



America's Candle Merchants™ - Since 1971



Biedermann Commemoratives Annual Limited Edition

Biedermann's annual limited edition ornaments have been hand-cut since 1970 by the acclaimed gold and silver craftsmen of Schwäbisch Gmünd, a small but historically and culturally significant city in the south of Germany.

Founded in the 1260s, the city came to be designated within the Holy Roman Empire as a "Free Imperial City", independent of external government except in answering to the emperor; a status it held until 1802, which marked the start of the slow process toward German federation.

This beautiful city, set in a narrow valley with steep hills, has an impressive stone cathedral, narrow streets and a central marketplace faced by both modern and historic buildings reminiscent of the neighboring state to the east, Bavaria.

Theme

Since 1970, a yearly limited addition commemorative has depicted a Christmas time subject. The 2023 commemorative portrays children with gifts around a candle-lite Christmas Tree.

By the mid-1800s, the centuries-old European tradition of bringing fresh-cut evergreen boughs into the winter-time home had evolved into a Christmas custom of bringing in a small evergreen to be adorned with decorations and gifts. Small candles were carefully attached to the branches to illuminate the tree. By the 1950s, electric lights replaced the traditional candles.

Our Relationship

Our relationship with Biedermann & Sons dates to 1972, and grew into a multi-generational personal friendship.

LEFT: COMMEMORATIVES BEING CUT BY HAND; PLATING BY ELECTROLYSIS; THE GERMAN WORKSHOP; & SCENES OF THE CITY OF SCHWÄBISCH GMÜND, GERMANY.