

DIE KUNDE

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PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER



Note from the PSS president

Greetings from the east side!

Summer is coming to a close and we will soon be back together talking steins and the new additions to our collections. **Because of a several schedule conflicts our fall meeting has been moved back one week to Saturday, September 16.** We will meet outside on the grass at "The Dive" restaurant, 2000 Logston Blvd. #122, Richland, WA 99354. Please dress accordingly. The Dive is part of Bombing Range Brewery where we have met before. Those attending can purchase their own choice of lunch from a menu offering a wide variety of excellent dishes. For those members coming over early from the west side, a Friday evening informal no host get-together at Bombing Range Brewery is planned between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. If you plan to attend the Friday evening event please RSVP to Al Hopp at alhopp@pocketinet.com. No RSVP is needed from members coming over just for the Saturday meeting.

Auctioneer Ron Fox was originally scheduled to be our speaker but will not be able to make it this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Our own SCI Master Steinologist Walt Vogdes has agreed to be our speaker and along with Lyn Ayers and Phil Masenheimer will report on the 2023 SCI Convention held this last July in Ohio. We hope to have Ron back next year.

Tables will be available for us to bring steins to sell or trade. Show and tell items always add to the quality of our meetings so consider bringing that "special" or "interesting" stein to share.

Hope to see most of you in a few weeks. Safe travels.

Al Hopp
President

Here are photos from our May meeting at Bernd and Christy's house



Other news:

The SCI convention for 2023 held on July 27th through the 29th in Dayton, OH was a success. Those who attended will be sharing their experience at the September meeting.

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2023 PSS Event Schedule

September 16th- 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.

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

Saturday October 14

Time 1PM

Fall Oktoberfest Meeting

Dick & Julie Hughes' Home

1532 Desvio Way, Belmont, CA

Member's Auction!

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

Faust and Mephistopheles



You may have seen representations of Faust and Mephistopheles on steins or heard of them in articles or plays. Their images are depicted on most stein manufacturers steins including Ernst Bohne, Dumler and Breiden, Girmscheid, Gerz, Hauber and Reuther, JW Remy, Hanke, Schierholz and Mettlach.

Faust is a legendary German character of folklore. First written about around 1500. The character is based on Johann Georg Faust who was a magician and an alchemist, who obtained a degree in divinity from Heidelberg University in 1509 . However, Faust had a thirst for knowledge that went beyond the divine. He was trying to gain more knowledge about everyday life and existence itself. Eventually Faust is unsatisfied with his life as a scholar and becomes depressed. After pondering to take his own life, he calls on the Devil for further knowledge and magic powers with which to indulge all the pleasure and knowledge of the world. In response, the Devil's representative, Mephistopheles (also named Mephisto), appears. He makes a bargain with Faust: Mephistopheles will serve Faust with his magic powers for a set number of years, but at the end of the term, the Devil will claim Faust's soul, and Faust will be eternally enslaved.

Another important version of the legend is the play Faust, written by the German author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. The first part, which is the one more closely connected to the earlier legend, was published in 1808, the second posthumously in 1832. In Goethe's reworking of the story over two hundred years later, Faust becomes a dissatisfied intellectual who yearns for "more than earthly meat and drink" in his life.

During the term of the bargain with Mephistopheles, Faust makes use of him in various ways. In Goethe's drama, and many subsequent versions of the story, Mephistopheles helps Faust seduce a

beautiful and innocent young woman named Gretchen, whose life is ultimately destroyed when she gives birth to Faust's illegitimate son. Realizing this unholy act, she drowns the child and is held for murder. Gretchen's brother condemns Faust, challenges him and falls dead at the hands of Faust and Mephistopheles. However, Gretchen's innocence saves her in the end, and she enters Heaven after execution. In Goethe's rendition, Faust is saved by God via his constant striving—in combination with Gretchen's pleadings with God in the form of the eternal feminine. However, in the early tales, Faust is irrevocably corrupted and believes his sins cannot be forgiven; when the term ends, the Devil carries him off to Hell.

I have attached pictures of three steins that I have that show Faust and two that include Mephistopheles. In all three versions, Faust is dressed in a large thick long coat and a wide brimmed hat and a beard. He looks quite noble and learned in these scenes. On both the Hauber and Reuther steins Faust is flanked or watched by Mephistopheles. On the ½ liter stein (#409), Mephistopheles is wearing a red outfit representing hell. On the two-liter stein (#530) Mephistopheles is portrayed in black with a red coat and red hat. He looks quite menacing on that stein. What I find interesting is that the JW Remy stein has an almost identical portrayal of Faust and Gretchen, including the doorway with the steps and lion on the pedestal and the church steeple in the background. I would say that the depiction of Faust and Gretchen is identical except for different colors. However, what I find interesting is

that the JW Remy stein does not have Mephistopheles in the background. Were workers/designers at JW Remy afraid of the devil and his representative or perhaps they thought that depicting Mephistopheles might prevent people from buying the stein? Also, which stein came out first and was copied by the other? Maybe HR copied it from Remy and wanted to add Mephistopheles to make it more true to the story? It's an interesting thought.



JW Remy 828



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HR 530



HR530



HR409

Also interesting to note is that both the large HR and the Remy stein have a quote from Goethe's play which is: My fair young lady, may I dare offer you my arm and company? The Remy stein also includes a second quote of the play which is: I am neither a lady, nor fair and can go home without help.



HR 409

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

PACIFIC STEIN SAMMLER MEETING

Saturday, September 16th at The Dive restaurant

2000 Logston Blvd #122, Richland, WA 99354

(509)392-3377

11:30 am - Board Meeting

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

Any time: Lunch- Buy your own lunch at the restaurant "The Dive"

2:30 pm - General Membership Meeting

3:00pm - Program: Walt Vogdes will be doing a presentation

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

There will be a social gathering on Friday evening on September 15th at The Bombing Range Brewing Company, 2000 Logston Blvd. #126, Richland, WA 99354. If you plan to attend the Friday evening event, please notify Al Hopp via email at ajhopp@pocketinet.com

There is no need to advise Al if you plan to attend the meeting on the 16th. Only for the social gathering on the 15th.