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*Dear readers,
dear Hummel fans!*

On May 19th, Great Britain's Prince Harry marries the US actress Meghan Markle. The couple wants a very special wedding cake: "A touch of spring" would be perfect.

The cake designer Indira Groeger, known in Europe from the German SAT 1 show "The Big Bakeoff", created a "royal" wedding cake for us – crowned by a very special Hummel figurine. "It's going to start a trend," predicts Groeger for the new "vintage" style, which is romantic, stylish and thoroughly modern.

For all those tying the knot in May, in this issue of "Postillion" you will find ideas for festive cakes and personalization of appropriate figurines. We also dance in May and introduce our shop manager Susanne Stamm.

We wish you much enjoyment, browsing and reading!



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Anette Barth
2016

Hum 2387
"Lucky Girl"

6.00 in, limited edition
\$ 385



*We wish
Meghan and Harry
lots of luck – and all
other couples tying
the knot!*

A Wedding Cake for Prince Harry

The Wedding's on May 19th at Winsor Castle: Prince Harry and actress Meghan Markle

The wedding cake being made for the royal couple by pastry chef Claire Ptak will cost more than 50,000 Euros. The Hummel Manufaktur also had a cake for the courtly event created: Indira Groeger, known from the German SAT 1 TV show "The Big Bakeoff", presents her personal designer cake for the dream couple – crowned with our original personalized Hummel figurine "Dearly Beloved" (Hum 2003). The 32-year-old baker from Untersiema in Upper Franconia has already been awarded many prizes, including "gold" in the category "festive cakes" in 2017 in Vienna.

Indira Groeger created a modern, romantic and stylish cake for all couples who want to be married, as well as an inspiration for parents, grandparents and relatives. The Hummel figurine "Dearly Beloved", which was modeled in 1997 by master sculptor Helmut Fischer, is the perfect decoration.

The subtle colors are to Indira Groeger's taste – "and to the spirit of the times," as she says. "The coloring is beautiful," she says, enthusiastically, "the theme of 'vintage' is now again ultra-modern."

For lovers, this precious Hummel figurine with a personal dedication will be a treasured memory that forever captures one of the most beautiful days in life. The pastry chef is sure: "This figurine will not disappear into a drawer, like other figures made of cheap plastic or polyresin, but certainly will be given a prominent place of honor." Indira Groeger has included some other Hummel figurines, such those for baptisms and birth, in her program. She is convinced: "This is going to be a trend!"

"This figurine is perfect also for a silver or golden bridal couple," she says. The confectioner creates wedding and birthday cakes, cakes for baptisms, communion and confirmation, anniversaries and other festive occasions.

"A special occasion becomes even more noble with a personalized Hummel figurine," says a delighted Indira Groeger. "This is a



precious gift and keepsake." On her website, www.indiras-shugarcakes.com, she presents her artwork. Take a look and get some ideas!



**Hum 30 A**

"Ba-Bee-Ring, Boy"

Reinhold Unger

1935

4.75 in, \$ 130

Add Character to your Figurines

Our expert painters can personalize almost every Hummel figurine.

accomplished pastry chef – topped with our personalized Hummel bridal couple! A unique and special gift as a lasting memory of a stylish wedding.

Maybe there is a birth or a baptism soon? A fitting gift for the two happy events are our figurines "Ba-Bee-Ring" in the versions "boy" and "girl", which – like many of our Hummel figurines – can also top a cake. Or take a look at our new figurine "Wake Up!" (Hum 656, with red or blue blanket), "The Guardian" (Hum 455) or "Blessed

Event" (Hum 333). All these figurines can be customized with the name of the newborn. It doesn't take long at all, as shop manager Susanne Stamm confirms. Whether a pharmacist, chimney sweep, postman, singer, newspaper-reader or flower-friend – with an inscription, our "Hummels" become a personal gift in an instant. This is a special treat for a loved one. And many of the figurines fit on a festive cake!

Helmut Fischer
1997

Hum 2003 2/0
"Dearly Beloved"
4.25 in, \$ 325

Arthur Möller
1955

Hum 322

"Little Pharmacist"

5.75 in, \$ 335



Marion Huschka
1991

Hum 656

"Wake Up!"

(blue or red blanket)

3.50 in, \$ 260



Portrait

Hummel Shop Manager Susanne Stamm finds a solution for everything

She is 28 years old, comes from Lautertal and studied German language and literature, social studies and Spanish at the University of Bamberg: Shop Manager Susanne Stamm originally wanted to teach. Instead, the passionate rider, who owns her own horse and has been happily married since last year, landed in the business world and dealt with professional product descriptions for commerce and the Internet.

„At the Hummel Manufaktur, I am responsible for sales, the online shop, trade fairs and many interesting events

around the world of 'Hummel'," she explains. Like many of her colleagues, Susanne comes from a "Hummel family": "My parents collected Hummel figurines," she says. „My father gave my mother an annual angel every year at Christmas. We children, too, were often surprised with a valuable Hummel figurine." The family's considerable collection still has its place of honor in a glass cabinet in the parental living room. Susanne Stamm sees



herself as a service provider: "I have an open ear for every concern," she emphasizes.

"We'll find a solution for everything. Whether it's personalized figurines, pre-orders or the desire for a figurine that is sold out."

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New in the Shop:

Hummel T-Shirts

Brand new in the Hummel shop are our "Hummel" T-shirts, which are available in black and white. Made of pure cotton, they are available for men and women in sizes S to 2XL. The T-shirts for men are printed with the "Merry Wanderer" (Hum 7). Women can choose: The white fabric is printed with the figurine

"My Little Horseshoe" (Hum 2379), in black the "Goose Girl" (Hum 47) is available. "The T-shirts were well received at the open house," says Susanne Stamm. "There have even already been inquiries from America and we've sent the first shirts across the big pond."



"Celebrate May":

The "Maypole" has a long tradition in Bavaria

In Bavaria, May is traditionally celebrated with the setting up of a "maypole" at the beginning of May. The tree is usually a spruce whose branches have been removed. Decorated with colorful ribbons and flags, the trunk is raised up with a lot of muscle power. One or more wreaths are fastened to the top of the tree.

Often, neighboring clubs or rural youths try to steal the maypole the night before it's to be set up. Therefore, it is usually carefully guarded. But sometimes even that doesn't help keep it safe. The thieves then demand a "ransom." However, it is not paid in cash, but mostly in the form of beer.

Originally, the start of summer was celebrated with the so-called "Walpurgis Night": music, dance, food and drink and lots of noise was supposed to drive away the witches and demons.

Pentecost is the third highest festival in the church year. Easter Sunday was exactly 50 days earlier. On the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came down to the assembled apostles. Since then Pentecost is considered the birth of the Christian Church. In many places, a traditional Pentecostal procession takes place, sometimes led by a festively decorated ox. For worshipers, church services and religious meditations are held. The "Feast of Corpus Christi" on the 31st of May celebrates the physical presence of Jesus Christ.

The former home of Maria Innocentia Hummel, the convent of Siessen in Bad Saulgau, celebrates on 27 May a light procession with devotions in the Franciscan garden. In the midst of the glory of dawning creation, Mary is honored as the "Queen of May."

Matching with this, we present you our figurine "Garden Splendor."

The little girl with the

delicate flower wreath around her head seems to be lost in thought at the sight of the pretty little flowers. She's even picked some stalks. Even if the lily of the valley is poisonous: The medicinal plant strengthens the heart and the organs and acts against inflammations, skin diseases and redness of the eyes.



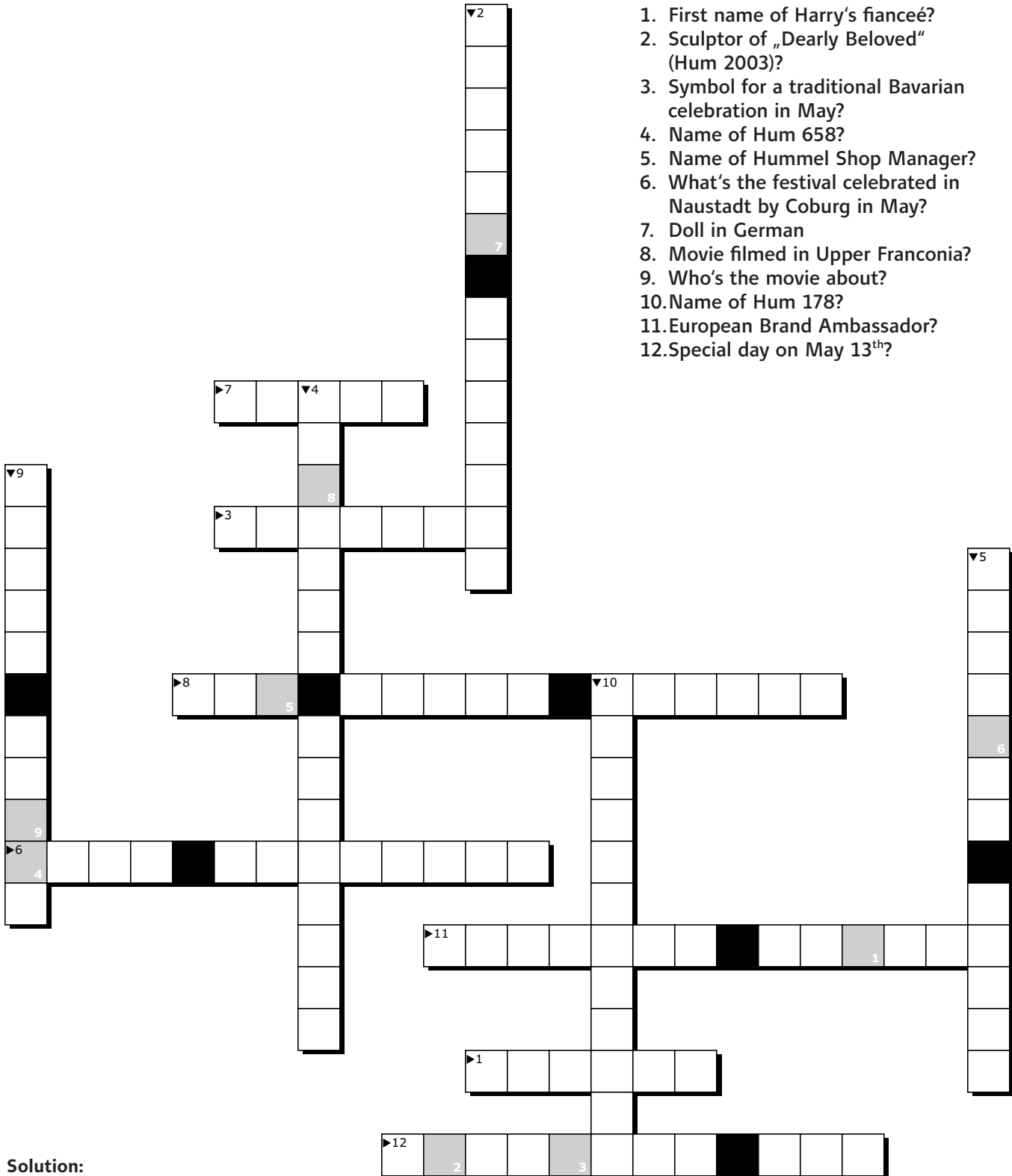
Anette Barth/Helmut Fischer
1999
Garden Splendor
Hum 835
3.25 in, 260 \$



A garden to linger: The Franciscan Sisters of the Siessen convent transformed the old orchard into a wonderful garden for visitors.

Crossword Puzzle

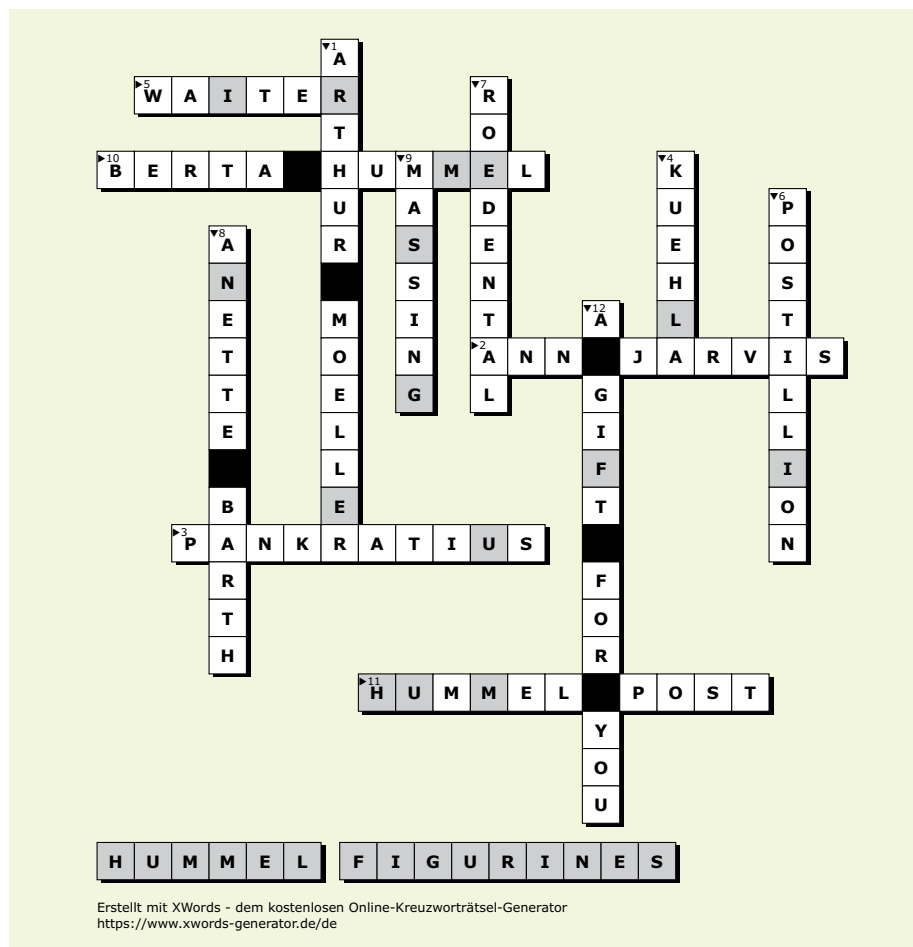
1. First name of Harry's fiancée?
2. Sculptor of „Dearly Beloved“ (Hum 2003)?
3. Symbol for a traditional Bavarian celebration in May?
4. Name of Hum 658?
5. Name of Hummel Shop Manager?
6. What's the festival celebrated in Naustadt by Coburg in May?
7. Doll in German
8. Movie filmed in Upper Franconia?
9. Who's the movie about?
10. Name of Hum 178?
11. European Brand Ambassador?
12. Special day on May 13th?



Solution:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Solution for crossword puzzle of Postillion # 3



Gerhard Skrobek
 1984
 In the Orchard
 HUM 461
 5.5 in, \$ 355

Bauernregel

*Ein kühler Mai wird hoch geacht',
 hat stets ein gutes Jahr gebracht*



Herbalist Angela Schult recommends:

Woodruff – an aromatic spring messenger!

Waldmeistersirup

(Woodruff Syrup)

1 qt water

2 lb sugar

20 g citric acid

1 lemon

2 bunches of woodruff

(before it has bloomed, dried for 24 hours) if desired, some

green food color (can also be found in health food stores)

The woodruff can be harvested very early this year, I have already discovered the first leaves! It grows near the edges of the forest, where it can be found in partial shade under trees. For the syrup or a punch, you'll need 2 or 3 hands full. The stems are allowed to wither in the shade, so the aroma unfolds properly. Then the woodruff can be processed.

Boil the water with the sugar and citric acid and allow to cool. Slice the lemon and add to the syrup with the woodruff. If desired, add the green food coloring. Cover for 3 to 4 days, stirring occasionally. Fill through a very fine sieve into boiled-out bottles and seal well.

You can add a slice of lemon to the woodruff syrup as a refreshing drink with soda or water. It is also ideal as a



summery, sparkling aperitif with Prosecco.

Angela Schult is a passionate herbalist and cook. She combines wild herbs with regional market vegetables and oriental spices. More recipes can be found on her blog www.wildeschote.com. A crowdfunding campaign is running until mid-May for her first cookbook (see <https://startnext.com/wildgruen-slow-spicy>).

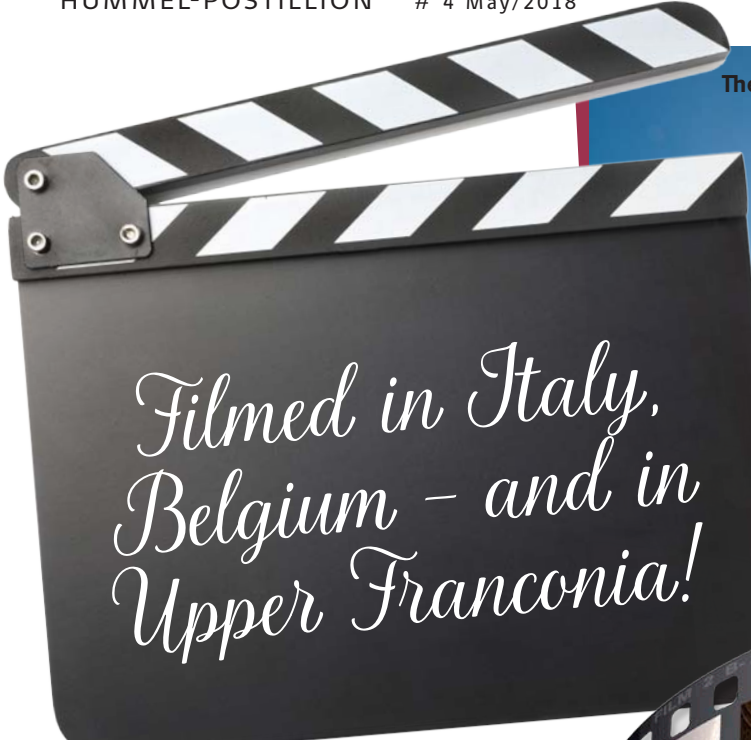
Arthur Möller
1940
Apple Tree Girl
HUM 141 4/0
4.00 in, \$ 225



Grüß Gott, du schöner Maien

Grüß Gott, du schöner Maien,
da bist du wiedrum hier.
Tust jung und alt erfreuen,
mit deiner Blumen Zier.
Die lieben Vöglein alle,
singen also hell,
Frau Nachtigall mit Schalle
hat die fürnehmste Stell.

Die kalten Wind verstummen,
der Himmel ist gar blau,
die lieben Bienlein summen
daher auf grüner Au.
O holde Lust im Maien,
da alles neu erblüht,
du kannst mir sehr erfreuen
mein Herz und mein Gemüt.
Volkslied (16. Jh.)



The idyllic Thurnau Castle near Kulmbach was also used in the filming.

*Filmed in Italy,
Belgium - and in
Upper Franconia!*

Cinema release: The wild life of Oscar Wilde

It will be released to the cinemas on May 24th: "The Happy Prince", a biopic of the famous eccentric and writer Oscar Wilde (including "The Canterville Ghost", "The Picture of Dorian Gray"). The opulent movie about the last years of the Irish writer's life was filmed not only in Italy and Belgium, but also for the most part in Upper Franconia, the home of Hummel figurines, including Castle Thurnau, Kulmbach, Mitwitz and Schmölz.

Important scenes of the movie were filmed in the bower and in the north wing of the castle hotel Thurnau in the Kulmbach district. Oscar Wilde's death was also filmed here. The funeral scene was produced at the Kulmbach city cemetery. The real grave of Oscar Wilde can be found in Paris in the cemetery Père Lachaise. Actor Rupert Everett gave

his debut as a director with the film and also slipped into the role of Oscar Wilde. Other stars in the lead roles are Colin Firth and Emily Watson, who plays Wilde's wife Constance.

The film was filmed with numerous extras from the region. At the Bavarian Film Prize, the work won the producer prize, endowed with 100,000 Euros. Theater release is on May 24th.



Reinhold Unger
1948
Photographer
HUM 178
4.75 in, \$ 385



Underway for Hummel

Brand Ambassador Joffrey Streit visited the German Klambt publishing house in Baden Baden, which has titles like "Woman with Heart", "7 Days" and "Woman's Week" in its program and promoted our Hummel figurines.

In addition, the brand ambassador took a look at the Pabel-Moewig publishing house over in Rastatt: The chief editor Claudia Beckers ("Take a break", "Avanti", "Mini"), the deputy editor Günther Kern ("Das Neue", editor-in-chief Dirk Hentschel

("Today's Week", "My Melody", "Leisure Week") and editor Yvonne Ripp were delighted with the visit and will be reporting on our Hummel figurines in their magazines.

A first report about our Manufaktur has already been published: "Die Tagespost" brought a report on April



23rd with the title "Old Values Remain Intact". The German-language report can be found at www.hummelfiguren.com under the button "Presse and Veröffentlichungen".



Everything is about collecting!

On the 11th and 12th of May our Manufaktur will be represented with its own booth at the International Doll Festival in Neustadt by Coburg.

You will find us in the Frankenhalle from 10 am to 5 pm. In addition to our popular Hummel figurines, we will also be displaying our real-hair doll "Rosi" (based on Hum 348, "Ring

Around The Rosie"). The edition is limited to 99 pieces. More information about the extensive program can be found at: www.puppenfestival-neustadt.de

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