



Russian Heritage

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“Remembering Yevtushenko”

Russian Heritage would like to thank all our friends and members who came and participated this weekend in the event dedicated to the memory of Yevgeny Yevtushenko! It was a pure joy to share such a wonderful time with all of you while listening to genuine and heartfelt readings of some of Yevtushenko’s most beautiful and well-known masterpieces. It was very inspirational to see how many people could join in the reading of the poems that were close to their heart and how warmly these were received by the audience.

We also would like to thank Suzanne Pomerantzeff’s St. Petersburg Folk Ensemble and its young participants for an amazing performance of Russian character dances and for contributing greatly to our celebration of human genius and creativity. Cheers to all, we will keep you posted about our upcoming events this fall and hope to see you there!



Thanks to our participants: Bill Parsons, Tamara Galaktianov, Mary Stenov,, Vladimir Khokhlov, Scott Ward, Brad Moorewood, Sergey Gizatulin, Victor Peppard, Victoria Peppard, Kay Rencken, Kato Hetschinof, and Zhenya Davenport. For more pictures, see the Russian Heritage Facebook page.



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SPIFFS International Folk Fair: October 26 - 29

Russian Heritage will be participating in the 43rd Annual SPIFFS Folk Fair with a Russian Village, entertainment, special presentations, and items for sale. Come to see the Russian Chorus perform in costume for the third year in a row at 11:20 am on Saturday. The St. Petersburg Folk Ensemble will dance on Friday at 1:20 pm for the students and again at 1:20 on Sunday for the general public.

We need volunteers to stamp passports for the student days and to explain our village and Russian culture. We also need volunteers to sell *pryaniki*, *ponchiki*, *chai*, and Russian souvenirs. Please contact Gene Stenov to sign up for available times (727-867-6013). People volunteering in the past have enjoyed interacting with the students and the general public.



Volunteers are encouraged to wear traditional Russian dress, and we hope many will plan to come in costume for the Grand Parade of Nations at 2:00 pm on Saturday. The photo above shows some of those participating in the Parade of Nations last year.

Presentation and Book Signing Rescheduled for November 18

The program that was postponed by Hurricane Irma has been rescheduled for November 18 at 4:00 pm at the Russian American Club in Gulfport. Since our announcement of this book signing, this historical novel set in Ukraine during WWII has received two more awards. More details will follow in the next newsletter, but this is a presentation that you will not want to miss.



THREE PROGRAMS TO MARK THE CENTENNIAL OF THE 1917 RUSSIAN REVOLUTION AT USF IN TAMPA, USFSP, AND ECKERD COLLEGE.

The first event is Tuesday, October 24 at 11:00 am in the Grace Allen Room, Fourth floor, of the USF-Tampa Library. Dr. Fred Corney of the College of William and Mary will speak on the topic "The Poppy and the Red Flag: October and the Myth That Failed." (see flyer on page 4)

The second program is the showing of the Eisenstein film OCTOBER (Октябрь) "Ten Days That Shook the World" in the Davis Hall Room 130 on the USF-St. Petersburg campus at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 6. If you have never seen this classic film (1927), or if you have not seen it recently, this is an opportunity to experience a look at the Bolshevik Revolution filmed 10 years after the event. Discussion will follow the film.

The third program will be a forum at Eckerd College on November 7 discussing the impact of the 1917 revolution on Russia and the world, including thoughts about the future of Russia. This program will take place in the Miller Auditorium at Eckerd College beginning at 7:00 pm. Further details will be shared in the November newsletter and on the Russian Heritage Facebook page soon, but mark your calendars now.

All three programs are free and open to the public.

Russian American Club programs in October

1. An estate planning specialist, Mr. John DiTrani, will present a program on how to avoid probate, the need for a will, the pros and cons of a setting up a living trust, and other questions of interest to those attending. It is never too early to start planning. Donation: \$5.00. (This is NOT a sales talk but an information sharing session).
2. The OFFICIAL CLUB OPENING of the Russian American Club in Gulfport (2920 Beach Blvd) will be Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 pm. Music will be provided by Andrei Chiene, on the accordion, and the newly donated Steinway piano will be dedicated. A Russian-themed full dinner will be prepared. Donation: \$20.00.

Please join us for the first in a series of programs at
USF-Tampa, USF-St. Petersburg, and Eckerd College to mark

The Centennial of the 1917 Russian Revolution

“The Poppy and the Red Flag: The Failure of the Myth of October”

Tuesday, October 24
11 a.m.

Grace Allen Room
4th Floor USF Library
Reception to Follow



Dr. Frederick Corney

Professor and Chair of the Department of History
Director of Russian and Post-Soviet Studies
College of William and Mary

Dr. Corney specializes in the history of Russia, specifically in the revolutionary period through the 1920s. He is interested in historiographical and cultural issues, notably historical memory and Soviet film. His book, “Telling October: Memory and the Making of the Bolshevik Revolution,” was published by Cornell University Press. An edited volume, “Trotsky's Challenge: The 'Literary Discussion' and the Fight for the Bolshevik Revolution,” has appeared with Brill Publishers. Dr. Corney received his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. He is currently working on a broad study of historical memory in modern Russia.

Free and open to the public. For reasonable accommodations, email cvgoldstein@usf.edu.
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