

## 2018 SCI Convention Richmond, VA



Richmond, Virginia will be the site of SCI's 52<sup>nd</sup> annual convention. Pre-convention activities are scheduled for July 10 and 11. The convention itself is July 12 through July 14, with checkout from the hotel July 15.

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**Wednesday, July 11**, features a commercial auction by Fox Auctions. The

### Speakers and Round Tables

We will have three **speakers** at general sessions, two on Thursday morning and one Friday morning.

**Phil Masenheimer** will be first speaker. His book "Long Live the Occupational Stein Collector" displays his broad knowledge of occupational steins which he will share with us. He will also show some unique and desirable steins.

Our second speaker will be Executive Director, **Eric Salzano**. Eric will speak on drinking vessels other than steins. His collection includes some important and rarely seen examples spanning a period of centuries. He will exhibit a number of them after his talk.

**Dr. Beatrix Adler** will speak on the role of Mettlach in Villeroy and Boch's history and ceramics.

We will have **eight round tables**, four Friday morning and four Saturday morning. Each round table will be given twice, so you will be able to choose two out of four each day.

The round tables for **Friday** morning are:

1. **W.R. Barney on "Rare and Unusual Character Steins"**
2. **Nick Griffin on "Modern Mettlach Steins: Fairy Tales, Ships and More"**



The convention hotel is the Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The Omni is in downtown Richmond and is convenient to restaurants, shops and "must see" attractions.

### Pre-Convention Activities

**Tuesday, July 10**, is the first pre-convention day and begins with a city tour of Richmond in the morning. Our tour guide is from the Valentine Museum, which specializes in Richmond's history and all things Richmond.

The afternoon offers a choice of two tours. One visits Shirley Plantation,

which was established in 1613 and is still a working plantation. The Civil War tour visits two museums and, as an option, the Confederate White House.

The First Timers Reception will be from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

### Convention Activities

#### Stein Sales

The stein sales room will be open Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Consignments for the members' auction will be accepted while the stein sales room is open.

The members' auction will be Saturday afternoon.

### 3. John Harrell on “Regimental Steins”

### 4. Dennis Hunsicker on “Copper, Brass and Bronze Steins”

The **Saturday** morning round tables are:

1. **Allan Fogel on “Pewter Marks”**. He will have reference books and asks that members bring pieces they would like identified.

2. **Ralph Joyce on “Mettlach Cameos”**

3. **Jim Sauer on “Overlaid and Stained Glass Steins”**

4. **Judith Stuart on “Drinking as Art and Entertainment-Elegant and Fun Drinking Vessels from the 1700’s to Today”**

## Dining and More

Each day of the convention begins with a buffet breakfast as part of the convention package.

The hospitality room will be open Thursday afternoon, Friday evening after dinner and Saturday afternoon.

### Thursday Evening

The first evening of the convention will begin with a **re-enactment of Patrick Henry’s famous** “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” speech in St John’s Church, where he gave it in 1775. His speech was given in a debate between loyalists and patriots. After the reenactment we will be able to mingle with the costumed actors before boarding buses for a short ride to the Virginia State Capitol.

We will have a **catered buffet in the** original part of the Capitol designed by Thomas Jefferson. We will be in the **Rotunda, the Old Senate Chamber and the Jefferson Room**. Docents will explain the various rooms to us.

## Afternoon Tea

Afternoon tea will be **Friday afternoon** in the Jefferson Hotel, which has been fully restored to its original luxury. Forbes Magazine has called it “the best hotel in America.” Afternoon tea at the Jefferson is a Richmond tradition.

## German Night

The convention will conclude **Saturday evening** with a reception and German night dinner at the Omni Hotel. We will have a twelve piece band that plays **German big band** music from the 1920’s, 1930’s and 1940’s as well as traditional “gemütlich” music. Of course there will be the best costume contests, so bring your Lederhosen and Dirndls.

## Hotel & Convention Registration

After this issue was published we were informed that our block of rooms has been entirely allocated to convention registrants, and that the Omni Hotel is fully booked for the entire week. We have been able to arrange a block of rooms at a hotel directly across the street from the Omni. **Read about it here...**

You can register for the convention using the form which was included with the March Prosit or online with PayPal via a link provided on the SCI website, [www.stein-collectors.org](http://www.stein-collectors.org).

## More to See and Do

A few of our favorite attractions in and near Richmond are:

**Agecroft Hall** was built in England about 500 years ago. In 1926 it was dismantled and rebuilt in Richmond. It has period furnishings and extensive gardens.

## “Napoleon Power & Splendor,”

a special exhibit containing over 200 works of art will be at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art during our convention. Tickets for the exhibit may be purchased online. The museum is free except for special exhibits.

**The Virginia State Capitol** offers free tours. We are having our opening night buffet in the Capitol, but the tour will cover more.

**Carytown** is an eclectic area of small, locally owned shops and restaurants occupying a mile long section of West Cary Street. It’s not to be missed.

**The Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden** covers more than 50 landscaped acres.

**The Valentine Museum** focuses on Richmond. It includes an 1812 house, as well as a 19<sup>th</sup> century sculptor’s studio (the sculptor was Edward Valentine).

**Williamsburg** was the capitol of Virginia for much of the 1700’s. It has a 301 acre colonial area restored as nearly as possible to its 18<sup>th</sup> century appearance with 500 restored or rebuilt buildings. It is less than 50 miles from Richmond.

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