

Convention Schedule

Schedule subject to change

Wednesday, August 5

8 am - 5 pm: Registration

9 am - 6 pm: Silent Auction open

9 am - 6 pm: Vendors

9 am - 6 pm: AHSGR Store open

9 am - 6 pm: Research Room

9 am - 12:30 pm: Village Tour

Join us on a bus tour of select Volga German villages and enjoy the rich heritage these communities have to offer.

10 am - 11 am: Morning Session

Jennifer Garza - *The Tsar Liberator? How Alexander II of Russia's policies determined the future of both the Russian and American Empires*

12:30 pm - 1 pm: Lunch on you own

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Afternoon Session

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Sandra Wagner - *Chemistry of Sauerkraut*

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Break

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm: Jonas Löffler - *German Cultural Heritage in the United States: Volga Germans, Black Sea Germans, and Mennonites*

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm: Joan & Lisa Mueller - *A Family's Journey from Ukraine, Russia to the Dakota Territory through a child's eye!*

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Break

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm: Ann Marie Stewart - *The Remnants: Finding Heimat*

6 pm - 8 pm: Welcome Night

Includes a German Style served dinner with entertainment to follow. A cash bar will be offered.

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm: "After Welcome Night"

Immediately follows Welcome Night. This will be a great time to meet other attendees in a reception atmosphere. A cash bar and light snacks will be offered.

Thursday, August 6

7:30 am - 5:00 pm: Registration

9 am - 6 pm: Silent Auction open

9 am - 6 pm: Vendors

9 am - 11:30 am: AHSGR Store open

9 am - 11:30 am: Research Room

9 am - 11:30 am: Morning Session

9 am - 9:45 am: Felix Reifer - *Russia's revisionist foreign policy and the flawed diaspora discourse in Germany*

9:45 am - 10 am: Break

10 am - 10:45 am: Arailym Mussagaliyeva and Roza Mussabekova - *Germans of Kazakhstan in 1950-1970: the use of special settlers in the Kazakh virgin lands, repression against religion, problems of German language development.*

10:45 am - 11 am: Break

11 am - 11:30 am: Tatiana Zabolotneva - *Our People, Our Home: Exploring My German Russian Heritage in Today's Volga Region*

11:30 am - 1:15 pm:

Annual Membership Meeting - Lunch

1:30 pm - 6 pm: AHSGR Store open

1:30 pm - 6 pm: Research Room

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Afternoon Session

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm: Brent Mai - *Napoleonic Soldiers Join the Volga Germans*

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Break

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm: Tatiana Gein - *Unlocking the Past: Volga German Family Research in Russian and Former Soviet Archives*

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm: Kuchen Break

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm: Bridget Crosby - *Creative Roots: Carrying Forward Volga German Art, Music, and Writing*

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

Friday, August 7

8 am - 3 pm: Registration

9 am - 12 pm: Silent Auction open

9 am - 3 pm: Vendors

9 am - 3 pm: AHSGR Store open

9 am - 3 pm: Research Room

9 am - 12 pm: Morning Session

9 am - 9:45 am: **Russ Gunther** - *First Voyage of the Scouts to America, the Volga Scout Explorers of 1874*

9:45 am - 10 am: Break

10: am - 10:45 am: **Wayne Garman** - *The Moses of the Mennonites: Carl Bernhard Schmidt and German Mennonite Immigration to Kansas in the 1870s*

10:45 am - 11 am: Break

11 am - 11:45 am: **Kim Phillips** - *Germans from Russia: Food and Culinary Traditions*

11:45 am - 12 pm: Break

12 pm -1 pm: Lunch on your own

12 pm: Silent Auction closes

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

1 pm - 4:45 pm: Afternoon Session

1 pm - 1:45 pm: **Neil Unrein** - *Quarry To Glory / Unser Luete 150*

1:45 pm - 2 pm: Break

2 pm - 2:45 pm: **John Schukman** - *The history and geography of our Ellis County Kansas German Russian Families and their land plats*

2:45 pm - 3 pm: Break

3 pm - 3:45 pm: **Waldemar Masson** - *A Torn Heart - An Alien Between Two Worlds?*

3:45 pm - 4 pm: Break

4 pm - 4:45 pm: **Jerry Braun** - *Across the Ocean in Ink: Reimagining a Volga German Family Through Letters*

5:30 pm: Pre-Banquet Social

A cash bar will be offered.

6 pm - 8 pm: Banquet

8 pm - 11 pm: Dutch Hop

ReddHotz, a five-piece Polka band from central Kansas will be the entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. Free to convention attendees, the dance will be open to the public for \$10 per person. A cash bar will be offered.

Tour Information

Village Tour

Wednesday, August 5

9 am - 12:30 pm

From 1875 onward Volga German immigrants established many communities throughout Ellis and Rush Counties, Kansas. Their churches and cemeteries reflect a time of great commitment. Join us on a tour of select Volga German Villages and enjoy the rich heritage these communities have to offer.

This tour will travel on three buses, each with its own guide, with stops staggered to enhance your experience. Please note that the buses are traditional yellow school buses and may not be fully handicapped accessible. If you anticipate needing assistance getting on or off the buses, we encourage you to contact AHSGR ahead of time so we can help make your experience as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

