



## Light & Glass Yearly Meeting, Potsdam/Berlin June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

12:45	<b>Arrival in Charlottenburg Palace,</b> Spandauer Damm 10-22, Berlin	<b>Reception, Fee Payments</b>
13:30-16:00	<b>Guided Tours</b>	Please note: on Monday, the Schloss is closed to the general public. Please meet at: the Equestrian Statue of the Great Elector Frederick William in the Court Yard. English Tour with Verena Wasmuth, German Tour with Michaela Völkel
16:00	<b>Pause</b>	Break with Refreshments
16:30-17:50	<b>General Assembly</b>	Members of the Society for Light and Glass in the Palace. Non-Members are welcome to remain, they do not however have the right to vote.
18:15	<b>Group Dinner</b>	Palace Restaurant Spanndauerdamm 3  Booking required

Tuesday 9th June 2026

9.00 – 11:30	Visit to the <b>Central Storage (Zentraldepot)</b> of the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg (SPSG)	
	Visit to four Stations (Ine Schuurmans, Benni Glasberger, Elke Wichmann, Jule Eckhardt), then by foot and Bus ca. 30-40 min.	
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch in the Mensa Uni Potsdam near Neuen Palais SPSG	Booking required
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Tours of the New Palace,</b> Am Neuen Palais, 14469 Potsdam English Tour with Verena Wasmuth, German Tour with Jörg Kirschstein	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break, Mensa, Uni Potsdam	
16:15 – 17:00	<b>Tours in Orangerie Palace</b> With Ine Schuurmanns and Dagmar Dammann	
17:10 – 18:00	<b>Tours in Sanssouci</b> English Tour with Verena Wasmuth, German Tour with Franziska Windt	
18:30	<b>Group Dinner, Das Wiener Restaurant</b> Luisenplatz 4 Potsdam	Booking required + Pre-Orders!

Wednesday, 10th June 2026 - Lecture Program, Hosting: Verena Wasmuth

From 9:00	Arrival in Villa Glienicke	Gentlemen's Wing (Kavalierflügel), Königstraße 36, 14109 Berlin, just across the bridge from Potsdam	
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Welcome</b>	Verena Wasmuth, <b>Brief Introduction to the Collection of Luminaria SPSG</b>	
9:45 – 10:15	<b>Lecture 01</b>	Kristīne Budže, <b>“The late 18<sup>th</sup> century glass chandeliers from the House of the Black Heads in Riga”</b>	
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Lecture 02</b>	Frank Möller, <b>“Chandelier Deliveries Abroad from Werner &amp; Mieth”</b>	
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Lecture 03</b>	Jan Mende, <b>“Affordable Splendour - Classical chandeliers from the Berlin-based Mencke Wooden Bronze Factory”</b>	
11:15- 11:45	<b>Lecture 04</b>	Brigit Kropmanns, <b>“A Triumphant Return - Prussian Splendor in the Alexandrine Apartment – Werner und Neffen and Karl August Mencke at Ludwigslust Palace”</b>	
11:45- 12:00		Welcome from Samuel Wittwer, Director of Palaces and Collections SPSG	
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Catered Lunch for participants in Glienicke</b>	<b>Booking required</b>
<b>Hosting: Ine Schuurmanns</b>			
13:00- 13:05	<b>Welcome</b>	Kathrin Lange, Chief Conservator SPSG	
13:05- 13:15	<b>Lecture 05</b>	Andrea Carl, <b>“Chandeliers from the Reichsbahn bunker in Kassel”</b>	
13:15- 13:45	<b>Lecture 06</b>	Sofie Lechner, <b>“Restoration of a Chandelier from Merseberg”</b>	
13:45- 14:15	<b>Lecture 07</b>	Toni Lorenz, <b>“Understanding Complex Lighting Fixtures: systematic thinking, curiosity, and planning as keys to the restoration of multi-part chandeliers”</b>	
14:15- 14:45	<b>Lecture 08</b>	Fatemeh Yavari, <b>“Ethics or Aesthetics? Decision-making in the conservation of fragmentary classical chandeliers”</b> - per Zoom	
14:45- 15:00	<b>Lecture 09</b>	Jutta Page, <b>“Introduction of Chandelier Exhibition in the U.S.A.”</b>	
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Break</b>	Coffee and refreshments	
<b>Hosting: Verena Wasmuth</b>			
15:30- 16:00	<b>Lecture 10</b>	Toussaint Leliveld, <b>“Pair of two-branched Louis XIV Candelabra”</b>	
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Lecture 11</b>	Federica Guainai, <b>“Birth, history and evolution of the Venetian chandelier. 1859 – 1914”</b>	

16:30 – 17:00	<b>Lecture 12</b>	Peter Rath, “ <b>The first electric crystal chandeliers in the world, 1882 for the Imperial Palace in Vienna</b> ”
17:00 – 17:20	<b>Lectures 13 + 14</b>	Tereza Švachová + Petra Matelá, “ <b>The Current status of the Eliáška Projekt</b> ”  Jaroslav Švacha, “ <b>Challenges of Modern Chandeliers</b> ”
17:20- 17:50	<b>Lecture 15</b>	Amy J. Hughes, “ <b>Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Seeing Glass, Light and Lighting in a New Light, Case Studies from Czechia and the U.S.</b> ”
Ab 18:30	<b>Group Dinner</b>	(Biergarten Loretta am Wannsee, Kronprinzessinnenweg 260, 14109 Berlin), Bus departs at 18:07 by Villa Glienicke

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>10:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>For Members and non-members</b> - Visit to the restoration workshop of Bettina Schneider, Goertzwerk, Goerzallee 299, 14167 Berlin-Zehlendorf .	
<b>10:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Members only</b> – Visit to the restoration workshops of the SPSP in Neuen Garten 6 14469, Potsdam (Ine Schuurmans, Benjamin Glasberger with Helen Böhland and Moses Klappenbach)	
	<b>Evening free!</b>	

### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Departure or further Exploration of Sights in Potsdam/Berlin

#### Suggestions:

Bröhan Museum <https://www.broehan-museum.de/>

Kunstgewerbemuseum und Köpenick Palace <https://www.smb.museum/museen-einrichtungen/schloss-koepenick/home/>

Museum Knoblauchhaus, Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin  
<https://www.stadtmuseum.de/museum/museum-knoblauchhaus>

Deutsches Technikmuseum <https://technikmuseum.berlin/>

Bauhaus Archiv (closed at the moment but a temporary archive is open)  
<https://www.bauhaus.de/temporary-bauhaus-archiv/>

Werkbund Archiv, Museum der Dinge <https://museumderdinge.de/>

Peacock Island with Peacock Island House and Kunckel Cabinet (Bohemian chandeliers)  
<https://www.spsg.de/en/palaces-gardens/object/peacock-island/>