

Stein Collectors International 59th Annual Convention

Dates: August 31 – September 5, 2026

Location: Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia

Stein Collectors International (SCI) is delighted to announce that the 59th Annual Convention will take place August 31 to September 5, 2026, in one of America's most historically rich and visually captivating destinations, Williamsburg, Virginia, named one of America's best places to visit in 2026 by Travel + Leisure magazine. Hosted at the elegant Williamsburg Lodge, this year's convention promises a memorable blend of stein camaraderie, education, and hands-on collecting opportunities.

From the moment you step onto the property, you'll find yourself surrounded by the charm of the Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area. The Lodge provides the perfect home base for our activities, offering both modern comfort and immediate access to a walkable historic environment filled with artisans, museums, taverns, and picturesque streets. Attendees will receive daily access to the Historic Area - an added bonus that allows you to explore at your own pace throughout the convention.

What to Expect at the SCI 2026 Convention

Our planning team is already hard at work developing a dynamic schedule. While details will be released in the coming months, members can look forward to:



Carriage ride in Colonial Williamsburg

Educational seminars and hands-on workshops

led by recognized experts in stein history, materials, and artistry. We are fortunate to have a presentation by the local senior curator about the excavation of German artifacts at Jamestown Settlement.

Special interest sessions and roundtables, featuring new and engaging topics such as the history and craftsmanship of marquetry, decorative art and pattern making; the design and integration of Stanhope lenses in turn-of-the-century steins; and steins and artwork depicting the Germanic hero Hermann the German (Arminius). An additional *special roundtable* is currently in development and will be announced soon to further spark your interest.

A diverse lineup of presentations highlighting both traditional and newly emerging areas of stein collecting, including Walter Sweet's - American Cold War steins, a Steins from the Road presentation by Ron Fox, and many more excellent presentations and round table talks being finalized now.

The annual Ron Fox live auction, will feature an exciting selection of high-quality steins as usual.

Room-to-room trading and selling, always a favorite opportunity to discover unique pieces and connect with fellow collectors. **The stein sales room will be open for two days**, and the second day will be open to the



Williamsburg Lodge

public to afford members who rent tables the opportunity to sell more steins to more people!

Group excursions and optional activities designed to enhance your Williamsburg experience, including a preconvention bus trip with lunch on Tuesday, September 1, through the Historic Triangle of Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Something new this year: "Great Stein Knowledge Contest" with valuable prizes!

As always, the heart of the convention is the opportunity to share stories, renew friendships, welcome new members, and deepen our collective knowledge. Whether this is your first SCI convention or your twentieth, Williamsburg 2026 will offer something special for everyone.

Why Williamsburg?

Few settings blend historical immersion with modern amenities as seamlessly as Colonial Williamsburg. The region offers outstanding dining, cultural experiences, and world-class museums—and the early September timing promises pleasant weather and a relaxed travel season. Williamsburg Lodge's central location will make it easy for attendees to enjoy everything the area has to offer while staying just steps from convention activities.

Our host hotel, the Williamsburg Lodge, offers the perfect blend of modern comfort and classic Virginia craftsmanship. Just steps from the heart of Colonial Williamsburg, the Lodge gives

you easy access to the nation’s largest living history museum, beautifully appointed rooms, and the charm of a property that has welcomed guests since the 1930s.

A Special Year –



The 2026 convention marks a significant year as America celebrates the **250th anniversary** of its founding. Williamsburg—where revolutionary ideas took root—is the perfect backdrop to appreciate the history, artistry, and cultural heritage reflected in the steins we collect.

Attendees will enjoy a variety of convention activities, including educational presentations, room-to-room buying and trading, an auction, and plenty of opportunities to explore Williamsburg’s historic streets, taverns, and museums.

Travel Information:

By Car: Williamsburg is within 500 miles of **27%** of the U.S. population.

By Air: The largest airport in the area is Richmond International Airport, and it offers 125 daily nonstop flights.

By Train: Amtrak has a stop in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. Catch the shuttle bus directly to the hotel.

Please note: the Norfolk route could be congested due to construction in the area, so check your travel guides for the latest updated information.

Living History Opportunities:

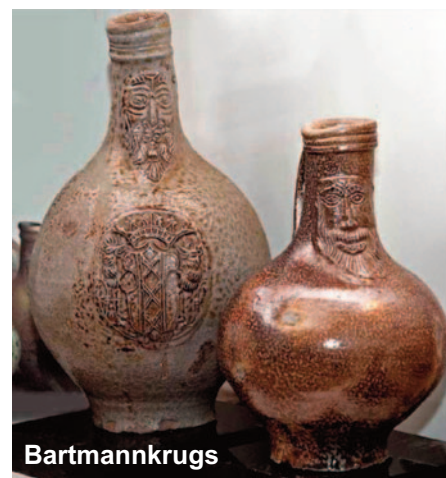
Williamsburg is a living-history museum, offering a glimpse into 18th-century American life, particularly during its time as the capital of Virginia (1699–1780). Our Thursday morning, our guest speaker will delve into fascinating archaeological finds in Jamestown, including German-made ceramics

found in the area. These artifacts reveal how Williamsburg was connected to global trade networks, with goods such as salt-glazed stoneware being imported from Europe.

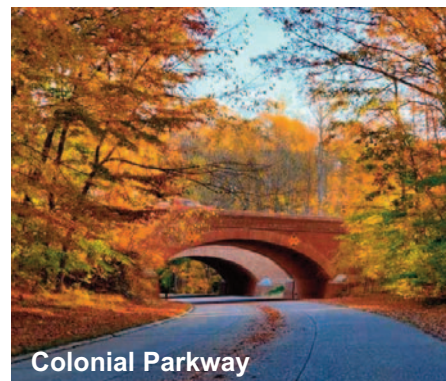
Explore Williamsburg:

Consider arriving early or staying after the convention to explore all that Williamsburg has to offer. For a complete list of things to see and do, visit www.visitwilliamsburg.com.

Mark your calendars now—this is a convention you won’t want to miss! More details and registration/hotel reservation information will be provided in the June 2026 edition of *Prosit* Magazine, on the SCI website, or by email in early spring.



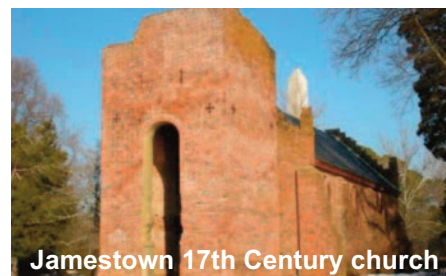
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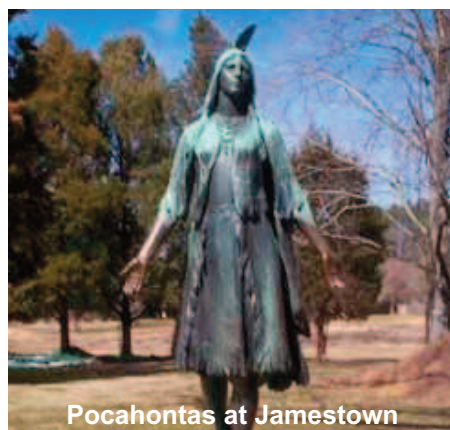
Colonial Parkway



Williamsburg Lodge room



Jamestown 17th Century church



Pocahontas at Jamestown



Parade in Colonial Williamsburg



Historic Williamsburg



Yorktown customhouse