

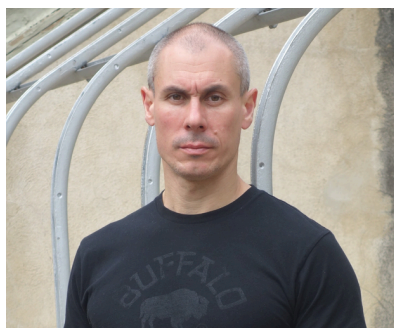
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Russian Cultural Garden Magazine

Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America

Discover This Month



MESSAGE FROM MIKHAIL KHORETONENKO

VICE PRESIDENT AND VOLUNTEER AT RCG

Each year on One World Day, the paths through the Cleveland Cultural Gardens fill with music, languages, and the bright colors of heritage. This year's theme — traditional textiles from each diaspora — feels especially close to home.

Across generations and continents, textiles have carried the stories of who we are. In Russia, embroidery and weaving were never just decoration — they told tales of family, community, and place. A red thread on a sleeve might speak of love. A pattern repeated through generations might carry a prayer for peace. Every stitch was a memory.

As immigrants and descendants of immigrants, we continue that tradition in a new land. We bring our stories, our symbols, and yes, our threads — and we weave them into the American fabric. The result is not a single color or pattern, but something far richer: a tapestry of cultures, each distinct, yet interlaced.

At the Russian Cultural Garden, we are proud to be one thread in this greater design. We honor the past, but our gaze is forward. And as we walk beside gardens representing so many nations — some old friends, some new neighbors — we are reminded that unity does not require sameness. It requires respect, care, and the shared will to remain woven together.

That is how we build peace — through mutual understanding.

With best wishes,
Mikhail Khoretonenko

79th One World Day

Sunday, August 24, 2025
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

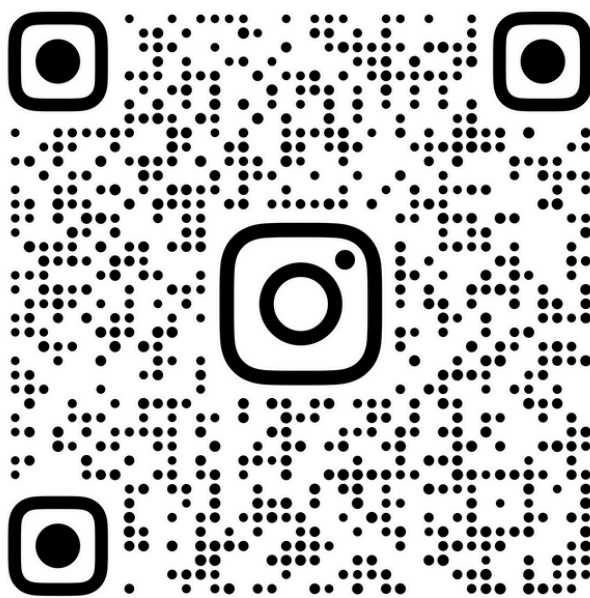
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Cleveland and the world at the
Cultural Gardens**

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OPEN AIR MOVIE

WITH THE RUSSIAN
CULTURAL GARDEN

On July 18, the Russian Cultural Garden hosted the second evening in our summer Open Air Movie Nights series. Under the open sky and on the big screen, we watched a vibrant, musical, and truly stylish film — *Stilyagi*. This film transported us to the atmosphere of the 1950s, where the energy of youth, a love for music, and a yearning for freedom felt especially relevant.



The audience smiled as they reminisced about the past, sang along to familiar melodies, and happily shared their thoughts on the film. The evening turned out to be truly warm and full of life — like a reunion of old friends brought together by a love for great cinema and cozy atmosphere.

Thank you to everyone who joined us! Don't miss our next screening at the Russian Cultural Garden — more exciting films, summer evenings, and heartfelt conversations under the stars are still ahead.





OPEN AIR MOVIE



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH
7:30PM**

**WE ARE MEETING AT THE RUSSIAN
CULTURAL GARDEN GROUNDS.**

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ARIES:
IN AUGUST, YOU'LL BE DRAWN INTO ADVENTURES ONCE AGAIN — JUST DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNSCREEN AND A GOOD ALIBI. BE BOLD, BUT STAY OUT OF THE FOUNTAIN — THE STARS ARE NOT IN FAVOR.



TAURUS:
THE MONTH PROMISES DELICIOUS ADVENTURES: KEBABS, WATERMELON, AND SURPRISE PIES FROM THE NEIGHBORS. JUST REMEMBER — THE FRIDGE ISN'T A HIDING SPOT, AND YOUR FRIENDS WANT A SLICE TOO.



GEMINI:
YOU'LL BE TORN BETWEEN THE DACHA, THE SEASIDE, AND OLYA'S PARTY. SPOILER: YOU'LL MAKE IT TO ALL OF THEM — JUST DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU LEFT YOUR KEYS AND SLIPPERS.



CANCER:
AUGUST MAY HAVE YOU FEELING WISTFUL ABOUT SUMMER... WHILE ON A LAKESIDE PICNIC WITH A BLANKET AND STRAWBERRIES. EXPECT ROMANCE, MOSQUITOES, AND A SURPRISE FROM THE UNIVERSE (POSSIBLY A KITTEN).



LEO:
YOUR MONTH, YOUR SUN, YOUR RULES! BUT EVEN THE STARS SUGGEST: TONE IT DOWN A BIT, OH MIGHTY RULER — LET OTHERS GET A WORD IN TOO.



VIRGO:
YOU'VE PLANNED EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE MINUTE, BUT AUGUST HAS ITS OWN AGENDA. EXPECT SURPRISES AND SPONTANEOUS ADVENTURES — EVEN THE STARS DON'T ALWAYS STICK TO A SCHEDULE!



LIBRA:
YOUR BALANCE WILL BE THROWN OFF — ONE PERSON WILL TEMPT YOU WITH ICE CREAM, ANOTHER WITH CONCERT TICKETS. EMBRACE A LITTLE MADNESS (AND DON'T FORGET YOUR PHONE CHARGER).



SCORPIO:
YOU'RE ONCE AGAIN INTRIGUING EVERYONE WITH THAT MYSTERIOUS LOOK AND THE PHRASE, "I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET." AUGUST WILL BRING PASSIONATE ENCOUNTERS, SECRET PLANS, AND POSSIBLY A BROKEN SWING.



SAGITTARIUS:
AUGUST MATCHES YOUR VIBE — HOT, LOUD, FUN, AND SLIGHTLY OFF-SCHEDULE. JUST TRY NOT TO CONFUSE YOUR VACATION WITH AN AMAZON EXPEDITION... THOUGH YOU'D PROBABLY HANDLE THAT TOO.



CAPRICORN:
WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS ON VACATION, YOU'RE HOLDING TIGHT TO YOUR SCHEDULE. BUT THE STARS WHISPER: YOU DESERVE A LAZY MORNING, SOME WATERMELON, AND A DAY OFF.



AQUARIUS:
ANOTHER IDEA, ANOTHER PROJECT, ANOTHER "LET'S BUILD A RAFT AND SAIL AWAY IN AUGUST!" THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T MIND — JUST DON'T FORGET TO RESCUE THE NEIGHBOR'S CAT AND TURN OFF THE STOVE.



PISCES:
AUGUST WILL BRING YOU DREAMS, ROMANCE, AND THREE STRANGE SIGNS FROM FATE (ONE OF THEM—A BANANA PEEL). GO WITH THE FLOW, BUT PREFERABLY WITH A FLOATIE AND SUNSCREEN.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



**ANDREI
POSPELOV**

Dear Andrei,
Congratulations on earning the
well-deserved title of Volunteer of
the Month!

Your artistry, sense of humor, and
boundless energy make every
celebration in our Garden truly
magical. You were Father Frost at
the New Year's tree, a cheerful
jester at Maslenitsa, and the lively
Zhuchka at the Children's Day party
– and you brought each character
to life with a passion and
brightness that lights up the faces
of both children and adults alike.

Thank you for your kindness, talent,
and sincere desire to do good.
We're so glad you're part of our
close-knit team!

Here's to new roles and exciting
events ahead!

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF — WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I'm originally from Russia, from the Karachay-Cherkess Republic. I currently live in Cleveland, Ohio. In my free time, I enjoy photography and studying philosophy and spiritual practices, especially Buddhism. I'm interested in observing the inner world of a person.



HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN, AND WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO JOIN US?

I learned about the Russian Cultural Garden shortly after moving to Cleveland through Facebook. When I visited for the first time, I felt a special atmosphere of warmth and connection to my roots. This inspired me to become part of the community and contribute to its growth.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT OUR GARDEN — MAYBE A SPECIAL SPOT, EVENT, OR THE OVERALL ATMOSPHERE?

What I like most about the garden is its spirit. It's especially wonderful to be there during events – festivals, concerts, and gatherings. In those moments, the garden comes alive, and you can feel people coming together around something meaningful and shared.



JOIN THE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AT 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
RUSSIANGARDENCLE@gmail.com.
WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!**

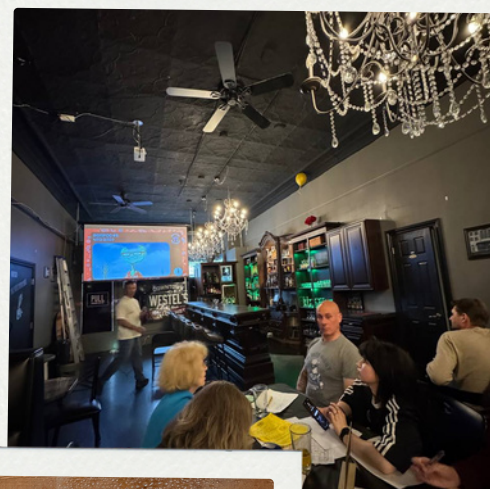
EDITORIAL RECOMMENDS!

IF YOU LOVE MUSIC AND
FUN QUIZZES, THEN
YOMAHA YOMASHOW IS
JUST WHAT YOU NEED!

IT'S AN EXCITING MUSIC QUIZ
WHERE PARTICIPANTS
GUESS SONGS AND SIMPLY
HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH
FRIENDS.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE
REGULAR GUESTS! WE
COMPETE FOR PRIZES,
PARTICIPATE IN CONTESTS,
AND SING AT THE TOP OF
OUR LUNGS.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE
NEXT GAME, KEEP AN EYE
OUT FOR UPDATES AND
DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO
SPEND AN ENERGETIC
EVENING!



Dear Clevelanders!

The Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland continues its search for a talented **architect** or **landscape designer** to create a design for our grounds. We plan to develop sketches and plans for installing unique installations that will highlight the cultural heritage and beauty of our garden.

If you would like to contribute to the development of the garden or know someone who might be interested, we would be happy to hear from you!

Please contact us by email at: russianguardencle@gmail.com



Let's work together to make the Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland a place that inspires and delights!

WHAT TO TRY IN AUGUST?

August is a month of warm sunsets, berry desserts, and starry nights.
Embrace these simple joys to make it unforgettable!



Gather a bouquet of wildflowers:

August is the time of blooming meadows. Take some time for a walk outside the city or in a park, gather a bouquet of daisies, cornflowers, or bellflowers, and decorate your home with it. It's a simple way to bring a touch of summer into your everyday life.

Have a picnic under the stars:

Warm August nights are perfect for dining outdoors. Grab a blanket, some light snacks, tea in a thermos, and enjoy an evening under the starry sky. You can even try spotting constellations!

Try a new recipe with seasonal berries:

August is rich with raspberries, blackberries, and late-season strawberries. Bake a berry pie, make a smoothie, or prepare some jam – it will add sweetness to your everyday life.

Take a walk at sunset:

August sunsets are especially warm and picturesque. Find a beautiful spot – the shore of Lake Erie, a field, or a hill – and take a leisurely walk, soaking in the colors of the sky.

THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

Dear friends,

Imagine a place where Russian culture lives. Where children hear Pushkin for the first time, folk songs are sung, and we gather as one big family — this is the Russian Cultural Garden.

With love and the efforts of volunteers, we create a space where you can connect with your roots and pass that strength on. Everything — from blooming flowerbeds to concerts — is done by hand and often funded personally. But for the garden to continue living and growing, we need your support. **Every donation is an investment in culture, in community, in all of us.**

Making a contribution is easy:

Send any amount via Zelle to: russianguardencle@gmail.com

In the note, please write: **"Donation for Russian Cultural Garden"**

Every contribution matters — even the smallest amount makes a big difference.

Thanks to you, culture continues to thrive.



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- A review of past events
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- Exclusive interviews and materials
- And much more!

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