



## The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

### 1992 - Year in Review

- January - With Russia in serious economic crisis, our Committee holds its Annual Meeting and commits itself to a major humanitarian aid program to provide food and medical supplies to Russia. The Portland Rotary Club commits to being our partner in this huge project.
- February - The Portland String Quartet and Portland Press Herald photographer Dave McDonald are in a group of nine Mainers who travel to Archangel. The PSQ performs with the Archangel String Quartet.
- March - Archangel Pedigogical Institute (Pomor University) Professor Nadia Vezshliotseva comes to USM to teach two community education classes for the semester. After a large community effort, three large ocean containers of food and medical supplies leave America for Archangel; ocean transport is donated by Hapag-Lloyd and by Archangel's Northern Shipping Company.
- April - Seven Maine high school students and two chaperones travel to Archangel for the month, but due to Russia's economic crisis, no Russian students come to Maine.
- May - After Committee members Fred Richardson and Ann Noyes travel to Archangel to facilitate the arrival of the containers, they purchase 85 pieces of beautiful artwork and crafts from the Archangel Region and load them into one of the emptied containers for the return trip to Maine. The container also contains children's artwork and more common crafts.
- June - A ten member People-to-People Delegation including WGAN personality Jim Crocker travel to Archangel for City Day festivities. Committee member Gary Davis participates in a bicycle trek for peace from Leningrad to Archangel.
- July - Committee member Gail Pelletier organizes Committee craft sales at the Annual Rotary Craft Fair and collects \$ 2883 for funding future high school exchanges.
- August - Portland Press Herald photographer Dave McDonald returns to Archangel for more extensive exploration.
- September - The United States Internal Revenue Service issues its final and permanent ruling that our Committee is a valid non-profit section 501(c)(3) corporation. A huge art auction of the items brought back in the container nets an amazing \$ 21,746 for future high school exchanges. The Portland Press Herald prints a full page of David McDonald's photographs of Russia.
- October - Committee member Gail Pelletier nets \$ 948 at the YMCA Craft Show in Portland.
- November - A fourth Committee/Rotary medical container leaves for Archangel.
- December - Committee members attend a meeting of all organizations in Maine that have linkages with Russia and other nations in the Commonwealth of Independent States.