

***Boerne* - Host city of the  
2023 German-Texan Heritage Society  
Annual Conference**



**September 15 & 16, 2023**

**St. John Lutheran Church**

**located at**

**315 Rosewood Ave, Boerne, TX 78006**



# Our Speakers

Our speakers include:

## Friday

**Dr. Daniel Gelo:** Professor of Anthropology (Emeritus) UT San Antonio & Author

**Dr. Christopher Wickham:** Professor of German (Emeritus) UT San Antonio & Author

**Richard Gruetzner:** GTHS Vice-President & Partner Representative of GTHS to the International German Genealogy Partnership, Retired Law Enforcement professional, President Texas Wendish Heritage Society, Director on Board of Austin Genealogical Society

**Rhonda Minten, M.A.:** Assistant Professor of Practice – History Dept. UT San Antonio

**Janis Gonser:** Native of Hamburg, Germany, GTHS President, Online industry professional currently working as a Conversion Rate Manager for BuildASign.com, an Austin founded e-commerce company.

## Saturday

**Robin Stauber:** Chair-Kendall County Historical Commission, Adult Librarian-Patrick Heath Public Library of Boerne, Oversees the Dietert Historical Archives

**William Whitney:** Liaison Comm.-Kendall County Historical Commission, Retired petroleum industry professional, Writer and publisher of historical fiction

**Kathryn Adam Hurst:** Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Editor of *Keys to the Past*, Vice-Chair-Kendall County Historical Commission, Charter member of the German Texan Heritage Society

**Lynette Munson:** ITSM Solution Engineer III with Capital Group, Member of the extended Toepperwein Family

**Dr. James C. Kearney:** Assistant Professor of Instruction - School of Undergraduate Studies at UT Austin, Author/Editor of books on Germans in Texas

**Dr. Walter Kamphoefner:** Professor of History Texas A&M University, Former President of Society for German-American Studies, Author of books on Germans in America

## GTHS 2023 Annual Conference Schedule

### Friday

- 9:30 – 1:00 Registration opens. Lunch is on your own.
- 1:00 – 1:30 Welcome and Information
- 1:30 – 2:20 Dr. Christopher Wickham/Dr. Daniel Gelo: *Comanches, Captives, Germans: Transactions on the Texas Frontier, 1847*
- 2:30 – 3:20 Richard Gruetzner: *Tusculum? and the Early Boerne era*
- 3:20 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:30 Rhonda Minten: *The Herff Legacy --- He Came Back.*
- 4:40 – 5:30 Janis Gonser: *In Franz Kettner's Foot Steps*
- 6:30 Social: Featuring the Boerne Village Band, hosted at the Tusculum Brewing Company 236 S. Main Street in Boerne

### Saturday

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration and snacks/pastries
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:10 Kendall Co. Historical Commission-Robin Stauber, William Whitney, & Kathryn Adam Hurst: *Camino San Saba*
- 10:10 – 11:10 Lynette Munson: *The Toepperwein Family of Boerne*
- 11:10 – 11:20 Break
- 11:20 – 12:00 GTHS Membership Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on-site by Angel Food Catering
- 1:30 – 2:20 Dr. James Kearney: *Dr. Ernst Kapp*
- 2:30 – 3:20 Dr. Walter Kamphoefner: *Freethinkers in the Texas Hill Country, 1840-??*
- 3:30 – Remainder of the day Closing of the on-site meeting.

### Sunday

Everyone is invited to stay and visit all the historic sites and cultural offerings in beautiful Boerne.

# BOERNE DOWNTOWN AREA



**LEGEND**

- Improved Trails (dashed green line)
- Unimproved Trails (dotted green line)
- The Hill Country Mile (orange line)
- Public Parking (P icon)
- Lodging (L icon)
- Public Restrooms (RR icon)
- Public WiFi (WiFi icon)

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**BOERNE**  
*As UNIQUE As Our Name*  
 Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau  
[visitboerne.org](http://visitboerne.org)

Parks & Open Space	Public Buildings
1. Boerne Cemetery	14. Boerne Animal Care Services
2. Boerne City Park	15. Boerne City Campus & City Hall
3. Boerne Skate Park	16. Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau/Visitor Center
4. Cibolo Nature Center & Farm	17. Boerne Fire Station
5. Herff Farm	18. Boerne High School
6. Kinderpark	19. Boerne Parks & Recreation
7. Main Plaza	20. Chamber of Commerce
8. Northside Neighborhood Park	21. Historic County Courthouse
9. River Road Park	22. Historic County Jail
10. Roelder Park	23. Kendall County Courthouse
11. Veterans Plaza	24. Kendall County Fairgrounds
	25. Kendall County Sheriff's Office & Jail
<b>Museums</b>	26. Patrick Heath Public Library & Amphitheater
12. The Agricultural Museum	27. US Post Office
13. Kuhlmann-King House	28. YMCA

Days Inn

Motel 6

Hampton Inn

Comfort Inn

The Bevy

Fairfield Inn



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***St. John Lutheran Church of Boerne (N.A.L.C.)***

***Karen Brickey - Angel Food Catering***

***The Tusculum Brewing Company***

