

HOSMAN DURABIL Association

Activity Report 2011-2012

The **Hosman Durabil Association** (HD) is an independent non-profit and non-governmental organization at Hosman, Sibiu County (Romania). HD is active in socio-economic, cultural and built heritage areas within the competencies and the vocation of its members and volunteers.

HD Mission Statement: HD is struggling using specific means to develop community spirit and against discrimination, poverty, intolerance and violence.

The targets of HD are:

- Promoting the image of Romanian village life
- Actions for mutual understanding and cultural exchange
- Actions to revitalize built heritage
- Promoting cultural and historical tourism
- Stimulating authentic cultural activities

Organizational structure of HD:

Chairman: Joachim Cotaru

Vice President: Gabriela Cotaru

Secretary: Violeta Boldizsár

Main projects and activities undertaken by Hosman Durabil:

Name: Crafts Market

Date and location: May 15th, Old Mill, Hosman

Aim: Promoting traditional handicrafts and encouraging local artisans to preserve and develop their crafts.

The Hârtibaciului Valley craftsmen are endangered. Some of them come from vulnerable groups facing major social and economic difficulties.

Hosman Durabil supports the craftsmen in their efforts to create added value for their products by organizing this kind of tourist-oriented events. Thus, since 2010 HD organizes annual regional crafts markets at the Old Mill with a participation of more than 300 visitors/ event.



Name: Transilvanian Brunch

Date and location: April 28th, Meșendorf

Aim: The Transilvanian Brunches¹ are cultural and socio-gourmet events for mutual understanding, cooperation and to promote the Hârtibaciu valley, its products. They are multicultural off-time meetings for those active in the areas of tourism, culture, rural and social development, organic agriculture, restoration – branches which are complement and can be found in many regional initiatives and ongoing projects.

Attendance: 200 persons



Description: Transilvanian Brunches are organized since 2008 between April and September, on the last Saturday of each month in a unique location. They are based on special culinary offers and themes, eg. tours with a trolley on the “Mocănița” narrow gauge rails², hikings, special concerts and more.

Attendance: 120 - 300 people.

Name: Transilvanian Brunch

Date and location: May 26th, Florești

Cooperation: This Transilvanian Brunch took place at a family that runs a guest house and was organized to promote the local activities of the Mihai Eminescu Trust.

Attendance: 180 persons



¹ www.transilvanian-brunch.ro

² www.sibiuagnitarailway.com

Name: Workshop for children and parents
Date and location: June 25th, Old Mill,
Hosman

Aim: Bucharest-based families, without a link to rural life, came to learn together how to grow weed, to prepare dough and to bake bread.
Attendance: 35 persons



Name: Transilvanian Brunch
Date and location: June 30th, Alma Vii

Cooperation: This Transilvanian Brunch took place at the village's newly renovated old Romanian school and was organized to promote the local activities of the Mihai Eminescu Trust.
Attendance: 220 persons



Name: Transilvanian Brunch
Date and location: July 28th, Old Mill,
Hosman

Attendance: 300 persons



Name: Communication session within the frame of the „ProNatura”-expedition/ Fundația Speranța
Date and location: August 6th and 7th, Old Mill,
Hosman

Aim: Informations about the Old Mill's restoration process and about the environment, especially by representatives of the Regional Environmental Agency Sibiu about conservation measures for the Lesser Spotted Eagle.
Attendance: 50 persons



Name: Transilvanian Brunch

Date and location: August 25th, Apos

Cooperation: This Transilvanian Brunch was organized in the former Lutheran Parish House's garden, purchased by the members of the association „Villa Abatis”. This association strives to save and to rehabilitate local heritage by developing equestrian tourism.

Attendance: 150 persons



Name: Mill's Day

Date and location: September 15th, Old Mill, Hosman

Aim: Hosman Durabil organizes every year this event with aiming to promote the mill and traditional crafts through a regional crafts market. At 2012, the event hosted as well a promotion event of the Hârtibaciu micro-region's Local Action Group.³

Attendance: 350 persons



Name: Transilvanian Brunch

Date and location: September 29th, Apold

Cooperation: This edition of the Transilvanian Brunch took place at the Apold fortified church's courtyard, recently resotred by EU grants. Members of the „casApold”⁴ and „Corona”⁵ associations hosted this event, promoting their efforts in saving local heritage and community development.



³ www.gal-mh.eu

⁴ www.apold-cetate.ro

⁵ www.apold.net/coronaberlin/