Dr. Ute Schmidt, Berlin, Germany, visited North Dakota, including a trip through Emmons County, in July.


From July 18-22, Schmidt attended the 42nd Germans from Russia Heritage Society International Convention at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. She was a keynote speaker, workshop presenter and autographed the book.

While in North Dakota, Schmidt visited the NDSU Libraries’ Germans from Russia Heritage Collection and the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection at NDSU on July 16. Schmidt and Ulrich Baehr, her husband and an artist in Berlin, traveled with Michael Miller on July 17 to visit German-Russian communities in south central North Dakota. Miller, a Strasburg native, is Director & Bibliographer of the GRHC.

The North Star Chapter affiliated with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and the Germans from Russia Heritage Society hosted a special event in Dr. Schmidt’s honor on July 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomington, Minn.

Dr. Schmidt is a university lecturer at the Institute for Political and Social Sciences at the Free University of Berlin and is project manager at the Institute’s research coalition. She has made many research trips to visit the former Bessarabian German villages today in Ukraine and Moldova.

The webpage for the book is at library.ndsu.edu/grhc/order/general/bessarabia.html.