

46th Annual Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention

September 7-11, 2016

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Rapid City, SD



Hosted by Black Hills Chapter of Germans from Russia Heritage Society
and the GRHS Board of Directors

Theme: "German Russian History: Then and Now"

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM EARLY; SEPTEMBER IS BUSY IN RAPID CITY

Tentative Convention Program

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

Wednesday, Sep. 7, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. Bus Tour to Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument (lunch on own there), Custer State Park Wildlife Loop, and Mammoth Site
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration (Prefunction Area)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bookstore (Pactola)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Women Behind the Plow Exhibit (by Tri-County Tourism Alliance [ND]) (Sheridan)

Thursday, Sep. 8, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration (Prefunction Area)
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Official Opening Ceremony & Welcoming by Dignitaries (Sheridan/Pactola)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Workshops & RIG Meetings
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Awards (Sheridan/Pactola)
1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bookstore (Pactola)
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Women Behind the Plow Exhibit (by Tri-County Tourism Alliance [ND]) (Sheridan)

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 workshops and things could change.

Thursday's Workshops:

Regional Interest Group Meetings—Hoffnungstal (Mel Bender), Beresan (Val Ingram Stewart), Crimea (Matt Klee), Kutschurgan (Dennis Roth), Grossliebental (Val Ingram Stewart), Germany to Prussia/Poland to Russia (Tom Stangl), Bessarabia (Bernice Kimball)

Glückstal Colonies Research Association Meeting

The Ethnic Germans from the Soviet Union as Seen Through My Family's Eyes (Lena Wolf)

Fate of the German Farming Settlements Resulting from Stalin's Collectivization of Agriculture (Merton Ulrich)

"Sunflowers & Thistles": A Bessarabian-German Dichotomy (Jim Gessele)

German-Russian Involvement in the Holocaust (Ron Vossler)

My Family in the Soviet Union from the 1930s Through the 1960s (Tatjana Schnell)

Voices from the Past: German-Russian Interviews (Robert Russell)

Life on the Ochsner Khutor, Ukraine, 1900 (Cleon Ochsner)

Researching the South Dakota State Archives (Virginia Hanson)

- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sing-a-long and Social Hour (Sylvan II)
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. GRHS Executive Committee Meeting (Harney Peak Room)
6:30 p.m. Dinner, Candidate Speeches, Entertainment (Sheridan/Pactola)
8:30 p.m. Glückstal Colonies Research Association Informal Meeting (Legion II)

Friday, Sep. 9, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration (Prefunction Area)
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. GRHS Business Meeting, Election of Board of Directors (Sylvan I & II)
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch – Essay Awards (Sheridan/Pactola)
12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bookstore (Pactola Area)
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Women Behind the Plow Exhibit (by Tri-County Tourism Alliance [ND]) (Sheridan)

Friday's Workshops:

- Regional Interest Group Meeting: Kherson, Ekaterinoslav, Taurida
Researching the South Dakota State Archives (Virginia Hanson)
Communism: Its Effects on GR Churches & Schools (Jan Stangl)
Heritage Foundation of Germans from Russia Informational Session (Ted Becker)
Cooking—Red and Green Borscht (Valya Kramer)
Youth Essay Readings (Ted Becker)
Using U.S. Federal Land Records to Tell Your Family's Story (Allyn Brosz)
Arrest, Trial and Execution of Jakob Grigorievich Oksner, 1938 (Cleon Ochsner)
GRHS 101—Who We Are/What We Do (Valerie Ingram Stewart)
A Brief History of the Former USSR's Ethnic Germans Since 1988 (Eric Schmaltz)
Charlemagne's Grandfather: Finding Nobility in Our Family Tree (Tom Stangl)
Some Aspects of Russian Agriculture in the 1880s (Bill Bosch)
Family Clues in U.S. Passport Application Files with a Case Study (Allyn Brosz)
Ukraine: Our Homeland in Crisis (Carolyn Schott)
German-Russian Involvement in the Holocaust (Ron Vossler)
German-Russian History: An Overview (Bill Bosch)

- 3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Kuchen & Coffee (Prefunction Area)
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. GRHS Board Reorganization Meeting (Harney Peak Room)
5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Michael Miller's Journey to the Homeland Tour Reunion (Legion II)
5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Schneider LLC Tour Reunion – Robert Schneider (Legion I)
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sing-a-Long and Social Hour (Sylvan II)
6:30 p.m. Dinner – Literary and Alton Nusz Awards (Sheridan/Pactola)
8:00 p.m. Shrine of Democracy Chorus (Sheridan/Pactola)

Saturday, Sep. 10, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Chapter Officers Breakfast (Executive Lounge/Hospitality Room)
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration (Prefunction Area)
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch – History Awards (Sheridan/Pactola)
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bookstore (Pactola)
8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Women Behind the Plow Exhibit (by Tri-County Tourism Alliance [ND]) (Sheridan)

Saturday Workshops:

- Cooking—Hochzeit Schnapps (Jerry Sailer)
Communism: Its Effects on GR Churches & Schools (Jan Stangl)
The Ethnic Germans from the Soviet Union as Seen Through My Family's Eyes (Lena Wolf)
German-Russian History: An Overview (Bill Bosch)
Fate of the German Farming Settlements Resulting from Stalin's Collectivization of Agriculture (Merton Ulrich)
Visiting Your Ancestral Town (Carolyn Schott)
A Brief History of the Former USSR's Ethnic Germans Since 1988 (Eric Schmaltz)
My Family in the Soviet Union from the 1930s Through the 1960s (Tatjana Schnell)
Cooking—Volga Bierocks (Cori Johnson)
Ukraine: Our Homeland in Crisis (Carolyn Schott)
Family Clues in U.S. Passport Application Files with a Case Study (Allyn Brosz)
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"Sunflowers & Thistles": A Bessarabian-German Dichotomy (Jim Gessele)
Some Aspects of Russian Agriculture in the 1880s (Bill Bosch)
Voices from the Past: German-Russian Interviews (Robert Russell)
Using U.S. Federal Land Records to Tell Your Family's Story (Allyn Brosz)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Kuchen & Coffee Break (Prefunction Area)
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting – Valerie Ingram Stewart (Sylvan I)
 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sing-a-Long and Social Hour (Sylvan II)
 6:30 p.m. Dinner – Installation of Officers, Keynote Speaker: (Sheridan/Pactola)
 8:30 p.m. New Horizons Band (Sheridan/Pactola)

Sunday, Sep. 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Prelude Music (Sylvan I & II)
 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service (Sylvan I & II)
 Passing of the Convention Torch to the GRHS Board of Directors, Host of
 2017 Convention, and Closing Remarks by GRHS President

**Beautiful Black Hills Pre-Conference Motorcoach Tour
 Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

8:00 a.m. Depart Rapid City convention center. Begin your day at Mount Rushmore National Memorial: View the majestic 60-foot faces of four presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Discover why the four presidents were selected, see how the mountain was carved and learn about sculptor Gutzon Borglum and the workers who brought Mount Rushmore to life.
10:45 a.m. Continue to Crazy Horse Memorial. Crazy Horse is the largest sculptural undertaking ever — on a scale with the Egyptian pyramids. When completed, it will tower 563-feet high, 641-feet long and be carved in the round. In 1939, Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear invited sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to carve an Indian memorial in the Black Hills. Lunch is on your own at Crazy Horse.
1:15 p.m. Depart Crazy Horse for The Mammoth Site. Discover the Mammoths and experience America's greatest Ice Age Treasure at The Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, South Dakota. This site is an in-situ (bones left as found) Ice Age museum containing the largest concentration of Columbian and Woolly Mammoths found in their primary context in the world. Get a glimpse of the scientific work conducted in the lab.
3:30 p.m. Depart The Mammoth Site for a scenic drive through Custer State Park. The park covers approximately 71,000 acres, making it one of the largest state parks in the nation. Watch for pronghorn, bighorn sheep, burros, wild turkeys and bison.
6:15 p.m. Arrive back to the convention center.

Cost is \$55.00 per person and includes: Transportation via motorcoach, tour guide, admissions and taxes. Not included: Lunch at Crazy Horse and gratuities for driver and guide. Include payment for the tour with your convention reservation/payment.

Deadline for registration for bus tour is August 6, 2016. Money will be refunded if less than 30 sign up.

Local Points of Interest

- *Mt. Rushmore Memorial*
- *Crazy Horse Monument*
- *Badlands National Park*
- *Mammoth Site (Hot Springs)*
- *Wind Cave National Monument*
- *Jewel Cave National Monument*
- *Reptile Gardens*
- *Devil's Tower National Monument*

Parking of self-contained campers is available in the Ramkota Hotel NORTH parking lot. No hookup is available. Check in at the hotel desk for more information upon arrival.

Rapid City Hotel/Motel Listing

The Convention Headquarters is at the Ramkota Hotel Best Western

The special GRHS rate at the Ramkota Hotel is **\$82.00 per room**. This is a very good rate for September in Rapid City. When making reservations, please indicate you will be attending the "GRHS Convention." **A block of rooms will be held until August 7, 2016. However, lodging is likely to be tight so please book your room early.**

<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone#</u>	<u>Price</u>
Ramkota Hotel Best Western	2111 N. Lacrosse St.	605-343-8550	\$82

For alternative Hotels/Motels, go to www.visitrapidcity.com and click on STAY or see below:

Hotels/Motels Located near convention headquarters. Slightly less expensive but of lower quality:

Americas Best Value Inn and Suites	620 Howard St.	605-343-5434
Country Inn and Suites	2321 No. Lacrosse St.	605-394-0017
Econo Lodge	625 East Disk Drive	605-342-6400
Motel 6	620 Latrobe Ave.	605-221-0166
Rodeway Inn	1313 No. Lacrosse	605-348-3313
Super 8	2124 No. Lacrosse St.	605-348-8070

Campgrounds:

Rapid City KOA Campground 3010 E. Hwy. 44 (In Rapid City)	605-348-2111
Hart Ranch Camping Resort 23756 Arena Dr. (South of Rapid City)	605-399-2582
Lazy J RV Park and Campground 4110 US-16 (South of Rapid City)	605-342-2751

Menu of Meals during the Convention

All meals include coffee and ice water.

Decaf coffee or hot tea available upon request from server.

If you have any special dietary needs or accessibility needs, please list them at the bottom of the reservation form.

Thursday, Sept. 8th Lunch Menu: BBQ Beef Sandwich (Tender, slow roasted beef with diced onions, simmered in mahogany BBQ sauce, baskets of assorted chips and pickles.)

Thursday, Sept. 8th Dinner Menu: Black Hills Dinner Buffet (Garden salad with three dressings, crispy fried chicken, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, coleslaw, camp fire baked beans, buttered corn, sweet dinner rolls with butter.)

Friday, Sept. 9th Lunch Menu: Classic Deli Sandwich (Shaved ham and Swiss cheese with baby arugula, tomato and honey mustard aioli. Served with a basket of assorted chips and pickles.)

Friday, Sept. 9th Dinner Menu: Breast of Chicken (Tossed salad with ranch dressing, seared chicken breast with Mornay sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, chef's selection of hot vegetable, dinner roll with butter.)

Saturday, Sept. 10th Lunch Menu: Classic Deli Sandwich (Roast turkey and provolone with baby arugula, tomato, and basil pesto aioli. Served with a basket of assorted chips and pickles.)

Saturday, Sept. 10th Dinner Menu: Pork Filet Mignon (Garden salad with ranch dressing, bacon wrapped pork chop with spiked cider reduction, roasted fingerling potatoes, chef's choice of hot vegetable, dinner roll with butter.)

46th Annual Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention Registration Form

Please complete and mail this entire form along with your check (credit card registration is not available) to cover registration and meals to:

GRHS 2016 Convention
P.O. Box 3933
Rapid City, SD 57709

Make checks payable to:
GRHS 2016 Convention
(US Funds only, please)

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

Pre-registration deadline is August 17, 2016. No refunds will be given after August 31, 2016. No registration fee is required for youth age 18 and under. Meals for youth are the same price as listed on back.

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.

**Payment information and selections can be found on the back side of this form.
Spouses of members may pay member prices.**

	Cost Per Person		Number		Total Amount
Beautiful Black Hills Bus Tour	\$55.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Members)	\$60.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Members)	\$70.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Pre-registration (Non-members)	\$75.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Late Registration (Non-members)	\$80.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Thursday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Friday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
One Day Registration (Saturday)	\$40.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday American Buffet	\$14.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$14.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$14.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Kuchen and Coffee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	\$25.00	x	_____	=	\$ _____

Payment by CHECK only. Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Volunteers: Please indicate where and when you would like to volunteer:
 _____ Registration _____ Kuchen _____ Other _____ Day _____ Time

List special dietary needs and accessibility needs here:

Please check your completed registration form for accuracy (pages 5 and 6), make a copy for your own records and mail your check (made out to “GRHS 2016 Convention”) and registration form to: GRHS 2016 Convention, PO Box 3933, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Deadline Dates:

**Pre-registration deadline is August 17, 2016. No refunds after August 31, 2016.
 Bus Tour registration deadline is August 6, 2016.**