

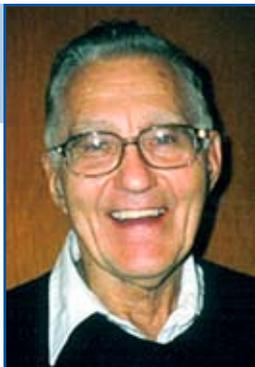
GROW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



The weather, the flexibility of the longer, warmer days, the ability to see people you don't normally get to see—don't you just love summertime? However, wonderful as this time is, all good things have a way of closing. Enjoy these great days of good weather while they last.

Family reunions, traveling, sightseeing, boating, and water skiing are just some of the many summer activities we enjoy. Picnics are another fun possibility. Thirty-six attended the GROW Picnic on the 24th of August at the West Linn Willamette Park. The music by the European Take-Out Band was outstanding! They played the polka, waltz, foxtrot, swing, Rheinland, country western, etc., inspiring an enjoyable sight of dancing. The band leader, Terry Rudd, is also a member of the Tyrolean Dancers of Oregon. Bobbie Ferrero is a passionate accordion player and instructor as well as Slovenian music specialist, while Hal Shor plays the bass guitar for several bands. Thanks, Allen and Nancy White, for providing us with such a wonderful treat.

The GROW Chapter was represented by at least of dozen of our members at the GRHS Convention in Spokane and the overall attendance more than made up for the costs. Sharon Bell and Kaye Kuntz-Igoa proudly paraded the GROW Banner. GROW Director Larry Kuntz, his sister from Arizona, and a former Drake, ND school friend now living in Vancouver, WA were among those attending. These convention attendees will be making a presentation at our 21 September chapter meeting, where we'll all have ample opportunity to catch up on each other's summer travels, projects, and other activities and enjoy each other's company. We are particularly eager to hear commentary from certain members, such as Bill and Thelma Wiest and Tim and Rachel Janzen, on some recent presentations and meetings. Those unable to

attend the chapter meeting will have more opportunities to get in on the events and happenings.

Other upcoming events include two Oktoberfest celebrations. The first is at the German American Society on 12 September 4-10PM, featuring all kinds of German ethnic foods and the Gustav Band. There are no admittance fees, only charges for your food and drinks. While this memo may be coming too late for you to make plans to attend that special event, the second Oktoberfest gathering will be on 19 October 2-5PM, also at the German American Society. It is a GROW potluck open to all German American Society members. Don't we love our potlucks! Such wonderful surprises. We always have an abundance and great variety of food.

While we will not have a chapter meeting in November, we are planning an old-fashioned Christmas program with the goodie bag for all on 7 December 2-5PM. Then, plan for 2015. We have slated the dynamic Susan Baird for January. Event dates for 2015 will be established in November with the German American Society and five sister clubs. Stay tuned!

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and gear up for the some great meetings and exciting programs this autumn.

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Once Upon a Farm

by Ronald Schauer

In the early summer of 1995, we traveled to the midwest with our 25 year old son. He was at a pause in his life--between jobs and relationships--and had a blue 1970s Volkswagen van. He was up for travel: I wanted him to see what had been.



On 26 June, my Father's 83rd birthday (he died in 1970), we visited the farm in central Logan County, North Dakota, where my older brother and I were born, and where I lived until the age of seven. Our parents had tried several separations and reconciliations, but their marriage was over. Father had meanwhile realized he wasn't cut out to be a farmer. I suppose that was also when Mother realized she wasn't cut out to be a farmer's wife. In 1949, we moved off the farm. We were the last to live there.

We stopped at the crest of a small ridge, and looked down on what remained of our farm: Several cottonwood trees, the windmill, and our house. The barn, chicken coup, and shop were gone. We climbed back into the van and drove the last few hundred yards and pulled off the road.

The house tilted to the northeast, the windows and doors mere gaping holes. Taking a small step into the house, we saw the floor covered with fallen ceiling plaster and the boards under our feet had a curious "give" to them. We carefully backed out and abandoned the tour.

I reached back forty-six years to explain what I remembered:

Our home stood a few feet off the road, a small white two-story house with rectangular windows and lignite coal smoke rising from a red brick chimney. Tar paper covered the blocked south door facing the road; the entrance we used was at the northeast corner. A shed once adjoined the west side of the house, but in a vague memory, my Father is pulling it down with the tractor, leaving only a bare concrete slab. I learned many years later that Mother believed a woman was buried under the cement, victim of hard times and an angry husband.

Between the house and the rest of the farm, grew a hardy and delicious stand of currants. The white out-house remained clear of snow while a huge drift covered the bushes and extended to the east, spreading onto the garden plot where corn rows and footprints were frozen in place until spring. Beyond the garden, the farm machinery lined up in ragged rows. Old and rusted, waiting silently for another season, a mower with sickle raised to patient attention stood beside a

three-bottom plow. The tines of a rake contained a last gathering of prairie hay. Each piece of machinery created its own small drift of dirty whiteness trailing off to the east.

A cottonwood tree, the tallest tree for miles, thrust bare arms and fingers into the sky. After we moved, lightning struck and shattered the center limb during a summer storm. It was still the tallest tree.

The barn looked down on the currants and the house. On hot, windless summer days, the smell of the muck and manure of the barnyard hung in the air in stifling intensity; on frozen winter mornings, the odor of Father's hand-rolled cigarette drifted out of the barn accompanied by the sweet rich smell of new milk.



The road, leaving the farm and going west. This is not part of any North Dakota Scenic Drive.

The barn was typical of those on hundreds of prairie farms. A sliding double door, centered between square, four-paned windows, was large enough for a tractor to drive through, but mostly it opened to admit the cattle for milking and later to let them wander slowly into the pasture. In winter, they bunched together nearby with clouds of breath hovering over them as they pawed ice and snow off the grass.

A galvanized metal windmill needed only a small breeze to turn the blades and pump water from the shallow well into a stock tank. Each winter morning, Father chopped apart the inch thick ice of the tank to let the cattle drink. Several times a day we carried a large pail of water from the pump to the house.

West of the barn, a large orange fuel tank stood beside a small shop full of tools and oily smells. Only a few steps farther, the south-facing windows of the chicken coop leaked excited clucking and murmuring protests whenever I entered to gather the day's eggs.

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If there was only one website that you could access to begin or further your family history research journey...I would tell you it would have to be FamilySearch.org

This amazing site has so many facets that it would take days to see all that is offered. AND the site is free. You will find that if you don't register for an account you will have limited access to all there is to be found.

When you go to www.familysearch.org you will find in the upper right corner of the page "Register". Click on it and go through the process of registering.

ALERT: Write down your User Name and Password so you will always be able to go back to the site and get on your account.

Once you are signed in you will be able to begin exploring. In the upper part of the main page you will find "Family Tree". Click on it and you will be able to begin adding your own family genealogy. After you have added two / maybe three generations, some of your lines will begin linking with further generations of your family.

When you click on "Search" found in the same area as "Family Tree" in the upper area of the main page you will be taken to millions of document images and indexes. Then you can begin looking for documentation on your people.

There is so much to share with you about FamilySearch.org and I am just sharing the tip of the iceberg with you. Always feel free to email me with questions that need answers. I am always happy to help you!

One last bit of advice... if you need help with the site and I am not available or you are 'too shy' to ask me...there is a toll free number you can call 24 hours a day for FREE assistance. The number is 866-406-1830. They are just waiting for the phone to ring so they can help you!!!



Happy hunting!

Susan Baird

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Biography:

Susan was born and raised in Oregon. She is the mother of five, step mother of two, grandmother of fourteen and great grandmother of three. She had the blessing of raising many children that came under her care and is affectionately called "Mama Susan" by them.

Susan has been researching her family for 56 years and has been teaching research methodology for 40 years through private and community college classes,

seminars, conferences and one on one. She served a two year Family History Mission for the LDS Church.

"I have watched the growth and blossoming of family history research through the decades and have loved planting the seed and nourishing it in the lives of my students. Helping students fall in love with their ancestors can't be described in words...it is a journey of the heart."

Once Upon a Farm, cont.



Son Scott and me, June 1995 after deciding to skip the house tour.

A summer path worn by the daily trek of cattle extended behind the barn north across a plateau. At the first inklings of spring, pale crocuses pushed through the snow, sheltered by lichen covered glacial rocks. A few weeks later, white, pale red, and purple prairie flowers danced and preened in the new sun. Between the melting snow and the exhausting dry heat of summer, the flowers, most with names I never knew, lived their short lives in utter splendor.

The tabled meadow dropped off sharply to the east. The melt from the winter's snow flowed into a marshy pond ringed by cattails; a haven for ducks, redwing and yellow-headed blackbirds. By late November, snow was again building deep drifts and freezing the marsh waters around domed muskrat houses of grass, mud, and sticks.

Past the marsh and up a larger hill, circles of stones—my Father said these were teepee and fire rings—were scattered at the grassy summit. He explained the native people had camped there because, from this place, they could see for miles around,

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The 24 August 2014 was a nice gathering of friends and members of GROW and that celebration, held at the Willamette Wetland Shelter Park, has come and gone. Thirty-six attended, visited with friends, enjoyed the scrumptious food and listened to the wonderful Oktoberfest music by the European Take Out Band under the direction of Terry Rudd, playing the accordion. Two other musicians, one being Bobbie Ferrero on the accordion and the third being Hal Shorr on the bass guitar. Terry put on a German dance called the "Schuplatten" which was outstanding; he did a polka with Jenny Cook, one of our GROW members, receiving a big round of applause! We couldn't have had better weather and I believe everyone had wonderful time. Mark your calendar for next August if you want to get in on a good time.

Allen and Nancy want to thank all of those who came out, helped set up, clean up, and make it a fun occasion.



The European Take Out Band



Once Upon a Farm, cont.

watching for game or approaching visitors. In winter, only the gray tops of grass and stones could be seen, adding to the loneliness of a home once used by a people long vanquished.

This prairie was at times almost empty of sound. Cows commiserated with one another, their soft lowing blending with the voices of my parents, the rough wheeze of a tractor, excited rustlings drifting from the chicken coop. When night came and the human and farm noises stopped, the silence was for long moments complete. No freeway traffic or airplanes, no distant radio or sirens broke the spell. A coyote called and another answered. Then silence.

The rolling roar of summer thunderstorms or the pounding rattle of hail violently pushed aside the silence. But the sound that drove people toward madness was the incessant whistling howl of a snowstorm that went on for days. I would stand at a window peering into the grey wall of driven snow and ice, and sob in fear.

On moonless nights in the dry frigid winter air, the stars shined so brightly it seemed they might burst in their effort. On other cold still nights, the northern sky moved as a shimmering curtain danced from hill to hill and then for a moment disappeared to return again. Sometimes, the sky glowed in greens and reds. At other times, I watched far off spotlights carefully searching the sky for some unknown thing.

Germans in the Russian Empire, Soviet Union and Their Successor States, and Their Descendants' Subsequent Life in Germany and the Western Hemisphere: *A Historical Timeline, 1549-Present (Part III)*

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Compiler's Note: I translated many of the following entries directly from the German and Russian languages out of numerous academic and popular sources. For some translated entries, I took the liberty to make careful modifications of words and phrases or include corrections and additional pertinent information. Like an expanding coral reef, key historical dates, personalities, events and developments continue to be collected, layer upon layer. Documentation of both our individual lives and family histo-



ries remains enmeshed by this accumulation of knowledge. Different versions of the historical timeline have already appeared in two significant publications: Eric J. Schmaltz, "Chronicle of Events for Ethnic Germans in Russia, 1549-Present," Heritage Review 32:1 (Mar. 2002): pp. 26-31, 33-44; and Schmaltz, An Expanded Bibliography and Reference Guide for the Former Soviet Union's Germans: Issues of Ethnic Autonomy, Group Repression, Cultural Assimilation and Mass Emigration in the Twentieth Century and Beyond (Fargo, ND: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Libraries, 2003), pp. xiii-xxxvi. Copyright permission is granted by both publications. For this series, I made several necessary revisions and updates to the timeline.

- 9-13 Sept. 1955 -- The visit of West German Chancellor Adenauer to Moscow; the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries; in the course of negotiations for the first time after the war, the sensitive question about the ethnic Germans' condition in the places of special settlement is touched upon.
- 1 Dec. 1955 -- In Barnaul in Russia's Altai Region, the first ethnic German newspaper Arbeit (Labor) is published inside the USSR since the war; it runs until 1957.
- 13 Dec. 1955 -- The decree (war amnesty) of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR "Concerning the Removal of Restrictions in the Legal Status from the Germans and Their Family Members Found in the Special Settlement" is signed; however, there is no return of property confiscated during deportation and exile, nor are ethnic Germans allowed to return to their old homelands and native villages.
- 24-25 Feb. 1956 -- At the Twentieth Party Congress, Khrushchev gives his so-called "Secret Speech," in which he condemns Stalin personally for past political crimes.
- 1957 -- In the USSR, the first German-language radio transmission is permitted.
- 1 May 1957 -- The central newspaper Neues Leben (New Life) begins publication; many ethnic Germans consider it the successor to the Deutsche Zentral-Zeitung (DZZ), which ran in Moscow from 1926 to 1938.
- 15 June 1957 -- In Slavgorod, Russia, the newspaper Rote Fahne (Red Banner) is started up for ethnic Germans; in 1991, it is renamed Zeitung für Dich.
- 8 Apr. 1958 -- The West German-Soviet agreement on issues of the reunification of family relations and the collaboration of both countries' Red Cross organizations.
- 24 Apr. 1959 -- The West German-Soviet agreement on the issue of family unification.
- 6 Aug. 1960 -- In Stuttgart, West Germany, the "Declaration to the Charter of the Germans Expulsed from Their Homelands from 5 August 1950" (Deklaration zur Charta der deutschen Heimatvertriebenen vom 5. August 1950) is signed.
- 1963-1966 -- Ludwig Erhard of the CDU/CSU is chancellor of West Germany.

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A Historical Timeline, 1549-Present (Part III) cont.

- 29 Aug. 1964 -- The decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR "Concerning the Insertion of an Amendment in the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR from 28 August 1941 'Concerning the Removal of Germans Residing in the Volga Region'" is signed; this "partial rehabilitation" policy does not allow the ethnic Germans to return to their old homelands, nor does it provide for the re-establishment of a Volga German republic and various national districts; the decree is not published widely in Russian, nor is it publicized to the general populace for the next twenty-five years.
- 1964-1982 -- Leonid Brezhnev is Soviet leader.
- 2 Jan. 1965 -- On the issue of ethnic autonomy, the reception of the first delegation of nine ethnic Germans by the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, Anastas I. Mikoyan.
- 15 June 1965 -- On the issue of ethnic autonomy, responsible officials of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union speak with thirty of the forty-three members of the second delegation of ethnic Germans, who present a petition of over 4,000 signatures from ethnic Germans; among the delegates is a young Hugo Wormsbecher, who in the late 1980s and 1990s stands as a leading ethnic German activist in the "Rebirth" autonomy movement and other ethnic associations.
- 7 July 1965 -- On the issue of ethnic autonomy, the meeting of leading members of the second delegation of ethnic Germans with the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, Anastas I. Mikoyan.
- 9 July 1965 -- Expressing their disappointment over the meeting, several members of the second delegation of ethnic Germans, among them Hugo Wormsbecher, write a harsh letter to Mikoyan (with copies distributed to some of the top Soviet leadership, including Brezhnev); in 1972, *Der Spiegel* in West Germany publishes part of this letter as well as excerpts from the 7 July 1965 meeting with Mikoyan.
- 1965-1985 -- About 12,000 ethnic Germans are allowed to emigrate from the USSR to Communist East Germany (the German Democratic Republic), with the vast majority of them doing so during the first half of the 1980s.
- 1 Jan. 1966 -- In Kazakhstan, the newspaper *Freundschaft* (Friendship) begins publication; in 1991, it becomes *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*.
- 1966-1969 -- Kurt Kiesinger of the CDU/CSU is chancellor of West Germany.
- July 1967 -- A small delegation of ethnic Germans seeking to reestablish ethnic autonomy arrives in Moscow, but is not allowed to speak with high-ranking officials.
- 1968 -- In North America, the founding of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), becoming one of the major archival collections on the ethnic group; the *Landsmannschaft der Deutschen aus Rußland* cooperates with the AHSGR; by the early 1990s, the AHSGR establishes numerous links with the former USSR's ethnic Germans and the growing émigré community in Germany.
- 1969-1974 -- Willy Brandt of the SPD is chancellor of West Germany; ushers in the era of Ostpolitik (Eastern Policy).
- 12 Aug. 1970 -- The Moscow Treaty between the USSR and West Germany concerning the mutual renunciation of military force; the number of ethnic German emigrants from the USSR to the West subsequently increases until Cold War tensions worsen in the late 1970s and early 1980s.
- 1970-1975 -- About 30,000-35,000 ethnic Germans leave their places of residence in Kazakhstan and Siberia for Moldavia, Estonia and the North Caucasus in the hope of soon receiving permission to leave for West Germany in order to reunite with their relatives and gain freedom.
- 9 Jan. 1971 -- In Bismarck, ND, the founding of the North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia (NDHSGR); on 14 July 1979, members vote to change its name to the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS); the *Landsmannschaft der Deutschen aus Rußland* cooperates with the GRHS; by the early 1990s, the GRHS establishes links with the former USSR's ethnic Germans and the growing émigré community in Germany.

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A Historical Timeline, 1549-Present (Part III) cont.

- 1972 -- In the USSR, the "Association of Germans Wishing to Emigrate" (Vereinigung der auswanderungswilligen Deutschen) is illegally formed; this dissident network is based in Estonia with contacts in Lithuania, Moldavia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and elsewhere.
- 23 Apr. 1972 -- At Moscow's Main Telegraph Office, a sit-down strike of thirty ethnic Germans wishing to emigrate.
- June 1972 -- A group of twelve ethnic Germans want to present personally to the Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Nikolai Podgorny, their demands for permission to leave for West Germany; however, this delegation is only permitted to meet with the desk clerk of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.
- June-July 1972 -- In West Siberia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, another small delegation of ethnic Germans seeking to reestablish ethnic autonomy is organized, but Soviet security learns of its plans and prevents the delegation from traveling to Moscow.
- Late 1972 -- Kazakh authorities for the first time consider establishing an ethnic German autonomous region in Kazakhstan near Bayan-Aul, Tselinograd and Taldy-Kurgan, where there would already be a sizeable ethnic German population.
- 3 Nov. 1972 -- The decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR "Concerning the Removal of Restrictions in the Choice of the Place Residence Stipulated in the Past for the Separate Category of Citizens" is signed; however, this decree is not published in the USSR, nor is it consistently enforced by Soviet officials.
- 16 May 1973 -- A sit-down strike of ethnic Germans is held at Moscow's Intourist-Hotel.
- 18 May 1973 -- A twelve-member delegation of ethnic Germans delivers to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR a memorandum on the condition of the German people in the USSR, an appeal to the UN General Secretary Kurt Waldheim, and the signatures of 7,000 German families (about 35,000 persons in all) wishing to emigrate from the USSR.
- 30 Sept. 1973 -- In Karaganda, a controversy occurs between ethnic Germans wishing to emigrate and Kazakh officials; according to eyewitnesses, over 400 soldiers and about 500 militia are called upon in order to disperse nearly 400 ethnic Germans who were holding a rally.
- 1 Feb. 1974 -- As a protest, Ljudmila Oldenburger and her two sons chain themselves in front of the building of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR in order to carry through their emigration to West Germany.
- 1974-1982 -- Helmut Schmidt of the SPD is chancellor of West Germany.
- 1975 -- On the eve of the one hundredth anniversary of the first migrations into the country, the Volga Germans of Argentina organized the Association of the Descendants of Volga Germans in Argentina (Asociacion Argentina de Descendientes de Alemanes del Volga).
- 30 July-1 Aug. 1975 -- The international signatories to the Helsinki Agreement accept the territorial boundaries of post-war Europe (which is in the USSR's interests); in turn, the USSR formally promises to respect its citizens' human rights, freedom of travel, and freedom of belief.
- 8 Mar. 1977 -- Ten former German residents of the Volga Region are arrested for protesting in Red Square and demanding emigration rights.
- July 1978 -- The Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) creates the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC) at the Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University Libraries, Fargo; it becomes one of the major archival collections on the ethnic group; the Landsmannschaft der Deutschen aus Rußland cooperates with the NDSU Libraries; by the early 1990s, the special collection at NDSU Libraries establishes extensive links (particularly through electronic information sources) with the former USSR's ethnic Germans and the growing émigré community in Germany.
- 31 May 1979 -- The passing of the resolution of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union "Concerning the Formation of the German Autonomous Region" in Kazakhstan.

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- 16-19 June 1979 -- In Tselinograd and other cities in Kazakhstan, a demonstration of 5,000 Kazakh students against Moscow's intended establishment of an ethnic German autonomous region near Ermentau (120 km north of Tselinograd) takes place; the demonstration is organized by Kazakh professors with the approval of officials under the motto "Kazakhstan for Kazakhs" and "Kazakhstan is indivisible"; a large outbreak of public violence by agitated Kazakh youth is barely avoided.
- 31 Mar. 1980 -- A group of ethnic Germans demonstrates in Moscow's Red Square for the right to emigrate to West Germany.
- Dec. 1980 -- In Tselinograd, Kazakhstan, the German dramatic theater begins operation.
- 1981 -- In Moscow, the "Soviet German" (Communist) almanac Heimatliche Weisen (Rodinye Prostory/Native Expanses) begins publication.
- Nov. 1982 -- An airplane high-jacking to Turkey as part of the struggle by ethnic Germans in the dissident emigration movement to get permission to leave the USSR.
- 1982-1984 -- Yuri Andropov is Soviet leader.
- 1982-1998 -- Helmut Kohl of the CDU/CSU is chancellor of West Germany; in Oct. 1990, he becomes chancellor of united Germany (under West German law).
- 1984-1985 -- Constantine Chernenko is Soviet leader.
- 8 Nov. 1984/ 28 Mar. 1985 -- Debates in the West German Bundestag on the situation of Germans in the USSR and on the severe decrease in Aussiedler (ethnic German "settlers from abroad") immigration; unanimous summons to the West German federal government to take measures for the improvement of the situation of ethnic Germans.
- 28 Dec. 1984 -- The Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union orders measures against the "propaganda campaign in the West on the situation of citizens of German nationality in the USSR."

To be continued.

2014 GRHS Convention Report

by Sharon Bell

This was my second GRHS convention. I also attended the 2011 GRHS convention in Spokane. This year in addition to my mother and me, my sister, Jan Bonner, came from Yuba City, CA to attend. We stayed at the beautiful Davenport Hotel this year which made it easy to participate in all the sessions we wanted to as well as explore downtown Spokane. I enjoyed seeing other members of our GROW chapter as well as meeting many other GRHS members at the convention.

I attended a variety of presentations including food preparation, history, personal experiences and leaving your legacy. We also enjoyed the afternoon sing-alongs and the dinner time entertainment of "The Mane Event" barbershop quartet, and the violins and piano of "Damen & Herr"

One of the presentations I enjoyed was Dr. Eric Schamltz's talking about his travels to the German Russian settlements in Argentina during the filming of the Prairie Public Broadcasting's documentary on the German-Russian experience in South America. Like the US and Canada, Argentina removed the natives to allow Europeans to settle the land. Unlike the US and Canada, the Germans from Russia could have their own villages like



Sharon Bell and Kaye Kuntz-Igoa carrying the chapter banner.

they did in Russia. This allowed them to keep more of their culture for decades. In recent times more people are moving to the cities so some of the traditions are

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being lost. I am looking forward to seeing this documentary that is set to premiere at the convention next July in Bismarck.

Kathy Kovacs presented a gripping story of her family's "Sudden and Unexpected Escape from Communist Russia". From the few hours of warning, the slaughtering and salting of the pig, almost not getting on the train, to the baby becoming ill, Kathy made an interesting presentation. She had many pictures from her childhood as well as her mother's bread dough bowl that made the trek with them.

The Impact of Nazi Occupation on Ethnic Germans Living in Ukraine 1941 - 1944 by Nancy & Alex Herzog with Dona & Lewis Marquardt was a well presented glimpse of this period in history through narrative and through the words of the German Russians living through those times.

"Leaving a Legacy and Not a Mess" presented by Donna Potter Phillips informed us that it is up to each of us to organize our memorabilia and stories in a format easy to pass on to others. She talked about taking photos of items and including the photo with the story about why the item is important. People are now storing their legacies on-line so they are not at risk of being thrown out or donated to the thrift store when they pass-on.

At this year's convention in Spokane, I learned more about our common heritage of being German from Russia while having a great time with my sister and mother.



Katherine Bell and Jan Bonner at Spokane Falls

GENEALOGICAL HELP

by *Harold Lang*

will be held in a room
across from the library

one hour before each GROW Meeting

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GROW QUARTERLY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Chapter Meeting	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

NOVEMBER 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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DECEMBER 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Newsletter Deadline	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Chapter Meeting	8	9	10	11 Christmas Social	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Chapter Meetings are held at:
New Deutsches Haus
(formerly the Fellowship Masonic Center)
5626 NE Alameda St., Portland, OR
(57th & Sandy Blvd.)

Directions:
From the North taking I-205 or I-5,
Take Columbia Exit and go to Cully, turn South
until you come to Sandy Blvd. & 57th/NE Alameda.

From the South on I-205 take Halsey Exit,
go West to 57th, make Right to Sandy/Alameda.

From I-5, take I-84 to 60th, turn North to Halsey,
Left to 57th, North to Sandy & Alameda.
38 car parking across from the Deutsches Haus.

Doors open at 1 pm • Meeting 2-5 pm

Chapter Meetings

- 21 September** - Convention Reports
- 19 October** - Kleinstadlers Dancers and Oktoberfest Dinner
- 7 December** - Christmas Program & Festivities

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- **Family Heritage Recipe Book** - \$12.50 at Chapter Meeting or add \$4.00 s/h for mailing. Call 503-659-8248, rahaas@q.com

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**Essay Contest Theme:
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Deadline for entries is March 31, 2015.

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Years of Membership _____ New Renewal

Birth Month (optional) _____ Anniversary Month (optional) _____

Name (please print) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (include area code) _____ Email address _____

Name of ancestral village(s) _____

Family surnames _____

Names of adults in household desiring membership cards _____

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lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc

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grhs.org

EEGS - East European Genealogical Soc, Inc.

eegsociety.org

FEEFHS - Fed of E. European Family His Soc

eefhs.org

LDS Family History Library

familysearch.org

National Genealogical Society

ngsgenealogy.org

Archive Websites:

National Archives (US)

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