



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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1998 - Year in Review

- January - An International Exhibition of Archangel Sister Cities is held in Archangel by Mayor Balackshin; we send written greetings.
- February - Outgoing Maine high school students begin 7 weeks of cultural education prior to going to Archangel for a month.
- March - Ten students and one teacher/chaperone arrive from Archangel for a one month visit. Host school is Westbrook High School. One student from Novodvinsk arrives to visit Rumford.
- April - Eight students and two chaperones from Maine arrive in Archangel for one month visit. Host school is School #3. Chaperone Alex Norzow visits orphanages in Archangel and Novodvinsk and delivers small amount of supplies. Alex also visits hospitals in both cities and delivers medical supplies. In Maine, the Russian students visit Boston and Augusta. The student from Novodvinsk visits with Rumford officials and formalizes official Sister City Relationship between Rumford and Novodvinsk.
- May - Committee members take part in Maine International Trade Day, sponsored by the Maine International Trade Center. Also, committee members help in welcoming and hosting Project Harmony delegation from Ukraine.
- June - Eleven Mainers travel to Saint Petersburg, Moscow and Archangel on People-to-People Delegation. In Saint Petersburg, our delegation takes part in Official Reception on board Maine Maritime Academy Training Ship.
- July - Committee members host two master pianists from Saint Petersburg Conservatory of Music.
- August - Committee member visits Kenozero and Pinega National Parks in Archangel Region in order to further the relationship between these Parks and the Rachel Carson National wildlife Refuge in Wells, Maine.
- September - USAID 3-member legal delegation to Archangel. The group teaches classes, helps form a legal clinic for the poor, and delivers supplies to hospitals and orphanages in Archangel and Novodvinsk.
- October - Archangel Chief Justice Mikhail Averin and two others visit Maine on USAID legal delegation. Seven others from Archangel visit Maine as People-to-People Delegation. Committee members also help host Project Harmony Business Delegation from Archangel.
- November - Town of Long Island officially joins with the 13 other cities and towns as part of the Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland.
- December - Humanitarian Committee formed to study sending significant amount of aid to hospitals and orphanages in Archangel Region.