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Germans from Russia Heritage Collection North Dakota State University Libraries, Fargo



I am pleased to announce the Dakota Memories Heritage Tour for September 18-20. Experience the rich history of North Dakota and take a three-day trip through some of the state's most treasured sites. The tour will focus on fading German-Russian sites in south-central North Dakota as well as the importance of heritage tourism. Locations include: the Lehr Tabernacle: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and Cemetery near Zeeland; the Ludwig and Christina Schwahn Welk Homestead, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. and the Schwab Sod House, Strasburg. Other tour stops include the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center at Streeter, Wishek, Hague, and a fall church supper at Linton. Sponsors of the tour are: NDSU Extension Service Center for Community Vitality, NDSU Libraries, NDSU Center for Heritage Renewal, Prairie Public and the GRHC. If you are interesting in joining the tour, contact: Acacia Stuckle at 701-231-6596 or Acacia. Stuckle@ndsu.edu. The webpage is: www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories.

The Dakota Memories Oral History Project is hosting two workshops in May 2009. Acacia (Jonas) Stuckle, Outreach Coordinator, and Jessica Clark, Project Coordinator will be conducting the oral history workshops in Napoleon, ND on May 16 at the Downtowner and Richardton, ND on May 30 at the Sacred Heart Monastery. The workshops are free and open to the public. Check out the May column for more information!

The GRHC has added two new titles to the many cookbooks available. Family Recipes from German Tradition compiled by LeRoy Boesflug shares with his sister, Rose Marie, her many German recipes preparing them for easy to understand for other to help in preserving the tradition of ethnic cooking. Recipes include Schupp Noodla, Rame Noodles, Kase Knoephla, Borscht Soup, Griesz Knadel, Pickled Watermelon and many others. The Sausage and Other Meat Preparations section include country-style pork sausage, summer sausage, liver sausage, bologna and knockwurst. The Boesflug family grew up at Dickinson and Beulah.

Treasured Recipes of Senior Suites at Sakakawea is published by the Senior Suites Basic Care Facility at Hazen. This cookbook contains recipes from the residents and staff including: baked Knefla, baked Knoeplfa, filling

for Kuchen, Fleishkuechle, German oatmeal cake, German strudel, lazy cheese buttons, Kuchen, Kuklea, Plagenda, potato Knoephla and Schlitz. According to the November 20, 2008 issue of the Hazen Star, "Erma Voegele, 85, contributed a number of recipes including a recipe for Knoephla, bake rice, 'and there's probably a strudel recipe in there,' she said. 'I shared those recipes I used to make all the time - the one my kids liked,' Erma said. 'They're the real old ones.' Erma remembered baking a lot, making caramel rolls and cookies. Baking was her foremost love in the kitchen, she said. 'It must have been ok' 'My family always ate it,' Erma said, smiling."

For further information about the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, the Dakota Memories Oral History Project, Journey to the Homeland Tours and donations to the GRHC (such as family histories), contact Michael M. Miller, The Libraries, NDSU Dept. #2080, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050 (Telephone: 701-231-8416; Email: Michael.Miller@ndsu.edu; the GRHC website: www.ndsu.edu/grhc).

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