

## STEIN AUCTION

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The Germania Stein Auction has had a wonderful five-year run. It pains me to say that due to time constraints with work and personnel shortages in a few key areas, the auction will not happen this March. It would also be a long shot to have one in the Fall due to the almost nine month lead time being needed in order to find quality consignment pieces. However, I am hopeful that the auction can return in March of 2011.

I would like to thank all members who have helped with the auction and those who attended over the past five years. We have had some good fun and I hope it can continue for years to come. With my position at the Rookwood Pottery, I was already putting aside unique glaze variations for various Moerlein steins. These will surely show up in the future, so please don't forget the Stein Auction.

Since the auction cannot happen without quality consignments, please help me keep on the lookout for new and interesting items. Please remind neighbors and friends of our auction and explain to them how it we can help them sell their steins, German keepsakes, and Cincinnati area brewery items at good prices.

Thanks again for your participation and keep scanning the website for stein auction updates.

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