

St. Louis Gateway Steiners

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



GATEWAY STEINERS

STEINERS UPCOMING 2024 KICK-OFF MEETING



55 Fenton Plaza, Fenton, Mo 63026, (636) 305-1474

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2024 – 1 P.M. until 3 P.M.

This will be our first visit to Vivianos in Fenton. A banquet room has been reserved for us with plenty space to accommodate our group.

Dinner will be two entrees to select from with pasta, sides, garden salad, bread, ice tea or coffee. Alcoholic and soda beverages are billed separately. **An accurate headcount in advance of who is coming is important. Dinner costs \$24/person is to be paid in advance, checks to Gateway Steiners, sent to Ted Ball, 322 Summertop Lane, Fenton, MO 63026 or given to Ted at the dinner. Any questions call Ted at (314) 471-1184.** No program is planned, but a table for sale items will be set up. Please try to attend and help wrap up the year and get set for an active 2024. **(More info is forthcoming)**



MICHAEL (MICKEY) PROEMSEY

We are sad to report the loss of longtime Steiner Mickey Proemsey who passed away peacefully on Nov. 29th after a 6 month struggle with cancer. He fought valiantly, but in the end, he was able to say goodbye to all his family. He was 68 years old. God bless Mickey, we'll miss you.

FOLLOW-UP ON JOHN SPRINGBORN'S PRESENTATION ON STONEWARE JUGS



Here are a few photos of jugs he discussed as well as additional jugs from his collection
L-R Jugs are identified as A through G



A – Original Selters *Mineralwasserkrug* sold by the Electors of Tier (1681-1802)

B – Selters *Mineralwasserkrug* sold by the Dukes of Nassau (1803-1866)

C – Selters *Mineralwasserkrug* sold by the Dukes of Nassau (1803-1866)



D – Steinhager Gin produced and sold by H.C.Koenig through exclusive rights granted by Frederick William, Great Elector and Count of Ravensberg (1688-early 20th Century).



E – 19th century *Mineralwasserkrug*



F – 19th century stoneware bottle...possibly made for a spa or resort for spring water or beer.



G – *Zajecika Bitterwasser* from 17th Century House of Lobkoowicz at the Spa Bihnska Kyselka in Bohemia. Jug likely made in Creussen, Bayern.

The weather was absolutely beautiful considering it was November. Results, people stayed away to enjoy the outside activities and visited and therefore, very few people brought in steins for appraisal. A good show of Steiners were on hand to set up displays while Martine Dietrich was ready to do appraisals. The displays were varied from modern, early stoneware to regimentals.



Think positive ■

GERMAN BREWERY STONEWARE STEINS 1880-1914

By Al Hopp – Pacific Stein Sammler

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 Grenzhausen to breweries, beer halls, restaurants, and event promoters. These 1L steins were produced about 1880 up to 1914 when WWI caused a temporary halt.



Photo 1 Let's start with three Munich breweries. The first photo shows a Hofbrauhaus stein and an early Paulanderbrau. 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 Lowenbrau 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.

Photo 2 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.

Photo 3 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 café or Bahnhof Restaurant. 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.



Photo 4 The last stein celebrates an event, the XVI Bundetag 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. ■



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