



FALL ALL-DAY SEMINAR AND GERMAN DINNER

**SEMINAR: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday, 23 October 2010 at the HOLIDAY INN – LAKEWOOD
7390 W. Hampden - (S. E. Corner of Wadsworth and W. Hampden)**

SPEAKER: Shirley Riemer, author of *The German Research Companion* and publisher of "Der Blumenbaum". See back of page for more details about her.

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Check-in and Registration.**

Coffee, Tea, and an assortment of pastries are available.

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

9:05 a.m. **"The Forum"** Tim Ostwald answers a selection of questions previously submitted by members. Everyone is encouraged to join in sharing ideas, questions, and answers.

10:15 a.m. **Break and a Visit to the Book Table**

10:30 a.m. **The Search for Town Genealogies (followed by questions)**

Although we know them as Ortsippenbücher, Dorfsippenbücher, Ortsfamilienbücher, lineage books, and by a few other terms, we'll call them "Town Genealogies" – useful secondary sources. They trace the ancestral town/ village back in time, naming former residents, arranged by families. Because these resources are not available in just one or two convenient places, we need to learn how to find them. Even if your ancestral town has not yet created a town genealogy, there's still hope.

11:55 a.m. **Deli Lunch Buffet** – a selection of hot German salad, meats, cheeses, breads, and your favorite warm cobbler desserts.

1:05 p.m. **Time to Play Your 'Wild Cards'? (followed by questions)**

You've come to a dead end. It's hopeless, you sigh. Brick wall in front of brick wall. Maybe you need to venture out onto un-tread paths. Maybe you can dodge "the rules" for a spell. Let's get creative! Let's step beyond our own familiar back yards and explore some "outside the box" opportunities.

2:45 p.m. **Break, announcements, Book Table**

3:00 p.m. **Get Out of Town! (followed by questions)**

After a while we start thinking of our long-gone ancestors as paper dolls, with birth-marriage-death dates stamped on their foreheads. We can't envision them as having lived everyday lives in those strange faraway places, way back when. Maybe the time has come to snoop around that U.S. Settlement town, or even that German village. What discoveries! These can produce the memories of a lifetime!

4:15-4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER and ENTERTAINMENT

5:00-6:00 p.m. **No Host Hospitality Hour (All seminar attendees may join in the hospitality hour)**

6:00 p.m. **Dinner and Entertainment**

About Our Seminar Speaker...

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Shirley Riemer earned her Masters Degree in English from Carnegie-Mellon University. She taught high school English for ten years, then worked in communications for 22 years in Pennsylvania.

Following her retirement, her book, *The German Research Companion*, was published in 1997, followed by a second edition in 2000, now sold out. For the third edition, which appeared in April 2010, she added two additional authors: Dr. Roger P. Minert and Jennifer A. Anderson. In 2001 she co-authored with Dr. Roger P. Minert the book *Researching in Germany: A Handbook for Your Visit to the Homeland of Your Ancestors*.

For the last 18 years, she has published "Der Blumenbaum", the award-winning quarterly journal of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. For the last nine years she has also published the quarterly newsletter, "Mitteilungen", for the Sacramento Turnverein German-American Cultural Center – Library. In response to her never-ending awe of the history and culture of our ancestors, she ventured out onto her 41st visit to Germany in August this year.

As the editor of German-interest publications, Shirley has worked extensively with German family history researchers known nationally for their expertise in the field – so she can disseminate information helpful to descendants of German immigrants who are actively pursuing their German family history.

Overnight hotel rooms are available at a special rate of \$72.00 + tax. Make reservations directly with Holiday Inn. Ph: (303) 980-9200 and mention "Palatines to America".

REGISTRATION FORM

Seminar (Includes Deli Buffet)

Members @ \$35 _____

Non-members \$45 _____

Note: Add an extra \$5 if postmarked
after Saturday 16 October 2010

Total \$ Seminar _____

Optional German Dinner @ \$28

For Dinner, Please Choose One Item per Registration:

Sauerbraten (marinated beef) _____

Rouladen (beef roll) _____

Jägerschnitzel (veal) _____

Total \$ Dinner _____

Name(s) for nametag: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Special Dietary Instructions: _____

Please make checks payable to Colorado Palam (COPALAM). Mail with Registration Form and any question for Tim Ostwald to address in the Open Forum. Send to: Sandra Carter-Duff, Registrar, 723 South Gaylord Street, Denver, CO 80209-4629

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