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Russian Cultural Garden Magazine

Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America

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Welcome!

Dear friends,

We are thrilled to introduce our new magazine, specially created to unite Russian-speaking residents of Cleveland and inspire active participation in our community's life.

Our goals are simple yet meaningful: we aim to be a connecting link for you, helping you find new friends, preserve traditions, and share the cultural heritage that binds us all together.

In each issue, we will bring you the latest news, recount past events, and inform you about upcoming ones.

In the near future, we are planning many exciting events that will leave you with unforgettable memories and a sense of unity.

Stay tuned for our publications, participate in the events, and let's develop and strengthen our community together!

With warm regards,
Your Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland



New Year's Tree at the Russian Cultural Garden

This past Sunday, December 1st, our wonderful team of volunteers gathered at the Russian Cultural Garden to decorate the New Year's tree for the holidays. Now, our tree sparkles with lights and ornaments, filling the garden with an atmosphere of warmth and coziness.

If you're passing by, be sure to stop and admire its beauty. Let this festive tree lift your spirits and remind you of the magic of the winter holidays — we decorated it with love and care just for you.



We wholeheartedly thank our volunteers for creating this incredible atmosphere! You've brought a piece of the holiday spirit to our entire community.

Address: The Russian Garden's site is located on the West side of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., South of I-90, North of St. Clair Ave., right across the street from Armenian Cultural Garden. Parking is permitted along the MLK Drive. Additional parking is available at the Rockefeller Prk Greenhouse, which is across the street from the Russian Garden.

NEW YEAR'S TREE

WITH THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

December 22nd (12:30pm, 3:00pm and 5:30pm)

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Record-Breaking Snowstorm Paralyzes the Great Lakes: Ohio Hit Hard

A record-breaking snowstorm hit the United States on Thanksgiving Day 2024, severely impacting the Great Lakes region. In Ohio, the city of Saybrook reported a record 124 cm (49 inches) of snow, paralyzing transportation and causing numerous accidents.

The heavy snowfall created chaos on the roads:

- Highways I-90 and I-86 in Pennsylvania and New York were closed.
- Over 100 vehicles were evacuated from Route 5 near Dunkirk to clear the roadway.
- In Ohio, the snow caused mass accidents, especially east of Cleveland.
- Authorities in New York banned commercial transport on some sections of I-90 and temporarily closed westbound lanes of the highway.

The "lake-effect" snowfall also brought heavy accumulation to New York and Michigan. Despite emergency declarations and assistance from first responders, the situation remains unstable. Snowfall is expected to continue through December 4, further complicating infrastructure recovery.





MASLENITSA



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to announce that we are resuming our annual traditional Maslenitsa celebration, which will take place on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 12:00 PM (the venue will be announced in the Facebook group: Russian Cleveland).

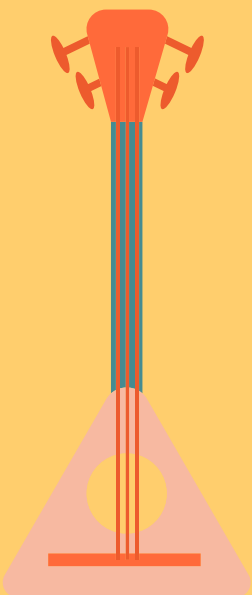
We invite you to welcome spring with us!

Bring your whole family!

We will be happy to see everyone!

Yours,

The Russian Cultural Garden



Message from the President of the Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland



Dear residents of Cleveland,

We sincerely thank our sponsors, as well as the families and individuals who voluntarily support the Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland! Thanks to your generosity, enthusiasm, and efforts, we are together creating a space that reflects the richness and depth of Russian culture.

We are excited to announce that we are actively working on creating new events and initiatives that will showcase our cultural uniqueness even more brightly. Your ideas and participation make an invaluable contribution to the development of the garden and the strengthening of our community.

Let us show together that the Russian community of Cleveland can unite talent, knowledge, organizational skills, and resources to create a unique corner that will be a source of pride for us and future generations.

Join our projects and initiatives!

Together, we will create something outstanding!

Sincerely,
Kristina Makhneva

The Russian Cultural Garden announces a competition for the best monument design for Nikolai Sokolov!

The Russian Cultural Garden in Cleveland is proud to announce a competition for the creation of a monument concept to Nikolai Sokolov — an outstanding musician, conductor, and music director who left an indelible mark on the history of music.

Nikolai Sokolov became the founder and first conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra, leading it from 1918 to 1932. Thanks to his vision and expertise, the orchestra transformed into one of the leading musical ensembles in the United States.

The best submissions will be showcased at an exhibition in our cultural garden, and the winner will have the opportunity to bring their project to life.



Let's come together to create a monument that will forever preserve the memory of Nikolai Sokolov in the hearts of people.

We are ready to consider all proposals!

Please send your ideas to the email: russianguardencle@gmail.com



DID YOU KNOW?



Interesting facts about Russian culture:



Pushkin is the founder of modern Russian language.

Alexander Pushkin is not only considered the "sun of Russian poetry," but also played a key role in the development of modern Russian literary language by uniting the literary and spoken styles.



The Matryoshka doll is a symbol of versatility.

The Russian Matryoshka, known worldwide, symbolizes family values and unity, as well as the idea of "inner content" of a person and culture.



The longest novel in the world:



Leo Tolstoy's **War and Peace** is considered one of the longest novels in world literature. This work is often referred to as the "encyclopedia of Russian life."



A unique alphabet:

Cyrillic, the Russian script, was developed by Saints Cyril and Methodius and is used in various forms across many countries in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Happy New Year 2025!

Dear residents of Cleveland,

Happy New Year — the Year of the Green Wooden Snake! May this year bring you wisdom, tranquility, and harmony. May your life be filled with new opportunities, bright moments, and sincere joys. We wish you good health, luck, and much success in 2025!

Happy holidays!

Yours,
The Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland



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- A review of past events
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and history!**

