



## The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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### 1991 - Year in Review

- January - Maine radio personality Jim Moran (WCLZ FM) returns from a week of radio shows in Archangel and shares his impressions with our Committee at the Annual Meeting. USM Professor Edna Ellis and students Kathy Blenick and Rebecca Fredericks leave for a semester at the Archangel Pedigological Institute.
- February - A professor from the Archangel Institute of Economics and Finance visits USM for three weeks.
- March - Committee members Dennis Marrotte, Ann Munch and Paul Petzholt lead a delegation of nine Mainers to Archangel; they are treated to a visit to historic Kargopol.
- April - Gray-New Gloucester High School hosts 12 students and two chaperones from Archangel while a similar number of Mainers visit Archangel for a month. USM Professor Duke McKeil teaches at the Archangel Institute of Economics and Finance for a month; he gets a chance to visit Velsk in the southern part of the Archangel Region.
- May - A professor and three students return to Archangel after a semester at USM.
- June - Twenty-six Mainers go to Archangel on a People-to-People Delegation and enjoy City Day on the summer solstice.
- July - A Committee fundraiser is held at Paul Petzholt's camp at Sebago Lake. Portland's Mad Horse Theater hosts the 17 member Victor Panov Theater Group for two weeks of performances of "Requiem". Although the play is in Russian, audiences are large and the Portland Press Herald praises the work for its "hypnotic power and vivid imagery". Also, six students and three adults travel to Archangel for a summer camp program.
- August - Twelve students and three adults from Archangel come to Maine for a summer camp program. The Portland Camera Club and the Spoloki Camera Club put on a large display of photographs at South Portland's Spring Point Festival. Finally, Southern Maine Technical College student Mike Billings, who had traveled to Scotland to join a crew of Russians on the 58 foot sailboat "Arkhangelsk" for the long journey around Norway's North Cape, through the White Sea and up the Northern Dvina River, arrived in Archangel in late August to help commemorate the first arrival of Allied convoys into the port in World War II.
- September - Archangel Regional Governor Victor Kostrimin and City mayor Alex Ivanov join Greater Portlanders in Cincinnati for the Soviet-American SCI Conference.
- October - A twenty-five member People-to-People Delegation from Archangel visits Maine
- November - Finance Professor Albert Smetanin teaches at USM for two weeks.
- December - Our Committee and the Portland Rotary Club meet to plan food aid to Archangel.