

# RUSSIAN HERITAGE

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## Inaugural meeting Sept. 12

Our first general meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. at Buddyfreddy's Restaurant, 1030 58th St. N, St. Petersburg (Tyrona Gardens shopping center). Please call Olga Fincher, our secretary, at (727) 786-1574 if you plan to attend. We need an approximate head count. Looking forward to seeing you all.

## Correct date for board meeting Oct. 3

The Board of Directors meeting (with a light supper) will be Tuesday, Oct. 3 (an incorrect date was announced earlier), at 6 p.m. at the home of Vera (Chair) and Bruce Beery, 100 Beach Dr. NE, #1402, St. Petersburg. Board members: Bill Parsons, Tania Vondersaar, Olga Fincher, Victor Peppard, France Frankian, Vladimir Khokhlov and Elena & Sergei Novikov.

Items for discussion: *Russian Heritage* programs for February and April, 2001 and publicity, tickets, sales and programs for the concert series. Eugene Bazhanov, organizer of the concert series, has been invited to attend.

Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 29 to Vera at (727) 502-0010.

## Concert series at SPJC

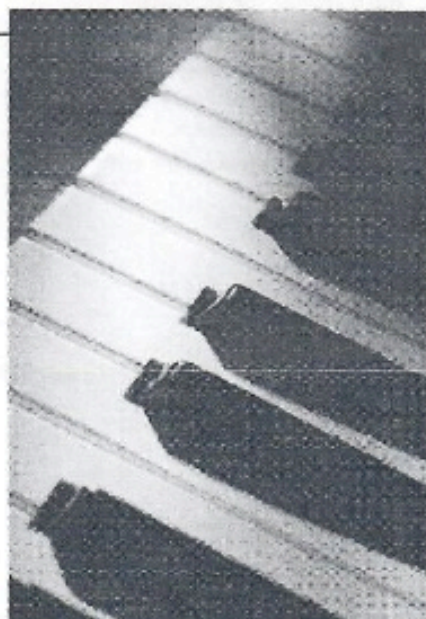
Three fundraising concerts for Russian Heritage will be presented by the *Russian Heritage Ensemble* at the new Music Center of St. Petersburg Junior College at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus at 6605 5th Avenue N. Eugene Bazhanov



and his wife, Natasha, (violinists with the Florida orchestra) will be among the musicians. Eugene also will give a program narrative. Vladimir Khokhlov will play one of the two new Steinway concert grands. An organ has been ordered from Germany. The Music Center is beautiful and the acoustics are excellent.

We can all help *Russian Heritage* by supporting the concert series and telling our friends about it. You won't be disappointed and neither will they. The concerts are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for individual concerts, or \$33 for the series of three. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling Eugene Bazhanov (727) 573-7646 or Vladimir Khokhlov (813) 961-6597 for advance or series ticket purchases.



## Events for 2000

- Inaugural meeting at Buddyfreddy's Sept. 12
- Board of Directors meeting Oct. 3
- *Russian Heritage* Ensemble concert Nov. 5

## Long-standing relationship with SPJC

St. Petersburg Junior College conferred honorary degrees upon Anatoly Sobchak (deceased mayor of St. Petersburg, Russia) and Yuri Ushakov, the present Russian Ambassador to the United States. The Rev. Igor Chitikov (rector of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox church) has given the invocation and benediction for two graduation ceremonies at the college this year. SPJC provides English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to more than 30 Russian students and this course at SPJC is considered among the best in the United States. President Carl Kurtler was commissioned by the U.S. State Department a few years ago to study the establishment of junior colleges in Russia. Over the past 10



years, he has collected Russian icons, Matryoshka dolls and other Russian objects. Some of this collection will be exhibited at the Russian Cultural Center adjacent to the new Music Center. This is the project that *Russian Heritage* supported with a contribution to St. Petersburg Junior College last year. We are deeply appreciative of the help given our organization by the president and staff of SPJC.



President Carl M. Kurtler with his collection when he started it in 1963. He has added to the collection over the years.

## Membership dues

The *Russian Heritage* year begins in September and ends in May. Dues for 2000-01 can be paid from May through the first meeting in September. You'll receive the newsletter with notice of our special events as well as notice of Russian events in the Tampa Bay area. *Russian Heritage, Inc.* is non-profit and tax-exempt. You can mail the form below with your dues to:

**Russian Heritage**  
PO Box 66123  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33736

Categories of yearly membership are:

- \$5 Student
- \$10 Individual
- \$15 Family
- \$50 Sponsor

Please make checks payable to: *Russian Heritage*

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