

# RUSSIAN HERITAGE

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## SPIFFS International Ball on Saturday, November 18

The SPIFFS International Ball will be held on Saturday, November 18 at the Portuguese Hall (7808 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue North) in St. Petersburg, after being postponed from an earlier date. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with cocktails (cash bar) and appetizers. The ceremonies honoring the SPIFFS Persons of the Year begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner buffet (main entrees: Roast Beef, Pork Loin, and Baked Chicken). Dancing to the music of the 2 + 2 Live Band will follow dinner. The dress is either semi-formal or national costume. A donation of \$35.00 is to be paid in advance to Russian Heritage, or paid to one of the Board Members of Russian Heritage at the door, if advance reservations are made by return e-mail.

This year's "Person of the Year" for Russian Heritage is our Chairman of the Board, Bill Parsons. It would be nice to have a good turnout from Russian Heritage to support Bill and to support SPIFFS. You can send your reservations and payment to the Russian Heritage mail address: PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733, or you can reply by e-mail now to me, and pay at the door.

We originally announced the price as \$25. The actual cost is \$35, but we do have some funds available to keep the price at \$25, if that will help you decide to go at that price.

At the last meeting of SPIFFS a new group of officers was elected, including Bill Parsons, who will serve on the new Board of Directors. It was decided that there will be a Folk Festival in March, but this time for only 4 days. More details will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Nadia Yevstigneyeva, President

## Dimitri Kozyrev: Space/Vision/Perception: Now – Nov. 12 *Art Exhibit at the Gulf Coast Museum of Art*

Dimitri Kozyrev is a native of St. Petersburg, Russia. His large-panel paintings and drawings suggest the imagery of Cubism through the deconstruction of the natural world: volumes flatten, things fall apart, and chaos reigns. Kozyrev takes viewers on flights of fancy filled with melancholic memories, yet still optimistic about prospects.

The Gulf Coast Museum of Art is located in the Pinewood Cultural Park next to Heritage Village at 12211 Walsingham Road in Largo. For more information, call 727-518-6853.

## *Yevgeny Onegin*: Discussion and Film on October 20

There was interest in *Yevgeny Onegin*. More than 30 showed up for our discussion of Alexander Pushkin's classic, including more than 10 students from Eckerd College and the University of South Florida. The discussion was started by Professor Victor Peppard of USF, Professor Bill Parsons of Eckerd College, and Anatoly Glen of the Russian American Club, but many participants from Tampa and St. Petersburg participated in the general discussion of the importance of the work in Russian culture. About double this number, including many more students, saw the British film *ONEGIN*, starring Ralph Fiennes as the hero and directed by Martha Fiennes, the star's sister. Although the consensus seemed to be that the film was not completely faithful to Pushkin, it was an interesting film in its own right. Some of the students had an assignment to compare the film and Pushkin's "novel in verse".

## Susan Haig Returns to St. Petersburg, Russia

We heard about Susan Haig's fascination with Russian music and her participation at a conducting workshop this summer in St. Petersburg, Russia at our September meeting. We have learned that she has been working on these techniques with the Florida Orchestra, AND that she has returned to St. Petersburg, Russia for a second workshop in this special technique. She has become quite an ambassador for the two St. Petersburgs and we applaud her work and interest.

## "Vladimir's Collection" Opens in New Location

We are fortunate to have a very special Russian store in St. Petersburg, Florida. It is owned and operated by two members of the board of directors of *Russian Heritage*, Vladimir and Galina Malkin. Their store features beautiful things imported from Russia as well as exquisite jewelry produced by Vladimir, who is a master of his art. If you haven't seen their new store, it's well worth a special trip. And it is a great place for Christmas shopping. The new store is close to its previous location: on the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 1<sup>st</sup> Street in downtown St. Petersburg, across from Baywalk (201 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE).

## Russian Heritage Cookbook Offer

In recent issues of this Newsletter you have read about our proposal to prepare a "Russian Heritage Cookbook". We want not only recipes, but food stories about your cooking experiences, in Russia, in other countries, and/or in America; with Russian, American, and other international recipes. To sweeten the pot (so to speak), we are offering a free drink ticket at the Old Russian New Year's Celebration (or an equivalent prize) to all who complete their submissions by January 13, 2007. Send material to our PO Box.

## WEDU Awards for Non-Profit Organizations

*Russian Heritage* has been invited to apply for recognition as one of the non-profit organizations that makes a difference in the community. We are applying in the educational outreach category. Check the website at [www.wedu.org](http://www.wedu.org) between 11/15/06 and 12/15/06 for more information, AND to vote for *Russian Heritage*. Tell your friends to vote also.

# RUSSIAN HERITAGE

Invites You  
to an

Old Russian  
New Year's Celebration

January 13, 2007

Join us for the 11th Anniversary

## Old Russian New Year's Celebration Gala

Saturday, January 13, 2007

### Trade Winds

5500 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach

Reception 6:00 Welcome 7:00

Dinner 7:30pm

Honorary Chairpersons:

The Honorable Mayor Baker & Mrs. Rick Baker  
Emcee

Margo Catsimatidis

President DCV Advertising and Publisher of The Hellenic Times

Dance to the Music of the Fabulous Dazzlers

Black Tie Optional

**RUSSIAN HERITAGE BALL SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007**  
**AN OLD RUSSIAN NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Seats available at: \$85 \$70 Members with paid 2007 dues  
 Early reservations are encouraged

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Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check payable to: Russian Heritage  
 RESERVATIONS & CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 8TH 2007  
 ~Free Parking!~

**RUSSIAN HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP FORM 2007**

Those interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by paying the yearly dues. Members receive a monthly newsletter, discounts at certain events, such as the Old Russian New Year Celebration.

Student \*0  Individual \*15  Family \*20  Sponsor \$100+\*  
 \*We have an anonymous donor who will match the first \$100 of each sponsor's contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checks payable to Russian Heritage, P.O. Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.  
 For more information call Bill Parsons: 727-867-9148

**FABULOUS SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**  
**VALUED AT OVER \$4,000**

LOMONOSOV Cobalt 22-piece Coffee Set	Magnavox 15" Flat Screen Television	Boston Traveler 3-Piece Luggage Set	Riviera Stainless Steel 8-piece Pan Set
Lucien Piccard Womens Watch/Bracelet	Seiko Women's Steel Sports Watch	14-kt Yellow Gold Tahitian Pearl Pendant	Cambridge Gold 45-pc. Flatware Set
Grand Baroque Bedspread	Seiko Mens Day & Date Stainless Watch	Buiova Men's Two-tone Bracelet Watch	Tiffany-style Peacock Table Lamp
Towle Pearl Centerpiece Bow	Hand-painted Tibetan Leather Box	Fantom Cyclonic Bagless Vacuum	10-kt. Yellow Gold Amethyst Pendant
Wallace Silver-plated Cake Plate	22-Piece Cutlery Set	Westinghouse Toaster/Breadbox	Set of Six Silver-plated Mini Goblets

## SPECIAL GALA PLANNED FOR OLD RUSSIAN NEW YEAR 2007!

*Russian Heritage* has had a tradition of putting on spectacular Old Russian New Year's Celebrations in the past. We plan to continue this tradition in 2007! You should have received your official invitation by now. A reproduction of this invitation is included in this newsletter, along with some additional information about the party.

Our location this year will be in the Grand Ball Room at the **Tradewinds Island Resorts** on St. Pete Beach. For those wishing to book rooms at the Resort, special rates are available to Russian Heritage members from Friday, January 12–Sunday, January 14, beginning at \$165, per room, per night, based on availability, with one bedroom suites starting at \$195. In order to receive the discounted rates (based on availability), it is required that reservations must be received by Monday, December 18, 2006. Our group is listed as Russian Heritage – Old Russian New Year Celebration in the Group Reservations Department. Reservations for the rooms will be taken directly by phone at 1-800-808-9833.

**Silent Auction.** Our Old Russian New Year's Celebration is our one major fundraising event of the year. This year we decided not to raise the prices for the ball and we are offering free parking for those attending. Because prices are going up for most things, we will not make much money on the event itself. But we do have some fabulous prizes for the silent auction and we will have more. Bring your checkbooks and consider buying some special things (see invitation). All proceeds from the sale will go directly into our scholarship fund.

This gala is also a **fun-filled** event. Balloons, decorations, party favors, noise-makers will dazzle the attendees. Dancing to the music of "The Dazzlers" has always been a crowd pleaser! And this year's emcee, Margo Catsimatidis, promises an unforgettable evening. We may even have some very special guests that will make this event even more memorable. (But don't count on Putin!)

Check with your friends and relatives. Fill up a table and get ready for a very special evening!

