

## 2018 AHSGR Convention Overview

(schedule subject to change)

### Sunday, July 29

- 2-4:45 p.m., BOD Strategic Planning
- 5-8 p.m., Convention, Finance & Folklore committees

### Monday, July 30

- 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Registration
- 8:30-9:30 a.m., BOD/BOT meeting
- 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., board committee meetings
- **Morning, Village Tour**  
Includes four of the communities GRs settled in the region. Tour includes their majestic churches and cemeteries; lunch included. (\$40/limited to 60 people)
- **Afternoon, Museum Tour**  
Ellis County Historical Society Museum, Sternberg Museum of Natural History and Bukovina Society Headquarters-Museum. Refreshments included (\$28)
- 7-8:30 p.m., Welcome Night

### Tuesday, July 31

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Registration
- 8:30-10:30 a.m., Opening General Session (keynote speaker: Eric Schmaltz)
- 10:30 a.m.-noon, Chapter Leaders meeting
- 10:30 a.m.-noon, board committee meetings
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Trustees
- Noon-1:30 p.m., Foundation/Society Recognition Luncheon (keynote speaker: Michael Boss)
- 1:30 p.m., **Artisan Tour**  
Pete Felten's Stone Gallery, Gella's Diner and Brewing Co., Bruce Burkholder, and Defiance Brewery (\$28)
- 1:30-3:30 p.m., Cooking Class
- 2-3 p.m., First-time attendee orientation, Sara Roberts (Using the Research Room), Maggie Hein (German Origins)
- 3:15-4:30 p.m., Village Coordinators meeting
- 3:15-4:15 p.m., Ulrich Merten (Book Talk)
- 3:15-4:15 p.m., Terry Needham (Book Talk)

### Wednesday, Aug. 1

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Registration
- 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Youth Program (Ellis County Historical Museum) (\$10 children/\$5 adults)
- 8:30-10:30 a.m., Cooking Class
- 8:15-9:15 a.m., presentations by Olga Litzenberger, Lee Macklin (DNA), Sara Roberts (Using the Research Room); first-time attendee orientation
- 9:30-10:30 a.m., presentations by Michael Wanner, Tanja Nyberg (Sandamokh massacre) and panel on effects of Russian Revolution
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. and noon-1 p.m., Village Area Discussions

- 10:45-11:45 a.m., presentations by Alex Herzog, Peggy Goertzen (Mennonites), Karen Schutte, and panel on dialects
- Noon-1 p.m., presentations by Eric Schmaltz, Karen Schutte, FHSU Ethnic Studies and Srs. Pfeifer, Schippers and Leiker (Siberian religious persecution)
- 1:15-3:15 p.m., Cooking Class
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., presentations by Olga Litzenberger, Ulrich Merten (book talk); panel on effects of Russian Revolution; Terry Batt (Dutch hop music)
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., presentations by Maggie Hein (German origins), FHSU Ethnic Studies and Terry Needham (book talk)
- 3:30-4 p.m., Kuchen break
- 4-5 p.m., presentations by Michael Wanner, Eric Schmaltz, Terry Batt (Dutch hop music) and Peggy Goertzen (Mennonites)
- 5-6 p.m., Board of Trustees Heritage Club cocktail party
- 6:30 p.m., Ellis County Historical Society BOD/staff social
- 7:30-8:30 p.m., Movie night, "Waiting for Waldemar"

### Thursday, Aug. 2

- 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Registration
- 8:15-9:15 a.m., presentations by Maggie Hein (German origins), Tanja Nyberg (Sandamokh massacre) and Ulrich Merten (book talk); first-time attendee orientation
- 9:30-10:30 a.m., presentations by Alex Herzog, Srs. Pfeifer, Schippers and Leiker (Siberian religious persecution), Norma Pipkin (immigrant women) and Peggy Goertzen (Mennonites)
- 10:45-11:45 a.m., presentations by Olga Litzenberger, Lee Macklin (DNA) and FHSU Ethnic Studies; panel on dialects
- Noon-1 p.m., presentations by Michael Wanner, Terry Batt (Dutch hop music) and Terry Needham (book talk)
- 1:15-2:15 p.m., presentations by Eric Schmaltz, Yulia Tsymbal (Cyrillic), Storytelling Contest and Norma Pipkin (immigrant women)
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., presentations by Lee Macklin (DNA), Srs. Pfeifer, Schippers and Leiker (Siberian religious persecution) and panels on dialects and the effects of the Russian Revolution
- 4-5 p.m., BOD meeting
- 5:30-10 p.m., Banquet. Lantern for Lincoln, Alex Herzog, Polka Kings  
Bookstore, Heritage Hall and Research Room will be open daily. Hospitality room available for BOD/BOT and daily volunteers