

# DIE KUNDE

November 2023



## PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



### Note from the PSS president

Holiday greetings to our fellow PSS members.

Our December meeting is fast approaching, and we'll look forward to seeing each other and talk/trade/sell steins. The Saturday, December 2 meeting will be held in Gig Harbor and is being coordinated by Bruce Martin. Directions to the meeting place are on the last page of "Die Kunde". We would appreciate an RSVP to Bruce if you will be able to attend (email is on the last page). An accurate lunch count is needed. Master Steinologist Phil Masenheimer will be our speaker and will talk about Occupational steins. We always enjoy a "show and tell" so bring along a recent addition or a special stein to share with our group.

Our September meeting at the Bombing Range Brewery was a very enjoyable time even though very lightly attended. Walt Vogdes had a very interesting talk and quite a few steins exchanged owners. We will talk more about future east side meetings at our December meeting.

November has several stein auctions on the schedule. Ron Fox, Fox Auctions, had an auction on November 4th and The Stein Auction Company

auction is scheduled for November 18. Remember if you are looking for any special stein to add to your collection, we also have a section in our newsletter for "Want Lists". Let Alain know and he will add that to our list.

Please remember to RSVP for the upcoming meeting and hope to see all of you in a few weeks.

Al Hopp  
President

Here is a photo from our September meeting at The Bombing Range Brewery in Pasco, WA.



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### **2023 PSS Event Schedule**

December 2nd- Heron's Key dining room, Gig Harbor, WA

If you would like to host a meeting, please let one of the board members know.

For those who may be interested, here are the dates and events for Die Golden Gate Zecher club:

**Saturday December 9 2023**

**11:30AM to 4PM (Must exit by 4PM!)**

**Back by Popular Demand**

Speisekammer Restaurant

2424 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda, CA

**Saturday April 13 2024**

Bob and Lin Bebermeyer's Home

Monterey, CA

Speaker: TBD

**Saturday June 8 2024**

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

Speaker: TBD

**Saturday September 28 2024**

Bill and Rhoda Fry's Home

Cupertino, CA

Speaker: TBD

The following article was written by our president, Al Hopp. Please send me your articles so I may include them in coming issues of Die Kunde.

### **GERMAN BREWERY STONEWARE STEINS 1880-1914**

Brewery steins, both German and American, are a popular area with many stein collectors. The Hofbrauhaus, Lowenbrau, Paulaner, and the other 25 Munich breweries are among the most often seen and collected. I will focus on stoneware with the 1L mark at the top of the front of the stein. Many of these steins were produced and distributed by The Reinhold Merkelbach Company of Grenzhause to breweries, beer halls, restaurants, and event promoters. These 1L steins were produced about 1880 up to 1914 when WWI cause a temporary halt.



Let's start with 3 Munich breweries. The first photo shows a Hofbrauhaus stein and an early Paulanerbräu. The Hofbrauhaus is the most famous and widely collected of the Munich breweries. The interesting stein that is numbered is from Lowenbraukeller, promoting not only the brewery but the Lowenbräu beer hall. Most numbered steins belonged to regular customers who left their stein at the keller awaiting their next visit. Many of the numbered steins had the number engraved in the lid and not the stein itself.



Brewers weren't the only businesses using stoneware steins to advertise. Though not a brewery but a beer hall the next example shows a stein from the Empl-Keller. Founded in 1785 and located in Erding which is a bit east of Munich airport and about a half hour east of Munich. Restaurants, cafes, and even public centers also used these 1L gray Keferloh Mass steins.





The next steins show pieces from Nurnberg train stations. The first stein was formerly from the Les Paul collection and is from the Nurnberg train station cafe or Bahnhof Restauration. Les thought this was a very early 1L stoneware and dates circa late 1860's-1885. I recently added another Nurnberg piece from the Hauptbahnhof or Central train station.



The last stein celebrates an event, the XVI Bundestag in Munich. This stein features the Munich Child on the front. The lid has a very fancy copper insert which is the only stoneware piece I've seen with this feature.

This Die Kunde article does not include many other German breweries, beer halls, or breweries in other countries such as Austria. The search will continue.

## Please help me find...

**Don't forget to submit your own requests for steins that you are looking for!**

Al Hopp is looking the following steins:

Reinhold Hanke #1584 Horse returning hat to fallen rider.

Merkelbach and Wick #1175 Gnomes rolling dice

Both are the fourth stein in a series of four.

Steins marked THOH, TOH or Kakam (Theodore Otto Hahn)

Alain Steenbeeke is looking for the following steins:

Gerz model number 275B number 1,2 and 4 The number will be roman numerals. Black Whale of Ascalon series



Gerz 275B with master stein

Also Gerz 1345B roman numeral 5 V. The months depicted on the stein would be September and October.



Gerz 1345B with master stein.

If you are looking for particular steins, please let the Die Kunde editor know at [asteenbeeke1@msn.com](mailto:asteenbeeke1@msn.com) or [pacificsteindkn@gmail.com](mailto:pacificsteindkn@gmail.com). Include pictures if you have them.

# PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

**Saturday, December 2nd Heron's Key (retirement community)**

4340 Borgen Blvd, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

11:30 am - Board Meeting

12:00 - Social Hour, Stein viewing/buying/trading

Lunch- Any time you want. Please see lunch information below. Heron's Key has food service staff & food services from 11:30am-7pm

2:30 pm - General Membership Meeting

3:00pm - Program: Phil Masenheimer will be doing a presentation on occupational steins

Bring steins if you want to sell any and bring money to buy one or more from others

Feel free to bring a stein for show and tell if you want

**If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify Bruce Martin by Emailing him by November 27th at [bmartingigh@gmail.com](mailto:bmartingigh@gmail.com)**

Directions:

Coming from Tacoma across the Narrows Bridge on Hwy #16, Take Exit 14 - Burnham Dr NW/Borgen Blvd NW, and proceed uphill on Borgen Blvd to 4340 Borgen Blvd (on your right). The Narrows Bridge is free toward Gig Harbor and has a toll returning toward Tacoma.

**Building entry:** Enter the main entrance. Acknowledge front desk attendant by citing "Beer stein meeting in *Spinnakers* restaurant". Elevator at right goes to 4th Floor, where you turn left and then turn right - go through a small dining/bar area into *Spinnakers* at rear.

**Lunch:**

**Cost:** \$13 (no tax or tipping allowed, per regulations) Attendees pay with Credit or Debit Card at end of buffet dinner.

**Menu:** Jagerschnitzel with mushroom gravy

Bratwursts in beer served with buns, mustard and caramelized onions

German potatoes

Apple cider braised cabbage

Apple pie with whipped cream

non-alcoholic beverages: teas, coffee, soda, lemonade

**No bar with alcoholic beverages, but wine Bottles (& opener) may be brought in by PSS members to consume (not beer, per govt. regs)**