



# Die Golden Gate Zecher Nachrichten

A Newsletter for Northern  
California and Nevada  
Stein Collectors

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## President's Message

Hello Zechers,

As 2023 came to an end, our Christmas party was a huge success with 22 members attending. Les Paul delivered a wonderful presentation on his favorite and unusual steins from his prized collection. Thank you, Les!

Also in attendance was our newest member, Peter Armbrust, and long-time members, Len and Lynn Vahay, whom we had not seen in many years. We hope they can make it to future meetings.

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Lin Bebermeyer's in Monterey. Work on their home is finally finished, after part of the house was damaged by a falling tree. We'll all get to see Lin's brand-new kitchen. For our program, club member Bob Burch will give a presentation on Understanding Regimental Steins. You can read his biography on page 2. Please also bring steins for show and tell or buy/sell/trade.

In June, our biennial auction will be held for the first time at Jim and Cindi Rutter's home in Redwood City. All Zechers should start looking for items to donate (steins, plaques, breweriana, etc.). The money raised from the auction goes to pay for out-of-town speakers for future meetings.

In September, Steve Steigerwald speaking on steins made by Mettlach at Bill and Rhoda Fry's home.

In December we expect to return to Speisekammer restaurant in Alameda.

Mark your calendars for all these upcoming events and let's have a big turnout at each one. See page 2 for our 2024 and 2025 meeting schedule and remember to sign up for the SCI Convention!

Everyone is guaranteed a great time!

Prosit, Julie Hughes President, DGGZ

## APRIL MEETING AT THE BEBERMEYER HOME

**SATURDAY April 13 at 1PM (Board Meeting at Noon)**

**1247 Sylvan Road, Monterey, CA 93940**

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**Please mail \$25 per person ASAP to Bob Bebermeyer to help defray the cost of food and drink. It helps to send checks early so that the host knows how many people are coming.**

## In Memoriam Bryan Bebermeyer

In January 2024, Bob and Lin Bebermeyers's eldest son, Bryan Bebermeyer died at the age of 51. He had been battling early-onset Parkinson's disease for nearly 20 years. Bob and Lin are appreciative of the condolences they have received from Die Golden Gate Zechers.



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## 2024 and 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

### 2024: Saturday April 13

Bob and Lin Bebermeyer's Home  
Location: 1247 Sylvan Road, Monterey  
Program: Regimental Steins

### 2024: Saturday June 8

Host: Jim and Cindi Rutter  
Location: Redwood City  
Program: Member's Auction

### 2024: Saturday September 28

Bill and Rhoda Fry's Home  
Location: Cupertino  
Program: Steve Steigerwald on Mettlach

### 2024: December TBD

Speisekammer Restaurant  
Location: Alameda



### 2025: April 19

Les and TuC Paul's Home  
Location: Alameda

### 2025: May/June TBD

Host: TBD  
Location: TBD

### 2025: September TBD

Dick and Julie Hughes  
Location: Belmont

### 2025: December TBD

Speisekammer Restaurant  
Location: Alameda

Register for **July SCI Convention in Madison, WI** at: [stein-collectors.org/](http://stein-collectors.org/)

## April Meeting Speaker Robert Burch

Robert, has been a Zecher and SCI club member since he retired from the U.S. Army in 2013. He lives in San Jose with his wife, Marina. Bob is a history buff. He graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in American Military History and studied at the U.S. Naval War College.

Bob purchased his first beer stein while living in Ulm, Germany in 1983 and purchased his first original regimental stein in 2007. Today, his display of porcelain and ceramic regimental steins from Imperial Germany represent their evolution over time. This collection is supplemented by high-relief ceramic non-regimental steins.

Presently, he is researching ceramic regimental stein finishers as well as their relationship with "plug" makers and specific regiments. We are looking forward to his presentation on **Understanding Regimental Beer Steins**.



Supply Soldiers Their New Steins (1907)



Stein photos  
courtesy Fox  
Auctions

## German Stoneware Webinar Sunday March 17 at 11AM

by Rhoda Fry

Jack Hinton, Curator of European Decorative Arts and Sculpture from the Philadelphia Museum of Art will be giving a webinar titled, “The Art of German Stoneware: Meanings and Mysteries.” The webinar is sponsored by the San Francisco Ceramics Circle, an affiliate organization of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. It will be held on Sunday March 17 at 11AM on Zoom only.

Register in advance for this webinar here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oNvqY2ODTrupPfA9KYpb4Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oNvqY2ODTrupPfA9KYpb4Q)

Jack Hinton is the author of a fantastic 60-page book on German Stoneware, *The Art of German Stoneware, 1300–1900: From the Charles W. Nichols Collection and the Philadelphia Museum of Art*, which is available for free download on JSTOR: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/i40202299> Bill and Rhoda Fry also have a few extra hardcopies.

The lecture will be recorded. Membership in the San Francisco Ceramics Circle is appreciated but not required. Learn more here: [sfceramic.org/become-a-member-contact-info/](https://sfceramic.org/become-a-member-contact-info/)



images: <https://philamuseum.org/collection/>

## Visit Monterey!

by Rhoda Fry



As long as you're going to Monterey, how about making a long weekend of it? Bill and Rhoda have two guest passes to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Let them know if you'd like to borrow them. Visit Asilomar State Park a former YWCA camp that was designed by Julia Morgan (the architect who designed Hearst Castle!). Asilomar also offers lodging for about \$200 a night. There are various free tours: dunes along an easy boardwalk, natural history & architecture, and bird-watching. Check it out at [www.visitasilomar.com/](http://www.visitasilomar.com/)



# Dreihausen Ringelkrug

by Rhoda Fry



Two 16-th century ringed cups. Height: about 9 inches. Rijksmuseum (1)



17-th century Dreihausen jug. V&A Museum (2)



Fig. 32. DREYHAUSEN WARE. Frankfort Museum. Height, 11 in.

Illustration of Dreihausen jug. Height: 11 inches. (3)



15-th century Siegburg ringelkrug (4)

A “Ringelkrug,” which translates to ringed jug, typically is a baluster-shaped jug made of dark red clay and decorated with multiple handles, each with a hanging ring. The unusual jugs were made in Dreihausen in Hessen from the second half of the 16th century through the 17th century. Some were made elsewhere, such as in Großalmerode in Hessen. These jugs were mostly likely influenced by 15th century Siegburg jugs that were further decorated with applied reliefs (see illustration 4). According Marc-Louis Solon (1835-1913), the rings weren’t just for show, **“when agitated, the rings, clinking against the sides of the jug, give out a clear, lively sound, by which the drinker drew the host’s attention to the emptiness of his glass.”** (3)

About Solon: Solon was a famous and innovative ceramicist who worked at the Sèvres factory near Paris, France and at Mintons in Stoke-upon-Trent, England. He wrote many books on ceramics, including the reference book on German stoneware published in 1892: The ancient art stoneware of the Low countries and Germany: or, "Grès de Flandres" & "steinzeug"; its principal varieties, and the places where it was manufactured during the XVIth and XVIIth centuries, which is available online. His work as an artist and ceramicist provide the reader with insights that are not found in other books.

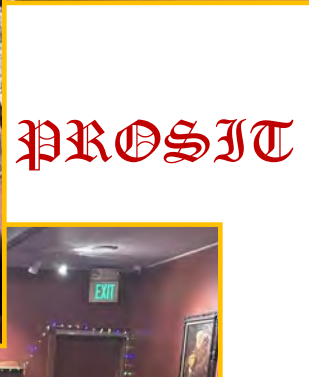
Incidentally, at least five of Solon’s nine children immigrated to the United States and worked in the arts. In California, son Albert founded a tile company that exists today as Stonelight Tile in San Jose and son Camille worked as an artist who is well-known for his interior design work Hearst Castle and other collaborations with architect Julia Morgan (5-7).

1. Rijksmuseum the Netherlands [rijksmuseum.nl/nl/collectie/BK-NM-426](https://rijksmuseum.nl/nl/collectie/BK-NM-426)
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4. Falke, Otto von (1908). Rheinische Steinzeug. Page 68, table III. [archive.org/details/dasrheinisheste01falk](https://archive.org/details/dasrheinisheste01falk)
5. Stonelight Tile [stonelighttile.com/about-us/](https://stonelighttile.com/about-us/)
6. Unsung Hero - Camille Solon - Artisan Painter and Interior Decorator [youtube.com/watch?v=xkyPBBaWNVw](https://youtube.com/watch?v=xkyPBBaWNVw)
7. Artist 80, Looks



## December Party Memories at Speisekammer Restaurant

Great food, outstanding presentation by Master Steinologist Les Paul (pinch-hitting for Ron), robust stein sales, and the company of friends! Lynn and Len Vahey joined in the fun after a 20 or so year absence. Welcome back!





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**Annual dues are \$15 yearly or 3 years for \$40.**

Membership dues help support the cost of speaker programming and ancillary items.

Members receive a newsletter via email and have a vote in club affairs.

Make your check payable to: DGGZ

and mail it to: Dick Hughes

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