



The Archangel Committee
The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland
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2013 - Year in Review

- January - Committee member Ken Green visits Kotlas and Archangel where he met with teachers and students at School 6 and at the International Institute of Management (IIM). He endeavors to link IIM and Waterville's Thomas College.
- February - Committee member Steve Notinger again spends a week teaching law at the Northern Arctic Federal University in Archangel.
- March - The Waterville/Kotlas Committee holds its annual Russian Sampler Day at Colby College.
- April - Teacher Cyndy Martin leads 3 Portland High School students on a ecologically-themed trip to Archangel School 6 and to the Viktor Rydberg School in Stockholm. While in Archangel, the group joins the U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Officer Steven Labensky in "America Week" activities. Meanwhile in Maine, several Committee members help the Waterville/Kotlas Committee in hosting an Open World delegation.
- May - Committee member Steve Notinger hosted another legal intern from Archangel; Natasha Ergina spent 2 weeks here before returning to study for final exams.
- June - Maine Governor Paul LePage is among the friends and family who gathered for a remembrance service for Committee member Ken Green, who passed away after a brief illness.
- July - Committee member Steve Notinger hosts two professors from the Northern Arctic Federal University, Alexander Chekalin and his spouse Polina.
- August - Committee members begin intensive advance planning for the upcoming November Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Founding of our Sister City relationship.
- September - Leonid Vasilyev, the Director of the Russian Federal Meteorological Office in Archangel, visits the National Weather Service in Maine and the Mount Washington Observatory and Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. His interpreter is Nina Fedoseeva. Committee hosts are Dennis Marrotte and Sam Miller.
- October - Archangel City Councilor Dimitri Aksishev visits Portland to run in his 4th Maine Marathon Race. His daughter, architect Anna, comes with him.
- November - Our Committee celebrates 25 years as Sister Cities on November 18th at the Performing Arts Center in Westbrook. Attendees include Archangel Vice Mayor Vladimir Garmashov, Maine Governor Paul LePage, Westbrook Mayor Colleen Hilton, Open World Director John O'Keefe, a School 6 delegation, an Open World group, and leaders from the Waterville & Portsmouth Committees.
- December - Our photographic exhibition "Visions of Archangel" is featured at Westbrook High School and at Westbrook's Walker Memorial Library.