



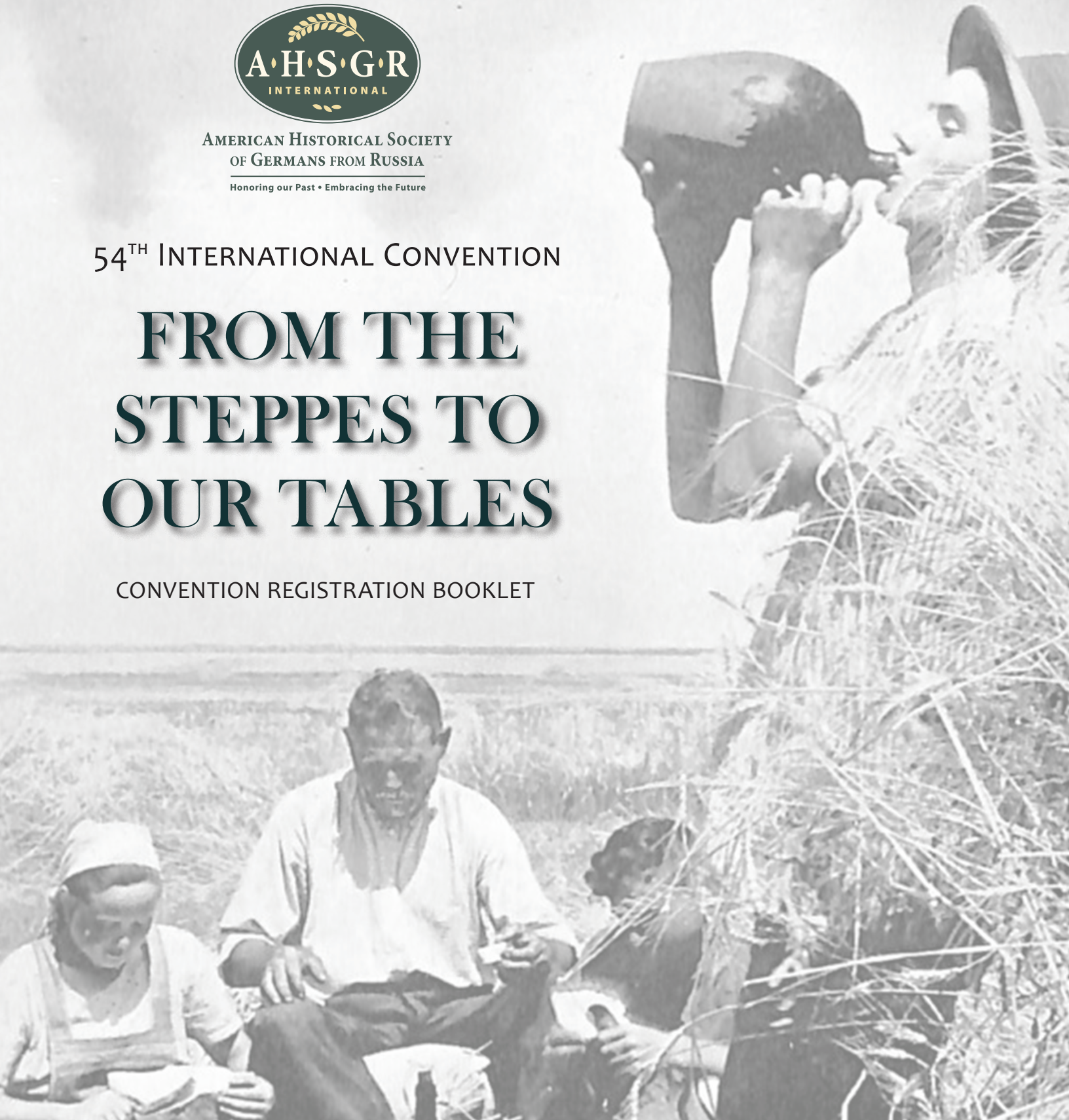
AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

Honoring our Past • Embracing the Future

54TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

FROM THE STEPPE TO OUR TABLES

CONVENTION REGISTRATION BOOKLET



August 7-9, 2024

Sheraton Downtown Hotel
1 North Broadway Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK

Tentative Convention Schedule

Schedule subject to change

Wednesday, August 7

- 7:30 am-5:00 pm: Registration
- 8:30-11:30 am: AHSGR BOD meeting
- TBD: IFAHSGR BOT Meeting
- 9 am-5 pm: AHSGR Store open
- 9 am-5 pm: Research Room open
- 9 am-5 pm: Silent Auction open
- 9 am 5 pm: Vendors
- 9 am-5 pm: Heritage Hall
- 9 am-11:30 am: Tour 1 - *A Taste of Oklahoma Tour Led by Dr. Phillip C. Bryan, M.D.*
- 9 am-10 am: Presentations

William Ridinger - *Across the Iron Curtain - One Family's Odyssey*

Peggy Goertzen - *Overcoming "Brick Walls" through German Newspaper Research*

Carolyn Zeisset - *Caught in the Middle: A WWI Home-Front Story*

- 10:15 am-11:15 am: Presentations

Emily Gengenbach - *Just like how your ancestors did it: How to play old German Russian Games*

Amber Mikkelsen - *Research Room Orientation*

Wyatt Atchley - *Prairie Preservation: Cultural Architecture of Black Sea Germans in North Dakota*

- 11:30 am-12:30 pm: Presentations

Karen Keehr - *Innovation and Digitization at AHSGR*

Michael Brown - *German Russian Artists of the Gulag*

Tina Siemens - *Immigration story, my family going from Canada to Mexico in the 1920's, From Mexico to Seminole Texas in 1977.*

- 12:30-1:15 pm: Lunch Your Way (Additonal Charge)

- 1:30-2:30 pm: Presentations

William G. Doos - *Germans to Russia and Beyond*

Steve Fast - *Unblocking Anna Block: Combining Russian and West Prussian Records to Break a Brick Wall*

Cary Bright - *Drilling Down on your DNA Matches*

3-5 pm: Village Gathering- Connect with other descendants from your GR villages/regions

6-8 pm: Welcome Night- Join fellow attendees for a light meal and fellowship, doors open at 5:30 pm

For more information on the presentations and speakers, see the speaker flipbook on our website at ahsgr.org

Thursday, August 8

- 7:30 am-5:45 pm: Registration
- 8:30-9:45 am: Opening Ceremony
 - Colorguard
 - Dignitary Welcome
 - Michael Brown** - *The Beet Master: A history of Mechanized Sugar Beet Harvesting*
- 9:45 am-11:30 am: AHSGR Store open
- 9:45 am-11:30 am: Research Room open
- 9:45 am-5:45 pm: Silent Auction
- 9:45 am-5:45 pm: Vendors
- 9:45 am-5:45 pm: Heritage Hall

- 10-11 am: Presentations

Erika Weidemann Bravo - *Mennonites on the Move: German Russians in World War II*

Philip C. Bryan, M.D. - *The Indian Removal Act of 1830, The Trail of Tears and the Settlement of Oklahoma by our Germans from Russia Ancestors*

Maggie Hein - *German (and French and Danish) Church Records Online Documenting your Ancestors Before they Immigrated to Russia*

- 11:30 am-1 pm: Annual Business and Society Luncheon

1 pm-5:45 pm: AHSGR Store open

1 pm-5:45 pm: Research Room open

- 1:15-2:15 pm: Presentations

Carolyn Zeisset - *Keeping Your Heritage Story Alive*

Edward J. Swierczewski Jr., M.A. - *Using Artificial Intelligence for Common Genealogical Tasks*

Mervin Weiss - *The Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05*

- 2:30-3:30 pm: Presentations

Robert Russell - *Variations on a Theme: Exploring German from Russia Cookbooks*

Peggy Goertzen - *Building Community in Russian-German Settlements through German Newspapers*

Carolyn Schott - *ABC ... 123 ... EWZ! Diving into Using EWZ Records for Your Research*

- 1:30-4:00 pm: Tours

Tour 2- Western Heritage Museum

Tour 3- First Americans Museum

- 3:30-4:15 pm: Kuchen break

- 4:15 pm-5:45 pm: Presentation

Anna Bartkowski, Carolyn Schott, David Jahn,

Merv Weiss, Mike Meisinger - *Germans from the Russian Empire - Our Shared Heritage*

Friday, August 9

8 am-1 pm: Registration

8 am-3 pm: AHSGR Store open

8 am-3 pm: Research Room open

8 am-12 pm: Silent Auction open

8 am-3 pm: Vendors

8 am-3 pm: Heritage Hall

8:30-9:30 am: Presentations

Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz - *People on the Way: German from Russia Settlements in Oklahoma and Texas (1880s-1920s)*

Cary Bright- *Drilling Down on your DNA Matches*

Kay Fritzier Pimple - *Make a German (Froebel) Star*

9:45-10:45 am: Presentations

Carolyn Zeisset - *Keeping Your Heritage Story Alive*

Ulrich Merten- *The Baltic Germans- A History; 1200-1939*

Doug Schoenhals - *Shattuck Windmill Museum*

11 am-12 pm: Presentations

Wayne Garman - *War and German Immigration to Russia - 1760 to 1820*

Phil Goldfarb - *Traveling to America in Steerage and Whether to Admit or Deport our Ancestors.*

Russ Gunther - *Scout Explorer Voyages to America*

12:15-1 pm: Lunch Your Way (Additional Charge)

12 pm: Silent Auction closes

12:30-3 pm: Pay and pick up Silent Auction items

1:15-2:15 pm: Presentations

Carolyn Schott - *Walking in the Footsteps of your Ancestors*

Wyatt Atchley - *Prairie Preservation: Cultural Architecture of Black Sea Germans in North Dakota*

Phil Goldfarb - *The History of U.S. Passports, U.S. Passport Applications, Russian/Lithuania/Latvia Internal Passports and Nansen Passports For Refugees*

2:30-3:30 pm: Presentation

Brent Mai - *Copyright for Genealogists*

3:30-4 pm: Post Election BOD meeting

5:30 pm: Cocktail hour-Cash Bar

6-8 pm: Banquet, **Speaker: Dr. Brent Mai**

Back to the Future: Why Looking Back is So Critical to the Future

Tour Information

A Taste of Oklahoma City Tour

Wednesday August, 7 (9 am-11:30 am)

Join your tour guide, Dr. Phillip C. Bryan, M.D. of the Central Oklahoma Chapter, on this luxury motorcoach tour of important and interesting Oklahoma City sites and history. You'll learn about Bricktown, the State Capital, Oklahoma City Museums and Memorials, the Stockyards, Tinker Air Force Base, and more. This is a driving tour with little walking.

First Americans Museum Tour

Thursday August 8 (1:30-4 pm)

First Americans Museum Tour: You will be transported by luxury motorcoach to the First Americans Museum and receive a docent-led tour. After the tour, you will have time to visit the museum on your own, the FAM Mound (weather-permitting) and FAM Theater. Learn more about the museum: famok.org.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Tour

Thursday August 8 (1:30-4 pm)

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Tour: You will be transported by luxury motorcoach to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and receive a docent-led tour. After the tour you will have time to visit the rest of the museum. Learn more about the museum: nationalcowboymuseum.org

Additional Information

Lunch Your Way (Additional Charge)

A complete meal, bagged-lunch option to eat in the room with friends and family or take on the go. On site you can choose from three types of sandwiches (selection is available first-come, first-served):

Ham & Cheddar Baguette, Turkey Avocado on Sourdough, or Mediterranean Veggie on Focaccia.

Quilt Raffle

Tickets will be purchased according to individual quilts.

Jan Hudson Quilter

I was born and raised on a wheat farm in Okeene, Oklahoma. Both sides of my family: Hoffman and Brickman are Volga Germans. My mother made all my clothes and I learned to sew at a very early age. I started sewing my doll clothes with scraps. In the summer of 1956, I made my first quilt. I love puzzles and enjoy seeing the fabric come together. I did not start seriously making quilts until the late 90s.

A good friend had me spend a weekend with her and she got me started and I was hooked. I don't do my own quilting as it requires a different machine. I piece them then send them to a lady with a long-arm quilting machine. Since that time, I have made over 100 quilts. I donate a lot of them, my family is well-stocked.



1 The wheat field window quilt is a combination of a pattern and imagination. Wheat is grown all around Okeene and is a large part of the Midwestern states. I wanted to depict someone looking out their window admiring the fields. It measures 55"x75"



2 The Comfort of Psalms is a comforting quilt that I love to make. I always have one on hand as a gift to a friend who needs comfort. It measures 44.5"x70".



3 The sunflower quilt is a happy quilt that brings memories of summer in Oklahoma. It measures 51"x61".

