



Lincoln Chapter
The American Historical Society of Germans From Russia
NEWSLETTER

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**Mark your
calendars and
plan on
attending
both these
fun events.
First a picnic,
then we'll
join Harold
Bauer's
90th
Birthday
Party in
progress.
Plan on being
there for
these
special
occasions!**

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PICNIC!

Sunday, June 7, 1998

1:00 p.m.

First German Congregational Church
100 West F Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

*Bring your favorite salad or casserole to share!
Remember your place setting(s)!*

*The family of
Harold "Cal" Bauer
cordially invite you to join us in honor
of his*

90th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, June 7, 1998

1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

*American Historical Society of
Germans From Russia*

631 D Street

Lincoln, Nebraska

*An open house is planned at the society for this
very special day. A light luncheon will be served.
Your presence will be your gift.*

Hugh Dobler, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year



On April 19, 1998, Hugh Dobler received the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Hugh and his wife, Frieda, have been members of AHSGR since 1974, and became life members of the organization in 1980. Hugh has been an AHSGR volunteer since 1974, giving tours and helping with mailing to the membership. Most importantly, Hugh has microfilmed dozens of out-of-print United States, German, and Russian magazines and publications, and has indexed and microfilmed over 300,000 obituaries. Through his dedication to AHSGR, and by completing the microfilming projects, Hugh has donated thousands of volunteer hours, which as we all know, results in a savings of thousands of dollars to any organization, if we would have to hire someone to complete these tasks.

In case you don't think Hugh is busy enough at AHSGR, he is also a docent at Fairview (William Jennings Bryan's home), was just elected vice president of Golden K. Kiwanis, is the current secretary of the WSI, is a member of the Winemakers Club, and has served on all the elected offices for the local AHSGR Lincoln Chapter.

Before Hugh retired in 1988, he owned ServiceMaster on the local and state level for 29 years. He was also the state distributor for ServiceMaster, except for the first five years of his franchise.

In 1996, after many years of extensive research, Hugh published the family history of the Doblens starting with the early 1500s.

It is difficult to condense Hugh's volunteer career into three or four minutes. Hugh's dedication in serving AHSGR is second to none, as he participates in AHSGR's mission to preserve its culture by reuniting families through the history of their descendants. He is an example of the dedication, commitment, honesty, hard work, and a love of being a German from Russia. AHSGR would not exist today and into the future if it were not through the devotion, and the many

hours of volunteering as demonstrated by our corp of volunteers. Hugh is a shining example of the type of volunteers we have at AHSGR.

Hugh and I would like to thank the United Way Volunteer Connection for this honor.

On behalf of AHSGR, thank you, Hugh, for volunteering for the past 24 years.

We look forward to another 24!

—Kathy Schultz
Executive Director

“Quilts from the Heartland”

Mennonite quilts from the International Quilt Study Center's James Collection are on exhibit through July 30 in the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery. “*Sunshine and Shadow: 19th Century Mennonite Quilts*” features 14 quilts, the majority made in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Examples of turn-of-the-century Mennonite women's dress, as well as a selection of period photographs from *Mennonite Women of Lancaster County: A Story in Photographs from 1855-1935* by Joanne Siegrist (a tenth generation Pennsylvania Mennonite) provide additional incites into Mennonite life.

Less often exhibited than Amish quilts, this exhibit provides an opportunity to view the finest examples of Mennonite quilts from the James Collection. Of the 950 quilts in the Center's James Collection, 160 are attributed to Amish and Mennonite quiltmakers.

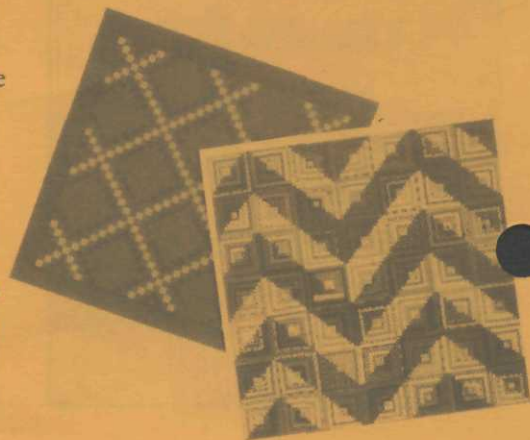
As might be expected of quilts made within a strict religious society, some gave Biblical references including a *Joseph's Coat of Many Colors* quilt and one in the beloved *Bethlehem Star* pattern. A sampler quilt with 49 different blocks offers a compendium of pattern blocks from the era. Also included is a quilt in the *Sunshine and Shadow* pattern which inspired the title of the

exhibit.

The International Quilt Study Center sponsored the exhibit and the Nebraska Humanities Council provided funding. The International Quilt Study Center was formed last year in response to Ardis and Robert James' donation of 950 quilts and a \$1 million pledge to support the Center.

The exhibition research, design and text development were conducted by Michelle Harm, a curatorial intern and graduate student in UNL's Museum Studies Program, in consultation with Dr. Patricia Crews, Professor of Textiles, Clothing and Design and Director of the Quilt Study Center.

The gallery, located on East Campus on the second floor of the Home Economics Building, is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at no charge.



Kraut and Brei Supper a Huge Success!

On May 9, the Lincoln Chapter American Historical Society of Germans from Russia served 247 people a wonderful supper.

Special thanks to Larry Schenkel and his group of volunteers for preparing such a delicious feast!

More special thanks to LeRoy Butherus for donating radio advertising.



Coming Events

Sunday, June 7, 1998 – 1:00 p.m.
Lincoln Chapter Picnic/Potluck
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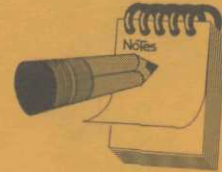
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AHSGR Headquarters – 631 D Street

June 14-21, 1998
AHSGR
Twenty-Ninth International Convention
Wichita, Kansas

August 21-22, 1998
Lincoln Chapter AHSGR Garage Sale
Start saving your discards. We will be happy to pick up large items and store them. Call Larry Schenkel, 489-3213; Dale Dinges, 488-5154; or John Stuert, 421-7416. For smaller items, contact Norma Somerheiser, 476-8976.
"Your Trash is Somebody's Treasure"

Lincoln Chapter AHSGR

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Take Note!

Second Tuesday of the Month
LLCGS-7:00 p.m.
Third Saturday of the Month
PAF-LUG-7:00 p.m.

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