



South Tyrol – Land of Myths and Legends

Treasure Legends of Laurein

An old peasant woman from Unger once found several pieces of glass at Häuselplatzen, a village about an hour north of Laurei, as she was bringing the hayers their lunch on the pastures. Curious, she put one of these glass shards into her bag. When she got home and pulled the glass shard out of her pocket, she was amazed to see that it had turned into a shiny gold coin!

On Christmas Eve, one might find a wealth of treasures at Häuselplatzen. At midnight that night, there are six men that come up there, approaching from the west side of the valley, the Gföldern. They carry with them a large coffin atop two iron bars. If something sacred is set level upon this coffin, the ghostly bearers stand still and you can then take treasures from the coffin to your heart's desire.

It is said that another treasure is to be had at Brüggeler on the night between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Exactly at midnight, a donkey with two panniers comes across the bridge. Here also, if one would lay something sacred inside the baskets then one could easily take the treasure from the baskets. On the same night and at the same hour, there is also a second treasure to be found in the area around Laurein. A cart comes over the little Britschnerjöchel Pass, which leads from Laurein to Castelfondo, and a mysterious man holds out a bronze jar full of shimmering gold pieces. In order to be happy with this pot of gold, you must give thanks by saying Vergelt's Gott many times, asking for God's blessing on poor souls.