

# Russian Heritage Newsletter

SAINT PETERSBURG, TAMPA, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA



## SPIFFS (Oct. 24-27 2019) 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Folk Fair

Russian Heritage has been active with St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society since 2003, which celebrates this multi-cultural Fair in downtown St. Petersburg. Russia has a large tent filled with artifacts and fun people.

## Hats On (Oct 26, 2019) For Sister Cities

We kicked off to Celebrate our Sister City Program. The evening was filled with dances and museum tours, networking and connecting the community for this event. A lot of beautiful and fun loving people

## [www.RussianHeritage.org](http://www.RussianHeritage.org) Is Being Updated

The time has come to finally get a new look and add many more features to our webpage. It's a tedious process but we want to Thank Michael the web designer and maintainer for making it happen along with Zina Downen



## RH WINTER BALL 2020

It is time to think about signing up for the Winter Ball! It is one of the highlights of 2020!  
Exciting Live Dance Music, Fun Atmosphere, Fine Food, Silent Auction & Much More...  
Await you on Saturday, January 11, 2020  
@ the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Get Your Tix!

# HATS ON FOR SISTER CITIES (Florida & Russia)

This was our 1<sup>st</sup> event of its kind in order to kick off our 2020 Sister Cities Program between Florida and Russia.

Some 100 people showed up to our Hats Event, on October 26 2019, at the Imagine Museum. Board Director and Artist Zhanna Thomas used her creativity to supply the hats for every person. Thanks to all Board Members who took part in making the event a success! Photos of the event will be available on our webpage.



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Two Saint Petersburgs - Sister Cities

## IVAN KRYLOV FABLES, by Lydia Stone

**Friday, November 15, 2019, 4:00 pm**

@ Russian American Club (2920 Beach Blvd. S, Gulfport, FL), includes dinner, \$10.00. Poet and translator Lydia Stone will present her translations of Ivan Krylov's fables and talk about the art of translating Russian poetry into English. This event will take you more in-depth into poetry.

**Saturday, November 16, 2019, 2:00 pm**

@ St. Petersburg Main Library (3745 9th Ave N. St. Petersburg, FL), Poet and translator Lydia Stone will present her translations of Ivan Krylov's fables and talk about the art of translating Russian poetry into English. Free and open to the public.

USF INSTITUTE ON RUSSIA & RUSSIAN HERITAGE, WILL PRESENT A FILM SCREENING "WOMEN OF THE GULAG", DOCUMENTARY BY MARIANNA YAROBKAYA, NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 12:30-1:45PM, MARSHALL STUDENT CENTER, ROOM 3707, 3 FL, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION WITH THE FILM DIRECTOR

## SPIFFS FAIR (October 24-27, 2019)

Saint Petersburg International Folk Fair Society

This is Tampa Bay's own version of a 'United Nations' and the only independent non-profit, multi-cultural folk fair organization in the country. It's a unique Folk Fair where you get a chance to travel the world in a day - without leaving the country. It has been around since 1975, and yes, Russia has been involved ever since that year too!

Russian Heritage wishes to Thank "Eugene and Mary Stenov" who have painstakingly put together the Russian Tent, not just this year but for all previous years they have been active. We need more people like them from the younger generation to take their steam and move ahead too!

We also want to thank ALL the other 30+ volunteers and helpers who took the time to put on their dresses and helped make the event a success! And of course, the singers and dancers too!!!

## 2019-2020 EVENTS IN SAINT PETERSBURG, TAMPA:

(WE WANT YOU TO BECOME A PART OF US! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN & NETWORK OURSELVES)

- **November 3, 2019, Sunday, 4:00pm**  
“Elena an Evening of Russian Songs” @ Russian American Club, Gulfport \$15.-
- **November 4, 2019, Monday, 12:30 (RH)**  
Marianna Yarovskaya will present her film “Women of the Gulag” @ USF Tampa Campus
- **November 10, 2019, Sunday, 11:00am**  
“ChoRuss Singers” from St Petersburg Russia @ St Andrews RO Church
- **November 10, 2019, Sunday**  
Annual AutumnFest @ Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church
- **November 15, 2019, Friday, 4:00pm (RH)**  
Ivan Krylov Fables, Meet Lydia Stone @ Russian American Club, \$10.-
- **November 16, 2019, Saturday, 2:00pm (RH)**  
Ivan Krylov Fables, Lecture, Discussion, Dinner @ St Petersburg Main Library
- **December 7, 2019, Saturday (RH)**  
A Picnic'chok Gathering (weather permitting)
- **December 21, 2019, Saturday (RH)**  
A Christmas Yolochka, For children (TBA)
- **December 31, 2019, Tuesday**  
New Year's Gathering (TBA)
- **January 6-7, 2020, Monday - Tuesday**  
Christmas Service @ St Andrews RO Church
- **January 11, 2020, Saturday, 6:00pm (RH)**  
Russian Heritage Annual Winter Ball @ St Petersburg Yacht Club
- **January 12, 2020, Sunday, 1:00 pm**  
Christmas Spectacular Show for Children @ St Andrews RO Church
- **January 13, 2020, Monday**  
Old Russian New Year's (TBA)
- **February 8, 2020, Saturday, 6:00 pm**  
Russian Heritage Hockey Night @ Amalie Arena, Tampa

Follow us on our webpage: [russianheritage.org](http://russianheritage.org)  
or find us on Facebook: “RussianHeritageAbroad”

We at Russian Heritage, are interested to know, “YOUR INTEREST”

Russian Heritage has been around since 1995. We are a cultural non-profit organization, and are interested in uniting the Russian public in the Tampa Bay area by providing interesting events and finding ways to network ourselves together. Various statistics show that there are 10,000 Russian speakers in the area (give or take). Saint Petersburg has always been populated by Russians, ever since Peter Demens (Dementiev) brought the railroad to the area, and thus St Petersburg has been named after him, the founding father of St Petersburg, Florida (& Odessa, Florida). Let's see what we can do together and for ourselves. There is a lot happening and a lot available to have outings for ourselves, families, children and for the professionals.

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