



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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2019 - Year in Review

- January - The "Bridges of Friendship" Photography Exhibition opens at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick; this Exhibition is made possible by the dedicated work of Committee members Dennis Marrotte and Dan Glover.
- February - Several Open World alumni gather in Archangel for a meeting with Alexander Khilkov from the Open World Leadership Center.
- March - "Bridges of Friendship" opens at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. Committee members Don Verger and Anna Garanenko present at "Russian Sampler" at Colby College in Waterville. PH International in Vermont brings young Ukraine basketball players to Maine to work with our basketball coaches.
- April - The US Embassy in Moscow sends Ohio State University History Professor Margaret Newell to Archangel for cultural and educational events; she also starts a relationship with NARFU Professor Alexi Feldt.
- May - "Bridges of Friendship" opens at the Windham Public Library.
- June - Committee member Marian Dalton spends two weeks at a Russian language program at NARFU in Archangel. Three Portland firefighters spend a week in Archangel training with their Rescue Service brothers. Committee member Carol Lord attends the Open World 20th Anniversary Celebration at the US Embassy in Moscow; then she joins Committee members Jim Butler, Deb Duffett and Neale Duffett in Archangel for "America Week" and City Day 435 activities.
- July - "Bridges of Friendship" returns to Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook and is featured in a story in the American Journal newspaper.
- August - "Bridges of Friendship" opens at the Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth and is featured in a story in the Cape Courier newspaper.
- September - Committee member Dennis Marrotte spends 3 eventful weeks in Archangel and in the surrounding region. He meets with the SPOLOKHI Camera Club about "Bridges of Friendship", he visits Archangel School Number 21 to plan for an October 2020 student trip to Westbrook High School, and he meets with museum and wooden boat-building people about possible future trips to Maine.
- October - Archangel friends Marina Pirogovskaya and Dimitri Akishev speak at Sister City conferences in Volgograd and Moscow respectively. The US Embassy sends the Maine rock band HESSIAN to Belomor Boogie in Archangel where they are joined by Committee member Jill Koufman. Dima Akishev runs in the Maine 1/2 Marathon.
- November - Our Committee hosts a 6 person Firefighter/Red Cross Open World Delegation and a 4 person Archangel City Hall delegation headed by Mayor Igor Godzish.
- December - Archangel Mayor Igor Godzish sends congratulatory letters to the newly elected Mayors of Portland, Westbrook and South Portland.