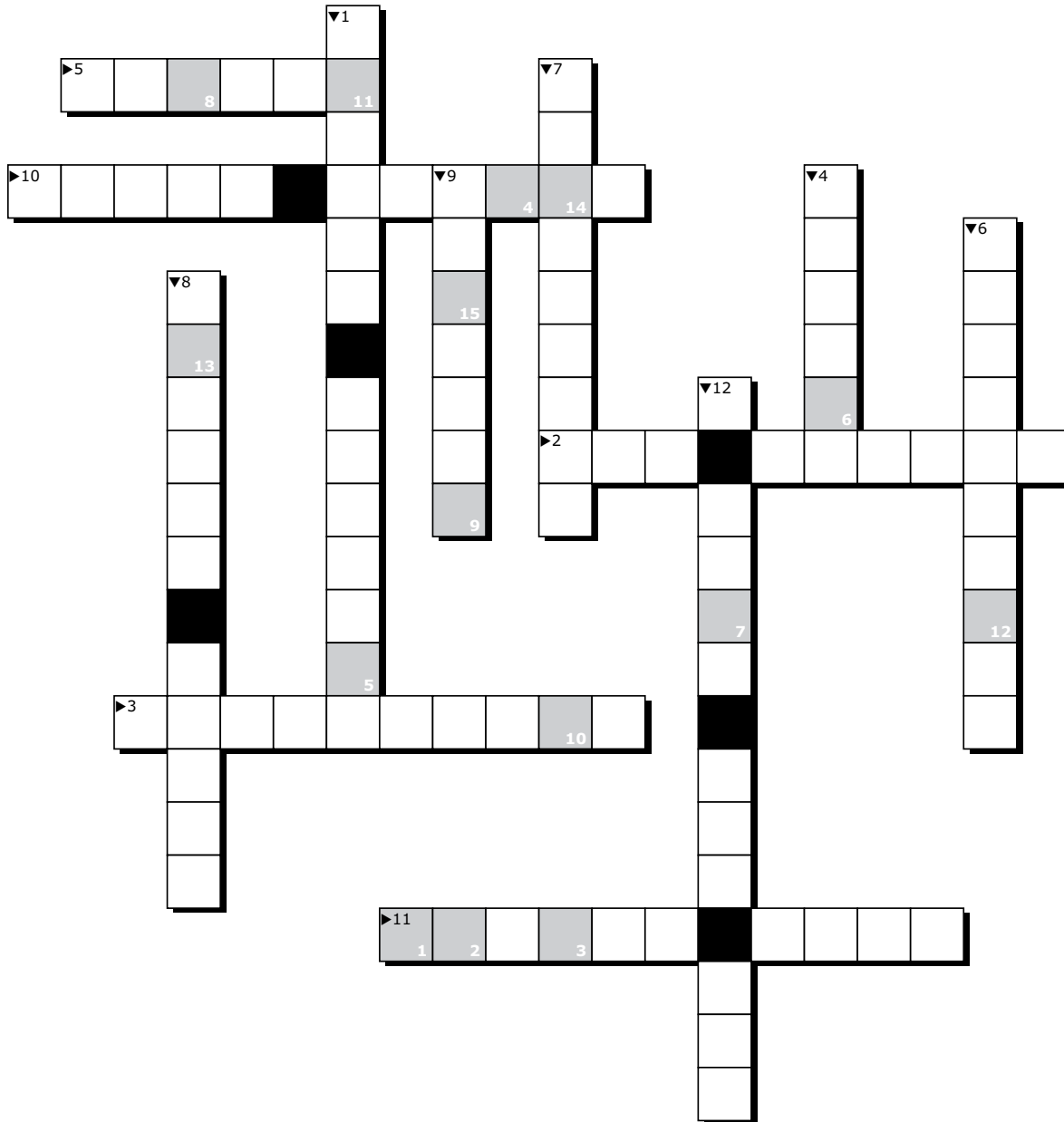
Bavarian Toast
HUM 2344
5.00 in, \$ 320



Bavarian Cheer
HUM 2373
4.75 in, \$ 320



Crossword Puzzle



1. Who originally modeled „The Mail Is Here“ (Hum 226)?
2. Who fought to have Mother’s Day recognized?
3. What’s the name of one of the „Eisheiligen“?
4. Over what are Coburg Bratwursts roasted?
5. What is the name of Hum 154?
6. What’s the name of our newsletter?

7. Where’s the Hummel Manufaktur located?
8. Who sculpted Hum 2379, „My Little Horseshoe“?
9. Where was Sr. M.I.Hummel born?
10. Sr. Hummel’s name at birth?
11. What’s the name of the new Club magazine?
12. Hum 2259 is named?

Solution:

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The "Eisheiligen" are at the door

Much is known about the danger of late frosts: Experienced gardeners are therefore waiting for the "Eisheiligen" ("frost saints" or "ice saints"). They are known under the names Mamertus, Pankratius, Servatius, Boniface and Sophie. This year's „Ice Saints“ come from 11th to 15th May. Until then, the danger for frost-sensitive plants has not passed. Sowing and planting should be put off for another week or so, because by the conversion of the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1582, the "saints of the ice" are actually a week later.

*Take care of
your plants when
the days are frosty:*

*Pankrazi, Servazi, Bonifazi
sind drei frostige Bazi
und zum Schluss fehlt nie
die kalte Sophie (15. Mai)*

*Der heilige Mamerz hat
von Eis ein Herz;
Pankratius hält
den Nacken steif,
sein Harnisch klirrt
von Frost und Reif;
Servatius' Mund
der Ostwind ist,
hat schon manch'
Blümchen totgeküßt.*

Anette Barth
2017
My Little Horseshoe
Hum 2379
4.75 in, \$ 235



High School Finals for Bavarian Students

Along with many other countries, the first written final exams here in Bavaria start on May 2nd. On the 7th and 11th of May the pupils continue to prove in writing what they have learned during their preparation time. High school graduates are tested in mathematics, German and a third subject chosen by them individually. They still have a bit of time before their

oral exams, the colloquium, which come from Monday, June 4 to Friday, June 15. Maybe you also have a child, a godchild or grandchild, a nephew or a niece who is currently busy learning or even suffering the first pangs of anxiety? We've got our fingers crossed: With one of our favorite Hummels, "My Little Horseshoe," we wish all students luck and success. You can do that!

Tours through our Manufaktur

On each first Thursday of the month we open our factory store at 1 pm



You can take an exclusive look at our production facilities with an experienced guide and learn how a "Hummel" comes to life. You already know that every figure is made completely by hand. For individual visitors an appointment is not required. For groups of 8 or more, individual appointments can be arranged.



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