



Germans from Russia Heritage Society 51st Annual International Convention July 14-July 16, 2022

Best Western Ramkota Convention Center, Aberdeen, SD
Hosted by Germans from Russia Heritage Society Board of Directors

“Keeping Our Heritage Alive”

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

To Register for Virtual Presentations ONLY use the 51st GRHS Convention Virtual Registration Form

Wednesday – July 13, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration	Prairie/Oz
7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.	Bus loading	Ramkota Hotel Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Bus Tour – Eureka Museum – Zion Amerian Lutheran Church (133+ Yr Old) - iron crosses/ Includes Bus, lunch of Borscht soup, grilled cheese on rye sandwich, slice of kuchen, coffee, tea, and water (additional beverages can be purchased at the bar), dinner ticket, and tours (Northern State University - SD Germans from Russia Cultural Center)	Bus Leaves from Hotel Lobby
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	German Dinner A genuine “homemade” German dinner of Knoephla, Hosmer Sausage, Sauerkraut on the side, and slice of watermelon. (coffee, iced tea and water)	Spitzer Fellowship Hall 23 12 th St SE Aberdeen, SD
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	No dinner tickets available after July 1 so be sure to pre-register Northern State University Library - SD Germans from Russia Cultural Center (Kuchen served & hosted by NSU at Open House)	Northern State University Beulah Williams Library 1200 S Jay St.
8:00 p.m.	Bus returns to Hotel	

(Hosted by GRHS Board)

Directions from Hotel to Spitzer Fellowship Hall: From hotel entrance turn right onto 132nd St/8th Ave SW - 0.3 mi., turn left onto US 281 - 1 mile, turn left onto 6th Ave SW - 1.0 mi, turn right onto S 5th St. - 0.4 mi, turn left onto 12 St. SW - 0.5 mi (on the left).

Directions from Spitzer Fellowship Hall to NSU Beulah Williams Library: Take a left out of parking lot onto 12 St. SW, go past S Lincoln and turn right into parking lot, Library is about 0.1 mi to your left.

Directions to NSU Beulah Williams Library from hotel: hotel entranced turn right onto 132nd St/8th Ave SW - 0.3 mi., turn left onto US 281- 1 mile, turn left onto 6th Ave SW - 1 mi, turn right onto S 5th St.- 0.4 mi, turn left onto 12 St SW - 0.5 mi, turn right just past S. Lincoln and turn right into parking lot, go about 0.1 mi to library on your left.

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

There will again be in-person and virtual presentations. There are four or five virtual presentations on each day Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th. Those attending in Aberdeen will be able to view ANY OF THE virtual sessions AS WELL AS the in-person presentations.

Convention

Thursday – July 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Convention Registration Silent Auction - Hunter Heinrich	Prairie/Oz/ Pioneer
	Heritage Hall & Booths.....	Concourse
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open/Youth Booth	Prairie/Oz
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Official Convention Opening Ceremony-	Amphitheatre
	Color Guard - Junior Honor Guard, DTOM Veterans Ranch National Anthem’s Charleen Crenshaw & Arnold Gomke Parade of Banners, Welcome Welcome: Mayor Travis Schaunaman Call for Board nominations Keynote Speaker – Robert Russell	
10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Presentations & Regional Interest Groups	Amphitheatre & Dakota C, D, & E
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	President’s Lunch:	Northern/Arikara
	Life Membership Certificate Presentations Board Candidate Speeches	
12:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Presentations & RIG Meetings	Amphitheatre & Dakota C, D, & E

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break	Indoor Courtyard
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Presentations & RIG Meetings	Amphitheatre & Rooms C, D, & E
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sing-a-long (songbooks provided)	Amphitheater
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	GRHS Board of Directors Meeting	Dakota A
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner: Board Candidate Speeches.....	Northern/Arikara
7:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Program: The Human Side of Historical Research – Virginia Hanson.....	Amphitheatre
8:45 p.m.	Germans to Prussia-Poland to Russia Regional Interest Group.....	Dakota C

Thursday Presentations & RIGS:

- “Snake That Cried Like A Baby”: Humor, Stories, and Wit from the Oral Traditions of a Dakota German Prairie Community - Ron Vossler
- Beresan RIG – Valerie Ingram Stewart
- Bessarabia RIG – Evan Laib
- Crimea RIG – Matt Klee
- Date With Kate - Look Behind the Silk Curtains of Catherine the Great and Other Romanov Czars - Milt Ost
- Gottlieb Weisser, German- Russian Pioneer Settler on the Prairie - Chuck Weiser
- Grossliebental RIG - Valerie Ingram Stewart
- Hoffnungstal RIG - Harry Harsch
- Jundt Family Tragedy - Pete Goldade
- Kutschurgan RIG - Dennis Roth
- Land Records for Genealogical Research - Virginia Hanson
- Mennonite Germans from Russia Immigration to Canada in the 1920s - Wayne Garman
- ND Historical Society of Germans from Russia to GRHS: The Early Years in Narrative and Photos - Karen Retzlaff
- Romance in the Sauerkraut Triangle - Sharon Chmielarz
- Years of Great Silence: Labor Army of Ethnic Germans in USSR 1941-1945 - Otto Pohl

Remember - Friday is Chapter Day, so wear your chapter vest. Bring your chapter banner for the opening ceremony.

Friday: July 15, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Prairie/Oz
	Silent Auction Viewing & Bidding – Hunter Heinrich	Prairie
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Heritage Hall & Booths	Concourse
12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open/Youth Booth.....	Prairie/Oz
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	GRHS Annual Business Meeting, Election of Board of Directors	Amphitheatre
10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Presentations.....	Amphitheatre & Dakota C, D, & E
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Office Manager Lunch: Youth Essay Awards.....	Northern/Arikara
12:45 p.m. – 2:35 a.m.	Presentations.....	Amphitheatre & Rooms C, D, & E
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break.....	Indoor Courtyard
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Presentations.....	Amphitheatre & Rooms C, D, & E
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sing A-Long (songbooks provided) & Social Hour (Waitress orders)	Amphitheater
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	GRHS Board Reorganization Meeting	Dakota A
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	NDSU Library Homeland Tour Reunion - Michael Miller.....	Dakota D
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Dinner: Joseph Height Literary.....	Northern/Arikara
7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Program:.....	Northern/Arikara

Friday Presentations:

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- Stumpp, Brendel, and the Settlers of Selz - Sabine Schliechert
- Romance in the Sauerkraut Triangle - Sharon Chmielarz
- Years of Great Silence: Labor Army of Ethnic Germans in USSR 1941-1945 - Otto Pohl
- Discovering my German-Russian Ancestors: Questions I'd Like to Ask Them - Ken Messmer
- AncestryDNA ThruLines – Lee Macklin
- Volga German Heinrich Neuwirt's "Flight from the Red Hell" - Ginny Lewis
- Life & Times of Balthaser Bückel 1766-1822 - Matt Klee
- Life and Times of Carl Bonekemper - Daniel Flyger
- Schön and Sheyn – The Beautiful Harmony Between German- Russian and Russian Jewish Homesteaders - Rebecca Bender
- Gottlieb Weisser, German- Russian Pioneer Settler on the Prairie - Chuck Weiser
- DNA with Ancestry and Family Tree Maker- Bob Ell
- EWZ's-Valerie Ingram Stewart
- Around Eastern Europe in 50 Days. A 6-year-old refugee's journey through war-torn Europe – Alex Herzog
- Bringing Our History to Life for Generations to Come- Gary Jerke
- Russo-Japanese War: The German-Russian Experience - Steve Eberle

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Note: Memorial Service will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Convention Registration/ Bookstore/Youth Booth	Prairie/Oz
	Silent Auction & Bidding – Hunter Heinrich	Pioneer
	Heritage Hall & Booths.....	Concourse
8:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Presentations	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Chapter President's Lunch: Family History, Lane Alton Nusz and	Northern/Arikara
	James Renz Awards, and Other Awards	
12:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Presentations	Amphitheatre & Dakota C, D, & E
1:30 p.m.	Silent Auction Ends	Prairie/Oz/Pioneer
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Kuchen & Coffee Break – Pay for Auction Items	Indoor Courtyard
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Memorial Service & Celebration of Life.....	Amphitheater
	Pastor Milt Ost	
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting.....	Amphitheatre
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Dinner – Passing of Torch, Closing.....	Northern/Arikara
	Installation of Officers	
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dance	Northern/Arikara

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

Saturday Presentations:

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- Mr. Meyer from Bavaria - Or How to Find that Elusive German Ancestor - Sabine Schleichert
Land Records for Genealogical Research – Virginia Hanson
“Snake That Cried Like A Baby”: Humor, Stories, and Wit from the Oral Traditions of a Dakota German Prairie Community - Ron Vossler
- Identity Issues and Historical Remembrance of Ethnic Germans from the Soviet Unions: from the “Point of Departure” at the Theatre Festival in Almaty 1990 until Today. Some Insights and Remarks
Mennonite Germans from Russia Immigration to Canada in the 1920s - Wayne Garman
Bringing Our History to Life for Generations to Come- Gary Jerke
Life and Times of Carl Bonekemper - Daniel Flyger
- German Immigration in Brazil – Historical and Cultural Aspects –
Discovering my German-Russian Ancestors: Questions I'd Like to Ask Them - Ken Messmer
EWZ's - Valerie Ingram Stewart
Russo-Japanese War: The German-Russian Experience - Steve Eberle
- German from Russian Women Claimed Land. Case Study of Two South Dakota Counties – Allyn Brosz
Jundt Family Tragedy – Pete Goldade
Life & Times of Balthaser Bückel 1766-1822 - Matt Klee
Volga German Heinrich Neuwirt's “Flight from the Red Hell” - Ginny Lewis
- Orphan Train Movement – Kaily Carter
How to Make Hochzeit Schnapps - Margaret Ternes
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GRHS Endowment: Creates a Lasting Legacy **Silent Auction at GRHS 51st International Convention** **Bring items to the Silent Auction**

Dear GRHS Members

We will again have a silent auction during the GRHS convention in Aberdeen. 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, 2019 and 2021 the silent auction was a great 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
Chairman, Silent Auction 2022

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, so please register early.

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

Wednesday German Dinner:

Homemade German dinner of Knoefle, Hosmer Sausage, sauerkraut on the side, slice of watermelon, and kuchen, Coffee, tea and water.

Thursday Lunch Buffet: The American Buffet

Soup & Sandwich: Whole turkey sandwich, and cup of knoepfle soup, bread and butter, brewed coffee and water.

Thursday Dinner Buffet: Grilled Out

Beef hamburgers, & Bratwursts with sauerkraut, Potato Salad, baked beans, potato chips, sliced American cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, mustard, mayo, ketchup, seasonal fruit, brewed coffee and water.

Friday Lunch: Honey Pepper Salmon

Salmon Fillet, seasoned honey glaze, chef's choice starch & vegetable, bread & butter, fresh brewed coffee and water.

Friday Dinner: Roast Breast of Turkey

Roast Turkey & Dressing (oven roasted turkey breast with cornbread stuffing, and pan gravy, salad, chef's choice starch, vegetable, house bread & butter, fresh brewed coffee and water.

Saturday Lunch: Yankee Pot Roast

Savory roast beef with house gravy, garden salad, chef's choice vegetable, starch, bread, butter, fresh brewed coffee.

Saturday Dinner: Down Home Buffet

Oven fried chicken, Barbecued Pork, potato salad, buttered corn, Garden Salad with assorted dressing, fresh cornbread with whipped honey butter

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

No meal changes after **July 1st.**

Best Western Ramkota Hotel

(The convention Headquarters is at the Ramkota)

1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401

A block of rooms has been set aside at Special Rates at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Aberdeen, SD until **June 13, 2022**. Please contact the hotel directly at **(605) 229-4040** and ask for the **Germans from Russia Heritage Society block**, when making your reservations.

Room Rates: Single/Double **\$109.99/night (taxes not included)**. **NO ELEVATOR** for 2nd floor rooms

All rooms have 2 queen beds. The block of rooms will be held until June 13, 2022. **Complimentary** hot continental breakfast; includes cereal, eggs, yogurt, granola, juice, coffee and more.

Hotel: The hotel rooms have mini fridges and microwaves, an in room coffee maker and complimentary coffee, *complimentary wireless internet* service property wide and free parking. **NO Elevator.**

Camper Parking: Due to our hotel contract, no other hotel accommodations will be advertised. Parking of self-contained campers is available at the Ramkota in the convention parking lot at no charge (DO NOT PARK in the guest parking). There are no electric hookups. 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 to:

Make checks payable to: **GRHS 2022 Convention (US funds only, please)**

Mail to: GRHS 2022 Convention
1125 West Turnpike Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

- You may also save the form to your computer, then email it to kristi.grhs@gmail.com, and pay through paypal.

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

Pre-registration deadline is **June 17, 2022** and all registrations must be received at GRHS Headquarters no later than **July 1, 2022**. No refunds will be given after **July 1, 2022**.

No registration fee is required for youths under age 18.

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: By submitting registration details attendees agree to the publishing of their name (maiden name) city, state, zip and email of those who pre-registered 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 June 17 (GRHS Members)	\$65.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (GRHS Members)	\$80.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration by June 17 (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 Bus Tour (50 tickets, incl dinner)	\$55.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
(Please call GRHS Hqt for availability before registering)					
Wednesday Dinner (Tickets up to July 1st)	\$20.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Lunch	\$17.25	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Kuchen and Coffee	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$17.25	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Kuchen and Coffee	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$17.25	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Kuchen and Coffee	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Cooking Demo "Hochzeit Schnapps"	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Dance (free to registered participants)	\$5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
(Dance is open to the public, purchase ticket for non-registered guests)					
Pre-Order Kuchen to go (Total Number ordered)	\$12.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____

Place the number next to the flavor you are ordering (Frozen, come prepared with coolers)

Apple _____ Apricot _____ Cottage Cheese _____ Peach _____
 Prune _____ Rhubarb _____ Strawberry-Rhubarb _____

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)

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

_____ (Authorized signature)

Receipt will be in your registration packet

Indicate below any special dietary needs. No meal changes may be made after July 1

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.