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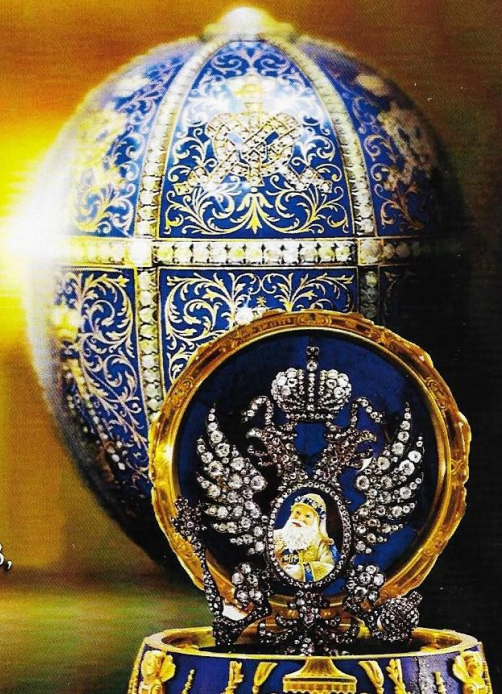
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RUSSIAN HERITAGE
INVITES YOU TO THE
20TH ANNIVERSARY

OLD RUSSIAN
NEW YEAR'S GALA

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 16TH, 2016
ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB,
FLORIDA



*For further information on how to reserve your tickets for this amazing event,
see page 3.*

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



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Russian Heritage participated in the 41st annual SPIFFS Folk Fair, greeting thousands of students and adults, sharing Russian culture with those who attended. Russian entertainment was provided on the main stage by the Russian chorus led by Galina Popova and the Russian dancers under the direction of Suzanne Pomerantzeff, who amazingly has been a part of the Russian entertainment in all 41 Folk Festivals! A special moment of silence took place on Sunday on stage to remember the victims of the downed Russian plane.

Many volunteers played a major role in preparing the Russian village and staffing the exhibits. Gene Stenov organized the volunteers and headed the set up of displays. Helping him were Misha Valitzky, Peter Sidorenko, Evgeny Lel, Dominck Cimino, and Bill Parsons. Mary and Lisa Stenov prepared and sold *prianiki* and helped out with many activities throughout the weekend. Many volunteers helped meet and greet the students, stamping passports, and answering questions about Russia. They included President Nadia Yevstigneyeva, Misha Valitzky, Julia Shirieva, Victoria Kudryavseva (and her three delightful daughters Polina, Vasilisa, and Varvara), Zhenya Nichols, Inga Yakovets, Dagmara Kulik, Grace Kowalewsky, Natasha Scarberry, and Victoria Peppard on the school days. And these additional volunteers helped on Saturday and Sunday: Vladimir Khokhlov, Anastasiya Dycus, Vera and Dominick Cimino, Pat Gorman, Ellie Roche, Natasha Awtonomow, Nadia Kravchenko (and grandson Max), Maria Kraft and Nadia Lapin. Laura Flesch brought many of her Russian treasures and set up a corner of the tent for interacting with visitors every day of the Folk Fair. And Galina Malkin prepared a wonderful display of Russian items for sale from *Vladimir's Collection*, and worked in the Russian tent the entire weekend, with support from Richard Rappaport, her son Vadim, and her grandson Lev (see photo on page 1). Russian Heritage thanks all who volunteered to make the Russian village a great success!

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 16, 2016

20th Anniversary Old Russian New Year's Gala

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Telephone (best to reach) _____

Email _____

Tickets available at:

- ☐ \$115 for non-members
- ☐ \$100 for members with 2016 dues paid (see over)
- ☐ \$125 for VIP reception and dinner

Indicate choice of Entree:

- ☐ Fish ala Faberge
- ☐ Roast Beef ala Romanov

Please seat me with the following people:

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Make Check payable to: Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal at www.russianheritage.org.



Come Celebrate the 20th Anniversary

Old Russian New Year's Gala

Saturday, January 16th, 2016

St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

VIP Reception 6:00 - 7:00pm

Reception for all - 7:00pm - Welcome 7:30pm

Dinner 8:00pm

Honorary Chairpersons
John & Margo Catsimatidis

Dance to the Music of the Fabulous Dazzlers

Program highlights: music and dance performances,
Ded Moroz visit, super silent auction throughout the evening
(items online preview is available on Facebook)

R.S.V.P. via Facebook, website
or with the enclosed card by January 5th (seats are limited)
Black tie optional

All profits will go to Russian Heritage
student scholarship fund

We are all looking forward to a special Old Russian New Year's Gala! We have all the special features of our previous celebrations - - Dancing with the Dazzlers, the Decorations and the Yacht Club, Ded Moroz & Company, and a Special New Year's Toast! We again have a super silent auction, with numerous Russian items, elegant jewelry and fashionable household items, a number of special items for the children and grandchildren, a set of golf clubs (a starter set), a guitar, a karaoke player, and a 32-inch LED HDTV. All proceeds go to the RH Scholarship Fund. Many of these items will soon appear on our website and facebook page.

New this year is an early VIP reception, with many perks for those who sign up for this special feature. And this year you can respond to the official invitations or our current newsletter by sending your entrée selections and payments to our RH mail box (RH, PO Box 14554, St. Petersburg, FL 33733), or you can pay out our website by PayPal or Credit card. If you do pay on-line, be sure to send us your contact information and menu selections to via our contact us page on the website. Now is the time to arrange for a table of family and/or friends (most tables for 8) for this great event.

Membership Dues 2016

All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply paying the yearly dues. Members receive the Russian Heritage Newsletter and discounts on certain events.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check payable to Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal at www.russianheritage.org:



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Please check one:

☐ Student \$0 ☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Family \$25 ☐ Sponsor \$100 or more.

Fill out information if different from other side:

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Telephone (best to reach) _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF RH



November 12 at 10:00 am to November 15 at 11:00 pm. in Orlando. See website: <http://peacefestival.us> for more information about films and schedules.

Upcoming Events at the Russian American Club

The opening event of the year will be **Saturday Nov. 14, at 3pm**. Food, soft drinks and music are included in the \$20 per person donation. You can bring your favorite beverage as well. Music will be provided by **Regina Kozhina**. All members and guests are welcome, but please make reservations early and if you wish, with whom you would like to be seated; **remember seats are limited**, for reservations call Zhanna, (727) 367-2092, Xenya [\(727\) 3843242](tel:7273843242), or Dagmara [\(727\) 345-6360](tel:7273456360). On **December 19, 2015** we will have a general annual meeting and Board member elections.

Russian Heritage's Fifth Annual *Yolochka* Party: December 12

Ded Moroz (Father Frost) and Snegurochka (the Snow Princess) will again arrive in St. Petersburg on Saturday, December 12 between 2 pm and 5 pm. Save the date, and look for more information in upcoming newsletters and on our Facebook Page and Website.

Bilingual Music and Poetry Night, December 13, 5 pm

We invite all interested in music and poetry to a night dedicated to Russian Silver Age poet Marina Tsvetaeva (1892-1941). Poems and songs in Russian and in English will be presented by the Russian singer Elona with long Russian last name which starts with a K, and local St. Petersburg actress Skyla Dawn Luckey. Open Mic for music and poetry lovers. The \$15 Admission fee includes drinks, fruits, atmosphere, music and poetry.

At the Russian-American Club in Gulfport, 2920 Beach Blvd S, Gulfport, FL 33707, ph. 727-488-8724.