

2023 Gambrinus Mini-Convention Schedule

General Information

Your packet of information will be held at the front desk of the Hotel. Included will be another copy of the schedule (this is a preliminary schedule, subject to change) and your badge. If you aren't staying at the hotel, you can pick up your packet at the door on Saturday. **Please let us know on your registration form if you going to any of the Open House tours (which ones), Hillwood Museum, and Clyde's restaurant.**

If you have an interest in glass steins, or simply want to socialize, Norm is hosting an open house Thursday from 2PM to 6PM. Address: 16011 Jerald Road, Laurel, MD 20707. Phone is 410-456-0042. If you have a glass piece you would like to show off, please bring it. Dinner is on your own.

Friday we have a special outing to the Marjorie Merriweather Post Estate and Museum. She was a true American businesswoman and philanthropist and was the owner of General Foods Corporation. At the time of the mini-convention there is a special exhibit titled "Glass: Art. Beauty. Design." Addition, she amassed a large collection of Imperial-era Russian art and icons created for the veneration of saints, elaborate chalices used for communion and vestments, chalice covers, altar cloths, and other religious textiles. She also owned Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, FL, and we all know which ex-President now owns that property. We plan to leave from the hotel at 10 AM. Depending on the number of members who want to take the tour, it will either be by car pool or by shuttle. There are chairs and benches throughout the building and gardens to take a quick rest. They have a café that serves light food and beverages, including beer and wine. Please let either Eric or Norm know if you plan to attend the Hillwood trip. We cap off the evening with another open house. This one's at Eric Salzano's home and museum from 7PM to 11PM. I say that with great respect as his collection is truly museum quality. His address is: 5704 Stanbrook Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

Saturday we kick things off with the auction. Doors will be open for the preview at 9AM – **NO EARLY BIRDS**. Auction preview from 9 AM to 11AM. We'll provide a light finger food lunch and a full sit-down dinner at Mission BBQ.

Sunday is the learning and selling/buying day. **Doors will open at 9AM** for the general membership. If you are selling steins and have reserved a table, you can enter the building from 8AM to 9AM to store your boxes under your table. The four speakers will also have from 8AM to 9AM to set up their examples.

At promptly 9:15 we will begin the talks and everyone should be seated by that time. Please be respectful of the time and effort the speakers have put into their presentation

and if you must have a conversation with someone, take it out of the room. There will be a 15 minute break between speakers two and three. Talks will end approximately 11:30 AM for another light lunch at the facility until 1PM. During the lunch break, members who have reserved a sales table will be able to unbox the steins. Sales will be from 1PM to 4PM, which is when the official program ends.

SCHEDULE

Thursday – November 2 -- for those who come in early or local members

2PM - 6PM - Open House at Norm Paratore's house. Light Refreshments. Norm is a glass collector and you will see many types of beautiful glass steins, as well as a chance to socialize.

7:00PM to ??? - social time at local restaurant

Friday – November 3 - again for those who come in early or local members - Hillwood Estate & Museum visit, Take a look at Hillwood on the internet

<https://hillwoodmuseum.org> to help you make a decision to attend or not.

10AM - 2PM - Hillwood Estate, Museum, and Gardens. Leave the hotel area in either car pool or shuttle, depending on the number of members attending. Cost will probably be \$15 per person. They have a café with alcoholic beverages for lunch. Email Norm or Eric if you plan to attend.

5:00PM - Clyde's Restaurant for dinner & social gathering on your own. We will have reservations in small groups as they don't accept large parties. The food is excellent. **Please let Norm or Eric know if you intend to eat with us at Clyde's. Reservations are required.**

7PM – 11PM – Open house at Eric Salzano's house. If you haven't been there you owe it to yourself to see his collection. His address is: 5704 Stanbrook Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

Saturday – November 4

9:00AM - Doors unlocked & open to attendees – **NO EARLY BIRDS!**

9:00AM - 11:00 AM - Auction Preview

11:00AM to approx. 4PM - Ron Fox Auction

7:00PM to 9:00PM – Dinner at Mission BBQ, 19800 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD 20874

Sunday – November 5

8:00 - 9:00AM – Speakers table set up. Members may bring their steins into the building. Boxes are to be placed under the table that has your name on it. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SET YOUR STEINS UP ON THE TABLES UNTIL AFTER THE TALKS ARE COMPLETED.** If you missed the early time period, you can bring them in after the talks are completed.

9:00PM - Doors unlocked & open to attendees – **NO EARLY BIRDS!**

9:15AM – Eric Salzano: Intro and announcements. Please be in your seat by this time. Talks will start as soon as announcements are finished.

9:15AM – 9:45AM 1st Talk – Norm Paratore “Unusual Genre of Glass Steins”

9:45AM - 10:15AM 2nd Talk – Eric Salzano/Mark Maceira “Reichenbach Art Nouveau Jugendstil glass

10:15 AM – 10:30AM Break time

10:30AM – 11:00AM 3rd Talk – Barry Toussiant “Little Yellow Ducky Steins”

11:00AM – 11:30AM 4th Talk –Allan Fogel – Identifying European Pewter Tankards/Steins – (bring pewter items you need help identifying)

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Light lunch is open, membership stein table setup

1:00PM to 4:00PM – membership stein Sales

4:00 PM – Convention close. Must be out of the building by 5:00PM

5:00PM - 7:30PM – Open house at Eric Salzano’s for those that didn’t attend his Friday open house. His address is: 5704 Stanbrook Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.