



# Der Bote



Announcements for members of the  
Sacramento German Genealogy Society

October 25, 2011

## Today's program

**Presenter:** Michael Mayer-Kielmann

**Title:** "Liedermatinée"

Today we have a program of mostly old German folk songs and concert pieces, well known and loved by our German forebears. This is a program that will present these songs in both sound and video, so that you will both hear and see the musicians and singers as the performances proceed.

Earlier this year, a similar program, "Liederabend" (an evening of songs) was presented in the Sacramento area and was enthusiastically received. Michael has changed the name to denote an afternoon performance (Liedermatinée) for us.

It is unlikely that you will ever again have the good fortune to witness a program such as this one.

## Our next SGGS program

**January 24, 2012**

**Title:** Getting Ready for the 1940 census

**Presenter:** Steven Morse

When the 1940 census is released in April 2012, it will have no name index, which will not be available for up to six months after opening day. So finding people will involve searching by location instead.

The census is organized by Enumeration Districts (EDs), so the location needs to be converted to an ED before the census can be accessed. The One-Step website contains numerous tools for obtaining EDs. This talk will present the various tools and show circumstances in which each can be used. It will also demonstrate a tutorial quiz for determining the best tool to use in each specific situation.

## SGGS doesn't meet in November and December!

## Bus trip to Sutro Library, Jan. 25, 2012

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento (G.A.S.) has announced a Sutro bus trip scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012. The Sutro Library (Genealogy and Family History) will be transferring its collection to a new building on the San Francisco State University campus sometime next spring; therefore a visit in March will not be possible. Make reservations with Melanie Howard, email: melnesia@comcast.net

## Dates to remember

**Saturday, Sunday, December 3 and 4, 2011:**

The annual Christkindlmarkt at the Sacramento Turn Verein, at 3349 J Street in Sacramento. SGGS will again be making available a booth where visitors can learn about German genealogical opportunities open to anyone with a curiosity about their German ancestors. *Open Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, December 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

**Need a Christmas-gift idea?** We will be offering special SGGS membership gifts at the Christkindlmarkt that include much more than simply four issues of *Der Blumenbaum*. Lots of other goodies will be included in the fancy-wrapped boxes full of useful stuff for seekers of German ancestors.

## SGGS SEMINAR!

**Saturday, April 21, 2012:** SGGS' annual all-day seminar, featuring Warren Bittner, C.G. as our presenter. Be sure to save the date.

Applications are available here today, to use to sign up.

The day will begin with registration, starting at 7:30 a.m. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

We hear a great positive response upon mention of Warren Bittner as our seminar presenter. He been one of our most popular speakers at our monthly SGGS programs. Topics to be presented by Bittner:

- German Maps and Territories
- German Gaetters and Levels of Jurisdiction
- Marriage Laws and Customs
- Elusive Immigrants – Proving the German Link
- U.S. Federal Land – A Key Record for German Immigrants
- Welcome to the Library – Reading to Put Your Family into Historical Context

## What's going on at the U.S. Postal Service?

*Der Blumenbaum* went into the mail on October 17. Have you received your copy yet? We need some post office detectives!

## Thought for the day

"Von Schweigen tut dir die Zunge nicht weh."  
(Silence doesn't make your tongue hurt.)

The SGGS Study Group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church Education Building, second floor, on the same Tuesdays as SGGS's monthly meetings. You are welcome to attend and share your genealogy problems.