



## The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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### 2003 - Year in Review

- January - Committee member Ray Pelletier guides Maine Legislators Matt Dunlap and David Trahan to Archangel for work with the Archangel Duma. Ray also delivers money from our Committee to area Orphanages, and delivers medical supplies to Dr. Sosnin.
- February - At our Annual Social Gathering, Maine Legislator Matt Dunlap shows video and speaks of his January trip to the Archangel Duma. Members from the Waterville/Kotlas and Portsmouth/Severodvinsk committees join us.
- March - Committee members Dennis Marrotte and Steve Cowpertwaite present lectures to school children from all over Maine at Russian Sampler Day at Colby College. This event is organized by the Waterville/Kotlas committee.
- April - Committee member Carol-Lynn Rossel presents her photographs of Russia with accompanying poetry at the University of Maine in Augusta.
- May - Five Maine judges and lawyers visit Archangel and focus on domestic violence issues. Committee members James and Janie Ghaffari deliver clothing and supplies to Archangel orphanages.
- June - Our Committee website records its 5000th visitor. Two Maine D.O.T. engineers visit with their counterparts in Archangel.
- July - Judges of Archangel's newly created District Court system visit Washington DC where they are hosted by the Library of Congress.
- August - The same nine Judges travel to Maine for a week-long visit focusing on criminal justice and domestic violence issues. They meet Governor Baldacci.
- September - Two engineers from the Archangel D.O.T. work on information technology issues on a visit here with the Maine D.O.T.
- October - A Maine judge, prosecutor and law professor travel to Vologda (halfway between Moscow and Archangel) and participate in an advanced jury trial conference.
- November - Our Committee hosts three legal professionals from Archangel with a \$7,000 grant from the Library of Congress based "Open World Program" through Sister Cities International. Duma member Ernest Belokorovin, prosecutor Tatiana Yelsakova and defense lawyer Evgeny Kalinin focus on domestic violence and other legal and legislative issues.
- December - Committee member Masha Vorobieva visits Archangel and meets with Duma Chairman Vitali Fortygin and Duma member Ernest Belokorovin to discuss future projects and exchanges.