



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2015 - Year in Review

- January - Committee members present shows about the Arctic Convoys and Russian Culture at the Kennebunk Free Library. The "Russian North" Photography Exhibition is at the Camden Memorial Library.
- February - The "Russian North" Exhibition is displayed at the Camden Opera House as part of the Camden Conference theme "Russia Resurgent".
- March - Our Committee joins with the Archangel Training Center for Rescue Organizations and applies for a federal grant covering a firefighter exchange. The "Russian North" Exhibition is displayed at the Language Exchange as part of Portland's First Friday Art Walk.
- April - Delegations from Westbrook High School and Casco Bay High School visit Archangel and participate in "America Week" activities. The Award Ceremony for the "Day in the Life of the City" contest is held at the Center of Traditional Northern Culture.
- May - Maine World War II veterans Leon Stawasz, Janes Sheppard and Edward Richardson send written messages to Archangel veterans to commemorate Victory Day. Our Committee sponsors a wreath placed at Archangel's Eternal Flame.
- June - Our Committee supports "Russian Culture Night" at Westbrook's Walker Memorial Library with photographs and music.
- July - Kotlas Mayor Andrei Bralnin leads a 6 person delegation to Waterville to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Waterville-Kotlas Sister City Relationship.
- August - The Portsmouth New Hampshire - Severodvinsk Sister City Relationship completed a friendly merger with our Archangel Committee.
- September - We are awarded a large grant for our Firefighter Exchange by the U.S. Embassy in Moscow as part of the Peer-to-Peer Grant Program.
- October - Committee members present about Archangel culture to a gathering at the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association in Portland. Archangel runners Dimitri Akishev and Ivan Reznik compete once again in the Maine Marathon.
- November - Westbrook High School hosts a delegation from Archangel School 21. Our Committee hosts an Education Delegation from Archangel pursuant to the Open World Program based at the U.S. Library of Congress.
- December - Christmas and New Years messages are exchanged between our communities, including new Mayors in Portland and Archangel.