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С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
SNO-VYM GO-DOM!

Russians and friends of Russian culture love to celebrate. That's why holidays and Holy Days are such an important part of Russian life. From December through January there are many special celebrations including Western Christmas (December 25) and Russian Orthodox Christmas (January 7); Western New Year's (January 1) and Russian New Year's [Stary Novy God] (January 14); and Russian Orthodox Epiphany (January 19), which is especially important in St. Petersburg, Russia.

This year *Russian Heritage* held a Holiday party at the home of Bill and Pat Grant in Bradenton. More than 60 members and friends came celebrate the holidays with a "veritable feast" of delicious foods and good fellowship. We were entertained by Ukrainian folkdancers, we learned four lines of a Russian poem, and at least eight

hardy folks experienced the banya tradition. We certainly do thank Bill and Pat Grant for their hospitality.

Although we do not have plans to celebrate the Russian New Year together, we can learn more about New Year's traditions in the Language Corner, and there are a number of special events in January, and into the spring to put on your calendar.

SECOND CONCERT BY RUSSIAN HERITAGE ENSEMBLE: JANUARY 21

On Sunday, January 21 the *Russian Heritage Ensemble* will present their second concert at the Music Center at of St. Petersburg Junior College, 6605 Fifth Ave. North in St. Petersburg. Violinists Eugene Bazhanov and Natasha Bazhanov, pianists Vladimir Khokhlov and Olga Glick, and soprano Lena Lewenson will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Prokofiev, and Liszt. Tickets are available at the door for \$12.

MORE ON DEMENS

The Russian "Peter Demens Exhibit" on the life of founder of St. Petersburg, Florida opened in Tver, Russia in April 2000, and then moved to St. Petersburg, Russia in October. It has now moved to Vossegonsk, the provincial town northeast of Tver, near the Russian estates of Peter Demens. It will remain there for about a year. You will remember that *Russian Heritage* is a sponsor of this exhibit.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BLINI - MASLENTSA: FEB. 23

This year *Russian Heritage* is cooperating with the Sisterhood of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church to sponsor the Blini Festival on Friday, February 23 at 6:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Look for more details in the February Newsletter, but mark your calendars now.

THE COLD WAR AND AFTER

A March roundtable discussion is planned on the topic of the Cold War and its aftermath. Scholars from Eckerd College and the University of South Florida will participate in this program set for Sunday afternoon, March 25.

THE LANGUAGE CORNER: NEW YEAR'S "НОВЫЙ ГОД"

Новый год – первый день года, один из главных праздников у многих народов и приходится на разное время у разных народов. Дата нового года неоднократно менялась. В странах Европы Новый год начинается первого января. В России начало года первого января введено Петром Первым в 1699 году. Празднование Нового года сопровождается народными гуляниями, украшением зеленым цветом домов, застольем. Принято обмениваться поздравительными открытками с добрыми пожеланиями и подарками.

Выражения со словом «год»:

«Год-от-году не легче» – всё хуже и хуже.

«Год на год не приходится» – всякое бывает.

«Не годы, а горе старит.»

С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ! С НОВЫМИ УДАЧАМИ! ВСЕМ КРЕПКОГО ЗДОРОВЬЯ!

Ирина Немчинок и Виктор Пешард



Russian Heritage Ensemble

3:00 p.m.

*Music of Mozart, Brahms,
Prokofiev and Liszt*

January 21

Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff

February 25



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3:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST.
11AM TIL DUSK
FORT De SOTO PARK

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