

RUSSIAN HERITAGE NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Business Meeting. Election of Officers for 2000-01.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000.

A nominating committee has been formed to prepare a slate of officers for the 2000-2001 program year. Serving on this committee are Vera Espinola Beery, France Frankian, Grace Kowaleski, and Bill Parsons. The nominating committee report will be included in the April Newsletter.

Program: Viewing of a 28-minute video produced by "TV Channel 5" in St. Petersburg, Russia about St. Petersburg, Florida. Included in the coverage are Mayor David Fischer, Professor Antole Sokolsky, Professor Bill Parsons, Igor Novosilzov, Dr. Konstantin Artzibushev, and other members of the St. Petersburg community. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the All State Campus of St. Petersburg Junior College (3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, Florida).

Peter Demens Symposium.

Monday, May 1, 2000.

The April Newsletter will be largely devoted to Peter Demens and the schedule of events for the Demens Symposium. For now remember that a number of activities are being planned.

Inna Povedskaya, the curator of the Demens exhibit in Russia which has been supported by Russian Heritage and John Galbraith, reports that the exhibit will open in Tver in mid-April and remain in that city until fall. At that time it will travel to St. Petersburg, Russia for the winter season. In the summer of 2001 it will travel to Vyeseponsk (can you find it on a map of Russia?) where Demens served as leader of the zemstvo organization before coming to America. Inna will bring a video of the exhibit made by Tver TV which will be shown at the symposium.

Igor Bogachek, the other Russian participant in the symposium, defended his PhD dissertation in Russia on the theme of Peter Demens as a pioneer in the field of management. This will be the topic of his presentation at the Demens symposium.

Two other symposium participants are the grandsons of Peter Demens, **Peter Demens Tolstoy** from California and **Gene Demens** from British Columbia. Although they were born long after their grandfather died, they will share stories of the family about the man we are honoring on the 150th anniversary of his birth.

RUSSIAN POT-LUCK, SONGFEST, GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

Clubhouse of Silver Sands (at 6:00 p.m.)

6595 - Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach

1. What is your favorite Russian food? Do you like to cook traditional Russian recipes? Do you have a favorite Russian dish to cook? We'd like to invite you to cook something special and bring it to share to our first pot-luck supper. Others will bring their favorite dishes, and we'll have many special tastes to experience. Bring your recipe also so that it can become a part of a new Russian cookbook. **Please RSVP to 367-2092 to coordinate the foods to bring.**

2. What is your favorite Russian song? March 14 will also be our third annual Russian songfest, led again this year by Boris Lebedinsky. If you have favorite Russian songs you would like to sing, let us know so that we can have the words and music ready. (864-8235) Last year some of the favorites were **Тонкая рябина, Эй ух-нем, Бородино, and Степь да степь кругом.** We may sing these again, and we will try some new ones.

3. Do you have a favorite party game that could be played in Russian? We are going to try a few word games and party games that can be done in Russian or English, so come ready to have some fun.

4. We will have some special guests. Some Russian students who are studying at St. Petersburg Junior College, and some from Eckred will join us for this occasion. We hope there will be a good turn out. Remember to **RSVP at 367-2092.**



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SPIFFS FOLK FAIR **March 11-12 at the Bayfront Center**

More than 40 ethnic groups, including the Russian-American Club, will take part in the 25th Annual Folk Fair sponsored by the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society. Traditional foods and entertainment will be provided by the various ethnic groups. This will be a good lead-in to our Songfest-Potluck on March 14 (see page 3).

Membership in Russian Heritage Reaches 110 Members

Our membership has increased this year to almost double of the official membership for last year. We are also sending the newsletter to more than 200 members and friends. A membership list will be available at the March and April meetings.

There will also be items for sale connected with Russian Heritage. Copies of the "Pushkin Day" CD and cassette tape will be available, and you may also order a copy of the Yevtushenko reading of Russian poetry from January 15th. Finally, copies of selected videos of Russian cartoons, books of poetry by Pushkin and Yevtushenko, and certain other books may also be purchased at this time.

HISTORICAL MARKER FOR PETER DEMENS PROPOSED

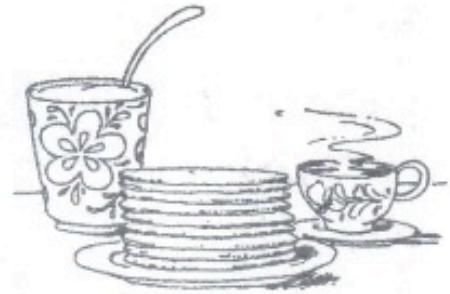
The St. Petersburg City Council is considering a proposal by Russian Heritage to establish an historical marker to honor Peter Demens on the 150th anniversary of his birth. When the proposal has been approved, we will include the details in the April newsletter.

The Sisterhood of St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church
invites you to a traditional

BLINI

(Pancake Celebration)
Sunday, March 5, 2000
5:00 pm

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
301-58th Street South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33707



Tickets are \$25.00 each. This includes Blini and all the fixings:
(butter, sour cream, eggs with onion, herring, & salmon)
and
broth, wine, tea, or coffee

Tickets must be purchased in advance.
You can receive information about tickets by calling:
Anna Sidorenko (367-2092), or
Tatyana Hechinov (384-5177)

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St. Petersburg, Florida 33707



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