

Willkommen - English

**Welcome to the Hardtmuseum Durmersheim
and at
Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege Durmersheim e.V.**

Dear visitors of our homepage!

Thank you very much for coming to us to inform yourself about our Hardtmuseum, our Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege and about the varied history of Durmersheim and the district Würmersheim.

Our "digital business card" is like a local history book and offers you a lot of worth knowing information on many interesting topics. We constantly update our homepage and gladly accept suggestions for improvement and new suggestions.

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Since 1991 there has been our Hardtmuseum and the Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege Durmersheim e.V. (working group for local history - AKH).

On the occasion of the 1000th anniversary of our village, which lasted the whole year with many festivities in 1991, the Hardtmuseum could be opened and the AK Heimatpflege could be founded as a non-profit association.

Already many years before a circle of citizens from Durmersheim and its district Würmersheim, who are connected to their homeland, had come together in order to secure for posterity the increasingly forgotten knowledge about the history of our places, our dialect and about the social coexistence of earlier generations.

At the head of this working group were former mayor Heiner Bauer, the founding chairman of the AKH Alois Linus Bastian and Adolf Flasack.

When in the mid-1980s an old half-timbered house in Ritterstraße 16, which had been bought by the municipality of Durmersheim in 1970, was no longer inhabited, the desire for a local history museum in Durmersheim could be approached after extensive renovation work.

Today our museum is located in this beautiful two and a half storey half-timbered house from 1725, which was very large at that time and testifies to the prosperity of its builder.

The exhibition is based on many objects of village life and living that have been collected since the 1970s. In addition there are exhibits from Roman and Germanic times, from the Middle Ages and up to the 20th century, partly on loan from the Badisches Landesmuseum Karlsruhe and partly made available by private individuals as permanent loans.

All objects exhibited in the Hardtmuseum come from our district or have a direct connection to our community and refer to a long settlement history dating back to pre-Roman times.

Since 1997, the Hardtmuseum has been integrated into the cross-border German-French PAMINA-Rheinpark with its museum network. The 12 museums of this organisation in the Southern Palatinate (PA), in the Middle Upper Rhine region (MI - Landkreis Karlsruhe and Landkreis Rastatt) and in Northern Alsace (NA) each have their own specific focal points.

In addition to local history, the Hardtmuseum is dedicated to the following topics

- Popular piety and pilgrimage (with reference to our pilgrimage church Maria Bickesheim)
- Living and working around 1900

The information panels in the museum explain the exhibition in two languages, German and French. They can also be read in the chapter "RUNDGANG MUSEUM".

And where does the name "**Hardt** - Museum" come from?

Hardt is a Middle High German word. It means "wooded slope - hill - forest pasture" and is to be understood as a field name.

In Durmersheim, the district of Hardt is situated on the high bank of the Rhine plain. Here we find predominantly sandy soils, in contrast to the lower lying lower terrace, the Tiefgestade, where we are in the alluvial landscape of the Rhine.

Hardt is also the regional name of the landscape on the Hochgestade between Rastatt and Schwetzingen.

The landscape on the Hardt near Durmersheim is characterised by the approx. 900 ha large Hardtwald area.

This extends supra-regionally from Rastatt in the south to Mannheim in the north.

The Hardtmuseum is run by the Municipality of Durmersheim.

The Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege Durmersheim e.V. (Durmersheim Home Care Working Group) looks after the museum on a voluntary basis.

The AKH Durmersheim e.V. is a member of the Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege of the Regierungspräsidium Karlsruhe.

In addition to the work in the museum and its collections, the AKH addresses the public with various events:

- Alsatian dialect theatre with LARC de Beinheim
- Lectures on local historical topics and events
- Exhibitions on local historical topics
- readings
- Museum and Court Festival
- Participation at the Durmerscher Bäredriewerfäschd
- and much more

These activities are possible only by the enormous honorary commitment of our Working-Team, which would be pleased gladly about increase and reinforcement.

New employees who, like us, are interested in Durmersheim and Würmersheim are always welcome.

If we do nothing, much will be lost for future generations!

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