



*Germans from Russia Heritage Society*  
*49<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention*  
**July 31-August 3, 2019**

Holiday Inn Fargo

Hosted by Germans from Russia Heritage Society Board of Directors

**“CELEBRATING THE PAST”**

Please check the GRHS Website at: [www.grhs.org](http://www.grhs.org) for any changes/updates

**Wednesday – July 31, 2019**

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| 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration   | Embassy A   |
| 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Endowment Silent Auction item drop off<br>(Clearly mark them for Silent Auction)   | Embassy A   |
| 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  | <b>Open House Celebration with Social and Exhibits</b><br>The library at NDSU will be transformed into a “museum” for the event, featuring a number of exhibits to view. Kuchen and refreshments provided.<br>(Free parking is in T Lot) or you may ask the hotel about their shuttle<br><i>(Hosted by GRHS and Sponsored by the NDSU Libraries &amp; Germans from Russia Heritage Collection)</i> | North Dakota State University<br>1201 Albrecht Blvd.<br>Fargo, ND |
| 7:00 p.m.              | <b>World Premiere of <i>Women Behind the Plow</i> Documentary</b><br>(Free parking at 217 Roberts St. N, or on the street or ask hotel about shuttle)<br><i>(Hosted by GRHS and Sponsored by the NDSU Libraries &amp; Germans from Russia Heritage Collection)</i>   | Historic Fargo Theatre<br>314 Broadway N<br>Fargo, ND             |

***Times and places for all 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.***

**Thursday – August 1, 2019**

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| 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.   | Express Breakfast (a cup of coffee and a donut)  | Press Room         |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Convention Registration  | Embassy A          |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Silent Auction and Heritage Hall – Milton Kramer   | Sterling           |
| 10:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.  | Bookstore Open   | Embassy A & B      |
| 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.   | Official Convention Opening Ceremony-<br>Color Guard<br>Parade of Banners, Welcome<br>Call for Board nominations<br>Keynote Speaker – Patricia Reymann,              | Great Hall         |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Workshops & Regional Interest Group (RIG) Meetings   |                    |
| 11:30 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.  | Lunch:<br>Life Member Certificate Presentations and Board<br>Board Candidate Speeches  | Great Hall         |
| 1:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.   | Workshops & RIG Meetings   |                    |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.   | Kuchen & Coffee Break  | Atrium/Press       |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.   | Sing-a-long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (by waitress order)   | Sterling           |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.   | GRHS Board of Directors Meeting  | Press or Executive |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   | Dinner: Board Candidate Speeches<br>Program:<br>Five Years After the Annexation of Crimea: Looking to the Past and<br>Toward the Future of Ukraine - Thomas Ambrosio | Great Hall         |
| 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.   | Germans to Prussia-Poland to Russia Regional Interest Group  | Executive          |

**Thursday Workshops & RIGS:**

*“If God Would Have Mercy”*: Post-WWII German-Russian Refugee Letters - Torie Jones

*Black Sea Folklore* - Brother Placid Gross

*Christina Netz Hillius: German-Russian Emigrant to North Dakota Learns to Read at Age 62* - Gordon Iseminger

*Crimea Regional Interest Group Meeting* - Matt Klee  
*German Newspapers in the Dakotas - Connecting at Home and Abroad* - Allyn Brosz  
*Gottlieb Weisser, German-Russian Pioneer Settler on the Prairie* - Chuck Weisser  
*GRHS 101: Who We Are/What We Do* - Valerie Ingram Stewart  
*Grossliebental District Odessa (GDO) Meeting* – Linda Falk  
*Hoffnungstal Odessa Parish (HOP) Regional Interest Group Meeting*-Melvin Bender  
*Hutterite Life--History and Social Structure* - Tony Waldner  
*"If God Would Have Mercy": Post-WWII German-Russian Refugee Letters* - Torie Jones  
*Kutschurgan (KRIG) Regional Interest Group Meeting* - Dennis Roth  
*Letters from Bessarabian Refugees to the Pfitzer Family in Java, South Dakota: Desperation Meets Generosity in Post WWII Germany* - Ginny Lewis  
*Neudorf—Then and Now* -  
*Treasures from the Germans from Russia Heritage: Textiles and Clothing Collection at North Dakota State University* - Ann Braaten

**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.**

### **Friday: August 3, 2019**

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Express Breakfast (a cup of coffee and a bagel with cream cheese)	Press Room
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Embassy A
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding	Sterling
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Workshops	
11:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Bookstore Open	Embassy A & B
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	GRHS Annual Business Meeting, Election of Board of Directors	Great Hall
11:30 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Lunch: Youth Essay Awards	Great Hall
1:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Atrium/Press Room
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	GRHS Board Reorganization Meeting	Press or Executive
5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	NDSU Library Homeland Tour Reunion - Michael Miller	Board
5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Sing A-Long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (Waitress orders)	Sterling
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner: Joseph Height Literary and Lane Alton Nusz Awards Program: Introduction to the New Website – Armour Interactive	Great Hall
8:30 p.m.	Webmaster Training- Armour Interactive	Executive
8:30 p.m.	GCRA Informal Meeting	Board
8:30 p.m.	Kherson, Ekaterinoslav, Taurida, (KET) Regional interest Group	Director

### **Friday Workshops:**

*Beresan District Odessa (BDO) Regional Interest Group Meeting* - Valerie Ingram Stewart  
*Bessarabia Regional Interest Group Meeting* – Randy Entzminger Program: Speaker-Burk Huey  
*Black Sea Folklore* - Brother Placid Gross  
*Breaking the Silence: Germans from Russia and the Holocaust in Transistria* - Ron Vossler, Wishek, ND  
*DNA I: Biological Basics of Genetic Genealogy* - Craig Rhombs  
*DNA II: Practical Use of Genetic Testing in Genealogy*- Craig Rhombs  
*Gemütlichkeit of Poetry* - Sharon Chmielarz  
*German Newspapers in the Dakotas - Connecting at Home and Abroad* - Allyn Brosz  
*Heritage Foundation for Germans from Russia Meeting and Information Session* - Ted Becker  
*Lost in Translation: Part Two* - Jim Gessele  
*Neudorf—Then and Now* -  
*Separatists in Bessarabia - a Genealogist's Nightmare* -Dr. Elvire Necker-Eberhardt  
*Struck Down, But Not Destroyed: The Story of Rudolph Heupel, A German Russian Immigrant* - Dr. Ron Baesler  
*Uncle Fred's Diary, January-May 1935: Selected Readings* -Patsy Knalson Ramberg

## **Saturday, August 3, 2019**

**Note: Memorial Service will be held Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.>**

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Express Breakfast (a cup of coffee & a Carmel roll)	Press Room
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Embassy A
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Silent Auction & Bidding	Sterling
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open	Embassy A & B
8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
11:30 a.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Lunch: Family History and Other Awards	Great Hall
1:30 p.m. -- 3:15 p.m.	Workshops and RIG Meetings	
1:30 p.m.	Silent Auction Ends	Sterling
3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Atrium//Press
4:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Memorial Service & Celebration of Life Pastor Milt Ost	Great Hall
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Sing A-Long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (Cash Bar)	Sterling
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting	Executive
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner – Installation of officers, Passing of Torch, Closing Program	Great Hall

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*Emmer Wheat: Gift from Russia* - Lowell Kaul

*Gemütlichkeit of Poetry*- Sharon Chmielarz

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## **GRHS Endowment: Creates a Lasting Legacy**

### **Silent Auction at GRHS 49<sup>th</sup> International Convention**

#### **Bring items to the Silent Auction:**

Dear GRHS Members

We will again have a silent auction during the GRHS convention in Fargo. This auction began in Rapid City in 2016. It was small, but raised about \$500. The silent auction grew considerably in Bismarck in 2017 and raised almost \$2,000. Again in 2018 the silent auction was a success.

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 2019

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

## *Menu of Meals during the Convention*

**We need to turn our meal count into the hotel by July 15th, so please register early.**  
(Help will be available for those who need assistance at the buffet line to carry plates)

Thursday Express Breakfast: Cup of coffee and a Donut

Thursday Lunch Buffet: Mia Amore Pasta Buffet

Spaghetti and Penne Pasta accompanied by Italian Meatball Marinara and chicken Alfredo Sauces. Build your pasta meal to taste and enjoy with bread sticks and Italian Lettuce Salad served with coffee/ tea/ or iced tea.

Thursday Dinner Buffet: Chicken Picatta Plated Dinner

Chicken breast with a lemon and caper butter cream sauce served on a bed of blended rice, garlic baked potatoes/sour cream/butter, spinach/strawberry salad w/ poppy seed dressing, green bean almadine and coffee.

Friday Express Breakfast: Cup of Coffee and a Bagel with Cream Cheese

Friday Lunch: Roast Turkey Plated Dinner

Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, homestyle stuffing and glazed carrots served with coffee/ tea/ or iced tea.

Friday Dinner: Beef Meatball & gravy buffet

Beef Meatballs and Swedish Gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of 3 salads and coffee.

Saturday Express Breakfast: Cup of Coffee and a Carmel Roll

Saturday Lunch: Build your own burger & Chicken buffet

Hamburger patty and grilled chicken on buns with available toppings of bacon onion, and an assortment of cheeses and condiments, potato salad, baked beans, and Italian lettuce salad, coffee/tea/or iced tea.

Saturday Dinner: Top Sirloin

A delicious broiled steak seasoned with our own Holiday Inn spice blend with baked potato, caesar salad, broccoli/cauliflower blend served with coffee and water. (All are cooked medium)

**The hotel will only substitute vegetarian, vegan and gluten free meals, please indicate on the registration form if you need these type of meals. No meal changes after July 15.**

**Holiday Inn Fargo**  
(The convention Headquarters is at the Holiday Inn)  
3803 13th Ave South, Fargo, ND 58103

A block of rooms has been set aside at Special Rates at the Holiday Inn Fargo until **June 30, 2019**. Please contact the hotel directly at **(701) 282-2700** and ask for the Germans from Russia Heritage Society block, when making your reservations. or you can book directly by using this link: <https://www.fargohi.com/>.

Room Rates: Single/Double \$99.00/night. All rooms have 2 queen beds. **The block of rooms will be held until June 30, 2019.**

**Hotel:** The hotel has *complimentary wireless internet* service property wide, free shuttle to airport.

Due to our hotel contract, no other hotel accommodations will be advertised. Parking of self-contained campers is available at the Holiday Inn Fargo. There may be a fee so check with the hotel. Please check in with the hotel desk for further information upon your arrival.

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### **Driving Directions to the Hotel**

If traveling southbound on I-29, take exit 64, hotel will be right in front of you. If traveling northbound on I-29, take exit 64. You will reach a 4-way stop light. Turn left, heading west for 1 block. Hotel is on your right.

### **Directions From Airports**

**Hector International Airport (FAR):** Distance: 5.3 MI/8.53 KM - NORTH of Hotel

When exiting airport, take right on 19th Avenue North, heading west towards I-29.

Take I-29 South to Exit 64. The hotel is straight ahead off the exit.

**Grand Forks International (GFK) -** Distance: 70.0 MI/112.65 KM NORTH of Hotel

Follow Interstate 29 South to Fargo

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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 2019 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 15th, 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, 2019** and all registrations must be received at GRHS Headquarters no later than **July 15, 2019**. No refunds will be given after **July 15, 2019**.

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 by July 1(GRHS Members)	\$65.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (GRHS Members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration by July 1(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	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Express Breakfast	\$8.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Lunch	\$22.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$32.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Express Breakfast	\$8.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$22.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$32.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Express Breakfast	\$8.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$22.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	\$35.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Cooking Workshops:					
Saturday (1) – To be announced	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday (2) - To be announced	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>					\$ _____

**Payment Method**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (U.S. Funds only)                      \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (Master Card or Visa only)

(Card Account Number)	(Exp. Date)	(Card verification number)
(Name as it appears on the card)	Billing address if different than address given on registration)	
(Authorized signature)		

Receipts will be in your registration packet

**Indicate below any meal substitutions: vegetarian, vegan and gluten free meals only, if needed,**  
No meal changes may be made after July 15

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**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. If you have questions contact GRHS HQ at 701-223-6167.**