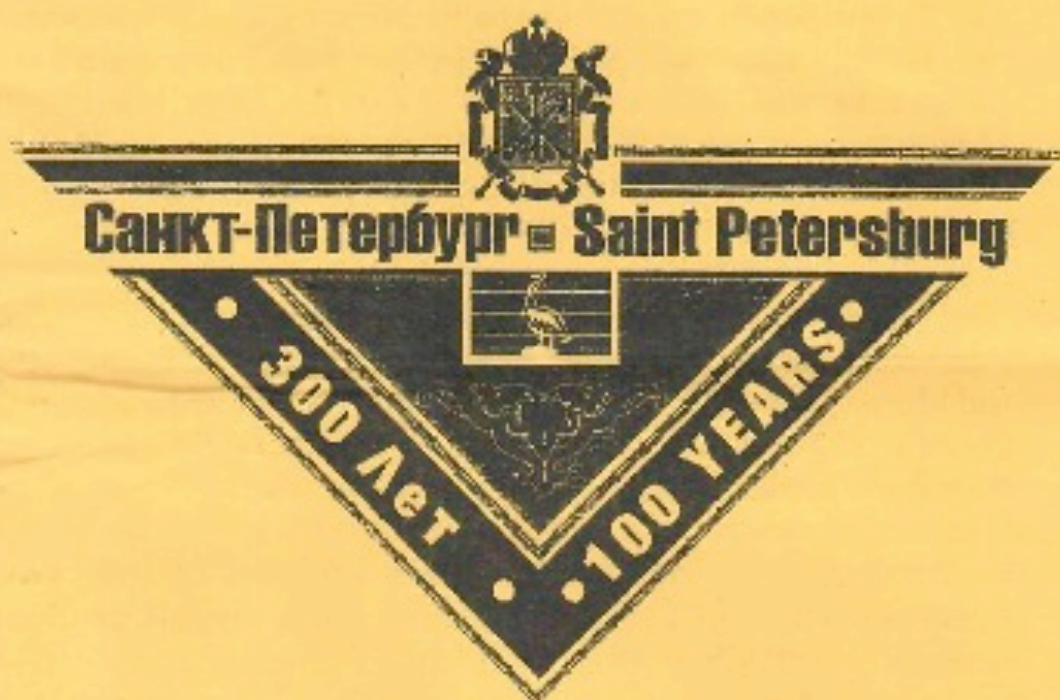


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A BUSY WEEK OF RUSSIAN CULTURE!

- Thursday, February 27. **Tampa Bay Symphony at the Mahaffey.**
The Tampa Bay Symphony and ballet dancers Elena Martinson and Andrei Ustinov will perform selections from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and "Romeo and Juliet" at 8:00 p.m. at the Mahaffey Theater in downtown St. Petersburg. Tickets are \$10 for open seating. Also on the program will be American classics by Gershwin and Ives.
- Saturday, March 1. **Concert of Russian Piano Music.**
Piano compositions by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, and Mussorgsky will be performed by Luis Sanchez at the Music Center at St. Petersburg College (6605-5th Ave. N.) in St. Petersburg. Concert begins at 8:00 p.m. and is free.
- Sunday, March 2. **Blini at St. Andrew's Russian Church.**
Maslenitsa is the holiday before the Lenten fast at which Blini (Russian pancakes) are served. The Blini Celebration at the St. Andrew's Russian Orthodox Church (4668 15th Ave. S. in Gulfport) begins at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Seating is limited. Please call Tatiana Hetchinova (727) 384-5177 for more information and reservations.
- Sunday, March 2. **First Day of Symposium: Two St. Petersburgs.**
For more information, see the four pages of the pink insert. On Sunday and Tuesday, the events are located at Eckerd College (4200 54th Ave. S.) in Dendy-McNair Auditorium. On Monday, the events are held at the USF campus (140 7th Ave. S.) in the USF/FMRI auditorium.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2-4. Two St. Petersburgs Symposium. (see pink insert)

March 15. Russian Festival at Your Library. Russian folk tales, music, food, children's crafts. From 2-4 p.m. at the Main library (3745 9th Ave. N., St. Petersburg). Free.

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March 28. Russian Pipe Organ Concert. Karel Paukert will perform at the St. Petersburg College Music Center (6605 5th Ave. N.) 8:00 p.m. Free.

March 29. Russian Piano Concert. Eleonora Lvov will perform Russian works at St. Petersburg College Music Center. 8:00 p.m. Free.

April 6. Opening of Icon Exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts.

April 15. Poetry Reading and Contest on the Friendship between the two cities of St. Petersburg at the Main Library. 2:00 p.m. Free.

April 26. Russian Heritage Concert. Concert of Masterworks for strings and piano. St. Petersburg College Music Center. Free. 341-4301.

Membership Dues for 2003

Membership dues for 2003 are now being accepted. If you have already paid your dues, this will be indicated on your address label. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please send in your dues or indicate that you would like to remain on the mailing list.

Membership All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply paying the yearly dues. Members receive a monthly newsletter and discounts at carter's events, such as the Old Russian New Year Celebration. (Amount will be shown with your dues.)	Russian Heritage P.O. Box 14359 St. Petersburg, FL 33733	Russian Heritage Membership Form
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Namesake Cities:

St. Petersburg, Florida

Санкт-Петербург, Россия

The exhibit featuring the two St. Petersburgs is now open at the St. Petersburg Museum of History at its beautiful downtown location. The official opening on Saturday, February 15 was attended by Mayor Rick Baker. If you missed this opening, I think you will find it worth seeing. Remember, Russian Heritage is the main sponsor of this exhibit.

Russian-American Club – 30 Years!

The Russian-American Club celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1973 at a banquet at the Pasadena Yacht Club on February 22, 2003. President Anatole Glen reviewed the 30-year history of the organization in his brief remarks at the banquet.

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I would like to be a **Russian Heritage volunteer** for the **SPIFFS Festival**. I can help set up on Tuesday, March 18, and I will work at the Two St. Petersburgs Pavilion on the following weekdays, and Saturday and Sunday. You can send in this form to Russian Heritage, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733; or call 727-864-8235. Please plan to help out!

Name _____

Phone _____

Days and hours I can volunteer:



Wednesday, March 19, 2003 – 9AM-3PM
Thursday, March 20, 2003 – 9AM-3PM
Friday, March 21, 2003 – 9AM-9PM
Saturday, March 22, 2003 – 10AM-9PM
Sunday, March 23, 2003 – 11AM-6PM

SPIFFS SALUTES TWO ST. PETERSBURGS

This year SPIFFS Folk Fair will have its main tent featuring Russia and the celebration of the two St. Petersburgs. *Russian Heritage* will participate in this tent along with others to promote this celebration, and we need volunteers to help explain the exhibits and the Russian culture presented. Volunteers usually work for shifts of 3-4 hours, and receive certain privileges such as free admission and free parking.



САИРТ ПЕТЕРБУРГ

The Two St. Petersburgs: 1703-2003

**A Symposium
March 2-4, 2003**

This symposium is a public event sponsored by Eckerd College, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, *Russian Heritage*, and The Florida Humanities Council, commemorating the centennial of the incorporation of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, and the tricentennial of the founding of St. Petersburg, Russia. All presentations are free and open to the public.

**Sunday, March 2
Dendy-McNair Auditorium
at Eckerd College**

7:00 p.m.

"Tocobagan Florida: the Final Years."

Ray Arsenault, USF

Ray Arsenault, John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, will present the Tocobagan Indians who occupied Florida when the Spanish arrived in the sixteenth century, but who disappeared from Florida in the early eighteenth century, about the same time of the founding of St. Petersburg, Russia by Peter the Great.

8:00 p.m.

"St. Petersburg, Russia: The Early Years"

James Cracraft, University of Illinois at Chicago

Professor Cracraft is one of the nation's most distinguished scholars on Peter the Great. He is the author of numerous books on Peter, including two volumes of a trilogy: *The Petrine Revolution in Russian Culture*. He will show the extreme importance of Peter the Great in the early history of St. Petersburg Russia.

The Two St. Petersburgs: 1703-2003

A Symposium

Monday, March 3.

All sessions (except walking tour) on March 3 will take place in the USF/FMRI Auditorium, USF St. Petersburg, 140 Seventh Avenue South, St. Petersburg. For the walking tour, meet at the entrance to Demens Landing at 3:30 p.m.

12:00 Noon

"Florida in the Napoleonic Age"

Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University

We know something about the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and Louis and Clark, but in this presentation by Professor Landers, we will learn more about how Napoleon's legacy influenced Florida. Professor Landers is the author of the prize-winning Black Society in Spanish Florida.

1:00 p.m.

"Tchaikovsky & Tolstoy Interpret the Napoleonic Age in Russia"

Bill Parsons, Eckerd College

Professor Parsons will explain the background of Napoleon's interactions with Russia, and show the influence of the 1812 events on subsequent Russian culture. He will include a dramatic reading of Napoleon's invasion of Russia accompanied by Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture". Professor Parsons is the editor of Peter Demens: An International Symposium.

3:30 p.m.

Downtown Walking Tour.

Visit to the Museum of History.

Visit the sights of downtown St. Petersburg that played a role in the early history of the city, beginning with the entrance to Demens Landing (the site of the original railroad pier), walking to the St. Petersburg Museum of History, visiting the museum's exhibits, and then continuing to the Detroit Hotel. Cost of tour, including museum admission, is \$5.00. Your guides for this tour are Professors Arsenault and Parsons.

7:00 p.m.

"The 'City' by the Bay:

St. Petersburg, Florida in the Early XX Century"

Ray Arsenault, USF

Professor Arsenault, the author of the prize-winning history St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream, will talk about the founding of St. Petersburg, Florida in 1888, and what life was like in St. Petersburg when it became an incorporated "city" just 100 years ago in 1903.

The Two St. Petersburgs: 1703-2003

A Symposium
Eckerd College
Tuesday, March 4.

Symposium Luncheon will be served in the Flamingo Room of the Continuing Education Center beginning at 12:00 noon. Seating limited. \$15.00 per person. Reservations required by noon, March 2. Call 727-864-8231.

1:30 p.m. in Dendy-McNair Auditorium

“Last Glory Days: St. Petersburg, Russia in the Silver Age, 1896-1914”

Suzanne Massie

Author of Land of the Firebird and Paylovska.

Suzanne Massie's remarkable synthesis of Russian literature and art opens a completely fresh window on Russian art. She manages to bring the full range of Russian art into a new and brilliant perspective. She will speak about literature, the arts, and ballet in this dynamic period of Russian cultural history.

3:30 p.m. in Dendy-McNair Auditorium

“The Nine Hundred Days”

Film and Discussion on Leningrad in WWII

College Program Series
Eckerd College

The Two St. Petersburgs: 2003

A Symposium Panel Discussion

There are two special cities named **St. Petersburg**, one in Russia and ours in Florida. What are the **connections** between these two cities, both past and present? They are both **beautiful waterfront cities**, and two cities that consider themselves "**unique**" in historical perspective. Find out why in this concluding session of the three day symposium celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg, Russia, and the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of St. Petersburg as a city.

Panelists for this presentation include **Rick Baker**, mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida, and author of *Mangroves to Major League*, a history of St. Petersburg from prehistory to 2000; **Bill Parsons**, professor of History and Russian Studies at Eckerd College; **Ray Arsenault**, John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History at University of South Florida St. Petersburg, and author of *St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream*; and **Suzanne Massie**, expert on Russian culture and author of *Land of the Firebird* and *Pavlovska*, and one who maintains residences in Maine and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Poet **Peter Meinke** will also read his two anniversary poems at this special celebration of the two St. Petersburgs.

Dendy-McNair Auditorium
Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.