

# Russian Cultural Garden Magazine

Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America



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Discover This Month



# MESSAGE FROM ELENA SYSUEVA

Dear friends!

It is a great honor for me this year to join the Russian Cultural Garden team in a new role – **Event Manager**. Many of you may have seen me at our events in a variety of roles – from a princess to Baba Yaga. These roles have always brought me immense **joy** because they allowed me to bring a sense of magic to both children and adults.

Our garden is not just a beautiful place. It is a space where **culture, history,** and **people** come together. It is part of the unique cultural system of Cleveland Cultural Gardens, where different nations share their **heritage** and **traditions**.

This year, we have many ideas and plans. We want to make our events even more vibrant, interactive, and family-friendly, so that every guest feels like part of our shared cultural story. We are looking forward to new **celebrations, creative programs, gatherings,** and, of course, a little bit of magic.

I invite all residents of Cleveland and visitors to the city to come to our garden, take part in our events, and bring friends and children. Together, we can make this place even **warmer, more vibrant, and inspiring.**

Thank you to every volunteer, participant, and reader of our magazine for your support and love of culture.

I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Warm regards,  
Elena Sysueva  
Event Manager





June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

for the first time

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with the Russian Cultural Garden

Highlights of the program:

- A marketplace with traditional cuisine
- Fun contests for kids and adults
- Folk performances
- And several pleasant surprises



# EASTER

A CELEBRATION OF SPRING,  
LIGHT, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

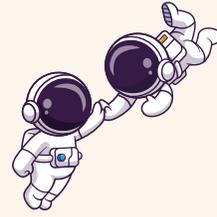
**Easter** is one of the most recognizable and heartwarming holidays, celebrated by many families together, regardless of how deeply they observe religious traditions. It is always associated with **spring**, **renewal**, the **joy** of gathering, and simple family **traditions** – dyed eggs, kulich, and a cheerful atmosphere.

In 2026, Easter in the **Western tradition** falls on Sunday, **April 5** – a date observed in many countries and Christian denominations that follow the Gregorian calendar.

**Orthodox** Easter, traditionally, will be on Sunday, **April 12**, 2026 – a bit later due to calculations based on the Julian calendar.

**The Russian Cultural Garden** warmly wishes you a Happy Easter! May this spring day bring **joy**, **warmth**, **health**, and **hope** to your homes, and may each new day be filled with **light** and **kind** encounters.



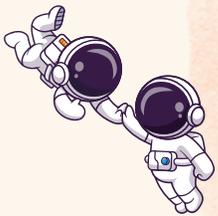


## April 12 – Cosmonautics Day.

On this day in **1961**, a human conquered space for the first time – it was **Yuri Gagarin**. His flight opened a new era in human history and proved that for the brave and determined, nothing is impossible.



Cosmonautics Day reminds us of the power of **knowledge**, the drive to explore **new horizons**, and the **belief in our dreams**. May this holiday inspire bold ideas, discoveries, and the pursuit of your own star.



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**WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR SPOKEN ENGLISH, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND HAVE A GREAT TIME? JOIN OUR MULTICULTURAL ESL CLUB OF CLEVELAND, ORGANIZED BY TEACHER TONYA MOHAMED!**

**CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY – STAY UPDATED ON OUR PAGE:**

**[FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/1798737884382405](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1798737884382405)**



## **THE CLUB INCLUDES:**

-  **SPOKEN ENGLISH PRACTICE**
-  **SHARING RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCES**
-  **BOARD GAMES**
-  **WARM AND FRIENDLY SOCIALIZING**



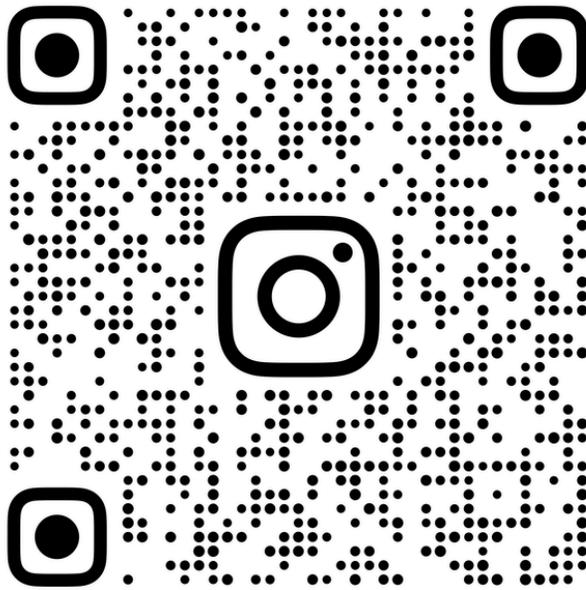
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME – ANY ENGLISH LEVEL, ANY AGE!  
COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**





**WE ARE ON  
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# ASTROLOGICAL TIPS: APRIL 2026 HOROSCOPE



**ARIES:**  
APRIL WILL DEMAND  
DECISIVENESS: IT'S TIME TO  
MAKE QUICK DECISIONS  
AND NOT LOOK BACK.



**TAURUS:**  
A MONTH FOCUSED ON  
FINANCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD  
MATTERS. IMPORTANT  
PURCHASES OR CHANGES IN  
PLANS MAY OCCUR.



**GEMINI:**  
APRIL WILL BE FULL OF  
COMMUNICATION AND  
ACTIVITIES. IT'S IMPORTANT  
NOT TO SPREAD YOURSELF  
TOO THIN AND TO CHOOSE A  
MAIN FOCUS.



**CANCER:**  
A PERIOD FOR  
INTROSPECTION AND  
REASSESSING YOUR VALUES.  
A GOOD TIME FOR PERSONAL  
DECISIONS.



**LEO:**  
AN ACTIVE MONTH AWAITS YOU  
WITH NEW TASKS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES. YOUR  
LEADERSHIP QUALITIES WILL  
COME TO THE FOREFRONT.



**VIRGO:**  
APRIL WILL BRING CHANGES AT  
WORK AND NEW  
RESPONSIBILITIES. AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR  
POSITION WILL ARISE.



**LIBRA:**  
A MONTH OF PARTNERSHIPS  
AND AGREEMENTS.  
IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS  
AND RECONCILIATIONS MAY  
TAKE PLACE.



**SCORPIO:**  
A TIME TO ORGANIZE  
YOUR AFFAIRS AND  
THOUGHTS. OLD MATTERS  
WILL FINALLY COME TO A  
CLOSE.



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
APRIL WILL TEST YOUR ABILITY  
TO SEE THINGS THROUGH TO  
THE END. SUCCESS WILL COME  
THROUGH DISCIPLINE AND  
ATTENTION TO DETAIL.



**CAPRICORN:**  
THE FOCUS IS ON HOME  
AND FAMILY. CHANGES  
RELATED TO YOUR LIVING  
SITUATION OR LOVED ONES  
MAY OCCUR.



**AQUARIUS:**  
A MONTH OF UNEXPECTED  
NEWS AND DECISIONS.  
YOU'LL NEED TO ADAPT  
QUICKLY TO CHANGING  
CIRCUMSTANCES.



**PISCES:**  
APRIL WILL BE PRACTICAL:  
FOCUSING ON FINANCES  
AND PLANNING WILL  
BRING PEACE OF MIND.

# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



**OLESYA  
ALADYSHKINA**

Olesya is an important part of our team and a reliable helper at all our garden events.

She actively participates in organizing celebrations and always takes on a variety of tasks. Thanks to her energy, kindness, and care, every event is held in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

For us, Olesya is an example of responsibility, genuine engagement, and readiness to help in any situation. She handles any task with ease, supports the team, and makes every event truly cozy and memorable for our guests.



**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AS IF YOU WERE INTRODUCING YOURSELF TO A NEW FRIEND. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES, DREAMS, OR FUNNY HABITS THAT WE MIGHT GET TO KNOW?**

My name is Olesya, although sometimes people call me "Elena Borisovna" – whichever you prefer. But I'm not really Lena... That's just how it ended up historically, and that's a story of its own. Currently, my main – and perhaps most challenging – passion is studying English. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music, visiting museums, theaters, and exhibitions, traveling, singing, dancing... and simply enjoying life. I love people very much and believe that everyone has something to teach, because we are all so different.

**TELL US ABOUT A MOMENT IN THE GARDEN THAT MADE YOU SMILE, SURPRISED YOU, OR TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING.**

In our Russian Cultural Garden volunteer community, I am especially impressed by the enthusiasm, creativity, and mutual support. We are not just a team of organizers and participants – we are a true, close-knit family. Here, remarkable people have come together – reliable, smart, talented, warm-hearted, and fun. Meeting such people is a great fortune in life, and for me, it is a true gift of fate to be part of this team.



I really hope that as many people as possible learn about our Russian Cultural Garden and that it becomes a favorite place of relaxation for everyone. Everything here is done with a kind heart and genuine care for each person. And if you haven't visited the Russian Garden yet – then a very warm meeting awaits you. Come by; here it's not only cultural, but also beautiful, fun, and heartfelt, and you might leave with new friends... or at least in a great mood. Everyone, young and old, is welcome to our wonderful Russian Garden!

# JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN!



**LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS IN CLEVELAND? VOLUNTEERING  
AT THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN IS A GREAT WAY TO  
MEET NEW PEOPLE AND BECOME PART OF A FRIENDLY TEAM!**

**IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A PERMANENT COMMITMENT - YOU CAN  
HELP WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME AND DESIRE.**

**INTERESTED? EMAIL US AT  
[RUSSIANGARDENCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RUSSIANGARDENCE@GMAIL.COM).  
WE WELCOME EVERYONE!**

# DID YOU KNOW?

## April Facts:



**The word “April” comes from the Latin aperire – “to open.”**

The month was named for the time when nature “opens” after winter, and the active awakening of plants and flowers begins.

**In spring, people’s energy levels increase thanks to sunlight and vitamin D.**

That’s why in April, people often feel the urge to make changes in their lives, start new projects, and spend more time outdoors.

**In Rus’, April was called “Snegogon” (literally, “snow chaser”).**

It was believed that this month marked the final surrender of winter to spring, and the melting snow symbolized purification and the renewal of nature.

**The tradition of dyeing eggs at Easter symbolizes new life and rebirth.**

This custom has existed for many centuries and is connected to ancient beliefs about spring as a time when life triumphs over winter.

# Every time you participate, you contribute to the future of the Russian-speaking community!

Dear friends,

The Russian Cultural Garden is a place where Russian culture lives. Here, children discover Pushkin for the first time, familiar melodies are heard, and adults feel part of a big family. Here, we laugh together, sing, create, and simply feel that **we are one**. Everything you see in the garden is made with love by our **volunteers**. Every flower, every bench, every celebration is the result of hard work, inspiration, and a belief that culture must live. We do this for **you**, for the **children**, for the **future**.

But for the garden to continue to bloom and grow, we need your support. **Support** that brings ideas to life, that allows music to play, flowers to flourish, and people to come together.

♥ **Making a donation is now easier than ever!**

We accept donations via **Zeffy** — safe and convenient.

☞ [Click the link to make a contribution →](#)

Every donation is more than just a sum of money. It's a warm "thank you," a helping hand, a belief in a shared cause. Even the smallest contribution makes a **big difference**.

Thanks to you, culture continues to live.

Thanks to you, the garden **blooms**.

Thanks to you, we are **together**.

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