

Pfalzmuseum Forchheim - Mission statement

Who we are

- A monument of national importance: a 14th century fortified residence of the prince-bishops of Bamberg
- which contains the most important late medieval wall paintings in southern Germany housed in a secular building
- it has been home to the Pfalzmuseum since 1911
- today we have: "4 museums under 2 roofs": Archaeological Museum of Upper Franconia, Municipal Museum, Traditional Costume Museum, Red Wall Heritage Museum in the adjacent casemate
- we show facets of local, regional and national history and culture
- we make an important contribution to the diverse museum landscape of Upper Franconia
- we are the town's memory, look back into the past and support regional identity
- we turn our attention to the present in a variety of activities
- we enhance the quality of life and promote the cultural attractiveness of the town and the region.

What we do

- we preserve the unique historic building and its murals and consider their careful maintenance and usage to be of top priority
- events must be in keeping with the dignity of the building
- our museum work is guided by the ethical guidelines of the International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- our core tasks are collecting (in accordance with the collection concept)
- preserving historical objects according to conservation standards and modern best practice
- Research (inventory, documentation, analysis)
- to convey and exhibit the objects in permanent and special exhibitions, events, museum educational programmes
- we make history visible and tangible: we bring it to life
- we are expanding the digital presentations (virtual tour, interactive formats, databases)

What we stand for

- we are neutral, independent and committed to scientific principles
- we are networked with science, education, culture, tourism, media and politics
- we are open for cooperation
- we are barrier-free spatially and intellectually
- we maintain open, transparent communication both internally and externally
- visitor orientation is central to our approach
- we are a team, respectful interaction across the board is important to us.

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