

How it started in 2000

When there were already 11 different kinds of associations in the Nebelschütz municipality, 9 people met on January 28, 2000 in the Heldhaus hostel, who had a special interest in promoting the cultural interests of the municipality by founding a corresponding association. It turned out that such tasks as the international community festival, maintaining partnerships with Polish, Czech, Hungarian and French communities, using the Heldhaus for tourism and setting up a Sorbian information and tourist center in the location required a dedicated and specific perception required by an association.

On April 11, 2000, the corresponding personnel and conceptual prerequisites were created - the Heimat- und Kulturverein Nebelschütz e.V. was founded with 16 members. The first board consisted of Petra Waury as chair(wo)man, Ulli Schorcht as her deputy, Marcel Hansky as cashier, Ralf Kellner, Edeltraud Zschau, Frank Geier and Thomas Zschornak. As a result of their origin, the members themselves embodied the bilingualism that the association had already committed itself to fostering. This is one of the reasons why they decided to make their community a member of the Domowina.

The very first activities were the drafting of a statute, registration as a non-profit association, a meeting with Jan Nuck, the chairman of the Domowina and a first visit to the partner municipality of Namysłów.

Since then, the members of the association have been working steadily in the interest of a lively cultural life in the community. Even a Kamenzer is a part of it - Karl Mildner, indispensable with his discotheque skills. Once a month they meet in the Heldhaus for an assembly, if necessary also operationally.

Every year the association designs one of the parade pictures at the international community festival, Ulli Schorcht secures the entire sound system there as well as the laser show with fireworks, others look after the association's sales stand. On the first Sunday in Advent, the association, in coordination with the pastor and the church choir, organizes a Christmas market, which focuses on the children and their Santa Claus, Karli. Young and old meet here to spend a few hours socializing as a village community.

Since 2005, the association has been organizing a show-mowing to offer the locals, but also visitors from near and far, an opportunity to see something that was once common in the villages for centuries and that only makes visible to posterity, that this would not fall into oblivion. The club wants this fun to become a tradition.



The members of the association have created something lasting with their previous construction work. They worked on the Heldhaus hostel, the customs house, the Wendentor, the large baking and smoking oven and the granite bridge built next to it.

In the future, the planned Krabathof will require a number of voluntary construction hours from the men and women of the association.

But work alone is not decisive for club life. Bike trips with family members, visits to other places, trips to other European regions and small local celebrations are also part of the life of the association.

Since 2005, the community has also been organizing rustic culinary celebrations for groups of visitors - however, timely registration is required here, because the operation and commissioning of the baking and smoking oven require some advance notice; even the musical entertainment is provided for such occasions.

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Visiting Barleben

As part of the nationwide "Day of the Regions", Barleben's residents and numerous guests celebrated the community's traditional harvest festival on the last Saturday in September 2009.

A jury chose the winners in five competitions from the harvest baskets and garden products. The focus of this sunny afternoon was the election of the harvest queen.

There were other competitions:

- the funniest fruit
- the most original scarecrow
- the most beautiful garden bouquet
- the most beautiful garden stand

The Heimatverein from Nebelschütz came second with its garden stand.