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Rococo en Minature

Joerg visits a curious exhibition in Germany.

The Virtual Traveller.

Joerg, and his wife, drove from Mannheim to the town of Rudolstadt in the German state of Thuringia last week whilst on holidays. There, they discovered a unique exhibition which you can find in the Thuringian State Museum. (All Covid-19 restrictions were lifted in Thuringia, meaning that life had returned to normal.)

What you can see there is the fantasy world of “The Praised Island”, created over a period of 50 years by Gerhard Bätz and Manfred Kiedorf. The island has two empires called Pelaria and Dyonia. What makes this exhibition so breathtaking are the miniature model buildings and activities all set in the Rococo period of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The two friends met in 1952 in the town of Sonnenberg in the communist German Democratic Republic. They both shared a passion for battle games. What started under school desks mushroomed to living room battles, with ornately crafted figures. Buildings were made of cardboard which could be painted and folded.

Travelling was largely restricted during the times of the GDR, and certainly forbidden to the West, so the two friends travelled by using their imagination. Over time, they read specialist literature and studied historical models and visited the castles they could in their area. What emerged was a very authentic world, not modelled on any real castles. The castles were inhabited by hundreds of individuals with names, family trees and other curious details.

The Praised Island was divided into two Kingdoms. Dyonia is in the east, also called Jondent and the Kingdom of Pelarien is in the west, called Pezident. On the Praised Island, the sun rises in the west and sets in the east. The Praised Island is on the planet Centus, which is believed to be behind the moon and therefore invisible from Earth.

The imaginary world also had its own language called “Pezanisch” which was the language used by the two creators in the 2500 letters and documents they wrote to each other. Reading these letters provides the deeper key to understanding this magical world. Because the two friends lived in different towns after 1957, they kept their shared passion alive through their correspondence. You can read about the everyday experiences and learn how they improved their work in using new materials and technology.

Humour was an important expression for Bätz and Kiedorf. They gave the characters in their fantasy world funny names and wrote silly rhymes about them. The result was relentless laughter by observers. Even the architecture, which initially astonishes you with its monumental splendour, the details are extremely witty. Looking closely, you can see surprising sceneries inside or strange sculptural jewellery in dubious spaces.

You can visit this permanent exhibition at the Thuringian State Museum Heidecksburg in 07407 Rudolstadt, Germany.

Opening times are 10 am – 6 pm, April to October and 10 am to 5 pm, November to March.
Closed Mondays.

Do you have a comment on this article or any questions for Joerg?

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Food Truck partner wanted.

Partner wanted to join 54 yr. old guy in Kebab Business.

I own a trailer similar to the one posted, and am looking for a hard worker to operate the Business Thurs, Fri and Sat nights

Everything to be split from profits, and am not charging for the use of my trailer, but in saying this, I therefore will be looking at someone who can store it while not in use, unless a permanent site is found.

- *Souvlaki
- *Hamburgers
- *Fish and Chips
- *Drinks

Please txt me your contact details, and I will follow you up after hours.



Brida Podcasts

It has taken a few months to re-launch the podcasts.

This week, I speak to Michael. We reminisce about years gone by and talk about street art.

It is the first of two podcasts with Michael. Next week we will talk about fasting.

[Listen to the podcast and do the activities here](#)



Brida's Premiere Real Estate Agent

Fantastic home for young couple

Located on a quiet dead-end road just minutes from the hospital and walking distance to schools, this beautiful home has been renovated for you.

This 2-bedroom 1 bath home has a mix of a country cottage feel blended with modern decor and finishes throughout. This home has been fully rewired, all new plumbing, new flooring throughout which is a mix of ceramic, engineered hardwood and laminate. Roofing shingles replaced, home insulated, brand new furnace and oil tank, a refinished back deck, and quality counter tops just to name a few. The sliding barn doors in the living room along with exposed wood gives it that coastal country feel. On the main level, you have a bedroom, a kitchen and a laundry. Sliding barn doors take you onto the sunny front porch. Upstairs you have a modern bathroom and a large space for your master bedroom, from the window upstairs you can enjoy a view of the Brida South coastal area. This home is a can't miss.

Rent: €1250 pcm., in the much sought after Brida South. If you are looking for that relaxed beach lifestyle then send a WhatsApp to Property John on: 06.xx.56.96.12

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4 quick and easy smoothie recipes

Each smoothie recipe serves 1

Date almond smoothie

- Put 1 tbsp **almond butter**, 1/2 chopped frozen **banana**, 150ml almond milk and 2 pitted chopped **dates** into a blender.
- Whizz until smooth.

Blueberry crush smoothie

- Put 2 tbsp **greek yogurt**, a big handful of **blueberries**, 150ml **coconut water** and 3 **ice cubes** into a blender.
- Whizz until smooth.

Super green smoothie

- Put a handful of baby **spinach**, 1/4 chopped **avocado**, 1/4 chopped frozen **banana**, 1 chopped **kiwi** fruit, 150ml chilled **apple** juice and 1/2 juiced **lime** into a blender.
- Whizz until smooth.

Easy tropical smoothie

- Put 1/4 chopped **mango**, 3 chunks of **pineapple** and 2 tbsp **coconut yogurt** into a blender.
- Add 150ml **coconut water** and 3 **ice cubes**, and whizz until smooth.

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Brida Local



1 €uro =

144.50	Algerian Dinars (DZD)
1.623	Australian dollars (AUD)
1.904	Azerbaijan Manats (AZN)
5.673	Brazilian Real (BRL)
1.514	Canadian dollars (CAD)
655.95	CFA (Senegal)
121.95	Japanese yen, (JPY)
0.891	Pounds Sterling (GBP)
575.43	Syrian Pounds (SYP)
1.079	Swiss francs (CHF)
7.570	Turkish Lire (TRY)
2595.85	Tanzanian Shillings (TZS)
4.116	UAE Dirhams (AED)
1.121	US Dollars (USD)

June. 08, 2019: Lamb cutlets and stir-fried spring onions.

June 09, 2019: Warm chorizo, avocado and feta salad.

June 10, 2020: Bombay chilli cheese toastie

June 11, 2020: Greek chicken skewers with hummus and pittas.

June 12, 2020: Portuguese Fish Stew

Only €9.50 - €11.50

Our 3-course set lunch menu is €13.50.

Reservations strictly mandatory. Covid-19 hygiene requirements apply.

Click on the dishes to discover our secret recipes

The Weather This Week In Brida

Monday, 08 June 2020. Sunny and a fresh breeze. Highs 22° and Lows 13°.

Tuesday, 09 June 2020. Sunny and a fresh breeze. Highs 22° and Lows 14°.

Wednesday, 10 June 2020. Sunny and a fresh breeze. Highs 23° and Lows 14°.

Thursday, 11 June 2020. Light rain and a gentle breeze. Highs 21° and Lows 13°.

Friday, 12 June 2020. Light rain showers and a gentle breeze. Highs 21° & Lows 13°.

Saturday, 13 June 2020. Thundery showers and a gentle breeze Highs 22° & Lows 14°.

Sunday, 14 June 2020. Sunny intervals and a gentle breeze Highs 23° & Lows 14°.



Our special offers for this week.

Top Rump Beef Roasting Joint €6.99 per kilo	Fresh cherries, 1 kilo, €1.50	Dried spaghetti, 500 grams, €0.59
Soya Drink 1 l, €1.45	Frozen green beans, 400 grams, €1.86	Deodorant, various scents, €0.99.
Children's bubble bath, 500 ml, € 3.47.	Cocoa and Hazelnut butter, 1 jar, 170 grams, €2.62	Fresh ginger root, 100 gr, € 0.55
Hummus, 200 grams, €1.99	Confetti sprinkle mix, great for decorating cakes. 100 gr., €1.89.	Spray window cleaner, 500 ml., €2.45.
Japanese or Chinese beer, 12 bottles, 330 ml. each, €7.99	Batteries, Size AA, Pack of 8, €5.00	Salted caramel ice-cream, 500 ml tub, €4.99

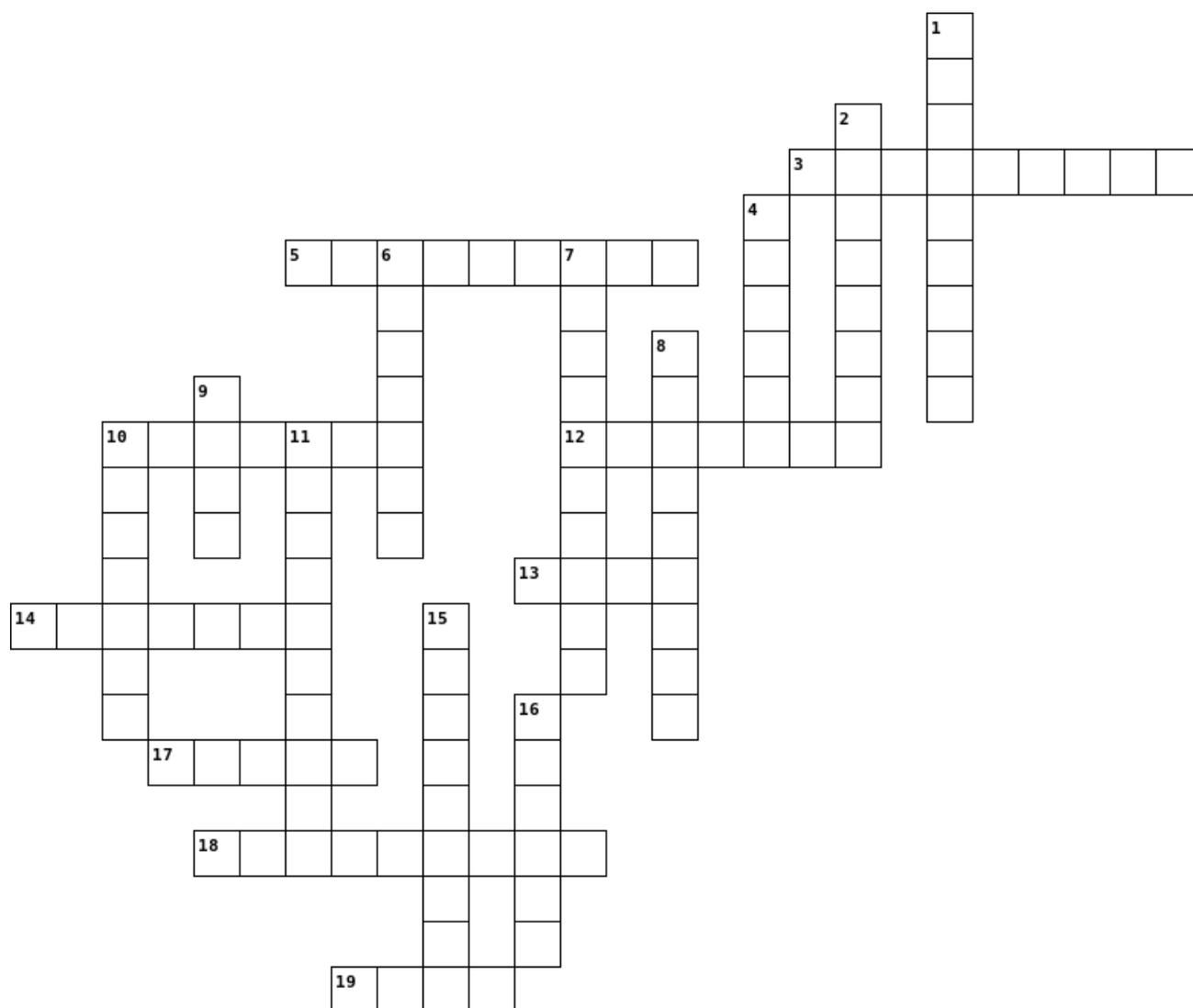
Offers while stocks last. Valid from June 08, 2020 to June 13, 2020.

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Brida Gymnastics - Vocabulary

Weekly Vocabulary Crossword 24.20



The solution will be published in the next issue.

Across

- 3. typical American dish
- 5. principal ingredient of hummus
- 10. Spanish sausage
- 12. mixes solids to liquids
- 13. currency of Turkey
- 14. a unit of measurement linked to the body
- 17. to divide
- 18. it has to be done, no discussion.
- 19. meat from cow

Down

- 1. not allowed
- 2. loud expression of happiness
- 4. land surrounded by water
- 6. to get better
- 7. a display of art and artifacts
- 8. a crisis which comes quickly
- 9. money from a bank
- 10. large nut difficult to crack
- 11. protects buildings against heat and cold
- 15. an idyllic way of living
- 16. early summer fruit, sweet or sour

Solution Crossword Brida Journal 23.20

Across

- 4. warmer
- 5. minute
- 10. cheese
- 12. crockery
- 14. pastor
- 16. cutlery
- 17. dial
- 18. isolated
- 19. picnic

Down

- 1. bonus
- 2. fridge
- 3. spinach
- 6. mustard
- 7. tear
- 8. accurate
- 9. crack
- 11. solution
- 13. holidays
- 15. tear
- 18. insurance

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