

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme FEBRUARY - APRIL 2018

68th Edition

The mystical story
of the
NASCA CULTURE

Museum Rietberg



Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Poster Collection Archives
at the
Museum of Construction



Wednesday, March 14, 2018

A city in the city of Zurich
Sihlcity Commercial Center

An English guided tour through and
behind the scenes.



Tuesday, April 3, 2018

...everything o.k. on Zurich's streets?

Traffic Control Center Zurich

Verkehrsleitzentrale



Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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SUMMARY**FEBRUARY**

Tuesday, 13th Annual General Meeting 2018
 Wednesday, 21st Nasca at Rietberg Museum – *register by 17th February*
 Tuesday, 27th Open House at the Werdguet

MARCH

Wednesday, 14th Poster Collection Archives at Museum of Construction
 – *register by 10th March*
 Tuesday, 27th Open House at the Werdguet

APRIL

Tuesday, 3rd Sihlcity Commercial Center - *register by 27th March*
 Tuesday, 10th Traffic Control Center Zurich - *register by 29th March*
 Tuesday, 24th Open House at the Werdguet

INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS

Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached.

Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied

February 13
19.00 h

Annual General Meeting 2018

As you maybe have seen in the attached sheet, we do not only have to deal with the usual agenda at this AGM but also to try out new options in order to make the Club more attractive and modern. It is essential that as many members as possible show up this evening.

As every year, an apéro with Italian influence will be offered. This is a Committee event.

For questions, call Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81.

We meet as usual in our Club's "base" which is the Restaurant Werdguet. How to get there, see frame below.

For various events like slide shows, lectures, the AGM or the so-called "Open House" events on the last Tuesday of the month, we meet as usual at the

Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. www.werdguet.ch

February 17

Register with Heinz for "NASCA. Peru –
Searching for Traces in the Desert

February 21
18.15 h sharp
**Register
Wednesday**

**NASCA. PERU – Searching for Traces in the Desert at
Rietberg Museum**

Again the Rietberg Museum presents an outstanding exhibition. It is about the mystical story of the NASCA culture (ca. 200 BC – 650 AD). Where did the NASCA culture come from, where did it go? The mystery of the NASCA Lines, the large ancient geoglyphs found in the desert of southern Peru, still waits to be unravelled. The NASCA culture holds fascinations such as - was it a lost culture full of mysterious rituals? Had they a vibrant

tradition of art and music? Known is, they had a life under extreme conditions in one of the most arid places on earth. Join us in searching for Traces in the Desert. You will be invited to “fly over” the giant geoglyphs with the aid of virtual reality glasses. Also look at the sensational objects of gold masks, musical instruments and colourful textiles found by archaeologists.

<http://www.rietberg.ch>

We will have an English guided tour of about 1 hour – free for members, guests pay CHF 10.-. For your own benefit, extend your visit before or after the tour.

Buy your own ticket (CHF 18.- /AHV CHF 14.-) free with Zurich Card, etc. Reserve enough time to be ready on time. Afterwards we round off the evening in a nearby restaurant. How to get there: Take tram 7 (from main-station/ Paradeplatz) to stop at Rietberg. Follow the sign up-hill to the Museum.

Please register with Heinz by February 17

(O: 044 784 85 87 or via e-mail on hvifian@bluewin.ch)

When you register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.

February 27
19.00 h



Open House at Restaurant Werdguet

This is your opportunity to socialise in English with other English speaking people. The evening is very informal. You may order a meal, have just a drink or dessert.

We gather for a few hours of interesting conversation.

For further information contact Kathy at 044 554 94 48.

Directions how to get there, see under February 13 (frame).

March 10

Register with Jürg for Poster Collection Archives

March 14
18.15 h

**Register
Wednesday**

Poster Collection Archives at Museum of Construction

The collections of the Museum für Gestaltung Zürich are of international importance. The museum is the sole institution in Switzerland that, from 1875 onwards, has collected posters, graphic design, and objects that represent quotidian design alongside more artistically ambitious exemplars of the design culture. The four collections –

Design, Graphics, Applied Art and Poster – with over 500'000 objects boast a number of significant works from the history of aesthetic and technical development of the industrialized age. What was originally a collection of models, teaching materials, and manuals for craft and design education, the museum developed over the years into the distinct areas of the collection, which culminated in 1987 with the establishment of the Design Collection. In addition to the international presence in exhibitions and research projects, the collections serve in the study of design solutions, materials, techniques, and styles within the Zurich University of Art. Since 2014, the four collections are combined in the new Schaudapot (Open Collections) in the Toni-Areal.

Tonight, we will have an English guided tour for approx. 1 hour, especially focusing on posters. The entrance fee is CHF 8.00 p.p., guests contribute an extra CHF 10.00 for the guided tour. Max. participation is 12, so please be in quick with registering.

How to get there: From HB, take tram 4 in direction Zürich Altstetten and exit at stop “Toni-Areal”. Location is at Pfingstweidstrasse 96 (ZüriWest). Meeting point is at 18.15 h in the museum next to the reception.

After the tour, for those who would like to, we will go to a nearby restaurant for a bite to eat or drink. Please register with Jürg not later than March 10, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch.

March 27
19.00 h



Open House at Restaurant Werdguet

Members and guests can come for an evening of conversation in English. You can have a meal or just a drink and spend an hour or two for socializing. Non members are welcome!

We meet in the Restaurant Werdguet in Wiedikon. Directions how to get there, see under February 13 (frame). No registration necessary. For any information about the event, contact Barbara Merk by e-mail at merk.barbara@gmail.com

March 27 Register with Barbara for Sihlcity Commercial Center

March 29 Register with Sonja for the Traffic Control Center

April 3
18.30 h **sharp**
Register

Sihlcity Commercial Center

Sihlcity is an enormous complex building on the premises of the former paper factory «Zürcher Papierfabrik an der Sihl» in Zürich-Wiedikon. This urban entertainment centre opened on March 22 in 2007 and is the first of this kind. It consists of approximately 100'000 m² including gastronomy, shopping centre, cinemas, facilities for entertainment, fitness, wellness and health section, a discotheque, a hotel, a chapel with pastoral care and 16 apartments. Tonight, we will have an English guided tour through these premises and sometimes get a look behind the scenes. We will also walk along the so called "Chimney" (= the landmark of Sihlcity) and cross the Kalandertplatz.

How to get there: Take tram 13 or S4 (stop Saalsporthalle) or buses 200, 210, 444 or 445 (stop Sihlcity). Meeting point is at 18.30 h sharp at Infopoint inside Sihlcity. How to find the Infopoint: from Kalandergasse you enter the revolving door and keep walking straight on for a couple of minutes until you reach the Infopoint.

Costs are CHF 10.00 for members and CHF 15.00 for guests. Maximum participation is 20, so please register with Barbara either by SMS on 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail: merk.barbara@gmail.com no later than March 27.

The tour will last about an hour, afterwards for those interested, we can go and have a bite or just a drink in a restaurant.

April 10
15.15 h
In German
Register

Traffic Control Center (Verkehrsleitzentrale)

The English Speaking Club is invited to visit the Traffic Control Center of the Canton of Zurich. We will hear (in German only) and see how they coordinate the traffic for the whole canton, monitor all the construction zones and traffic jams, coordinate between police and rescuers, supervise the tunnels. This event lasts about 1 ½ hours and is free for members; guests pay CHF 10.00.

We meet at 15.15 h at the tram stop Beckenhof (tram 11 and 14 bring you there), than it's a walk of about 5 minutes. Space is limited, therefore it's good to register as early as possible (**at the latest March 29**) with Sonja by phone **044 302 45 47**. Sonja needs **your full name with address and date of birth**, because the Traffic Control Center asks for a list with all these details.

April 24
19.00 h



Open House at the Werdguet

*A priest asks the convicted murderer at the electric chair,
"Do you have any last requests?"*

"Yes," replies the murderer. "Can you please hold my hand?"

No fear, we will sit on **wooden** chairs and benches tonight in the Restaurant Werdguet! It's Open House evening again! Let's come together and chat while having a bite to eat or drink. If you have questions about our "laziest" event, contact Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81.

No registration necessary, you can just step in. Directions how to get there, see under February 13 (frame).

Upcoming event:

May 12 Sonja's day trip into the blue!



A short note from the Secretary

Actually, it's not the time to talk about politics. In spite of this, I must refer to a topic which is making headlines in the media. Every day you hear everywhere about the so called "No-Billag Initiative". It concerns almost all of us. Is it better to leave the whole system the way it is because it has proven its worth for many decades? Or should one take a risk, show courage and confront the challenge?

As you can see on the attached sheet, our Club is in the almost same situation. We are standing at a crossroads, we can try out something new or just leave it the way it is. It's for **all of us members** of the English Speaking Club Zurich to decide. Thus, please make your way to the Restaurant Werdguet on February 13.

Best regards,

Jürg Meier

A hearty welcome to our new members **Colette Svolgard** and **Urs Pfeifer**