



Germans from Russia Heritage Society
48th Annual International Convention
July 18-21, 2018

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Pierre, SD

Hosted by Germans from Russia Heritage Society Board of Directors and
 Die Deutsche Glieder Chapter

“The Harvest For Life”

Please check the GRHS Website at: www.grhs.org for any changes/updates

Wednesday – July 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Cloakroom
12:30 p.m.	(Ramkota Shuttle will be available at 12:30 to go to the SD Archives)	Hotel Lobby
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Germans from Russia Tour of the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center, Museum and Presentations (Limited to 50 – First come, first served)	SD State Archives 900 Governor Dr. Pierre, SD
	Break	
	Presentations:	
	<i>Digital Resources at the SD State Archives</i> - Sara Casper	
	<i>Beyond the “Pioneer Myth,” Preservation of Germans from Russia Architectural History</i> – Liz Almlie	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own - Ramkota RiverCentre Café will have a German menu to order from	
	City maps are available at the Hotel Registration Desk	

Thursday - July 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration, Ramkota Hotel	Cloak Room
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction and Heritage Hall – Milton Kramer	Gallery D
10:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Bookstore Open	Gallery B
9:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	Official Convention Opening Ceremony, Welcome and Call for Board nominations	Grand Gallery
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Workshops & Regional Interest Group (RIG) Meetings	
11:45 a.m. –12:45 p.m.	Lunch: Life Member Certificate Presentations and Board Candidate Speeches	Grand Gallery
1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Workshops & RIG Meetings	
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Main Hall
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Sing-a-long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (No Host Bar)	Gallery D & E
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	GRHS Board of Directors Meeting	Lake Sharpe
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner: Board Candidate Speeches	Grand Gallery
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	“The Future of GRHS” (Open Forum) - Curtis Mertz, president	Grand Gallery
8:30 p.m.	GCRA Information Meeting	Lake Francis Case
8:30 p.m.	Germans to Prussia-Poland to Russia RIG- Carol Just	Gallery D

Thursday Workshops & RIGS:

- *Beresan District Odessa (BDO) Regional Interest Group Meeting* - Valerie Ingram Stewart
- *Beyond the “Pioneer Myth,” Preservation of Germans from Russia Architectural History* – Liz Almlie
- *Can’t Find Great Grandpa? Unique Sources at the SD State Archives* – Virginia Hanson
- *Crimea Regional Interest Group Meeting* - Matt Klee
- *Digital Resources at the South Dakota State Archives* - Sara Casper
- *Exploration of Repression Files discloses many aspects of the Russian Regimes intent to control the population and contains much personal and family history* – Peter Goldade

- *Fachria, Hal Habermanns families Ancestral Village in Dobruscha and the people there -Hal Habermann*
- *Fate of German Russian Community During the Russian Civil War brings out the causes of the War - Ulrich Mertens*
- *Glückstal Colonies Research Association (GCRA) Annual Meeting - Duane Stabler*
- *Grossliebental District Odessa (GDO) Meeting - Valerie Ingram Stewart*
- *Historic Newspapers Can Enrich Your Family Story - Allyn Brosz*
- *Hoffnungstal Odessa Parish (HOP) Regional Interest Group Meeting - Melvin Bender*
- *Kutschurgan (KRIG) Regional Interest Group Meeting - Dennis Roth*
- *Personal History Collections that is in Hundreds of Photographs – Robert Russell*
- *Religion as Identity in the Quest for Immigration - Erica Weidemann*
- *Researching South Dakota's State Archives – Virginia Hanson*
- *Watermelons and Thistles: Growing up German from Russia in America - Carol Just*

Times and places for workshops will be published in the convention booklet, which you will receive in your registration packet at the convention. These are tentative and may change.

Friday: July 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Cloak Room
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding	Gallery D
11:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Bookstore Open	Gallery B
9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	GRHS Business Meeting, Election of Board of Directors	Grand Gallery
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch: Essay Awards	Grand Gallery
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Main Hall
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	GRHS Board Reorganization Meeting	Lake Sharpe
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	North Dakota State University Homeland Tour - Michael Miller	Lake Francis Case
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Sing A-Long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (No Host Bar)	Gallery D & E
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner: Joseph Height Literary and Lane Alton Nusz Awards	Grand Gallery
	Entertainment: "Surprise Package"	
7:30 p.m. -	"Dirty Thirties" - Duane Stabler	Grand Gallery

Friday Workshops:

- *Can't Find Great Grandpa? Unique Sources at the SD State Archives – Virginia Hanson*
- *Census Research and Substitutions - Linda Lowe*
- *Cooking Mennonite Gruene Schauble Suppe (Green Bean Soup) -Garnet Perman*
- *DNA I & II - The Basis of Life & Analyzing Your Results gives you a simple, easy to understand DNA - Lee Macklin*
- *German Russian Garden and the seeds they transplanted from the steppes to the prairies – Daniel Flyger*
- *GRHS 101-Who we are/what we do – Valerie Ingram Stewart*
- *HFGR Annual & Informational Session - Ted Becker*
- *Kherson, Ekaterinoslav, Taurida (KET) Regional Interest Group Meeting*
- *Knocking Down Walls Using EWZ Records - Valerie Ingram Stewart*
- *Overcoming that Genealogy Brick Wall - Linda Lowe*
- *Personal History Collections that is in Hundreds of Photographs – Robert Russell*
- *Religion as Identity in the Quest for Immigration - Erica Weidemann*
- *Researching Your Genealogy in Russian Archive, and challenges of obtaining documents – Mila Koretnikov*
- *Genealogy Potpourri – James Klein*
- *Volga German Colonies Today, is stories and events of visits to ancestral villages – Mila Koretnikov*

<p>Remember - Friday is designated Chapter Day, so wear your chapter vest and bring your chapter scrapbook and banner. Leave scrapbooks at the registration desk or on the scrapbook table.</p>
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Saturday, July 21, 2018

Note: Memorial Service will be held Saturday afternoon

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Cloakroom
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Silent Auction & Bidding	Gallery D
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open	Gallery B
8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch: Family History and Other Awards	Grand Gallery
1:00 p.m. -- 3:15 p.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
1:30 p.m.	Silent Auction Ends	
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Main Hall
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Memorial Service & Celebration of Life – Pastor Milt Ost & Wanda Hopkins	Theatre I
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Sing Sing A-Long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (No Host Bar)	Gallery D & E
6:30 p.m.	Dinner – Installation of officers, Passing of Torch, Closing Keynote Speaker “The Pioneer Prairie Paintings of Harvey Dunn” - Lynn Vershoor	Grand Gallery
8:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Dance – Neil Staid and Friends	Grand Gallery

Saturday Workshops:

- *Bessarabia Regional Interest Group (BESS) Meeting - Bernice Kimball*
- *Cooking Stirrum – Cameron Nicklaus*
- *DNA I & II - The Basis of Life & Analyzing Your Results gives you a simple, easy to understand DNA - Lee Macklin*
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- *Making Spaetzle - Deb Mehrer*
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- *Town Hall Meeting – Valeria Ingram Stewart*
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Menu of Meals during the Convention

We need to turn our meal count into the hotel by July 1st, so please register early.

(Help will be available for those who need assistance on Thursday at the buffet line to carry plates)

<u>Thursday Lunch Buffet:</u>	Hot Borscht Soup and 1-Alternate (potato soup), assorted meats, cheese and rye bread, fresh vegetables & dip, Coffee/water with Sour Cream/Vinegar on side.
<u>Thursday Dinner Buffet:</u>	Shredded BQ Beef Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Fresh Veggies/Dip, Carrot cake/sweet cake and Coffee/water
<u>Friday Lunch:</u>	Pot Roast, served with Roasted Potatoes and Carrots, Tossed Salad/House Dressing, Dinner Rolls/Butter, and Coffee/ Water
<u>Friday Dinner:</u>	Halupsi, Green Beans, Spaetzle, Salad with house dressing, Rolls/Butter, Coffee/water, and Angel Food cake w/ Strawberry topping
<u>Saturday Lunch:</u>	Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Vegetable, Salad / house dressing, Coffee/water
<u>Saturday Dinner:</u>	German Sausage & Sauerkraut, Braised Red (ROTKOHL) Cabbage, Buttered noodles, Tossed Salad/House Dressing, Rolls and Butter, Coffee/water & Apple Crisp

Ramkota Convention Center/Hotel
(The convention Headquarters is at the Ramkota Hotel Best Western)

A block of rooms have been set aside at Special Rates at the Ramkota Hotel until **June 17, 2018**. Please contact the hotel directly at **605-224-6877** and ask for the GRHS block, when making your reservations. Room Rates: Single: \$91.00, Double: \$101.99, Triple: \$107.99, Quad: \$113.99 (tax not included) A **block of rooms will be held until June 17, 2018.**

Hotel: The hotel has *complimentary wireless internet* service property wide, free shuttle to airport, newspaper and coffee in lobby each day. Each registered guest at the hotel will receive a **\$3.00 coupon** (for each day they are registered at the hotel) to use in the RiverCentre Café. The Café will also have some type of German food for people to order from on Wednesday night.

Due to our hotel contract, no other hotel accommodations will be advertised. Parking of self-contained campers is available in the Ramkota Hotel parking Lot; there is no charge if not needing hookups. Please check in with the hotel desk for further information upon your arrival.

Campgrounds:

Griffin Park: \$16.00 / night

800 E Missouri Avenue

605-773-7407

Oahe Downstream Rec. Area Campgrounds #1 and #2

20439 Marina Loop, Fort Pierre, SD

1-(800)-710- 2267

Fischer's Lily Park: \$15.00/night

200 2 Rivers St, Ft. Pierre, SD

605-223-7690

Arrive on Wednesday and take in the Germans from Russia Tour
at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center
1:00 PM - Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

This is a guided tour that will begin at 1:00 PM.

For those who need a ride to the Heritage Center, the Ramkota has graciously offered their Vans to transport people at 12:30 PM. (Meet in the hotel Lobby)

The cost of this tour will be \$8.00 to cover entrance to the Museum and the break.

GRHS Endowment: Creates a Lasting Legacy
Silent Auction at GRHS 48th International Convention

Bring items to the Silent Auction:

Dear GRHS Members

We will again have a silent auction during the GRHS convention in Pierre. This auction began in Rapid City in 2016. It was small but raised about \$500. The silent auction grew considerably in Bismarck in 2017. It raised almost \$2,000.

The money raised goes to the GRHS fundraiser. So, if you are planning to come to the convention, please bring an item for the auction. If you have an item that relates to German, or German-Russian that would be good (i.e. family history or town books, scythes, canned jellies, etc.). However, any kind of item that you think might make a good silent auction item would work.

Thanks for bringing an item.

Milton Kramer
Chairman, Silent Auction 2018

Successful bidders need to pay for and pickup up items between 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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Registration Form

Please complete and mail the registration form with your check or credit card information for registration and meals to:

Make checks payable to: **GRHS 2018 Convention (US funds only, please)**

Mail to: GRHS 2018 Convention
1125 West Turnpike Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

We need to have our meal count into the hotel by July 1st, so please register early.

Meals must be selected with the registration form and cannot be selected for late registrants at the registration desk.

Pre-registration deadline is **July 1, 2018** and all registrations must be received at GRHS Headquarters no later than **July 16, 2018**. No refunds will be given after **July 10, 2018**.

No registration fee is required for youths age 18 and under.

Meals for youth are the same price as Adults.

Spouses of members pay member prices

Please list each person separately. All children attending must also be listed. This information is needed for name badges.

Please Print Clearly

(1) Member _____ Life member paid in full _____ Non-member _____

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Ancestral Village: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Chapter: _____

(2) Member _____ Life member paid in full _____ Non-member _____

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Ancestral Village: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Chapter: _____

Note: Only the names and addresses of convention attendees pre-registering will be printed in the annual committee report booklet.

Volunteers: Please indicate where and when you want to volunteer: _____

Registration _____ Other _____ Day _____ Time _____

	Per Person		Number		Total Amount
Pre-registration (Members)	\$65.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Non-members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-members)	\$85.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Thursday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Friday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Saturday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Wednesday Tour (Limited to 50)	\$ 8.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Lunch	\$16.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$24.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$16.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$24.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$16.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	\$24.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Cooking Workshops:					
Friday - Gruene Schauble Suppe	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday - Stirum	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday -Spaetzle	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed					\$ _____

Payment Method

_____ Check (U.S. Funds only)

_____ Credit Card (Master Card or Visa only)

_____ (Card Account Number)

_____ (Exp. Date)

_____ (Card verification number)

_____ (Names as it appears on the card) (Billing address if different than address given on registration)

_____ (Authorized signature)

Receipts will be in your registration packet

If you have any special dietary needs or please indicate them below.

Please check your completed registration form for accuracy, make a copy for your own records, and mail your registration with payment to the address at the top of this form. Questions contact GRHS HQ at 701-223-6167.