



Die Golden Gate Zecher

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A Newsletter for Northern
California and Nevada
Stein Collectors

September
2023

Meeting Schedule 2023/2024 Die Golden Gate Zecher, the Northern California and Nevada Chapter of Stein Collectors International

Saturday October 14, 2023 **Time 1PM**

Fall Oktoberfest Meeting
Dick & Julie Hughes' Home
1532 Desvio Way, Belmont, CA
Program: Dave Bruha on Otto Hupp

Saturday December 9, 2023 **11:30AM to 4PM (Must exit by 4PM!)**

Back by Popular Demand
Speisekammer Restaurant
2424 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda, CA
Program: Ron Fox on a topic TBD

Saturday April 13, 2024 Bob and Lin Bebermeyer's Home Location: Monterey, CA Program: TBD

Saturday June 8, 2024 Host: Jim and Cindi Rutter Location: Redwood City, CA Program: TBD

Saturday September 28, 2024 Bill and Rhoda Fry's Home Location: Cupertino, CA Program: Steve Steigerwald on Mettlach

December 2 or 8 (possibly 3 or 9), 2024 Likely Speisekammer Restaurant, Alameda

-- Other Stein Club Meetings --
The **Pacific Coast Stein Sammler** Chapter has these upcoming meetings in Washington State:
September 10 2023: Richland, **December 9 2023:** Gig Harbor, For more information, email the Pacific Stein Sammler Club contact: pacificsteindkn@gmail.com

East Coast Mini-Convention
November 3-5, 2023 (ask Rhoda for info)

President's Message

Hello Zechers,

Our summer started off with a June meeting in the quaint town of Seaside at the home of Ralph Wege with 18 members attending. Speaker Jim Rutter gave us an insight into beer steins pictured on vintage record album covers and their progression over the years while Zechers sang along to old German drinking songs. Ralph, with the help of Lin and Deb, provided us with a delicious Bratwurst dinner. Many Thanks to Ralph for hosting this enjoyable meeting! At the meeting, we also welcomed Doug Shankle as our newest Zecher member. Welcome, Doug!

In July, some Zechers flew to Dayton, Ohio,

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October 14, 2023 Meeting at Dick and Julie Hughes

Please mail check for \$25 per person to:
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1532 Desvio Way
Belmont, CA 94002-3623
If you're lost, please call: 650-593-1261

Approximate Meeting Schedule

12:00 PM Board Meeting
1:00 PM Snacks / Social / Stein Sales
2:00 PM General Meeting
3:00 PM Presentation on Otto Hupp
4:00 PM Upstairs tour of collection
5:00 PM Dinner

FUN FACT: These Mettlach items were either designed by or most likely designed by Otto Hupp! 1732, 1786, 1856, 1857, 1950, 1956, 2001 (11 book steins), 2002, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2049, 2053, 2075, 2097, 2187, 2188, 2204, 2717, 2718, 2719-2730 (12 occupationals), 2739, 2740, 2741, 2871, 5028

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the original home of the Wright brothers and the National Cash Register Co. (NCR), for the 56th SCI convention. Many awards were given out and the Miss Beer Stein crown went to our very own Vicki Guay. **Congratulations, Vicki!** Our members Fred and Joann Ellis (who moved back to their home state of Wisconsin), also received service awards.

The 57th SCI convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, during the first week of July 2024. It is sure to be another great, informative, and fun-filled convention that you won't want to miss. There will also be mini-conventions in the first week of November 2023 in Gaithersburg, Maryland and upstate New York in 2024.

Our last house meeting for 2023 will be on October 14th with guest speaker, David Bruha from Wisconsin. Dave will be giving a presentation on "Otto Hupp," an artist who also designed for Mettlach. Dave's wife Sharon made the framed awards at the convention this year. We will close out 2023 with our annual Christmas party on December 9th at Speisekammer restaurant in Alameda with Ron Fox as speaker. I hope to see all of you at both!

Julie Hughes President, DGGZ

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1884 Mettlach Museum Book by Rhoda Fry



Villeroy & Boch's Mettlach site had its own museum containing art objects from around the world which were used by the company's designers for inspiration. The museum was also open to the public.

Mettlach's early German stoneware collection is mentioned in at least two contemporaneous books: The ancient art stoneware of the Low countries and Germany ... by M. L. Solon, 1892 (in English) and Das Rheinische Steinzeug, by Otto Von Falke, 1908 (in German). These books continue to be authoritative references and are available for free online.

Luckily, there is also an inventory of Mettlach's early German stoneware collection in a diminutive 6" x 9" book with detailed descriptions of 165 items and 63 photographs, Mettlacher Museum Die Deutsches Steinzeug bis zum Ende des XVIII. Jahrhunderts, by Friedrich Jaennicke, 1884. We have this record thanks to René Boch, who commissioned the well-known author to document the collection.

Jaenicke wrote a number of books on the arts, especially ceramics. He and Johann Grässe co-authored a guide to porcelain, faience, stoneware and earthenware, Führer für Sammler von Porzellan, Fayence, Steinzeug, Steingut, that is still in print.

A comparison of the images in the museum book with Mettlach's product catalogs, demonstrates that Mettlach's designers made use of the museum to create both design elements and near reproductions. Around the late 1900s, Villeroy & Boch sold off most (if not all) of its early German Stoneware collection.

2023 SCI Awards

DGGZ Member Vicki Guay wins Miss Beer Stein Award!

Here is Vicki being crowned by Celia Clark on German night. Her tiara was made by Claire Hill. For many years, Vicki has worked tirelessly to make the SCI conventions special from running the hospitality room to raffle prizes. This year she also organized the tea.



🏆 Special Service Award:

Fred Ellis SCI Executive Director 2015-2016 and President 2020-2023. Joann Ellis SCI Secretary 2014-2016 and 2019-2023.

🏆 Master Steinologist:

Eric Salzano

🏆 Jack Heimann Service

Award: John Strassberger

🏆 Jack Lowenstein Editor's

Award: Celia Clark

🏆 Best Dressed at the German

Dinner: Boyd Bissell and Sandy Allred (photo on right)



Introducing Speaker David Bruha on Otto Hupp for our October 14th Meeting

David Bruha, from Stein Collector's International (SCI) Die Lustigen Steinjaeger chapter in Wisconsin, will be speaking about graphic artist Otto Hupp (1859—1949) at our Oktoberfest meeting. About thirty years ago, SCI's master steinologist Walt Vogdes first introduced Dave to Otto Hupp's work and the rest is history! Hupp designed beer steins for a number of manufacturers and is best known in the art world for his heraldic designs (coats of arms). Because Hupp's inspiration originated from his personal collection of renaissance books, he considered himself to be more of a craftsman than an artist. His iconic and timeless work is found on brewery logos, typefaces, architecture and more. Dave looks forward to sharing his decades of exciting study of Hupp's life, his artistic endeavors, and of course his contributions to creating beautiful beer steins.

Dave became interested in antique beer steins after spending a semester of college living in Germany. Ten years later, in 1991, he bought his first antique stein. In 1992, he and his wife, Sharon attended their first SCI Annual Convention in San Francisco, CA. Since then, David attended 24 of the next 29 annual conventions. He's served as SCI Treasurer (which has now been split into two positions, CFO and Database Manager) from 2001 – 2005 and filled in as interim Recording Secretary for the 2007/2008 year. It is no surprise that he was honored with SCI's Jack Heiman service award in 2007. In 2009, Dave also served as SCI Convention Chair which saw SCI return to Munich and Bad Schussenried, Germany for the second time in seven years. At that convention, he was elected as Executive Director of SCI, a position he held for the next four years. During these years, Dave worked professionally as an actuarial consultant and Sharon worked as an art teacher in Central Wisconsin. They recently retired to Harshaw, Wisconsin where they are living the dream! In addition to his fascination with Otto Hupp, Dave has an eclectic collection and specializes in playing card themes, historic Oktoberfest steins and brewery steins. Die Golden Gate Zecher members are looking forward to Dave's presentation spending some time with him and Sharon during their West Coast visit.

Links on Heraldry: https://www.heraldry-wiki.com/heraldrywiki/index.php?title=Otto_Hupp, YouTube on Typefaces: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Rx6nNqq_NM&t=3901s, Website on Type Design: <http://luc.devroye.org/fonts-33251.html>, Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_Hupp, Mettlach: <http://stein-collectors.org/library/articles/Hupp/Hupp.html>



Paul Preuning & Münchener Werkstätten



When you're at the Hughes' look for interesting items made by Münchener Werkstätten für keramische Kunst.

A hint of what to look for: Consider that in the early 1900s, Münchener Werkstätten created earthenware products inspired by those of the 16th century.

Here's an example of a mid-16th-century jug from the workshop of Paul Preuning of Nuremberg.

Learn about Paul Preuning here:

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O117410/jug-preuning-paul/>
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Otto Hupp even designed money. Learn more on October 14, 2023.

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& photos to Rhoda
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Reasons and Benefits of Beer-Stein Collecting, including Living Longer by Arvid Frende



The psychology of collecting is not straight forward because of the many reasons for collecting. Many collectors probably have multiple reasons for collecting.

Reasons for Collecting

Relive Childhood – Probably a good reason for collecting toys, but not beer steins.

Historical – Beer steins are reflective of the period in which they were made. Some steins, such as Regimentals, are specific to a unit and individual. Other steins depict specific individuals or places.

Thrill of the hunt – Many stein collectors chase a specific category of stein. Knowing that something exists, but you don't have it, allows you to search for those items and then feel a sense of accomplishment when you find them.

Prestige – Collecting rare steins or valuable steins may lead to prestige among your fellow collectors. Having a large collection may do the same.

Relaxation – While being a couch potato may be relaxing, having a collection could do the same. Looking at your collection and reflecting on some of the other reasons for collecting may be relaxing.

Sentiment – Many collectors start their collection with an item inherited or received as a gift from a loved one. Other steins may remind you of places visited, military service, or special times in your life.

Knowledge – Steins can provide a trigger for remembering or learning about historical events, places, cultures or people.

Investment – Probably not the best reason for collecting steins, I usually buy high and sell low, but if you have the experience and knowledge then you could ultimately profit.

Community - Joining an organization relating to your collection, like Stein Collectors International (SCI) or a local chapter affords the opportunity to associate with like-minded individuals and form friendships beyond collecting.

Consumerism – Not necessarily a positive reason, but some like buying things.

Materialism – Again not necessarily positive, but some like possessing things.

Decorative – Non-beer-stein collectors don't expect to visit your house and find steins decorating portions of your house. People who visit me are either kind, or they like looking at the steins.

Benefits of Collecting

Builds observational skills – Many steins have a multitude of visual elements which could improve your ability to notice things beyond your collection.

Improves organizational thinking – There are many ways to organize your collection. Many collectors may change how their steins are arranged as they add to their collection. Over time these skills may extend beyond collecting.

Enhances pattern recognition – I have found that after many years of collecting, I can glance at a stein or photo and my brain knows whether it is an item that I may be interested in.

Awakens a desire for knowledge – After you have one or more steins, you may wonder about some element of the steins and then choose to investigate further.

Beer-Stein Collecting is Linked to Longevity

After retirement it is important to keep your brain active. You need to engage in activities that challenge and spur your brain to solve things. Collecting something allows you to do that. I have noticed that many older collectors can provide extensive details about their collections but can't remember yesterday. The simple reason for this is that in order to remember something, you must extract that memory from your brain frequently. Collectors who revisit their collection and talk about it maintain higher brain activity, which improves their health. Years ago, I learned at an SCI convention that many members are well into their 90s. Given that a man's life-expectancy is 76 and a woman's is 81, an unscientific conclusion is that if you want to live longer, collect more beer steins!



Diesinger beer stein photos courtesy Fox Auctions

How our Club is Funded by Rhoda Fry

Ever wondered what your club dues pay for? Our biggest investment is for our speakers. All speakers receive a free meal at our club meeting with the club paying the meeting host their \$25 meeting fee. Additionally, our out-of-town speakers receive up to \$400 to help defray their travel costs. Luckily, Stein Collectors International (SCI) reimburses our speaker-expenses up to \$200 per year. As an SCI Chapter, we voluntarily fund raffle prizes at the annual convention (Vicki coordinates the effort for the entire convention). And we have various incidental costs during the course of the year. Thanks to the internet, we no longer have the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters, so we're able to keep our dues low. In the past, a portion of the meeting fee would go to the club, but now all of the meeting fee goes to the meeting's host. Another way that we supplement our club's activities is through our member's auction, which is typically held every other year. Members donate items to the club that are auctioned off to other members. The auction raises funds for future club activities and is a lot of fun. Finally, getting new members to join our club also helps to our budget.

300-year-old Silver Tankard with Coins



Since I'm writing about money, I decided to look for a tankard covered with coins. This magnificent Dutch tankard, on display at London's Victoria and Albert Museum, is only 5.5" tall and was made around 1700. Silver tankards from the northern Netherlands are uncommon. Dutch goldsmiths

rarely used the decorative technique shown here of setting silver coins into the surface, a custom more often found in Scandinavia or north Germany. A medallion has been set into the lid of this Dutch tankard commemorating the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, an event that concluded the Thirty Years War, which had devastated much of central Europe.

Learn more here: <https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O91475/tankard-muntinck-thomas-ii/>

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June 10 2023: Photo Memories at Ralph's



Suzanne and Carolyn made a \$5 bet as to how many Zechers would attend the meeting. Carolyn won the bet and donated her winnings to the club's treasury!



Jim Rutter gave an informative and entertaining presentation that was enjoyed by all. We even sang a Polka song!



Deb managed to step out of the kitchen to socialize. Ralph shared his secret to cooking a perfect brat with Vicki.



Bill recruited guest Doug. Bob introduced speaker Jim.

July 2023 SCI Convention Memories



Monumental Mettlach Planter that stands 4 feet tall sold at the Ron Fox Auction (photo Ron Fox)

Robust stein sales in the stein sales room (photo Roy Kellogg)



Bill Fry and Bernd Hoffman chatting with Bob Hurley after his “roundtable talk” on paintings that inspired art on beer steins.



Newly-minted Master Steinologist Eric Salzano talks about silver drinking vessels. See a magnificent close-up in the middle photo.



Ladies and gents enjoyed a Victorian Tea at the Patterson Homestead. This 1816 home had been owned by Revolutionary War soldier and Lexington, KY founder Colonel Robert Patterson and National Cash Register (NCR) founder John H. Patterson. There are ten Zechers in this photo! Can you count them?

More July 2023 SCI Convention Memories . . .



Miss Beer Stein's first royal wave!



Rare Mettlach by Otto Hupp at Ron Fox auction



DGGZ Hospitality Room volunteers Nancy, Vicki, and Julie



DGGZ members at convention (except Bill Fry) joined by Celia Clark as the Munich Child. Many of us won door prizes! Chuck and Peggy Schoppe won a beautiful reproduction of Schlitt artwork. Luckily, since Les Paul drove to convention, he'll be transporting it home for them.



We viewed the Roger Glas beer stein collection at the nearby museum. Many steins are rare, such as these enameled, Mettlach, and porcelain steins.

Summary of Board and General Meetings at the June 10, 2023 Meeting

We thanked our host Ralph for pinch-hitting for the Bebermeyer's, whose home suddenly became unavailable after a tree crashed into their kitchen during a storm. We thanked our speaker Jim Rutter. We approved an expenditure of up to \$100 for a raffle prize at the convention. We approved an expenditure of up to \$800 for speakers at our 2024 meetings, \$200 of which would be reimbursed by SCI. Treasurer Dick reported that he had found a good CD for investing some of our club's funds. Upon discovering that much of our Monterey contingent of DGGZers would be unavailable for the September meeting, we moved the meeting to October 14. We also set the meeting calendar through the end of 2024 (see page 1). And we got a show of hands as to who all would be attending the SCI convention: Nancy, Vicki, Dick, Julie, Chuck, Peggy, Bill and Rhoda. And that's not including the Zechers who were not at the meeting; many us as their secondary chapter (DGGZ presently has 49 members). Actual minutes are available from your President and Secretary.

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

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