

Swiss Club of Washington, DC

May 2026 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut!

Spring is in full swing here in the DMV! And that means outdoor fun and activities, particularly for us Swiss. Enjoy every minute of the beautiful weather and the new memories this season will bring.

And in the spirit of spring, we're offering several chances to create those memories with other SCDC members. Just to name a few, we have a kids event this weekend, happy hour mid-month, and hike at the end of the month. More information about all of these is provided below. And stay tuned for more details about World Cup watch party events during the summer.

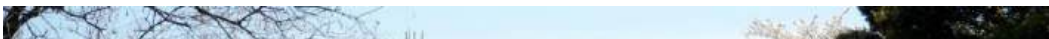
Until next month, have a great May!

Kevin H. Sprenger

Mini Swiss Club! Swiss Kids Corner Please join us this weekend, Saturday, May 2

Join us for a fun afternoon and picnic at the [US National Arboretum](#)
Saturday May 2 from 2:pm to 4pm
[3501 New York Avenue, NE](#)
[Washington, DC 20002](#)

Spring is in the air! We invite you to meet up at the US National Arboretum for a picnic! (The exact location within the park will be shared via the WhatsApp group). Families with kids of all ages are welcome! We encourage everyone to bring a swiss snack to share. You can expect Swiss-themed games and a scavenger hunt! If interested, please email Gabi Meier gabriela.meier@swissclubdc.org to be added to the WhatsApp group for up to date information. We look forward to seeing you there!





Happy Hour with a Bonus Eurovision Viewing!

Please join us for Happy Hour, Thursday May 14 @ 6:30 pm!

Great conversation, a fun atmosphere, and a neat place to have a drink and a bite to eat.

[Augie's Mussel House and Beer Garden](#)

1106 King Street
Alexandria, VA

Questions? Reach out to mark.mccarthy@swissclubdc.org



Webinar with Swiss artist Christian Vonarburg

We are excited to organize an exclusive webinar with Swiss artist Christian Vonarburg on **Saturday, May 23rd from 12-12.45pm**. Christian will give a 30min presentation about the process of creating his wonderful art followed by a 15min Q&A.

The webinar will take place two weeks before the gallery visit in Woodstock, VA where those who join will have a chance to see a few of his incredible art pieces.

Centered on Vonarburg's exhibition Strata in Woodstock, Virginia, earlier this year, the webinar will explore systems-based abstraction, geometry, and material precision, offering insight into contemporary Swiss artistic practice and the structural thinking behind his wonderful and unique art work.

His presentation at the Swiss embassy in March about how he creates his art was just incredible and we highly recommend you attend if you have time.

Here are some photos and more information about the event last month: <https://swissimpactusa.com/strata-by-swiss-artist-christian-vonarburg/>

Zoom details:

meeting id: 69749685617

link: <https://epfl.zoom.us/j/69749685617>

You can add the event to your calendar [here](#).



Spring Hike at Sugarloaf Mountain

Join fellow Swiss Club members for a scenic and social day hike at Sugarloaf Mountain in Maryland!

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Backup Date (weather contingency): Sunday, May 31, 2026

Meeting Point: [Sugarloaf Mountain](#) – East View Parking Lot

Meet Time: 9:45 AM

Departure: 10:00 AM sharp (please arrive on time as the group will depart promptly)

We will be hiking the North Peak Trail Loop, a moderately challenging loop of just over 6 miles. The trail offers a mix of wooded paths, elevation gain, and rewarding panoramic views at the summit—well worth the effort. Participants should come prepared with appropriate footwear, water, and any snacks they may need along the way.

Following the hike, those who are interested are invited to continue the outing with a relaxed group lunch at Black Hog BBQ & Bar, where we'll enjoy good food, drinks, and conversation.

Please be sure to sign up in advance so we can get an accurate headcount for both the hike and lunch.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

We look forward to a great day outdoors with the Swiss Club community!

Questions? Reach out to roger.wespe@swissclubdc.org



Trip to Colloquia Art Gallery in Woodstock, VA

The Swiss Club is organizing a day trip to Colloquia Art Gallery in Woodstock, Virginia, for Swiss artist [Zoe Baer's exhibition opening](#) on **Saturday, June 6 from 3-6pm.**

To see examples of Zoe's stunning oil and charcoal paintings, please visit her [webpage](#)

The Colloquia gallery is organizing an "Art Bus" that leaves Dupont Circle at 11am. The bus will stop at [Muse Vineyards](#) for lunch and bring people back by 6pm. You are welcome to drive to the gallery on your own, too.

The cost for the bus trip is \$30.00 per person, and does not include wine or lunch at the vineyard. Please register [here](#) for your spot on the bus! If you have any questions, please email sara.ackermann@swissclubdc.org for more information

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Save the dates: Switzerland in the World Cup

World Cup 2026 is coming up this summer. Switzerland plays Qatar on Saturday, June 13 @3pm ; Bosnia Herzegovina on June 18 @3pm ; Canada on June 24 @3pm. Stay tuned for the details on for a watch party somewhere in the DMV area!



Swiss Items donation request from the Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington DC

Are you doing some spring cleaning this year? The SBS is always looking for Swiss stuff to add to our Brockenstube or auctions. To donate gently used household items from Switzerland, reach out to us at admin@sbsofdc.org.



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Follow us on Social Media Facebook and Instagram Page!!

Share your pictures and your experiences with the Swiss Club!

Thanks to some new additions to our club's executive board, we are renewing our social media presence and have started an Instagram page to share our updates. Feel free to follow us to receive timely updates on events and opportunities!

[Link](#) to Swiss Club of Washington DC's Instagram Page

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Interested in Playing Jass?

Reach out to Will Roberts for more information!

will.roberts@swissclubdc.org

New to the game? No problem, join a Jass clinic to learn to play!



Swiss Club Events for 2026

• Mini-Swiss Outing	May 2
• May Happy Hour	May 14
• Art Webinar	May 23
• Hike/Brewery visit	May 30 (May 31 rain date)
• DC Art Bus Trip	June 6
• World Cup Watch Party	June 13, 18, 24
• Swiss National Day	August 1, 2026
• Hike/Winery Visit	September
• Raclette Dinner	October
• General Assembly	October
• Grittibaenz and Samichlaus	December

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Your ad will also appear on the e-Postillion which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. All we need from you is a business card sized image containing your website/email information; anyone clicking on it will be linked to your website.

2026 prices are as follows:

\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.



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