

THE 2012 ANNUAL AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST

Adult Division

First Place Award - \$100.00

Second Place Award - \$75.00

Third Place Award - \$50.00

(Awards for ties will be prorated)

"Honorable Mentions" are also possible

Youth Division (14 years old or younger)

First Place Award - \$50.00

Second Place Award - \$30.00

Third Place Award - \$20.00

(An AHSGR Youth Membership will be included with each of the above awards)

"Honorable Mentions" are also possible.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2012 AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST

This completed form must accompany your story!

I hereby give my permission to allow the inclusion of the following personal story of mine in the Storytelling Contest of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia:

___ I certify that this story has not previously been published in any form, or in any publication.

___ I certify that I currently control all the copyrights to the story.

___ I hereby grant AHSGR the rights to publish my Story and Photos for AHSGR use.

My signature: _____ Date: _____

Title of my Story: _____

I am currently an AHSGR member: ___ Yes ___ No

I plan to be at the AHSGR Convention in Portland, OR in June 2012 ___ Yes ___ No

FULL NAME: (please PRINT clearly) _____

ADDRESS: (Street & Apt. Number) _____

CITY & STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ AREA CODE & PHONE NUMBER _____

AGE (if 14 years old or younger) ___ BIRTHDATE (if 14 years old or younger) _____

E-MAIL Address (please PRINT clearly): _____

Please send this completed entry form, along with 5 printed copies of your story, a copy on a CD or Flash Drive (if possible), any pictures that enhance the story, a short biography and a picture of yourself, to:

**Mabel Kiessling
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CANADA**

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2012

If you are interested in entering AHSGR's Storytelling Contest, here is what we're looking for. . . .
A good, interesting, UNPUBLISHED story that pertains to the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of the Germans from Russia. Examples:

- Memories of village life in the Old Country (festivals, foodways, visits by Gypsies)
- Stories about immigration to the New World (the great voyage, Ellis Island, early hardships)
- "Believe it or not" stories, ghost stories, humorous stories, inspiring stories, etc.

AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST RULES:

- 1) Each entry must follow the following rules or it will be disqualified:
 - Typewritten, double-spaced, and in clear, dark print on 8½ x 11 inch white paper with one (1) inch margins in standard 12 point font/type.
 - If using a computer, submit a Word Perfect, MS-Word, or RTF document. Do not submit PDF documents.
 - No story can be longer than five (5) typewritten pages.
 - Contestants may submit as many stories as they wish, but each entry must be separate and accompanied by a separate and completed entry form.
 - Send five (5) printed copies of each story.
 - Send CD or Flash Drive (if possible) which includes: 1) your story, 2) any pictures that enhance the story, 3) a short biography of yourself as author, and 4) a picture of yourself.
 - Photos should be 300 dpi and unedited, and **MUST** be submitted as an electronic JPG file.
 - If original photos are not available in JPG format it is the **AUTHOR'S** responsibility to have the photos scanned into a JP file, and assure that a good quality photos can be reproduced/printed from the JPG file.
 - Do not send **physical originals** of photos, as they will not be returned.
- You will be notified via e-mail upon receipt of your packet.
- 2) The name of the author/submitter should **NOT** appear on the story itself. Complete the form on reverse page and attach to your entry with a paper clip. Upon receipt, each story will be assigned a reference number (to assure fair and impartial judging).
- 3) Entrants who are 14 years old or younger must indicate their current age and their full birthdate (month/day/year). These individuals will be entered in the "Youth Division." All entrants 15 years old or older will be judged in the "Adult Division."
- 4) The title of the story should appear on the first page of each entry.
- 5) Each story must deal with some aspect of the Germans from Russia. To help put your story in context, you might want to begin with something like – *"This story is based on an actual incident that took place about 1890, in the Volga village of Straub. The story was often told by my grandfather who was born in Straub in 1875 and who immigrated to the United States in 1907."*
- 6) If submitting a story in dialect German or Standard German, a full translation (in English) must be included. Both versions must still be within the 5-page limit.
- 7) Each entry must represent the story of/by the entrant.
- 8) Submitted copies of the story, photographs and other material will not be returned.
- 9) All stories will be evaluated by a sub-committee of 3-4 AHSGR members. Entries will be evaluated using a score sheet and the final results will be announced at the upcoming AHSGR Convention. Three prizewinners and one or more "Honorable Mention" winners are possible in both the Adult and the Youth Divisions.

All entries must be received by MARCH 1, 2012

Entries received after that date cannot be considered