

2019 SCI 53rd Annual Convention - San Francisco



SCI's 53rd annual convention will be in San Francisco, CA August 28th through September 1st. Pre-convention activities are planned for August 28th and 29th. The convention itself is Friday, August 30th through Sunday, September 1st with a check-out from the hotel on Monday, September 2nd.

Highlights of the convention include home tours of two major collections, an auction by Fox Auctions, and the attraction of San Francisco itself. We have arranged a strong program of speakers and round tables. There will be stein sales, a members' auction, and the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

The Convention hotel is the Double-Tree by Hilton, San Francisco Airport, 835 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, CA 94010. There is a complimentary shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

"I left my heart in San Francisco" is a sentiment shared by many. SCI is returning to the San Francisco area for the first time since the 1992 convention, and members of the Die Golden Gate Zecher are ready to welcome their fellow collectors.

The convention includes tours of two homes. One home tour visits some 600 of the very finest, top quality early late 16th to mid-19th century steins, including stoneware, faience, glass, and

rare character steins, all in the home of SCI member #45, Bill Floyd. That's right, #45. Bill has been a member of SCI since its incep-

tion. He has seen it all, and he believes in buying the best. Four tours of Bill's collection are scheduled; two Wednesday evening and two Thursday evening. There is no charge for the tours. But, because of space limitations, you must indicate which tour you prefer on the registration form.

The second home is Les Paul's. He has narrowed his collection down to only three basic categories: Characters (1,000) miniatures (1,500), and early steins (800). Les is a newer, but active, kid on the block; and he also welcomes you to visit his collection of 3,300 steins as part of the 2019 San Francisco convention. Other local SCI members also invite you to visit their collections before or after the convention. They want to make sure you have a great time.

We were able to negotiate very good hotel rates for the San Francisco area. The convention rates at the Double-Tree by Hilton San Francisco Airport are \$129.00 per night for a single room or a double room. Discounted parking



is \$5.00 per day. These rates are available from August 27th through September 1st, with a check-out on September 2nd. These rates are available only for reservations made through August 8th or until the block of rooms we have reserved are filled, whichever occurs first. To make room reservations, please call 650-373-2258 (in-house reservations M-F 7:00 am - 3:30 pm) or 800-222-8733 (central reservations 24 hr/day) or make a reservation online at <https://tinyurl.com/2019ConventionHotel>. Space is limited so we urge you to register early.

If you have problems making room reservations, contact Carol Fox by email at carolfox0622@gmail.com.

There are two easy ways to register for the convention: 1) Using the registration form which is included with this issue of *Prosit*. Mailing instructions are on the form for payment by check or money order. 2) Online with PayPal via a link provided on SCI's website www.stein-collectors.org.

The registration fee for the convention is \$610.00 for a couple and \$320.00 for a single registration. The registration fee includes two home tours, three breakfasts, one lunch, the final dinner, the hospitality room, and the convention stein. It also includes the program of speakers, round tables, stein sales, and members auction.

Pre-Convention Activities

Wednesday, August 28th

The first pre-convention day begins with a city tour of San Francisco, followed by lunch on your own and time to explore the Embarcadero area.

The city tours depart from the hotel at 9:00 am. We will visit the principal sites of San Francisco and stop for photo opportunities of 15 to 20 minutes each. At 1:30 pm we will stop at Fisherman's Wharf for lunch on your own. The possibilities range from street vendors to famous restaurants. Clam chowder served in a sourdough bread bowl and Dungeness crab are local favorites.

After lunch take time to explore the area. Pier 39 is to the east of Fisher



man's Wharf and Ghirardelli Square is to the west. The area is full of galleries, shops, and amusements and there is also a maritime museum as well as a cable car stop if you want to take a ride.

The bus will return to the hotel at approximately 5:00 pm.

Tours of Bill Floyd's collection will depart from the hotel at 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm, returning at approximately 9:30 pm and 11:00 pm respectively.

The Executive Committee will meet at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, August 29th

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:00 am. The meeting is expected to conclude by 10:00 am.

The major event of the day will be the auction by Fox Auctions.

The preview will be from 9:00 am /12:00 pm. The auction begins at 12:00 pm.

A reception for the members who are attending their first convention will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Tours of Bill Floyd's collection will depart from the hotel at 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm, returning at approximately 9:30 pm and 11:00 pm respectively.

Convention Activities

Each day of the convention will begin with a buffet breakfast. The stein sales room will open Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Consignments for the members' auction will be taken in the stein sales room.

Friday, August 30th

The convention will open with the annual general meeting. We will then have the first two speakers: Albert Nemeth and Steve Steigerwald.

Friday afternoon will feature a visit to Les Paul's house to see his collection

We will have three speakers at general sessions:

Albert Nemeth will speak on art nouveau (Jugendstil) steins.

Les Paul will speak on rare character steins.

Steve Steigerwald will speak on rare Mettlach steins.

We will have eight round tables, each of which will be given twice.

The round table leaders are:

Lyn Ayers on J.W Remy steins.

Steve Breuning on the making of *Prosit*, soup to nuts.

Rich Cress on carved wood.

Ron Fox on faience steins.

Bill Fry on Munich brewery steins.

David Harr on glass.

Bernd Hoffmann on August Saeltzer stoneware steins.

John Lamb on Sarreguemines stoneware steins.

performance. To be assured of attending your registration must be received by June 22. If you register after that date, we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available."

Sunday, September 1st

The last day of the convention will begin with the four round tables, each of which will be given twice.

There will be a second meeting of the Executive Committee.

The members' auction will be in the afternoon. The hospitality room will be open in the afternoon as well.

The convention will conclude Sunday evening with a reception and dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel. This will be German night with a German band, and it will be your opportunity to show off your Lederhosen and Dirndls in the best costume contest.

of over 3,000 steins. The first bus will leave the hotel at noon and the last bus at 12:40 pm. We will stop for lunch on the way.

The stein sales room and the hospitality room will be open Friday evening.

Saturday, August 31st

The second day will open with a presentation by Les Paul, our third general session speaker. We will then have four round tables, each of which will be given twice.

Afternoon tea will be at the Leland Tea Company. One reviewer has called it "the best tea shop on the peninsula, hands down." They also sell loose tea, which you can have custom blended.

The stein sales room will be open in the afternoon.

Saturday evening offers a performance of Beach Blanket Babylon, a unique and zany musical comedy review. It is a stage show in a night club setting (pictured to the right). We will be sitting at small tables and you can order drinks. No one under 21 may attend.

Beach Blanket Babylon has been running in San Francisco for decades and is constantly updated. It now has

become a San Francisco icon. Buses will leave the hotel at 8:00 pm and will return at approximately 11:15 pm.

Beach Blanket Babylon is an option.

The theater is holding a block of tickets for us, but we must purchase the tickets we need well in advance of the

Members of Die Golden Gate Zecher look forward to welcoming you to SCI's 2019 convention in San Francisco. For questions, contact Carol Fox at carolfox0622@gmail.com or Richard Strom at Stromrkw@gmail.com or call 301-530-2403.

