



Russian Heritage

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September 20 Meeting To Present Student Projects and Russian Groups in the Tampa Bay Area

Our first meeting in September will offer an opportunity for members and friends of Russian Heritage to learn more about Russian interests and activities in the Tampa Bay Area. First on our program will be presentations by students and faculty at USF describing their programs, including a report on USF students who studied in Moscow this summer. The second part of the program will be short reports from groups who have close connections to Russian culture.

We will learn more about Russian schools in the area, the Russian American Club, the Russian Speaking Women of Russia, Russian delis and cafes, and other enterprises. Those attending this meeting will receive a short brochure about these organizations and a brief history of the first 20 years of Russian Heritage, free of charge.

The meeting will be held at the Triton Room at Eckerd College. This is in the other half of the building where we had our spring meeting at Eckerd College. Come to the main entrance to Eckerd College at 4200 54th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, and you will receive a map to the Triton Room. Come at 5:00 pm, with a pizza supper at 5:30, followed by our program at 6:00 pm. The cost of the supper and program is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and children.

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Other Upcoming Events: (SAVE THE DATES!)

Professor Parsons speaking on Pushkin and Putin at Eckerd College on September 28. See page 2.

Mary Stenov will speak on the Women of Arabia at the Russian American Club at 3 pm, on Saturday, October 3. *Come at 1:00 pm if you are interested in preparing for a Russian Chorus to perform at SPIFFS Folk Fair in late October. Galina Popova will again be organizing this group for the Folk Fair.

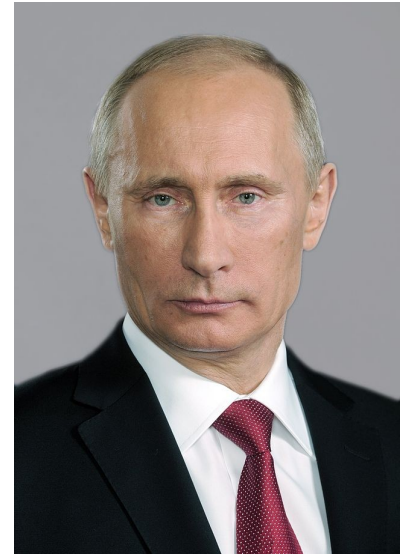
The SPIFFS Annual Folk Fair: October 29—November 1, 2015.

Our Twentieth Annual “Old Russian New Year’s Celebration”: January 16, 2016. Ticket prices and menu selections will be announced in the October Newsletter.

IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE POETRY EVENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 30 HAD TO BE POSTPONED. IT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Interesting articles on page 3. Bobby Fisher, and one more article on Peter Demens & the 2 St. Petersburgs, with a mention of Russian Heritage..... **AND VISIT US ON FACEBOOK!!!! AND LIKE US!!!!**

PROFESSOR PARSONS, ALEXANDER PUSHKIN, VLADIMIR PUTIN (What do they have in common? Find out on September 28, 2015)



Title: Understanding the Russians: Pushkin or Putin?

When: 7:00 PM on Monday, September 28, 2015

Where: Miller Auditorium at Eckerd College.

Professor Parsons will present reflections on his 50 years in the field of Russian Studies, with a look at two Russians that are important to understanding contemporary Russian history. Warning: Professor Parsons prefers Pushkin. Learn where Pushkin stands on the list of most influential Russians...

This lecture is a part of the college program series at Eckerd College and is the first in a series of lectures by the Parsons Endowment Fund for History and Literature. The lecture is free and open to all.

THE HISTORIC POSTCARD PROJECT: THE TWO ST. PETERSBURGS

In the summer newsletter, the Two St. Petersburgs Postcard Project was announced. Here is an update.

Over the years Russian Heritage has supported many efforts to bring attention to relations between St. Petersburg, Florida and St. Petersburg, Russia. The “Historic Postcard Project” is a recent example of this effort, now being organized by Professor Bill Parsons.

At present the collection numbers about 35 postcards from Sankt Peterburg and Petrograd, and more than 100 from Leningrad. Post 1991 cards number about 50. For St. Petersburg, Florida there are more than 180 cards. If you have historic postcards that you would be willing to donate (or sell) to this project, please contact Professor Parsons on line: parsonwh@eckerd.edu; or by phone (727-867-9148). If you wish to sell your cards, offers of \$1, \$3, or \$5 will be made, with higher amounts for truly unique ones.

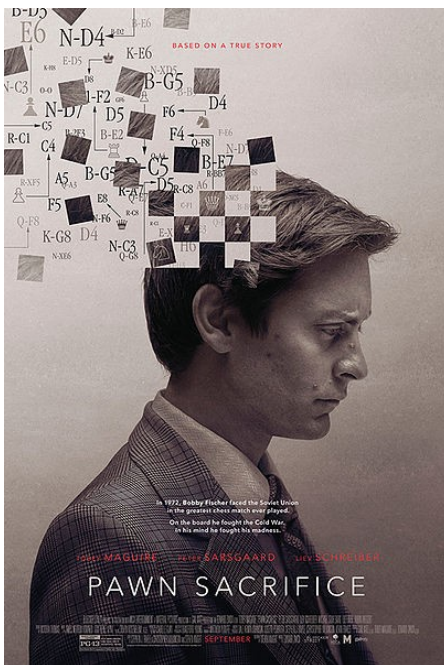
Perhaps the best reason to consider making your cards available now is that they will become part of a permanent archive of materials devoted to “Peter Demens and the Two St. Petersburgs”, and you will be given credit as the donor. We will plan an exhibit of these materials early next year. If you know people who might be interested in this project, please share this information with them.

Под пальмами Санкт-Петербурга*

Знаете ли вы, что у знаменитого города на Неве есть младший брат, вернее, тезка, на другом конце света, в американском штате Флорида? Когда и как появился он на карте США и что представляет собой сегодня?

Американцы любят громкие названия. Путешествуя где-нибудь в местной глубинке, поражаешься наименованиям населенных пунктов. Кажется, здесь присутствует весь набор имен крупных городов Европы. Амстердамы и Парижи, Вены и Стокгольмы так и мелькают, отражая ностальгические чувства американских переселенцев прошлых веков. Большинство этих поселков насчитывают от пары сотен до нескольких тысяч жителей, и ни сами они, ни те, кто их когда-то так нарек, зачастую неведомы никому, кроме ближайших соседей.

Впрочем, из правила есть исключения. Одно из таковых — город Санкт-Петербург в центральной части Флориды. Основанному в 1888 году, ему суждено было расти и развиваться, превращаясь в один из красивейших и популярнейших курортов США с населением, недавно достигшим четверти миллиона. Приятно сознавать, что в данном случае слова: «Здесь будет город заложен» (ну, или очень похожие) произнес при его основании наш соотечественник — Петр Алексеевич Дементьев. Кем же был этот удачливый тезка великого царя, какими судьбами попал он в далекую жаркую Флориду? * * * * This is an excerpt from an article by Irina McCay found in “Gazeta Kultura”. For the complete text (with photographs) go to the following link: <http://portal-kultura.ru/svoy/articles/russkaya-amerika/114685-pod-palmami-sankt-peterburga/> . If you would like to see a translation, send a request to our email account: russianheritageflorida@gmail.com.



BOBBY FISHER AND THE “COLD WAR”

“This game... it’s a rabbit hole.” Those are the opening words of the first official trailer for the new movie *Pawn Sacrifice*, which opens in American cinemas on September 18th this year. The film, starring Tobey Maguire as Bobby Fischer and Liev Schreiber as Boris Spassky, charts Fischer’s rise and fall against the backdrop of the famous 1972 World Chess Championship match in Iceland.

It’s been a long road – in 2009 Steven Knight’s *Pawn Sacrifice* script made a Hollywood list of the best unproduced screenplays, in 2010 David Fincher (*Seven*, *Fight Club*, *The Social Network*) was announced as the director, in 2013 filming actually took place with Edward Zwick taking over, in 2014 it was shown at the Toronto Film Festival and now finally a trailer has been released ahead of its September premiere. Google film title for trailer.