



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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1995 - Year in Review

- January - At our Annual Meeting, member Mary Hall puts on a photographic/musical program entitled "Northern Exposure - Russia" which is based on her recent lengthy trip to the Region.
- February - Pomor Professor Tatiana Balandina comes to USM to study and teach for the semester. Our Committee pairs with The Danforth Art Gallery to present paintings of Tatiana Solodar, a 1990 immigrant from Archangel.
- March - A small People-to-People Delegation to Russia includes Portland Municipal Organist Ray Cornils who performs with Victor Ryakin in Saint Petersburg and in Archangel.
- April - Pursuant to a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development, both Sister City Committees fully fund the High School Exchange: students and teachers from Deering High School and Archangel's School Number 6 are exchanged.
- May - Our Committee co-hosts "Rethinking Russia" at USM, a symposium of five leading scholars on Russian business.
- June - Committee member Gail Pelletier leads a delegation of ten people on a great trip to Saint Petersburg, Kizhi, Solovetsky Island, Archangel and Moscow. The delegation hails the adventure as "The Trip of a Lifetime".
- July - Our Committee enjoys another successful Rotary Craft Fair.
- August - Two Archangel High School students come for a year-long visit: Lida Zamareva comes to Gray-New Gloucester High School and Natasha Piminova comes to Deering High School.
- September - We sell \$ 560 worth of crafts at the international festival "One World Portland".
- October - Nineteen people from Archangel come to Maine on a People-to-People Delegation led by Victoria Kamennaya and Vladimir Berbenets. The Delegation presents a large Bird of Happiness to the Portland Jetport.
- November - Committee members Mary Hall and Dennis Marrotte present 70 photographs collectively entitled "Pearls of the Russian North" at the Portland Chamber of Commerce.
- December - We sell out half the house at the Portland Player performance of "Ten Little Indians" in a youth exchange fundraiser.