

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme FEBRUARY – APRIL 2024

91st Edition

wild & beautiful

at
NATIONAL MUSEUM ZURICH



Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Please register by February 7 latest

Let's travel eastwards tonight...

SLIDE SHOW

about

GEORGIA



Wednesday, February 28, 2024



LORENZI
MESSERSCHMIEDE SEIT 1927

Thursday, March 14, 2024



Guided tour
at the newly opened

Parcel Center Wallisellen



Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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SUMMARY

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 13th Wild & Beautiful at National Museum – *register by 7th February*
 Tuesday, 20th Annual General Meeting 2024
 Wednesday, 28th Slide Show about Georgia at the Werdguet

MARCH

Tuesday, 5th Wooden at Haus Appenzell - *register by 1st March*
 Thursday, 14th Lorenzi Messer GmbH– *register by 11th March*
 Tuesday, 26th Open House at the Werdguet

APRIL

Tuesday, 9th Die Post – New Parcel Center Wallisellen – *register by 4th April*
 Tuesday, 23rd Spring Walk - *register by 20th April*
 Tuesday, 30th Open House at the Werdguet

<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>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</p>

A short note from the secretary

When I reported about archives and documents from the Club's founding year 1963, with a slight disappointment, I had to tell you there were no such documents from that time. This morning, by chance, I discovered some! They even date back to 1962 when our Club did not yet exist. 1962 must have been a year when the building up/preparations of the Club were already in full action.

I also found the FIRST statutes of our Club, dated as per March 8, 1963.

Basically the same content as our last version from 2008, but a different, slightly "old-fashioned" wording.

At the Open House event on March 26, I will bring some of these very old documents with me and you can immerse yourself into the early Sixties.

But now, let's travel forward to the present – and to the future. With this, I mean the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 20. As we have to overcome quite a few "Construction Sites" in our Club, your presence at the AGM is most appreciated. All other events in this programme are rather "leichte Kost" or light meal and I look forward to seeing you at some of these events too.

Warmest regards

Jürg

February 7 Register with Barbara for Wild and Beautiful

February 13 **Wild and Beautiful at National Museum**

18.30 h

Register



This English guided tour goes back to the 70ies of the past century, a world for departure, controversies and fashionable avant-garde. It's about Ursula Rodel and her life going from a country girl to a punk girl, then becoming a famous fashion and costume designer. She founded her own fashion label and works for people like the actress Catherine Deneuve.

As an appetizer in advance, there is a short video online, giving you a brief insight to this exhibition:

➔ www.landesmuseum.ch/rodel

Thus, the English Speaking Club of Zurich would like to invite you to participate in an approximately one hour tour through this exciting and unique world of fashion design. The entrance fee is CHF 8.00 which you please go and pay at the entrance (the owners of a museum's card are asked to bring it along, for them the entrance is free of cost). Besides the entrance fee, for the tour guide, we ask 10.- for members and 20.- for guests in cash. The Landesmuseum Zürich is located just next to the main station Zürich. You reach it best via the underpassage Shop-Ville.

To take part, please register with Barbara either by SMS to 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com by February 7. The Combox on the mobile phone CANNOT be used. After the tour, if you fancy, we will have time to sit together in a nearby restaurant and in case you will come to the restaurant, please mention this when you register, leaving your full name and phone number (preferably mobile no.) as well as if you are a guest or a member of the Club.

February 20
19.00 h

Annual General Meeting 2024



As usual, we start with a small apéro. Then we go over to the reports of the Secretary (former President's report) and the Treasurer, followed by the official agenda, containing 15 items.

Please keep in mind: We **ALL** are the Club, not only those from the Committee. The Club can only exist when some Committee Members do their duties and plenty of members regularly attend events. Equipped with these basic thoughts, please make your way to our AGM tonight.

For general questions about this event, please contact Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81 or info@escz.ch. Location: Restaurant Werdguet, Zurich Wiedikon. 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 28
19.00 h

Wednesday

Marina's slide show on Georgia



Most of you might know the song "*Georgia on my mind*" by Ray Charles. But tonight Marina is not going to take you to the state of Georgia in the USA, but to the **Republic of Georgia** located in Eastern Europe and West Asia. Over the centuries, Georgia was the object of rivalry between Persia, Turkey and Russia. The capital of Tiflis has been invaded and destroyed several times, but now it is a melting pot of cultures with many attractions for visitors and inhabitants alike. After Armenia, Georgia was the

second country to officially adopt Christianity in 337. We will visit churches, travel through the mountains and end up in Batumi on the Black Sea where we will experience astonishing modern architecture. Come and let this country surprise you.

Where does the slide show take place? Restaurant Werdguet, how to get there, see under February 20 (frame). The room was not available on a Tuesday, so we had to shift. This event replaces our regular Open House evening. The event is FREE of charge for members, guests/visitors contribute with CHF 5.00. If you have questions about this event, call Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81. After the slide show, you are free to have a drink or a bite to eat in the Restaurant.

March 1 Register with Jürg for Wooden at Haus Appenzell

March 5
18.30 h
Register

Wooden “Hölzigi” – from traditional to current at Haus Appenzell



The focus of our current exhibition is wood. We present sculptures from Eastern Switzerland, which deal with the interpersonal and – sometimes with a view to the Appenzell region – with the relationships between man, animal and nature. The figures, created by means of a chain saw, which reinterpret Appenzell customs and not infrequently make one smile, are juxtaposed with works of Appenzell carving. On display are, among other things, alpine processions, Silvesterkläuse, Appenzell music formations, Bloch parades as well as scenes from everyday rural life,

The works of art captured in wood are complemented by the sculptures of two young Ukrainians, whose chance encounter with Daniel Egli after her flight from her homeland inspired her to create her own wooden works, some of which have a touch of Appenzell, and which are henceforth produced in his studio. We will have an English guided tour through so much wood, lasting about 1 hour. Entrance fee is CHF 10.00 for members, guests contribute with CHF 20.00.

How to get there: take any tram to Paradeplatz and walk along Bahnhofstrasse and towards main station. After about 200 meters you will arrive at Bahnhofstrasse 43. The entrance to the exhibition is at St.Peterstrasse 16, just a few meters further.

Please register with Jürg by March 1, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch.

Afterwards, for those who wish, we will have something to eat and drink at the nearby Italian Restaurant. Therefore, please let me know whether you will join or not as I want to make a table reservation as early as possible.

March 11 Register with Sonja for Lorenzi Messer GmbH

March 14
18.10 h
**Register
Thursday**



Lorenzi Messer GmbH in Zurich

This is Zurich's last real specialist cutlery shop with its own workshop. It was originally founded in 1927 by Lorenzo Lorenzi (sounds like music) and his son Carlo, a family name associated across Europe with knives and cutlery. Today the business is operated by Remo and Cornelia Böhlen, who took it over 2014. The client base includes mainly professional and hobby cooks, schools, bookbinders and medical doctors.

The ESCZ has the chance of an English guided tour of about 90 minutes. We will get basic explanations and a lot of tips about knives and scissors and their features, what's most important concerning cutting boards, knife sharpening and You will be surprised when you see the endless variety of products!

Meet Sonja at 18.10 h at Stampfenbachplatz (tram 11 and 14 and bus 46 bring you there). Members pay CHF 5.00 and guests CHF 10.00. Due to limited space it's good to register as early as possible with Sonja by sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening).

Don't forget to mention, whether you will come to a nearby restaurant to round off the evening.

March 26
19.00 h

Open House at Restaurant Werdguet



That's an evening out for conversation in English and socialising with ESCZ members and guests. Join Sonja for a short visit or a few hours of casual visiting while enjoying dinner or just a drink. As mentioned on page 2, you will have the opportunity to view some really old documents from our Club, Jürg will bring them along. How to get to this event, see instructions under February 20 (frame).

April 4

Register with Sonja for Parcel Center Wallisellen

April 9
17.15 h
**Register
in German**



Parcel Center Wallisellen

After a construction period of 16 months, in June 2023 the parcel centre Wallisellen was able to start operating. Since then, every day up to 28'000 parcels pass through the sorting plant, during Advent season actually up to 60'000. About 60 persons are working there, supported by a world debut: A horde of robots (called ants) make the work faster and easier.

Don't miss the ants!!! Sonja could organise a **German** guided tour of about 90 minutes. Guests have to pay CHF 5.00, for members it's free. Get a ticket to Wallisellen Herti, and we will meet at 17.15 h in front of track 5 at main station Zurich (the S8 will leave at 17.25 h from track 34). Space is limited! Please register as early as possible with Sonja by sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening). **Please let Sonja know, whether you will afterwards join for a meal - and perhaps for a discussion about ants - in a nearby restaurant.**

April 20

Register with Barbara for spring walk

April 23
18.00 h
Register

Spring walk through the ravine of Küsnacht

Please join me for an unforgettable walk down the ravine and the geological nature trail of Küsnacht, lasting about 60 - 75 minutes. After crossing the car park next to the bus stop Itschnach-Fallacher, we first walk past some houses and along a meadow for a few minutes before reaching the beautiful ravine after a steep but very short descent to the brook called "Dorfbach". There are quite a few small bridges crossing the brook and even more numerous small waterfalls, making this excursion such a unique one. On the way are descriptions with photographs about slides and mudflows. Towards the end of our walk, we shall pass the special stone of Alexander, which was moved to this area by glaciers about 20'000 years ago and on which are found plants such as ferns, lichens and moss.

To make this walk an enjoyable one, please remember to take a drinking bottle along, wearing adequate clothing and comfortable shoes, all depending on the current weather. At the end of the ravine, you may either join me to a nearby restaurant or follow the "Dorfbach" down to the railway tracks then turn right and thus reach the railway station Küsnacht within 5 minutes. Our meeting point is **bus stop Itschnach-Fallacher**, reached by buses 912 going from Zürich Opernhaus (starting point) to

Itschnach-Fallacher passing Zollikon or by Bus 919 coming from the station of Küsnacht ZH (S6, S16, S20) from where bus 919 leaves to Itschnach Fallacher.

When registering, please write **if you come to a nearby restaurant after the hike, leaving your full name and phone number.**

To register, contact Barbara by SMS on mobile 079 582 19 48 (answering machine is out of order) or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com



April 30
19.00 h

Open House at the Restaurant Werdguet



In our "Stammbeiz" Restaurant Werdguet, there is of course a menu, and not only one, but a whole variety, from Swiss food over to Austrian dishes and diverse dishes of salad. Come along for good food or just a drink. In the restaurant, we always have our cosy corner for us, later on for the summer months, there is a garden terrace. Guests and visitors are very welcome to this event. How to get to this event, see instructions under February 20 (frame). For any questions, contact Barbara by SMS on mobile 079 582 19 48 (answering machine is out of order) or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com

A hearty welcome to our new members **Elke Vogelsanger, Giuseppe Massaro, Dilek Bumbacher, Ursula Kley and Maricel Klaus**