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Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America



Discover This Month



MESSAGE FROM KRISTINA MAKHNEVA

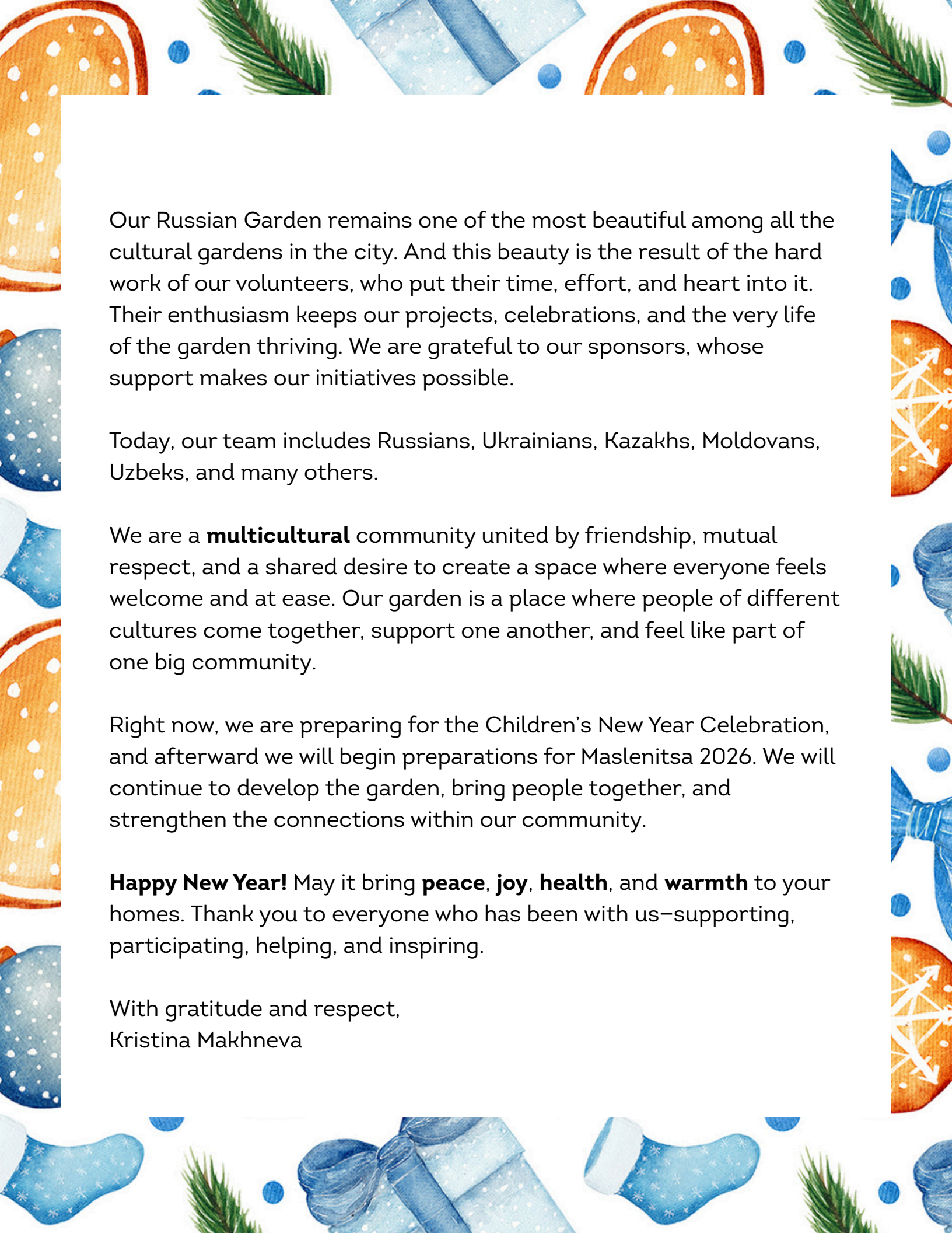
PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

Dear friends, residents, and guests of Cleveland!

Another year is coming to an end – a year of warm meetings, shared efforts, and the continued growth of our Russian Cultural Garden. It has been bright, eventful, and full of achievements, **thanks to each and every one of you!**

What we accomplished together:

- Last year we held our very first **New Year's Yolka** celebration, which became a warm, family-oriented, and much-loved event that many remember with special fondness.
- This year we celebrated **Maslenitsa** on a grand scale – the holiday drew not only Cleveland residents, but also guests from nearby cities and even other states. It was truly a big and joyful event.
- We created a wonderful celebration for children on June 1st, International **Children's Day**.
- We took part in the **Parade of Flags**, marching as a bright and impressive group.
- We represented our community at the **Multicultural Festival** alongside dozens of cultural organizations from across Cleveland.



Our Russian Garden remains one of the most beautiful among all the cultural gardens in the city. And this beauty is the result of the hard work of our volunteers, who put their time, effort, and heart into it. Their enthusiasm keeps our projects, celebrations, and the very life of the garden thriving. We are grateful to our sponsors, whose support makes our initiatives possible.

Today, our team includes Russians, Ukrainians, Kazakhs, Moldovans, Uzbeks, and many others.

We are a **multicultural** community united by friendship, mutual respect, and a shared desire to create a space where everyone feels welcome and at ease. Our garden is a place where people of different cultures come together, support one another, and feel like part of one big community.

Right now, we are preparing for the Children's New Year Celebration, and afterward we will begin preparations for Maslenitsa 2026. We will continue to develop the garden, bring people together, and strengthen the connections within our community.

Happy New Year! May it bring **peace, joy, health,** and **warmth** to your homes. Thank you to everyone who has been with us—supporting, participating, helping, and inspiring.

With gratitude and respect,
Kristina Makhneva

WE THANK OUR SPONSORS!

This year we were able to bring many projects and events to life thanks to your **support**. Each of you helps us **grow** and **preserve** our community, bringing inspiration and **joy** to both children and adults.

We truly **appreciate** your generosity and trust!



NATALIA TARAROVA

MARAKAND MEAT & DELI

**ANDREY VELKOV
NINA TRAVELUSA**

**KONSTANTIN PAVOLOTSKY
DENTAL OFFICE**

VINOGRADSKY FAMILY

SERGEI KUCHUKOV

KHORETONENKO FAMILY

EURO DELI DELUXE



Dear friends,

Soon, the wise Dragon will make way for the Year of the Horse — a symbol of energy, freedom, and loyalty!

May luck, joy, and inspiration gallop into your life along with its swift stride. May each day be filled with forward movement, surrounded by reliable friends and kind-hearted people.

We thank everyone who has been with us this year — who participated in celebrations, helped, created, visited, and supported us. Thanks to you, the Russian Cultural Garden lives, blossoms, and unites hearts!

We wish that in the new year your dreams take flight, and that the path the Horse races along leads only to light, warmth, and new opportunities.

May your home be filled with comfort, laughter, and love, and may your heart be full of faith in miracles!

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes,

**Your Russian Cultural
Garden of Cleveland**





RUSSIAN YOLKA


"TREASURE ISLAND"

BUY TICKETS



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 21ST. 2025**



**ROMANTIC PARTY CENTER
5131 MAYFIELD RD**





CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!



Friends, we are excited to share some wonderful news –
our new website is now live!

Now all the most exciting things are gathered in one place:

- ✨ news and photo reports from our events
- 🎭 upcoming events and concert announcements
- 📅 event calendar
- 💛 opportunities for volunteers and partners

Check in to stay up to date with everything happening in our community – and don't miss a thing!

Welcome to our refreshed online home! 🌟

LINK









**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:**

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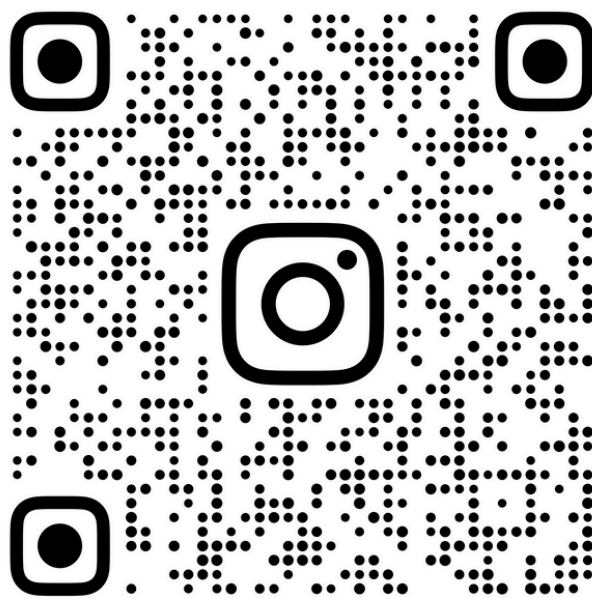
THE CLUB INCLUDES:

-  **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
INSTAGRAM!**

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ZODIAC IN SHOCK: WHAT AWAITS IN DECEMBER 2025



ARIES:
DECEMBER WILL BRING YOU SO MUCH ENERGY THAT EVEN THE CHRISTMAS TREE NEXT TO YOU WILL BLINK FASTER — JUST DON'T TRY TO COMPETE WITH THE LIGHTS!



TAURUS:
DECEMBER OF YOUR DREAMS AWAITS: COZY VIBES, DELICIOUS TREATS, AND MINIMAL DRAMA — YOU'RE BASICALLY A WALKING NEW YEAR'S MOVIE.



GEMINI:
YOU'LL BE THE LIFE OF EVERY PARTY — JUST DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU LEFT YOUR PHONE... OR YOUR WINNING ARGUMENTS IN THAT DEBATE WITH SANTA!



CANCER:
DECEMBER PROMISES A SEA OF EMOTIONS — FROM MELTING OVER A KITTEN IN A SWEATER TO PURE JOY FROM HOT COCOA WITH MARSHMALLOWS.



LEO:
DECEMBER IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE — EVEN IN PAJAMAS, BECAUSE A CROWN DOESN'T COME WITH A DRESS CODE.



VIRGO:
YOU'LL PLAN THE HOLIDAYS SO PERFECTLY THAT EVEN SANTA WILL ASK YOU FOR AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET WITH INSTRUCTIONS.



LIBRA:
HARMONY, COZINESS, AND GLITTER — THREE WORDS THAT PERFECTLY DESCRIBE YOUR DECEMBER (AND YOUR NEW YEAR'S OUTFIT).



SCORPIO:
DECEMBER PLAYS UP YOUR MYSTERIOUS SIDE: YOU'LL ATTRACT ATTENTION, SECRETS, AND POSSIBLY A FEW EXTRA SLICES OF CAKE.



SAGITTARIUS:
DECEMBER IS YOUR STAGE: JOKES FLY, YOUR MOOD BURSTS LIKE A FOUNTAIN, AND LUCK GIVES YOU A STANDING OVATION.



CAPRICORN:
YOU'RE SO SERIOUS EVEN IN DECEMBER THAT SANTA MIGHT ASK FOR YOUR RÉSUMÉ — BUT HE'LL STILL BRING YOU A GIFT FOR YOUR EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION.



AQUARIUS:
IDEAS WILL FALL ON YOU LIKE SNOW — JUST DON'T TRY TO BRING THEM ALL TO LIFE IN A SINGLE EVENING.



PISCES:
ALL DECEMBER, YOU'LL BE SWIMMING IN WAVES OF INSPIRATION AND TANGERINE JUICE — ROMANCE GUARANTEED!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



**ALYONA
RESHETNIKOVA**

Dear Alena,
Congratulations on being named
Volunteer of the Month – a truly
well-deserved honor!

Your energy, talent, and love of dance
make every celebration at the Russian
Cultural Garden special and
unforgettable!

You lit up Maslenitsa with your vibrant
performance alongside your group,
choreographed a magnificent dance for
the actors on Children's Day, and shone
on stage with your students. At the
Multicultural Festival, you literally
captivated the audience with your
electrifying numbers.

Thank you for your hard work,
inspiration, and your ability to bring
people together through art! You are
truly the heart of every celebration and
an example of creating with love and
dedication.

We wish you many more stages to
shine on, grateful audiences, heartfelt
smiles, and endless inspiration!

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

I am originally from Russia, from the city of
Yekaterinburg. I have been living in the U.S. for 20
years, and for 15 of them I have been working at the
Cleveland Clinic in preventive medicine as an
integrative specialist. In my free time, I love dancing
more than anything – it is my main passion.



HOW DID YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH OUR GARDEN HAPPEN, AND WHAT WAS IT THAT CAPTURED YOUR HEART?

The first time I came to the Russian Garden was
because of dance – that was a long time ago,
under Svetlana Stolyarova. My real “new
beginning,” however, happened in the winter when
preparations for Maslenitsa began. I immediately
noticed how much the garden had improved and
how much the volunteer team had grown.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU THE MOST IN OUR GARDEN?

For me, inspiration comes, first and foremost, from
people – new volunteers, new faces, and the
atmosphere they create. And also from the
creativity woven from folklore and Russian
traditions that we bring to every project. Thank
you for giving our dance ensemble, Paprika, the
opportunity to develop folklore that, a few years
ago, we had almost put on the back burner.



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.
WE WELCOME EVERYONE!**

EDITORIAL RECOMMENDS!

IF YOU LOVE MUSIC AND
FUN QUIZZES, **YOMAHA**
YOMASHOW IS JUST FOR
YOU!

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

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE
FREQUENT ATTENDEES! WE
COMPETE FOR PRIZES, TAKE
PART IN CONTESTS, AND
SING AT THE TOP OF OUR
LUNGS.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE
NEXT GAME, STAY TUNED
FOR UPDATES AND DON'T
MISS THE CHANCE TO
SPEND AN
UNFORGETTABLE EVENING!



DID YOU KNOW?

How to Celebrate the New Year 2026 – the Year of the Horse:



The key is movement and joy:

The Horse loves activity, so welcome the year with fun: dancing, games, and good company will bring you luck!

Colors of Luck:

Favor shades of blue, green, and gold – they symbolize energy, wealth, and harmony.

Holiday Table:

Include dishes made from grains, vegetables, and fruits – the Horse loves simple yet abundant food prepared with love.

Add a touch of magic!

On New Year's Eve, write down your wish and tuck it into a beautiful envelope – the Horse loves secrets and will grant the dreams of those who believe in magic.

Every time you participate, you're contributing 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**.

Subscribe to the Russian Cultural Garden Magazine!

Do you want to stay up to date every month on the most exciting events, projects, and news from the Russian Cultural Garden? Subscribe to our e-magazine and never miss the most important updates! 🌿 ✨

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Each issue includes:

- a review of past events;
- announcements of upcoming events ;
- exclusive interviews and materials;
- and much more!

**Stay connected with our culture
and history!**

