

DIE KUNDE

April 2023



PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



Note from the PSS president

To all the PSS family,

Spring has finally decided to show up and with it the May/June PSS meeting May 20, 2023. We again have the privilege to visit one of the great stein collections in the USA at the home of Bernd and Christy Hoffmann. Auctioneer extraordinaire and Master Steinologist Ron Fox will be our featured speaker presenting a talk on unique and unusual steins. If you can make it to this meeting bring along an interesting stein from your own collection to share with our group. Directions and a RSVP form are on the last page of Die Kunde. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Our group discussed and voted to retain our BYOB (bring your own beverage) policy which helps those hosting the meeting. PSS will provide water for the event.

Many thanks to Lyn and Janine Ayers for hosting our meeting in March. PSS welcomed a new member along with several visitors. Consider inviting a friend or anyone interested in steins to one of our meetings to help grow participation. We had several tables of steins and beer collectibles to buy or trade with several finding new homes. Spring is a fine time to go through your collection and see if you have something you may want to sell or swap. Die Kunde also has a section for those

looking for specific steins to add to their collection. Feel free to contact our editor Alain Steenbeeke if you have some pieces to add to the list.

It's never too early to plan for upcoming events. The Stein Collectors International convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio July 25-29, 2023 and the next Pacific Stein Sammler meeting will be held in the Richland, Washington Saturday, September 9, 2023. Save these dates on your calendar and we will look forward to seeing all our friends.

Al Hopp
President

Here are photos from our March meeting



Other news:

The SCI convention for 2023 will be held July 27th through the 29th in Dayton, OH. Early bird events including the Fox auction will be on the 25th and 26th. For more details, please go to the SCI website.

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2023 Event Schedule

May 20th- Bernd and Christy Hoffman, Ridgefield, WA

September 9th- Bombing Range Brewery, Tri Cities, WA

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.

Just a reminder, please bring your own beverages of choice from now on to the meetings.

Cheers to that: IPAs and hoppy beers may

LOWER the risk of Alzheimer's, study suggests

Hoppy beers may reduce the risk of dementia, a study suggests.

Chemicals which give IPAs their unique bitter flavor prevented the clumping of protein plaques strongly linked to Alzheimer's disease in lab dishes.

All beers are made using hop flower extracts, which contain natural antioxidants believed to protect cells in the body.

Tettnang, a type of hop grown in Germany and found in amber and light lagers, was the best at clearing the clumps of protein.

But the Italian researchers warn their findings might not justify drinking more beer, as alcohol in excess is a huge risk factor for Alzheimer's.

This is because heavy drinking accelerates shrinkage of the brain's white matter, which sends signals between different parts of the brain, leading to cognitive issues.

Alzheimer's is an incurable neurodegenerative disease, and the most common form of dementia.

It is characterized by abnormal levels of sticky deposits called amyloid beta, a naturally occurring protein. They clump together to form plaques that collect between neurons and disrupt cell function.

More than 5 million people suffer from Alzheimer's in the US, where it is the sixth leading cause of death, and more than 1 million Britons have it.

Researchers from the University of Milano-Bicocca looked at 'nutraceuticals,' foods that serve a medicinal or nutritional function.

They focused on hop flowers which previous research suggested could interfere with the buildup of amyloid beta proteins in the brain.

The team examined four common varieties of hops using a similar method brewers use to create beer.

They then exposed the hops to amyloid proteins and human nerve cells.

Researchers found the extracts had antioxidant properties and were able to block amyloid beta proteins from clumping around cells.

The hop extracts also triggered renewal processes called autophagic pathways – where the body breaks down and reuses old cell parts to increase efficiency.

The top-performing hop was Tettnang, which is used in many different lagers and lighter ales.

Tettnang encouraged the clearing out of defunct proteins.

This is due to high levels of the antioxidant polyphenols, also found in fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices, which had the strongest medicinal effect.

The researchers said that while their findings may not justify drinking more beer, it shows that hops could be the basis for foods that will lessen the risk of neurodegenerative diseases.

Hops are also found in herbal teas and soft drinks.

The study was published in the journal ACS Chemical Neuroscience.

Lohengrin

You may have come across steins showing the name or scenes of Lohengrin and the Swan Night. This article will give you some background about this story. Lohengrin was an opera composed by Richard Wagner (Wilhelm Richard Wagner 1813 – 1883) who was a German composer, theatre director, polemicist, and conductor who is chiefly known for his operas. One of the operas he created was Lohengrin. The opera is loosely based on a

fairy tale and poem from the 13th century. Wagner embellished quite a bit on this story.

Here is a brief breakdown of each act in the opera to give you a better understanding of the story.

Act-1

In the first half of the 10th century, in Antwerp by the river Scheldt, King Heinrich goes to visit the duchy of Brabant, however when he arrives, Grand Duke has already died. Count Telramund explains to King Heinrich, "Elsa, who is the Duke's daughter, took her brother, Gottfried, into the forest. But, she came home alone. There are rumors she murdered her brother. She said I should become the successor of the Duke of Brabant." King Heinrich orders them to decide the successor by single combat. Elsa nominates the knight, who appeared in her dream, for this. Elsa prays, and a real knight, Lohengrin, appears by a magic swan boat. Lohengrin says to Elsa, "If you never ask my name and my origin, I will fight for you." Elsa agrees to his condition. Lohengrin beats Count Telramund in the combat.



Act-2

Count Telramund survived. His wife, Ortrud, tempts Elsa to ask Lohengrin's origin. To tell the truth, Ortrud is a witch, and she kidnapped Elsa's brother, Gottfried, in the forest.



Act-3

Elsa marries Lohengrin. However, Elsa is tricked by Ortrud into wanting to know his name and his origin, and she finally asks him. Lohengrin discloses his origin in front of Elsa, King Heinrich, and other many people. He explains that his father is Parsifal, he is one of the holy knights to protect the chalice, and he must return. The magic swan boat appears by the river. When Lohengrin releases the swan, the swan changes into Elsa's brother, Gottfried. At that moment, Ortrud dies because her magic is broken. Lohengrin leaves on the boat. No one knows where he goes. Elsa is very heart-broken as a result. She then dies in her brother's arms.



As with many of Wagner's operas, he liked to insert a lot of drama. Several of his operas hence were referred to as dramas instead.

The stein depicted by each act is SP Gerz stein #1921. It is one stein in a series of five by Gerz

featuring Wagner's operas/dramas. The first panel shows the Lohengrins' victory. The second panel Lohengrin's request to keep his name unknown. The last panel shows his departure.



This is Hauber and Reuther stein # 417 showing Lohengrin saying goodbye to Elsa and ready to step onto the swan boat.



Unknown maker porcelain stein. Elsa and Lohengrin

New section- Please help me find...

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. 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 asteenbeekel@msn.com or pacificsteindkn@gmail.com. Include pictures if you have them.

PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

Saturday, May 20th at the home of Bernd and Christy Hoffman

29911 NE Walmer Rd, Ridgefield, WA 98642 (360) 518-6518

11:30 am - Board Meeting

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

1:30 pm - Dinner (bring your own beverages)

3:00 pm - General Membership Meeting

3:30pm - Program: Ron Fox will do a presentation on

Bring steins if you want to sell any and money to buy some

Driving Directions: Coming from the North on I-5, take exit 16 toward La Center/Cowlitz Reservation - 0.3 mi

At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit - 0.1 mi

At the 2nd traffic circle, take the 1st exit East onto NW Lacenter Rd - 1.2 mi

Turn right onto NW Timmen Rd - 1.3 mi

Turn right onto NE 299th St - 500 ft

Turn right onto NE Walmer Rd - Destination will be 315 ft on the right

Coming from South I-5, take Exit 14 right onto Pioneer St - 53 s (0.5 mi)

At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto N 65th Ave - (0.7 mi)

Turn right onto NE 279th St to NE 10th Ave - 3 min (1.5 mi)

Continue on Timmen Road to NE 299th - 0.5 miles

Turn left onto NE 299th St - 499 ft

Turn right onto NE Walmer Rd - Destination will be 315 ft on the right

Park on driveway or gravel area. Call 360-518-6518 for assistance

RESERVATION FORM - PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

May 20th, 2023, at the home of Bernd and Christy Hoffman

NAME(S) _____

Number of party: ____ for the enclosed \$20/person

Mail by May 10th, payable to: Bernd Hoffman, 29911 NE Walmer Road, Ridgefield, Washington 98642