

Romanian Genealogy Society

PRESENTATIONS HELD



Indicates other than regular meeting

(PowerPoints exist for most of these presentations; a few were recorded.)

Date	Topic	Presenter	Notes
November 19, 2011	Inaugural meeting: Early Romanian Immigrants to Twin Cities MN; Overview of MGS, HORA & RGS	Vicki Albu; partner groups	All meetings were in-person until 2020
February 2012	Starting Your Romanian Family History Research & Roundtable	Dorrene Hern & Vicki Albu	In-person
APRIL 27-28, 2012 E. EUROPEAN CONFERENCE sponsored by Minn Genealogical Society	(1) Researching Romanian Ancestors in the US.; (2) Romanian Holdings of the U of M's Immigr. History Research Center; (3) So You've Found Your Romanian Ancestral Village: Using Archives	(1) Vicki Albu & Dorrene Hern; (2) Daniel Necas with Univ of MN IHRC; (3) Raluca Octav & Bogdan Filipescu	In-person
May 2012	Advancing Your Family History Research; What You'll Find in 1940 Census	Vicki Albu & Dorrene Hern	In-person
August 2012	Preparing for Research: What You'll Find at MN Historical Society and Dakota County Historical Society	Dorrene Hern & Vicki Albu	In-person
November 16, 2012	Romanian Recipes and Cooking Traditions	Raluca Octav	Annual meeting; in-person

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February 2013	Requesting Records from the Romanian National Archives, Part I	Bogdan Filipescu & Vicki Albu	In-person
May 18, 2013	Requesting Records from the Romanian National Archives, Part II	Bogdan Filipescu & Vicki Albu	In-person
August 2013	Oral History Project Update; Conducting Oral History Interviews	Vicki Albu & Dorrene Hern	In-person
November 16, 2013	A Concentrated History of Transylvania	Bogdan Filipescu & Raluca Octav	Annual meeting & elections, in-person; we had a total of only 28 dues-paying members
February 2014	From Bukovina to the Canadian Prairie	Sharon Schulz	In-person
May 2014	The Miracle: My Search for Grandmother Ana Calugar	Linda Pedersen	In-person
September 2014	St. Mary's Church Festival in St. Paul; Premiere showing of "A Thousand Dollars and Back" in South St. Paul	(no RGS meeting)	In-person
November 2014	Sharing & Strategic Planning for 2015	Dorrene Hern & Jean Day	Annual meeting, in-person
February 2015	Using the Resources of MGS Research Center	John Schade, MGS	In-person
May 16, 2015	All About Romanian Names	Bogdan Filipescu & Raluca Octav	In-person
September 2015	Finding My Family in Valcani	Jean Day	In-person

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November 21, 2015	Romanian Travel Slideshow	Gina Popa, HORA	Annual meeting & elections, in-person
February 20, 2016	Back to the Basics: Researching Romanians in U.S. and Canada	Vicki Albu	In-person
March 15, 2016	Beginning to Research Romanian Ancestors	Vicki Albu	Live online repeat of Feb 20 meeting for remote members
May 21, 2016	Find a Grave: How to Use and RGS Project	Sharon Schulz	In-person
September 16, 2016	NO MEETING		RGS Board traveled to Romania
November 19, 2016	Experiencing Romania (Overview of Our Research Trip to Ancestral Villages in September 2016)	Vicki Albu, Dorrene Hern, Jean Day & Dawn Peterson	Annual meeting, in-person; 5-year anniversary cake served by Sharon Schulz
February 18, 2017	What's Your Story? Hands-on workshop	Dorrene Hern	In-person
February 19, 2017 CARPATHIAN CELEBRATION WITH HORA & OTHERS	Presentations: "A Thousand Dollars and Back" and "Travel to Romania"	Vicki Albu & ?	In-person
April 1, 2017 MGS SPRING GENEALOGY CONFERENCE	Romania: It's More Than Dracula	Vicki Albu & Jean Day	In-person
May 20, 2017	Organizing Your Genealogy	Sharon Schulz	In-person

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JUNE 22, 2017 PUBLIC PRESENTATION	Beginning Genealogy Research	Vicki Albu	SSP Public Library, in-person
JULY 16, 2017 Canton, Ohio	Tracing Romanian Roots and presentation of "A Thousand Dollars & Back"	Vicki Albu & Dorrene Hern with Jean Day	In-person
JUL 31 – AUG 1, 2017 2-DAY Conference	Genealogy of Ethnic Germans in Banat & Romanian Genealogy Research	Stasa Cvetkovic, Serbia	In-person
September 16, 2017	Fleshing Out the Stories in Our Family Trees; using timelines	Vicki Albu	In-person
November 18, 2017	Members' "Show & Tell" & Potluck	RGS	Annual meeting & elections, in-person; 1 st meeting at new Mendota Heights location
February 17, 2018	Finding Naturalization Records	Cathi Weber	In-person
APRIL 22, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING	Who Is in That Photo? Photo Sharing, Scanning & Identification	RGS	In-person
May 19, 2018	How Historical Name Changes Impact Romanian Genealogy Research	Bogdan Filipescu	In-person
August 25, 2018	Discover & Document Memories Using Lyfmap, a free website	Larry Bieza	In-person
November 17, 2018	Romania's Great Union Day Centennial	Gabriel Petre	Annual meeting, in-person

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FEBRUARY 9, 2019 MGS MINI- CONFERENCE	Destination Canada: Why & How Immigrants Came to Canada	Romanian presentation by Vicki Albu for RGS	Webinar and in-person; In partnership with Canadian, Norwegian & Irish societies; recording available
February 21, 2019	Research Basics & Beyond: hands-on use of FamilySearch and Find a Grave, etc.	Jean Day & Dorrene Hern	In-person
MARCH 3, 2019 URBAN EXPEDITION: ROMANIA AT ST PAUL LANDMARK CENTER	Immigrant Experience Display; children and adults received “passports” to visit various booths	Exhibit created by Jean Day	Map, suitcase, artifacts & character bookmarks from immigrants in “A Thousand Dollars & Back”
May 18, 2019	Research Basics & Beyond: hand-on use of FamilySearch and Find a Grave, etc. (Part II)	Jean Day & Dorrene Hern	In-person
September 21, 2019	Travel and Research in Romania	Vicki Albu	In-person
SEPT 14-15, 2019 DETROIT ROMANIAN FESTIVAL	Detroit members hosted a display table for RGS	Maria Sauchuk, Janet Damian, Patty Yegerlener	In-person
November 16, 2019	Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor	Dorrene Hern	Annual meeting & elections
February 15, 2020	Tracking Migrating Ancestors: Finding German Ancestors Who Migrated to the U.S. from Romania	Kate Swanson, RGS member (our last in- person speaker before COVID-19)	Dorrene went to Detroit so distant members could participate online
May 2020	CANCELLED		Meeting canceled due to COVID.

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September 19, 2020	Uncover What's Been Hidden: Oak Hill Cemetery Project	Lauri Flatley, South St. Paul activist (veteran gravesites clean-up)	Online only
November 21, 2020	Annual Meeting and "Romanian Holiday Customs, Traditions & Superstitions"	Raluca Octav & Bogdan Filipescu	Annual meeting; Online only
February 2021	It's Complicated: Historical Migrations of Ethnic Groups Within Areas of Present-Day Romania	Bogdan Filipescu	Online only
MARCH 2021 Int'l Speaker Series	ABCs of Travel to Romania: Focus on the Area of Banat	Alexandra Irimia, Romania	Online only
APRIL 2021 Int'l Speaker Series	Research or Bust: Essential Romanian Records Search	Alexandra Irimia, Romania	Online only
May 15, 2021	Romanian "Brick Wall" Research How-To using member-submitted questions and examples	Vicki Albu	Online only
July 23-24, 2021	CANCELLED	Alexandra Irimia	Proposed 2-day in-person seminar canceled due to COVID; webinars were held instead
AUGUST 14, 2021 Int'l Speaker Series	It's All Relative: Challenges of Romanian Research	Dr. Andrei Popescu, Romania	Online only

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Sept. 18, 2021	Member forum, followed by Romanian Contributions to the Minnesota Landscape	HORA & RGS (pre-recorded for MN Judicial Branch)	Online only
November 20, 2021	RGS, Celebrating 10 Years Annual Meeting & Elections; Voting on Status of RGS	Dorrene Hern	Annual meeting & elections; Online only
February 26, 2022	Meet Your New RGS Board Members and Gain New Learning Connections	Angie Knutson Bogdan Filipescu Darlene Dimitrie	Online only
May 21, 2022	Digging for our Roots: 3 Tools for Your Research 1950 Census Release LyfMap YouTube: Only Roads	Angie Knutson Bogdan Filipescu Darlene Dimitrie Vicki Albu Jean Day Dorrene Hern	SCGS Jamboree 2022 Free Registration Draw Online only
September 17, 2022	Using Gazetteers for Genealogy Despre ce cuvânt vorbim astăzi?	Angie Knutson Darlene Dimitrie Bogdan Filipescu	Despre ce cuvânt vorbim astăzi? will be a repeating feature Seeking interest in Family Tree Maker webinar and an RGS Cookbook Online only