



# *Germans from Russia Heritage Society* *50<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention*

**July 21-July 24, 2021**

Ramkota, Bismarck, ND

Hosted by Germans from Russia Heritage Society Board of Directors

## **“EMBRACING THE FUTURE”**

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

### **Wednesday – July 21, 2021**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration	Headquarters
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Endowment Silent Auction item drop off	Headquarters
<b>(Clearly mark all items for Silent Auction)</b>		
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Open House Celebration with Refreshments	Headquarters
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Dedication of Joseph S. Height Collection	Headquarters
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner and Entertainment</b>	Bismarck AmVets
	“Homemade” Knoepfle, sausage and vegetable dinner with or without Sauerkraut, a vegetable and slice of watermelon, and a slice of homemade kuchen. Coffee and a cold beverage included.	Roy C. Wagner Post #9 2420 Railroad Avenue Bismarck, ND

Additional beverages will be available for purchase from the AmVets bar

**A limited number of tickets will be available at the dinner so be sure to pre-register.**

**(Hosted by Dakota Pioneer GRHS Chapter, Bismarck, ND)**

Directions to AmVets: Turn right out of Hotel parking lot onto S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (0.2 mi). turn left onto E. Bismarck Expressway (1.7 mi), turn left (N) onto S. 26<sup>th</sup> Street (.6 mi) turn left onto Railroad Avenue (0.1 mi), AmVets on the right.

***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 – July 22, 2021**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Hallway by Patterson
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.....	Silent Auction and Youth Booth.....	Lamborn
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.....	Heritage Hall .....	Courtyard
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ....	Bookstore Open.....	GRHS Headquarters
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.....	Official Convention Opening Ceremony-.....	Grand Pacific/ Patterson/ Lamborn
	Color Guard	
	National Anthems by Wade Blend	
	Parade of Banners, Welcome	
	Call for Board nominations	
	Keynote Speaker – Iris Swedlund	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Workshop & Regional Interest Group (RIG) Meetings	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	President’s Lunch: (Open to all) .....	Grand Pacific/ Patterson/ Lamborn
	Life Membership Certificate Presentations	
	Board Candidate Speeches	
	(Music by Wade Blend)	
12:45 p.m. – 3:00p.m.	Regional Interest Group Meetings and Workshop	
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break .....	Courtyard
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Copy Right (tentative)</b>	
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Sing-a-long (songbooks provided) .....	Courtyard
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	GRHS Board of Directors Meeting .....	Heart
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner: - Board Candidate Speeches .....	Grand Pacific/ Patterson/ Lamborn
	Program:	

**Past, Present, & future of genealogy & trends and how important it is - Steve Osmand**

## Thursday Workshops & RIGS:

Beresan RIG  
Bessarabia RIG  
Copy Right (tentative)  
Crimea RIG  
Genelogy Database Program - FTM  
ND Historical Society of Germans from Russia to GRHS: The Early Years in Narrative and Photos- Karen Retzlaff

Folklore – Bro Placid Gross  
Grossliebental RIG  
Hoffnungstal RIG  
Kutschurgan (KRIG)

## Friday: July 23, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration..... Hallway by Patterson  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding and Youth Booth ..... Lamborn  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Heritage Hall.....Courtyard  
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.....Bookstore Open.....GRHS Headquarters  
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. GRHS Annual Business Meeting, .....Grand Pacific/ Patterson/ Lamborn  
Election of Board of Directors  
10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Workshops  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Office Manager Lunch: **Youth Essay Awards** .....Grand Pacific/Patterson/Lamborn  
12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshops  
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Kuchen & Coffee Break.....Courtyard  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops  
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. GRHS Board Reorganization Meeting .....Heart  
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Sing A-Long (songbooks provided).....Courtyard  
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Dinner: Joseph Height Literary and Lane Alton Nusz and James Renz Awards .  
Grand Pacific/ Patterson/Lamborn  
Program:  
8:00 p.m. DANCE Grand Pacific  
Clarence Saylor and the Starburst Band

## Friday Workshops:

Cooking Class “Plachinda” – Cameron Nicklaus & Josie  
Cooking Class “Fleischkuechle” – Cameron Nicklaus & Josie  
Date with Kate – Milt Ost  
Go North Young Man: The Remarkable Story of Germans from Russia Immigration from North Dakota to Saskatchewan– Wayne Garman  
Knocking Down Walls Using EWZ Records- Valerie Ingram Stewart  
The Life Story of Cousin Edmund - Pete Goldade  
Tribute to Lawrence Welk – Loretta Welk-Jung (Lamborn)  
The Transfer of Households in the German Crimean Colonies circa 1820 - Matt Klee  
Who Me? A German Russian? “Discovering my German Russian Heritage” – Ken Messmer

### **Virtual Workshops (Open to those attending the convention)**

Dear Editor: Newspaper Letters about Karlsruhe in the North Caucasus - Quentin Schander  
ND Historical Society of Germans from Russia to GRHS: The Early Years in Narrative and Photos- Karen Retzlaff  
DNA I (Introduction to Genetic Genealogy) – David Boyles  
DNA II (How to Get More from Your DNA Match Lists: Third Party\_Tools) – David Boyles

## Saturday, July 24, 2021

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

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Convention Registration..... Hallway by Patterson Rm.  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Silent Auction & Bidding.....Lamborn  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Heritage Hall..... Courtyard  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bookstore Open .....GRHS HDQTS  
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Workshops  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Chapter President's Lunch: Family History and Other Awards ..... Grand Pacific /  
Patterson/ Lamborn  
12:45 p.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Workshops  
1:30 p.m. **Silent Auction Ends** Lamborn  
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Kuchen & Coffee Break (Pay and Pickup Auction Items)..... Courtyard  
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Memorial Service & Celebration of Life & Sing-A-Long Grand Pacific/Patterson/Lamborn

	Pastor Milt Ost	
	Yvonne Haefner	
5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting .....	Cannonball/Heart/Sheyenne
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Dinner –Passing of Torch, Closing .....	Grand Pacific/Patterson.Lamborn
	Installation of Officers	
7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Program	
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	DANCE	Grand Pacific

**Hugo and Julie Lee Ternes and the White Rose Band, Fargo, ND**

**Saturday Workshops:**

Date with Kate – Milt Ost  
 Genealogy Database Program - FTM– Yvonne Haefner  
 Go North Young Man: The Remarkable Story of Germans from Russia Immigration from North Dakota to Saskatchewan – Wayne Garman  
 Knocking Down Walls Using EWZ Records - Valerie Ingram Stewart  
 The Transfer of Households in the German Crimean Colonies circa 1820 - Matt Klee  
 The Life Story of Cousin Edmund - Pete Goldade  
 Town Hall Meeting  
 Who Me? A German Russian? “Discovering my German Russian Heritage” – Ken Messmer

**Virtual Workshops (Open to those attending the convention)**

“A People on the Move” (*Volk auf dem Weg*): The German from Russia Legacy as Reflected in the American Dream – Eric Schmaltz  
 Along the Volga in 1886 - Bill Bosch  
 Grandma Was a Homesteader: Claiming Land in Her Own Name - Allyn Brosz  
 Surviving Dictators Stalin and Hitler and European Meanderings to End Up Immigrating to the USA, An Illustrated History of a German Russia Family – Alex and Nancy Herzog

**Pre-Order Kuchen To Go**

An option at the convention this year will be to pre-order Kuchen. Take some home to eat later  
 Pre-ordered Kuchen will be kept frozen until Saturday.  
 So plan ahead and bring a cooler to transport it

Varieties available to pre-order are: Apple, Apricot, Peach, Prune, or Rhubarb

Just indicate on the Registration Form how many of each variety you want to buy, and pay for them with your registration.

**GRHS Endowment: Creates a Lasting Legacy**

**Silent Auction at GRHS 50<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. The first auction raised \$500, followed by the 2nd one raising nearly \$2,000. Again in 2018 and 2019 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.

Hunter Heinrich

***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 15, so please register early.**

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

### Wednesday Night Dinner – **German Dinner & Entertainment**

Knoepfle, sausage and vegetable dinner with optional sauerkraut, Watermelon and Kuchen, and Entertainment – Sponsored by The Dakota Pioneer GRHS Chapter, Bismarck, ND.

The Amvet  
2402 RR Ave  
Bismarck, ND

### Thursday Lunch Buffet: **The American Buffet**

Cheddar dogs and beef hamburgers with appropriate buns, American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickle chips, honey bbq baked beans, potato chips, potato salad, and coleslaw, served with coffee and herbal teas

### Thursday Dinner Buffet: **Grilled Chicken Breast**

Marinated chicken breast seasoned and grilled to perfection and topped with melted provolone cheese. Served with rice pilaf, spinach salad of fresh spinach leaves, roasted walnuts, bacon bits, and feta cheese, served with a sundried tomato vinaigrette & ranch on the side, a 4-Way Mixed Vegetables - Corn, green beans, peas, and chopped corn, tossed in butter and seasoned. Includes a popover, with Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, coffee and herbal teas.

### Friday Lunch: **Roast Beef**

Tender thin sliced roast beef smothered with signature mushroom gravy and served with your roasted potatoes, garden salad with house dressing, seasonal vegetables, rolls & butter, coffee and herbal tea.

### Friday Dinner: **Herbed Roast Breast of Turkey**

Tender chef-carved turkey breast served atop our savory stuffing and smothered with rich pan gravy and garlic mashed potatoes, buttered sweet corn, tossed in butter and seasoned, august salad of Fresh greens, topped with dried cranberries, mandarin oranges, feta cheese crumbles, and roasted pecans. Served with Raspberry vinaigrette & Ranch on the side. A popover, German Chocolate Cake with Pecans, Walnuts, & Caramel Coconut Frosting, coffee and herbal teas.

### Saturday Lunch: **German Buffet**

Mixed Greens with assorted dressings, cheesebutton casserole, Knoephla & kraut with sausage, German potato salad, cup of Knoephla soup, corn, and a warm pretzel stick, served with coffee and herbal teas.

### Saturday Dinner: **Chicken Piccata**

Seared chicken breast topped with a rich lemon butter sauce, and garnished with fresh capers and house wild rice. German Blend- green string beans, wax beans, & baby carrots, tossed in butter and seasoned. Caesar Salad – Fresh romaine lettuce topped with parmesan cheese and croutons. Served with Caesar dressing on the side, a popover, petite assorted gourmet cheesecakes, coffee and herbal teas.

**Please indicate on the registration form if you have special dietary needs.**

No meal changes after **July 15**.

**Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center  
(The convention Headquarters is at the Ramkota)  
800 S 3rd St, Bismarck, ND 58504**

A block of rooms has been set aside at Special Rates at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Bismarck, ND until **June 30, 2021**. Please contact the hotel directly at **(701) 282-7700** and ask for the **Germans from Russia Heritage Society block**, when making your reservations.

Room Rates: Single/Double \$99.00/night (Taxes extra) All rooms have 2 queen beds. **The block of rooms will be held until June 30, 2021.**

**Hotel:** The hotel rooms have mini fridges and microwaves, an in room coffee maker, complimentary wireless internet service property wide and free parking.

Due to our hotel contract, no other hotel accommodations will be advertised. Parking of self-contained campers is available at the Ramkota. Please check in with the hotel desk for further information upon your arrival.

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## Registration Form

Please complete and mail the registration form with your check or credit card information for registration and meals. Make checks payable to: **GRHS 2021 Convention (US funds only, please)**

**Mail to:** GRHS 2021 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, 2021** and all registrations must be received at GRHS Headquarters no later than **July 15, 2021**. No refunds will be given after **July 15, 2021**

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)	\$80.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration by July 1(Non-members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-members)	\$90.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Thursday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Friday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Saturday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Wednesday, German Dinner	24.00	x	_____	-	\$ _____
Thursday Lunch	\$17.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Kuchen and Coffee	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$27.50		_____		\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$17.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
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Saturday Luncheon	\$17.50	x	_____	=	\$ _____
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Cooking Workshops:					
Friday – Plachinda	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday – Fleischkuechle	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Dance (free to registered participants) (Clarence Saylor and the Starburst Band)	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Dance (free to registered participants) (Hugo & Julie Lee Ternes & White Rose Band)	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
<b>(Dance are open to the public, purchase ticket for non-registered guests)</b>					
PreOrder Kuchen to go	\$12.00 ea.	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Apple _____ Apricot _____ Peach _____ Prune _____ Rhubarb _____					
(Put no. of each variety you want to preorder)	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>				<b>\$ _____</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 special dietary needs, we will do the best to accommodate request.**

**No meal changes may be made after July 15. 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.**



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***Virtual Program and Registration Form***

***All Times are Central Daylight Time***

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Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

Pre-registration deadline is **July 1, 2021** and all registrations must be received at GRHS Headquarters prior to viewing. No refunds will be given.

### **Please Print Clearly**

(1) Member \_\_\_\_\_ Life member paid in full \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Member \_\_\_\_\_ Life member paid in full \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Registration for each day**

#### **Friday:**

Pre-registration by July 1 (GRHS Members)	\$30.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (GRHS Members)	\$35.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration by July 1 (Non- members)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-Members)	\$45.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____

#### **Saturday:**

Pre-registration by July 1 (GRHS Members)	\$30.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (GRHS Members)	\$35.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration by July 1 (Non- members)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-Members)	\$45.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No program extension. Some programs may be available for up to 30 days for an additional fee.

### **Payment Method**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (U.S. Funds only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (Master Card or Visa only)

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