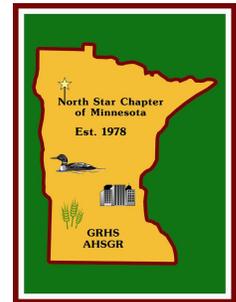


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“It’s All Earth and Sky” : Documentary

Saturday, January 22, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield MN

The latest documentary from Prairie Public Television’s series on the influence of Germans from Russia premiered to rave reviews at the 2010 GRHS National Convention. It has been shown on several public TV stations, and now we have a chance to view it for ourselves.

The film highlights five people of German-Russian descent (including Al Neuharth, founder of *USA Today* and featured speaker at the 2010 GRHS convention; Debra Marquardt, writer, musician, professor, and North Star Chapter speaker; and Brian Schweitzer, governor of Montana) who have attained success. They share their views on the process of becoming American.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and all of you can attend our first meeting of 2011 to see this fascinating documentary.

The Murdered Family: A Novel Based On A True Story

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Berea Lutheran Church, 7538 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield MN

North Dakota native Vernon Keel will read from his book, *The Murdered Family*, published in 2010 for the 90th anniversary of the murders of the seven members of the Jacob Wolf family of Turtle Lake, McLean County, North Dakota.

Dr. Keel will also discuss the ethnic aspects of this story, relating to the German-Russian origins of the murdered family and the accused murderer, and also how ethnicity affected perceptions of guilt and innocence among members of the community, many of which were revealed to the author after the book was published.

This terrible tragedy of the mass murder of a family, followed by a hasty investigation and a confession, had several sub-plots, and Dr. Keel's presentation will include time for questions.

President's Message

By Lil Ward

As 2010 comes to a close and we reflect on the past year, I feel very lucky to be associated with such a wonderful group of people. Because our ancestors had the fortitude to leave Germany then Russia to come to America, we have the opportunity and freedom to belong to a chapter like the North Star Chapter, which is very special. I hope you all know I appreciate each one of you.

Weihnachtsfest 2010 was one of the most fun I have attended. We had guests, children, Santa Claus, accordion music, singing, and wonderful food. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

In November we had election of officers and have a full Board of Directors for the next year. I want to thank Ray Reinhardt for his two terms as secretary. He stepped in when we needed him and he got the job done. Chuck Kurle accepted and was voted in as the new secretary.

Eloise Kelle was the 1st VP/Program Chair and I thank her for all the help she gave us in setting up the programs. She and Allan are always there to help and I appreciate it. Carol Just and Nancy Gertner will co-chair the position and they are already off and running with programs lined up for the coming months.

Ardella Bennett will continue as Membership Chair, Ron Scherbenski will continue as Treasurer and I will continue as President for another year. So, since we have a full roster of a Board of Directors we need you, the membership, to support us at attendance at the meetings. Thanks to everyone – you are all needed!

Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year. Keep warm and I look forward to seeing you in 2011.

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Member News

Welcome to new members Jennie and Jim Rodlund, Stillwater, and Karen and Rich Biernat, McGregor.

Sue Groh, Pete Kleingartner, Bernadine Kuhn, Roger Kuhn, Cindy Miller

February: Bernie Becker, Marlene Schonebaum, Sandi Zimmerman

March: Glorian Anderson, Gordon Herrboldt, Vicky Kurle, Ken Larson, Marlene Walth

Happy Birthday

January: Ron Anderson, John Groh, Sara

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Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____
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Please note that a membership directory might be provided to North Star Chapter members that would include your name, address, phone, and email. If the chapter chooses to publish a membership directory:

_____ I **agree** to have my name, address, phone and email in the published directory.
_____ Please **exclude** my information from the published directory.

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For newsletter greeting only: Birthday Month(s) _____ Wedding Anniversary Month _____