



NESW

NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Spring/Summer 2026

Upcoming Meeting Dates in
2026
(subject to change!)

September 18
October 16
November 13
December 11

Our website is: www.nesw.de
Monthly registration:
registration@nesw.de

Friederike Schulte - Director,
Carl-Schurz-Haus, Freiburg



Black Forest today, North Sea
tomorrow!

"For more than fifteen years, Friederike Schulte has run the Carl-Schurz-Haus with such passion, wit and skill that we simply cannot imagine the house without her. Now we must. This summer she is moving to Pellworm - an island where sheep are the most numerous, the sky knows no bounds, and life moves at a different, more tranquil pace."

All of your friends at the Network would like to wish you and your family all the very best for the future. Thank you for so many special moments, Friederike, you will be sorely missed.

MAY

Friday, May 8 at 4:45pm (before
mass starts!!)

A golden opportunity to discover the
Münster's hidden treasures!

This evening we will be granted the rare golden opportunity of taking an art history walk on the roof of the *Münster's Choir*. Transported to the roof by lift with freelance restorer and art historian Johanna Quatmann, we will experience this incredible walk beneath the arches of the buttresses, where we will see the figures on the pillars, and many other details that cannot be seen from below. It goes without saying that the view of Freiburg from up there is especially beautiful!



Four white arrows show the roof of the Choir

In the event of rain, we will convene at the main portal with its many painted sculptures. There Johanna will talk a bit about the architectural and building history, pointing out two paintings that you can only recognize when someone explains them to you!

Please register by Wednesday, May 6 with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

JUNE

Friday, June 19 at 6:30pm

Come explore nuances in aroma,
fragrance and colour!

Frank's Salvias in Umkirch is a nursery and show garden dedicated primarily to the extensive genus *Salvia*. The name "sage" is a nod to the garden's focus, but the selection has long since considerably expanded.

Frank Fischer created the garden to showcase the sage collection in a beautiful setting. Over 300 species and varieties of the *Salvia* genus are presented in different themed areas: in the rock garden, sometimes colour-coordinated in borders, sometimes with a meadow-like feel and, last but not least, in the herb garden. Self-seeding and targeted weeding create a natural, varied landscape that lends the garden a fresh dynamism.

For Frank personally, the garden is both a nursery and a playground where he can test the health, winter hardiness, and drought resistance of the plants and compare their growth, colour, and other characteristics. The fact that the plants are cultivated naturally, without the use of chemical pesticides, is important to Frank, in addition to pests being successfully controlled with beneficial insects. Overproduction and excessive heating in the greenhouse to force harvesting is avoided, and the potting soil is sourced regionally. These are all small steps towards sustainability.

Frank invites us to join him on this special journey of discovery amidst the buzzing and humming of insects, where much attention is given to their various habitats.

Please register by Wednesday, June 17 with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834.

A forum for communication and exchange between English-speaking women in Freiburg

NEWS

JULY

Friday, July 17 at **6:00pm!**

A historical tour of Breisach's *Blaues Haus*

The Blue House was built at the end of the 17th century in the newly established Jewish quarter and housed the Christian-run "St Peter" inn for over 140 years. In 1829, the Jewish community acquired the building to establish a denominational school. Later it served as a community centre and residence for cantor families.



After the destruction of the synagogue in the November pogrom 1938, the Jewish community set up a secret prayer room there. This served the persecuted remnant of the community until October 1940 for the celebration of high holidays. With the deportation of the Jews of southwestern Germany in the Gurs internment camp (southern France) on October 22, 1940, Jewish life in Breisach was wiped out after 300 years.

In 1999, the building was saved from demolition and restored by the "Friends of the Former Jewish Community Centre in Breisach" association. To this day, the association maintains contact with Holocaust survivors and their families worldwide.

Dr Valeska Wilczek, from the Association for the Promotion of the Former Jewish Community Centre Breisach (Blue House), will be giving us a special guided tour this evening.

Please register by Wednesday, July 15 with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

Membership Information



30€ Annually
(due by the end of January)

17.50€ Half Year
(January-June, July-December)

5€ Evening Fee for
Non-Members
(to be paid at the evening's
event)

Guests and new members are
always welcome. The evening
fee is waived for first time guests.



The Coordinating Team

*If you enjoy our meetings,
why not join our Team?!*



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AUGUST

We will be taking a well-deserved break this month, and look forward to welcoming you back on September 18 for a late summer walk from the Wiehre to Littenweiler followed by dinner afterwards at *Waldsee!*



The Coordinating Team wishes you and your family a delightful, sunny, fun-filled summer!

A reading from Kristina Beck's emotional romance!

Key to His Heart is an emotionally charged single-parent romance where the past refuses to stay buried. When devastating truths come to light, love is put to the ultimate test. Can TJ accept Katrina's confession – even if it shatters everything he believes?



Member and author Krissy Hüstebeck (aka Kristina Beck) will be reading from her novel on May 30 at 5:30pm at **Gordana von Vogt's Café Leone in Breisach**. Come along and offer your support! ❤️