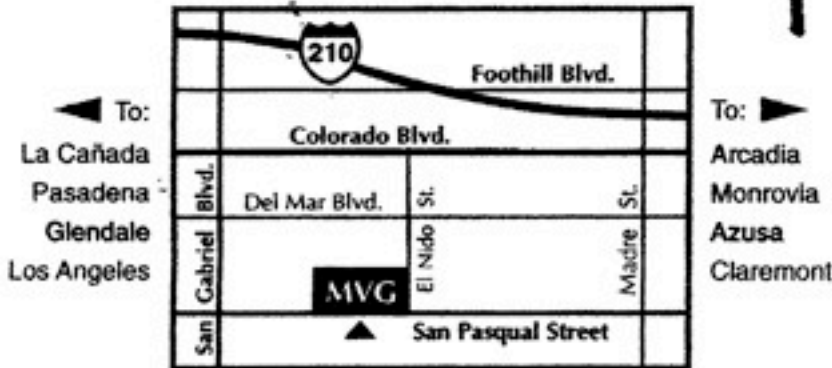


Finding your way to Monte Vista Grove

2889 San Pasqual Street
Pasadena, CA 91107
(818) 796-6135



From 210 Freeway WESTbound:

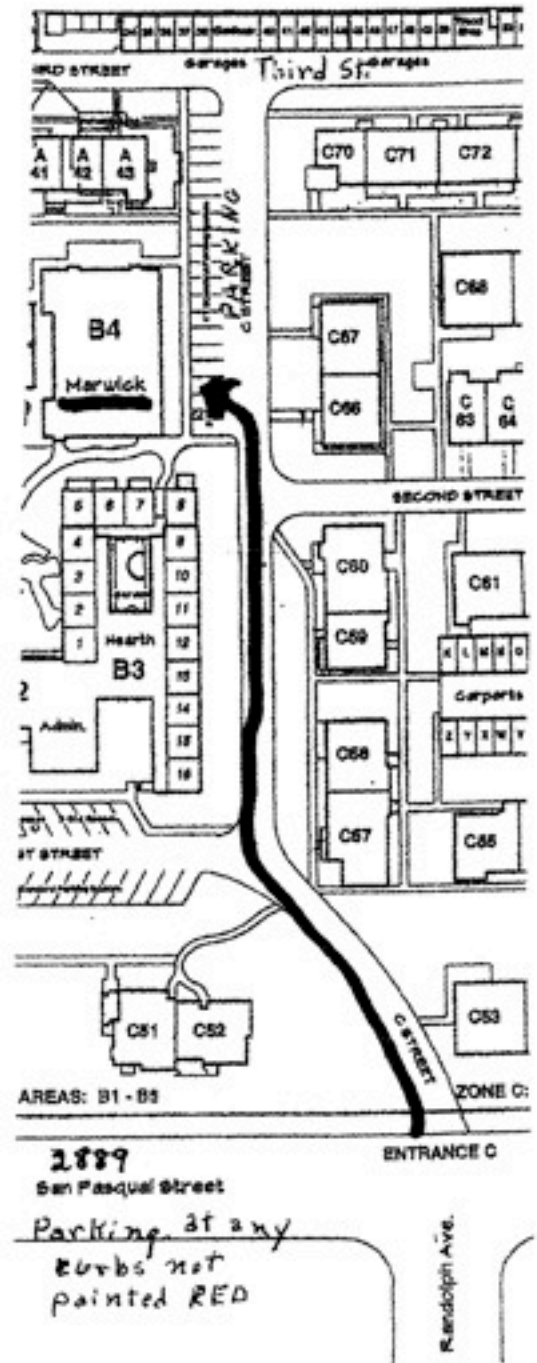
Exit at Madre Street, turn left;
cross Colorado Blvd. and Del Mar Blvd.,
then turn right on San Pasqual.

Monte Vista Grove is just past El Nido St.
on your right.

From 210 Freeway EASTbound:

Exit at San Gabriel Blvd., go straight across
Sierra Madre Blvd. and turn right on San Gabriel;
cross Colorado Blvd. and Del Mar Blvd.,
then turn left on San Pasqual.

Monte Vista Grove is about one block on your left.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Newsletter inputs due</u>
Dec 06, 2008.....	Winter Mtg / Christmas Party, Monte Vista Grove, Pasadena.....	Oct 25, 2008
Jan 17, 2009.....	Annual election meeting @ Phoenix Club in Anaheim.....	Dec 13, 2008
April 18, 2009.....	Spring meeting @ Riverside.....	Mar 06, 2009
Jun 16 to 21, 2009.....	AHSGR Convention, Medicine Hat, Alberta.....	
Jun 26 to 28, 2009.....	So. Cal. Genealogical Society Jamboree in Burbank.....	
Jul 25, 2009.....	Beach Picnic @ The Freemans in Redondo Beach.....	Jun 13, 2009
Sep 17 to 21.....	GRHS Convention, Rapid City, SD.....	
Oct 10, 2009.....	Fall meeting @ Phoenix Club in Anaheim.....	Aug 28, 2009
Dec 12, 2009.....	Winter Mtg / Christmas Party, Monte Vista Grove, Pasadena.....	Oct 30, 2009

Mark your calendar now for the entire year !



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

BETTER WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH: Your Southern Chapter Board is earnestly seeking to improve communication between and among members, providing up-to-date information, and strengthening chapter relationships. This issue of the newsletter is the second one that will be emailed to everyone except those how have no email address on file or prefer to receive it first class. The financial saving to the chapter is enormous over all the other processes studied by the Board. For those who received this by regular mail and would wish to receive it by email, ESPECIALLY NEW GRHS MEMBERS, please send your email address to Herb and Carol Epp, prient@cox.net At the more personal level, Al Hart has fine tuned our Telephone Tree and the intent is for every member to receive a phone call prior to each meeting. This is not only a reminder, but a way to catch up with what's happening in member's lives, as well as changes in addresses, phone numbers, etc. Thirdly, the Board seeks to provide meetings that are helpful and meaningful. Any suggestions for programs get them to Dave Horn bdhorn@hotmail.com See you at the Christmas Party which is going to be fantastic and quite wonderful!

Your President,

Dr. Ray Heer



Miller named 2008 North Dakota Librarian of the Year

The North Dakota Library Association has named Michael M. Miller, director and bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the NDSU Libraries, the 2008 Librarian of the Year. Miller has been a librarian at NDSU since 1967 and has been an active member of the North Dakota Library Association for 42 years. In 1978, he proposed the development of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection. Building upon his own heritage, he has dedicated his professional career to the preservation of the written, physical and oral history of this major immigrant group in North Dakota.

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, which contains materials in English, German, Russian and French, is now one of the most comprehensive scholarly resources on this cultural group.

In 2005, Miller partnered with history faculty to launch the Dakota Memories Oral History Project. Through interviews with more than 150 individuals, the oral record of the Germans from Russia is being preserved. Miller also has partnered with public broadcasting to reach a larger audience through video and audio. He has effectively used digital technologies to preserve records and make them accessible throughout the world.

In a letter of nomination, Kathryn Thomas, NDSU documents librarian, wrote, "I believe Michael Miller is highly deserving of the 2008 Librarian of the Year Award. Due to his efforts, the heritage of the Germans from Russia in North Dakota and beyond is being preserved and recognized. This is a legacy he will leave for future generations of North Dakotans, for without Michael's vision, the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection would not exist. Michael is known worldwide as an invaluable resource on German-Russian history and heritage. Those of us fortunate to know him personally can testify to his dedication and passion, and to his kindness and generosity."

A reception to recognize Miller for the award is set for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, Library 114. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Acacia Stuckle at acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu



OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME NATIONAL OFFICERS

The California District Council newsletter has drawn our attention to the opportunities to serve as officers of the National AHSGR Board and Foundation. California is allowed five slots, and for the first time in recent history there are not enough candidates. For information of the joys and challenges of such positions contact Al Hart (who is an officer) 714-847-6481 or Margaret Freeman 310-540-1872.



BOOK REVIEWS

Margaret Freeman found these to be good reads !!

If you are interested in a biography of **Catherine the Great**, consider ordering Catherine, by Sigrid Weidenweber, available from the Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University. It is volume I of a trilogy. The second volume, The Volga Germans, is scheduled for release December 1,2008, and the third volume, From Gulag to Freedom, is scheduled for release on April 1 , 2009. All three can be had for \$80 from Concordia University, 22811 NE Holman St. Portland, OR 97211. If you wish to order with a credit card, call 503-280-8505.

The following were reviewed by Connie Meyer.

Attention, all you Volga persons! There is a good collection of materials available which can help you with your family history research. One book I personally reviewed this month is "**German Migration to the Russian Volga (1764-1767), Origins and Destinations.**"

This reference book, compiled by Brent Alan Mai and Dona Reeves-Marquardt, was published by AHSGR in 2003. The contents include many family names which will be familiar to all who look through the alphabetized index, but the real volume of material has been taken from several German church records, including marriages and baptisms. Background information is also included, as well as a Gazetteer Bibliography.

Warning to our Black Sea folks! This is where my ancestors were located, and for the first time since our Chapter was organized in 1975, I've found an ancestor among the Volga folks!?! In other words, we may be different, but we're all alike!

While browsing through some books, my eye was caught by a benign-looking paperback which I thought would be quickly read and just for pleasure. "**Her Golden Door,**" a novel of the Volga Germans who followed their dreams to America, was written by Calvin E. Nuss and published by Volga Press in 1985. If you would like to learn more about the life of a young man living in Russia at the end of the 19th century and his decision to leave his Volga German home to look for a better life in the United States, this is a comfortable, pleasant book to read. During his last days with his family, some of the German traditions are described, followed by a few harrowing experiences as he fled across Russia to St. Petersburg. A shipboard romance livens up the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and offers interesting experiences for the train travel from New York City to Nebraska. You'll be eager to find out how life in this new country transpires for him.

Join the hero, Karl Mueller, in his heartfelt decision to alter the course of his life. Perhaps you can relate his experiences with those of your own ancestors!



DEDUCTIONS

When you contemplate your annual or lifetime charitable giving hopefully the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is one that comes to mind. We are a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization. There are a number of ways that you can donate, i.e. you can give at the chapter level; to the Society for many uses and to the Foundation for the endowment fund. Your contributions are tax deductible and the IRS code numbers for your tax deduction are listed below.

- The IRS codes for your tax preparer:
- Donations to California chapters: 68-0473752
- Donations to the Society : 23-7062269
- Donations to the Foundation : 84-6116103

Call Al Hart with any questions 1(714) 847-6481
All of your contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged.



ABOVE AND BEYOND!

This campaign is designed to reward AHSGR members (individuals) and chapters who recruit new members for AHSGR or purchase gift memberships. The campaign began August 2,2008 and ends May 15,2009. Cash prizes will be awarded at the 2009 Medicine Hat, AB Canada Convention to be held June 15 - 21. Additional prizes for AHSGR Chapters will continue this year. Pick up an application at the convention or on-line at <http://www.ahsgr.org>

- \$100 to the AHSGR member AND \$200 to the Chapter recruiting the highest number of new members.
- \$75 to the AHSGR member AND \$150 to the Chapter recruiting the 2nd highest number of new members.
- \$50 to the AHSGR member AND \$100 to the Chapter recruiting the 3rd highest number of new members.

In addition, all new members who join during the campaign (either recruited by an AHSGR member or not) will have their name placed "in the hat" for a drawing. Three (3) \$25 cash prizes will be awarded.

As the old adage says in ten, two letter words:
IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!

**WITH YOUR HELP, WE WILL MOVE OUR MEMBERSHIP "ABOVE AND BEYOND"
ASSURE THE FUTURE OF AHSGR!**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To those of you getting a complimentary newsletter and still trying to decide if you want to become a member, this is your last newsletter, give it a try, keep the newsletter coming. Society membership gives you access to genealogical information at AHSGR Headquarters in Lincoln, NE, some of which is available to members on the internet at www.ahsgr.org.

Southern California Chapter full membership brings you great newsletters and meetings each year with informative programs and socializing aimed at helping you in your relative search. You also get reports each year from the California District Council of AHSGR on statewide issues and regular communications from Lincoln, Nebraska headquarters about national and international activities.



RENEW YOUR GR MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2009

If you are serious about your search for ancestors then membership in Germans from Russia, Southern California Chapter is one of the best bargains available. The cost for the year is shown below. If you would like to become a Society Life Member, contact your local chapter leaders for detailed information.

YEARLY DUES (for individual, family or institution)	<u>Local Chap.</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>Total</u>
Southern California Chapter local membership only	\$11	\$0	\$11
AHSGR (Lincoln, NE)			
Adult yearly full memberships (society and So. Calif. Chapter)	\$11	\$50	\$61
Youth (14 years and under)	\$11	\$ 8	\$19
Student (age 15 to 24 years)	\$11	\$15	\$26
Contributing (to society)	\$11	\$75	\$86
Sustaining (to society)	\$11	\$100	\$111
Society new Life membership (age 26 to 40 Years)	\$11	\$1,050 (once)	\$1,061
Society new Life membership (age 41 to 55 Years)	\$11	\$900 (once)	\$911
Society new Life membership (age 56 Years & over)	\$11	\$750 (once)	\$761
GRHS (Bismark, ND)			
Yearly full memberships (society and So. Calif. Chapter)	\$11	\$40	\$51
Society new Life membership	\$11	\$650 (once)	\$661
Society new Life membership (pay over 5 years)	\$11	\$130 (per year)	\$141

Questions? Membership Chairman Carol Epp,....(310) 377-7042 ceppinpv@cox.net
 Chapter President Ray Heer(626) 356-0166 rcheer@charter.net

GR dues are due and payable before January 1 and become **delinquent on January 31**.

My check # _____ attached for \$_____ for Yearly, Life, Society, Chapter (circle all that apply)

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ E-Mail: _____

Spouse's Nam _____ Maiden Nm: _____

Do it now and get it done early.

AHSGR remit **both** international and chapter dues (one check) along with this page to our treasurer:

GRHS requires you send separate checks. One for society (GRHS) and one for the local chapter.

Send both checks to our treasurer who will forward your society check to Bismark.

Treasurer : Richard Sinner phone (951)769-9826
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Banning, CA 92250-5168

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