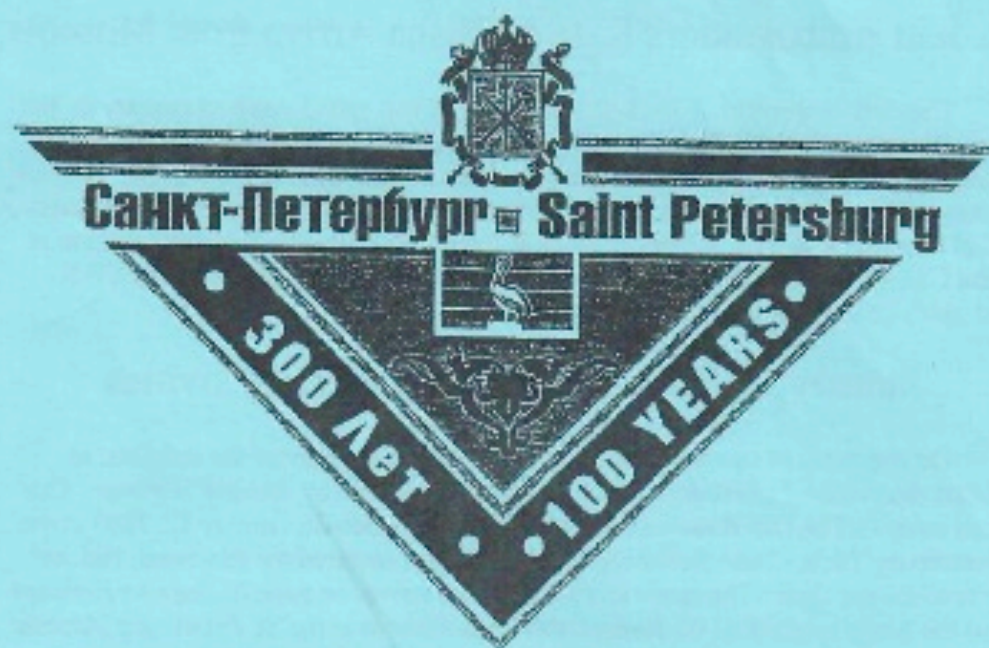


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First Night Celebration in St. Petersburg Starts Festivities

December 31 is always a big celebration in St. Petersburg, Florida! FIRST NIGHT is a New Year's Eve celebration which this year includes the creation of a Quilt Project "Bridging the Two St. Petersburgs" which will be presented to St. Petersburg, Russia, the painting of a mural on the Florida International Museum (Third Street Side) by muralists Robert and Cathy Schott commemorating the birthdays of the two St. Petersburgs, and numerous references to the twin birthday celebrations. Heavy rains hampered the First Night activities, but the projects will go on.

Student Ambassadors Kate & Dasha Arrive from Moscow

The first contingent of Student Ambassadors will spend much of January in the Tampa Bay area, visiting schools here, and serving as ambassadors of the Russian language and culture. Kate and Dasha are students of the Obninsk School near Moscow, and they will visit about a dozen schools and colleges in January. You may meet them at the Old Russian New Year's Party or at the Russian Language and Alphabet session at Eckerd College on January 7. For more information on their schedules, contact Bill Grant (941) 351-1596.

January, 2003: a Month Filled With Activities

On the pages of this newsletter you will read about many of the activities to celebrate the two St. Petersburgs, several of them sponsored by *Russian Heritage*. Our biggest event is **The Old Russian New Year's Celebration** on January 12, 2003 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Advanced reservations are required for this event, and we have reached our limit. The menu and program are shown on page 3. *Russian Heritage* is also the major sponsor of the **Namesake Cities Exhibit** at the St. Petersburg Museum of History. For those who would like to learn more about the **Russian Language, Alphabet, and Culture**, there are opportunities listed on pages 4-5. Special programs are also scheduled for Eckerd College on January 10th, and at the St. Petersburg Library on January 18th. For a complete listing of all activities for the 300/100 Celebrations, please check the Web site www.stpete.org/100events.htm.

AN OLD RUSSIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



January 12, 2003
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue

Reception: 5:00 p.m.
Welcome & New Year's Toast: 6:15 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Entrees: Chicken Kiev or Salmon Kulebyaka
Dance "Surprise": 8:00 p.m.
Super Raffle: 9:00 p.m.

Dance to the music of the Dazzlers
Black tie optional
Valet parking available for small charge

Unfortunately the space is limited and reservations are closed.

ECKERD COLLEGE PRESENTS

Tuesday, January 7
Dendy Auditorium
7:00 p.m.



**"THE RUSSIAN ALPHABET
AND CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES"**

LEARN TO READ THE FOLLOWING:

САНКТ ПЕТЕРБУРГ МОСКВА РОССИЯ ХОРОШО
ЧТО ЭТО? АМЕРИКА ФЛОРИДА ЦАРЬ НИКОЛАЙ
ПРЕЗИДЕНТ БУШ ХОРОШО ЁЖ ЁЖИК
ПРЕЗИДЕНТ ПУТИН ГУБЕРНАТОР ЯКОВЛЕВ ГОРБАЧЁВ
МЭР БЕЙКЕР

LEARN TO SAY THESE WORDS IN RUSSIAN:

I don't speak Russian! What's up? Good-bye.
Be careful! Thank you. Yes. No.
That's (very) good. That's interesting. That's awesome!
How do you say _____ in Russian? I don't know.
What's your name? My name is Natasha (Ivan).
Where is Natasha? I don't understand. Hurry up!
Kiss me, I speak Russian! Don't! Is that all? That's all.
Everything's fine. Things are 'so-so'.

AND MUCH MORE! Separate groupings for intermediate and advanced learners.

New Class at the Florida International Museum



САНКТ ПЕТЕРБУРГ



ALP0059: Russian Culture and Conversation

Section 5505 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 1/15 - 3/26

Instructor: Helena Kazakova

Taught at the Florida International Museum

100 2nd Street North

St. Petersburg

(Free Parking)

Non-credit Course

Only 10-Weeks

For more information, call (737) 341-3241

If you are planning to visit Russia or just interested in learning about it, this class is for you. Helena Kazakova, former journalist from Moscow, will share her knowledge and passion about Russian culture and language. Films and handouts will give a chance to understand more about Russia's life, art, religion, and traditions. A textbook, Russian in 10 Minutes a Day, will help you to "master" Russian language in 10 easy and enjoyable classes.

Note: The fee for this non-credit course is \$75.00. If you are an SPC student you may register for this course in the same manner as you do for credit classes. If you have never attended SPC, you will need to complete a non-credit registration form at the time of registration. These forms are available at any campus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"St. Petersburg – Санкт Петербург: Namesake Cities." This exhibit at the St. Petersburg Museum of History (335 2nd Avenue NE) shows the similarities and differences between the two St. Petersburgs and their founders, and shows the relationships between the two cities in the past quarter century leading up to the present joint celebration of the anniversaries of the two cities in 2003. *Russian Heritage* is a major sponsor of this exhibit. The exhibit opens in January at the museum, and will be shown in several other places in the city during the year.

"Photographs of St. Petersburg, Russia." The photographs in this exhibit are part of the collection of photographs from Mayor Anatoly Sobchak of St. Petersburg, Russia. The exhibit was first presented in the spring of 2001 at St. Petersburg College. If you missed it in 2001, you will want to see it now. It is well worth a second visit in this special anniversary year. The exhibit opens in January in the Music Center Gallery of the St. Petersburg College Gibbs Campus (6605 5th Avenue North).

Eckerd Senior College is sponsoring a number of programs on Russia this spring. The first is a Winter Festival program **"Russian Day"** on Friday, January 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities include ballet performances by Andrei Ustinov and Elena Martinson, a presentation of Peggy Newton's Samoyed Dogs, an appearance by "Catherine the Great" (this will amaze you), and other surprises. The entrance fee of \$5.00 (in advance), or \$8.00 at the door, includes refreshments. Call 864-7600.

On February 14 the Senior College is presenting an entire day of educational programming on **"The Romance of Russia,"** with special sessions on Russian music, history, literature, art, including breakfast and lunch for a fee of \$85 (*Russian Heritage* members will get a \$15 discount on this program). For more information, call 864-7600.

The final major program for the Eckerd Senior College will be a **St. Petersburg to Moscow River Cruise** from July 17 to August 1. Prices range from \$3,747 which includes air fare from Tampa. Call Tom at 727-864-8085 for more details.

For more information on *Russian Heritage* events, check our web site:
www.russian-yellowpages.com/Florida/RussianHeritage

For more information on Events planned by the city of St. Petersburg for 300/100:
www.stpete.org/100events.htm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7, 2003. Russian Christmas.**
- January 7, 2003. Russian Language Program at Eckerd. 7 p.m. (page 4).**
- January 10. Russian Winter Festival at Eckerd Senior College. 1 p.m. (page 6).**
- January 12. Russian Heritage Old Russian New Year Celebration. (page 3).**
- January 14. Old Russian New Year.**
- January 15. First Russian Conversational Class at SPC. (page 5).**
- January 18. Russian Tea and Dances. Main St. Petersburg Library (3745 9th Av. N).
Russian Tea and Cakes. Folkdancing and music. 2 p.m. Free.**
- January 21. Second Language and Alphabet Program at Eckerd. 7 p.m.**
If you missed the first session, you may start from the beginning. If this is your second session, review the first lesson and come with words and phrases you would like to learn. One feature of this program will be several lists of words and phrases that can be used "for every occasion". Dendy Auditorium. Free and open to the public.
- January 30 – February 8. Department of State Artist Exchange. Four professional artists from St. Petersburg, Russia will conduct free workshops at St. Petersburg College. For more information, call (727) 341-3241.**
- February 6. Russian Heritage Ensemble at Palladium Theater. The Ensemble will perform string quartet music written by composers of St. Petersburg, Russia and St. Petersburg, Florida. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (727) 822-3590.**
- February 14. Russian Day "The Romance of Russia" at Eckerd. 8 a.m. (page 6)**
- February 22. Russian Music by the Suncoast Symphony Orchestra. Palladium Theater. 8 p.m. Free. (727) 397-3832.**
- February 27. Russian/American Celebration with the Tampa Bay Symphony. Tchaikovsky, Gershwin, and others. Ballet performance by Andrei Ustinov and Elena Martinson. This concert is in part sponsored by Russian Heritage. 8 p.m. at Mahaffey Theater. (727) 867-6065. Tickets \$10.**
- March Events will be featured in later newsletters. But be sure to put on your calendars the March Symposium: The Two St. Petersburgs on March 2-4 at Eckerd College and the University of South Florida (afternoon and evening presentations), and SPIFFS Salutes Two St. Petersburgs. March 19-23.**

Peter Meinke Writes Official Poem for Celebrations

Internationally known poet and St. Petersburg resident Peter Meinke has been commissioned to write two sonnets in honor of St. Petersburg's Anniversary Celebration. Meinke taught at Eckerd College for 27 years, where he served as the Director of Eckerd's Creative Writing Program. He is the author of twelve books of poetry and the recipient of numerous poetry prizes.

Maples and Orange Trees

Our warm beaches and our orange trees aren't the same
as Russian lakes or ancient maples shaking in the winds
that chill your city. In truth, we've only had our names
in common, and now these birthdays, too neatly pinned
together, like sororal twins born centuries apart.

And yet, it seems right to celebrate together—
Pushkin, who loved parties, would approve: Let's start
a grand tradition, with vodka and mimosas, whether
it's logical or not: Cities are built by dreams
and the broken hands of men and women, by blood and tragic
history, serfs and Seminoles, stoic hope that redeems
despair, transforming swamp and rubble into pulsing magic:

For what are our two cities now, if not sweet sites unfurled
like sanguine banners signing for a better world?

- Peter Meinke

In Memory: Bruce Beery and Nicholas Milin

Russian Heritage is saddened to inform you that two of our former officers and board members passed away in 2002. Bruce Beery who served as treasurer and board member from 1999 to 2001 died on December 23. He completed the application for *Russian Heritage* to become a 501 (C) non-profit organization. Nicholas Milin, a founding member and our first treasurer died on November 5. He was responsible for filing the Articles of Incorporation for *Russian Heritage*. Вечная Память! Eternal Memory!

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2003

Membership dues for 2003 are now being accepted. Many have already paid these dues, and this is indicated on your address label for this newsletter (03). A membership list will be published in the February newsletter, so send you dues in now.

<p>Membership All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply joining the yearly dues. Members receive a monthly newsletter and discounts at certain events, such as the Old Russian New Year Celebration. Please send this form with your dues to:</p> <p>Russian Heritage P.O. Box 14392 St. Petersburg, FL 33733</p>	<h3>Russian Heritage Membership Form</h3> <p>Categories for membership for 2003 are:</p> <p>Student \$5 Individual \$15 Family \$20 Sponsor \$50 or more</p> <p>Please make checks payable to: Russian Heritage</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/ZIP _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p>
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Officers for 2002-2003

The current officers for *Russian Heritage* are shown here. Each person is serving a one-year term. Elections will take place in May, 2003.

Chair of the Executive Board	Tatiana Vondersaar
President	Bill Parsons
Vice President	France Franician
Secretary	Olga Fincher
Treasurer	Bill Grant

Members of the Board: Zina Downum, Vladimir Khokhlov, Elena and Sergei Novikov, Bernice Orlando, Victor Peppara, Andrei and Elena Ustinov, and Nadia Yevsnigmejeva.

Contributions* to the 300/100 Anniversary Fund

We are approaching our goal for sponsoring various projects for the celebrations of the anniversaries of the two St. Petersburg. Make your tax-deductible contribution* to *Russian Heritage*, and help us meet this goal. Contributors will be listed in the February newsletter.