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Catherine II, the Great

Empress of Russia

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From the Editor

Welcome to this edition of *Chronicle Unserer Leute*.

Our newsletter continues to trudge along without a permanent editor. If you'd like to help the Oregon Chapter AHSGR with this periodic task, we'd love to bring you on board. Just send us an email at oregonahsgr@gmail.com or speak to a board member.

If you'd like to just contribute an article or story for a future newsletter, you can also send that along to the same address.



Looking For Volunteers

Take a quick peek at the back page of this newsletter. You see all the “Vacant” positions on the board? There's plenty of room for you to join in on the nuts and bolts of keeping the chapter together. The chapter board mainly plans and organizes our programs. We need more people on the board providing their ideas and energy to keep us going.

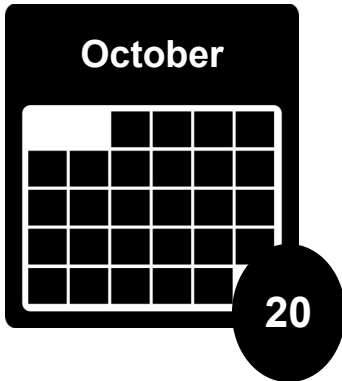
We've even made it easier by moving board meetings to occur immediately following the monthly programs—so there's only one day a month of commitment.

If you are interested in joining us, please let any of us on the board know, or send us an email at oregonahsgr@gmail.com. We'd love to see new faces and hear new voices—especially yours!

Special thanks to Donna Tetrault who has graciously decided to join the board. But we need more!



Upcoming Events

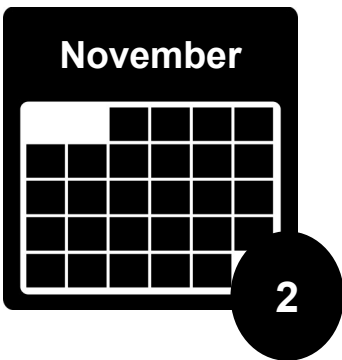


Panel: Roundup of 50th International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Sunday, October 20th, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm

Concordia University Library, Room 301 — 2800 NE Liberty St, Portland

Carole Hayden will lead a discussion, along with others who attended the annual convention this year, to tell the rest of us what we missed. Next year's convention will be a lot closer to home (Pasco, WA). This will be a great preview of what to expect next year.

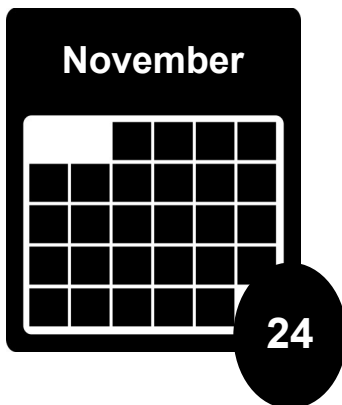


Center for Volga German Studies Conference

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

Concordia University Library — 2800 NE Liberty St, Portland

The Center for Volga German Studies is hosting a genealogy conference with lots of info on researching our Volga German ancestors. See page 5 for more information on how to register.

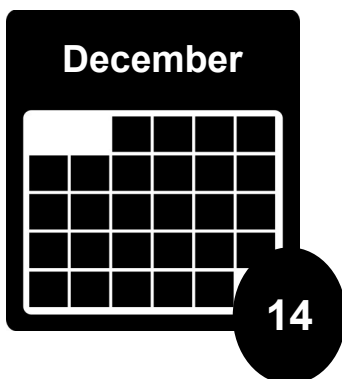


Alexander Craghead: Railway Palaces of Portland, Oregon

Sunday, November 24th, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm

Concordia University Luther Hall, Room 104—2800 NE Holman St, Portland (Park in lot on 27th Ave, on north side of Holman St)

Author Alexander Craghead wrote a book about the architectural legacy of Henry Villard—a railroad financier who played a large role in building the railroads many of our German Russian ancestors used to migrate to the Pacific Northwest. Alexander will discuss this interesting history.



Christmas Potluck

Saturday, December 14th, 2019

*St. Michael's Fellowship Hall, Concordia University
6700 NE 29th Ave, Portland*

Join us for another fun Christmas potluck. The Oregon AHSGR board will provide a ham. Please bring a tasty side dish and/or dessert to share. It's always a delicious feast!

2020 Board Elections

October is election month for the Oregon Chapter!

The board nomination committee has forwarded the following slate of candidates for your consideration:

President:	Carole Hayden	Director:	Bob Thorn
1st Vice President:	<i>No Candidate</i>	Director:	Donna Tetrault
2nd Vice President:	Ed Wagner	Director:	<i>No Candidate</i>
Secretary:	Marilyn Schultz	Director:	<i>No Candidate</i>
Treasurer:	Jim Holstein	Director:	<i>No Candidate</i>

Other board positions that expire at the end of 2020:

Director: **Joan Porter**

After many years of dedicated service on the board, Harold Kammerzell has decided not to serve another term as a director. We would like to express our deepest thanks to Harold for all that he has done for the chapter over the years! He will be missed at the board meetings!

If you or someone you know would like to fill one of the still vacant positions, please let us know at oregonahsgr@gmail.com. You can also be nominated at the October meeting before the election.

AHSGR Membership

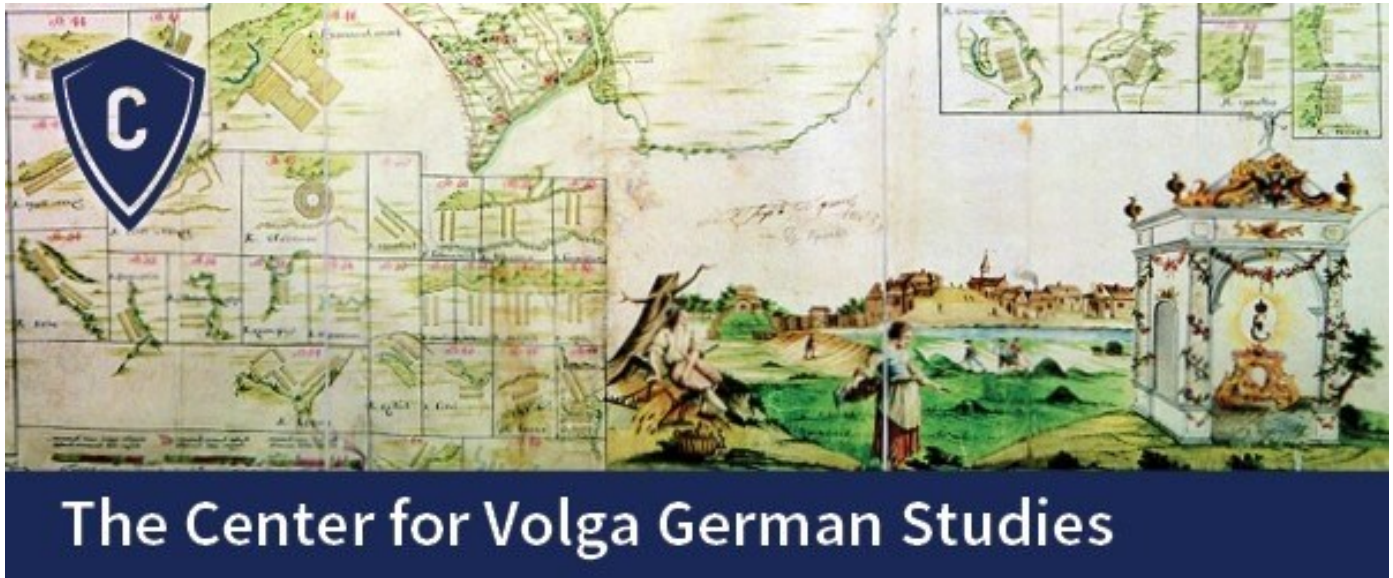
Now that we're nearing the end of the year, please remember to renew your Oregon Chapter membership. The membership form is on page 7. We are now accepting payment via PayPal as an option (in addition to mailing us a check).

Also, don't forget to renew your membership with the national AHSGR. That is done separately at the AHSGR website: www.ahsgr.org/page/Join



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CVGS Conference: Resources for Researching Your Volga German Family



Concordia University Libraries, Center for Volga German Studies, will present another workshop to provide its participants with more resources to research and learn about their Volga German heritage. The event will be held at the Student Event and Activity Center (SEAC), on the campus of Concordia University on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9am - 4pm. The Center will be open on Sunday, November 3, noon - 3pm for participants who wish to access the Center's resources for their specific research. CVGS Volunteers will be available for assistance during that time.

Maggie Hein will be presenting two sessions aimed at researching your genealogy. The first will focus on researching in the U.S. and Canada. The second will review the types of records that may be available from the Russian archives and how they may be obtained. Marilyn Schunke will explore how Facebook can be of assistance to you in your research. Jim Holstein will share information about the Denmark connection that many Volga Germans share. Steve Schreiber and Krista Reynolds will share tips with you on how to access the vast Concordia University/CVGS catalog system to get the most out of the many resources the CVGS has to offer.

More information and online registration can be found in the Events section of the CVGS website: cvgs.cu-portland.edu/exhibits-events

51st International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia



July 28th - August 1st, 2020

Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center
Pasco, Washington



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AHSGR Oregon Chapter Membership Renewal Form

Membership fees are for a calendar year that renews each January 1st. Annual dues for the AHSGR **Oregon Chapter** membership are \$25.

Membership Year 20____

Name(s) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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I want my Oregon Chapter newsletter delivered electronically. Yes _____ No _____

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In order for us to serve our membership more effectively, please list all of your German-Russian family surnames and all of the villages that you believe your ancestors are from:

Villages

Surnames

_____	_____
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Annual Dues: \$25.00

Annual Donation: \$

Total Enclosed: \$

Please make all checks payable to **AHSGR OREGON CHAPTER** and send your membership dues and form to:

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You can also send dues and donations electronically via PayPal to our chapter email address:

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