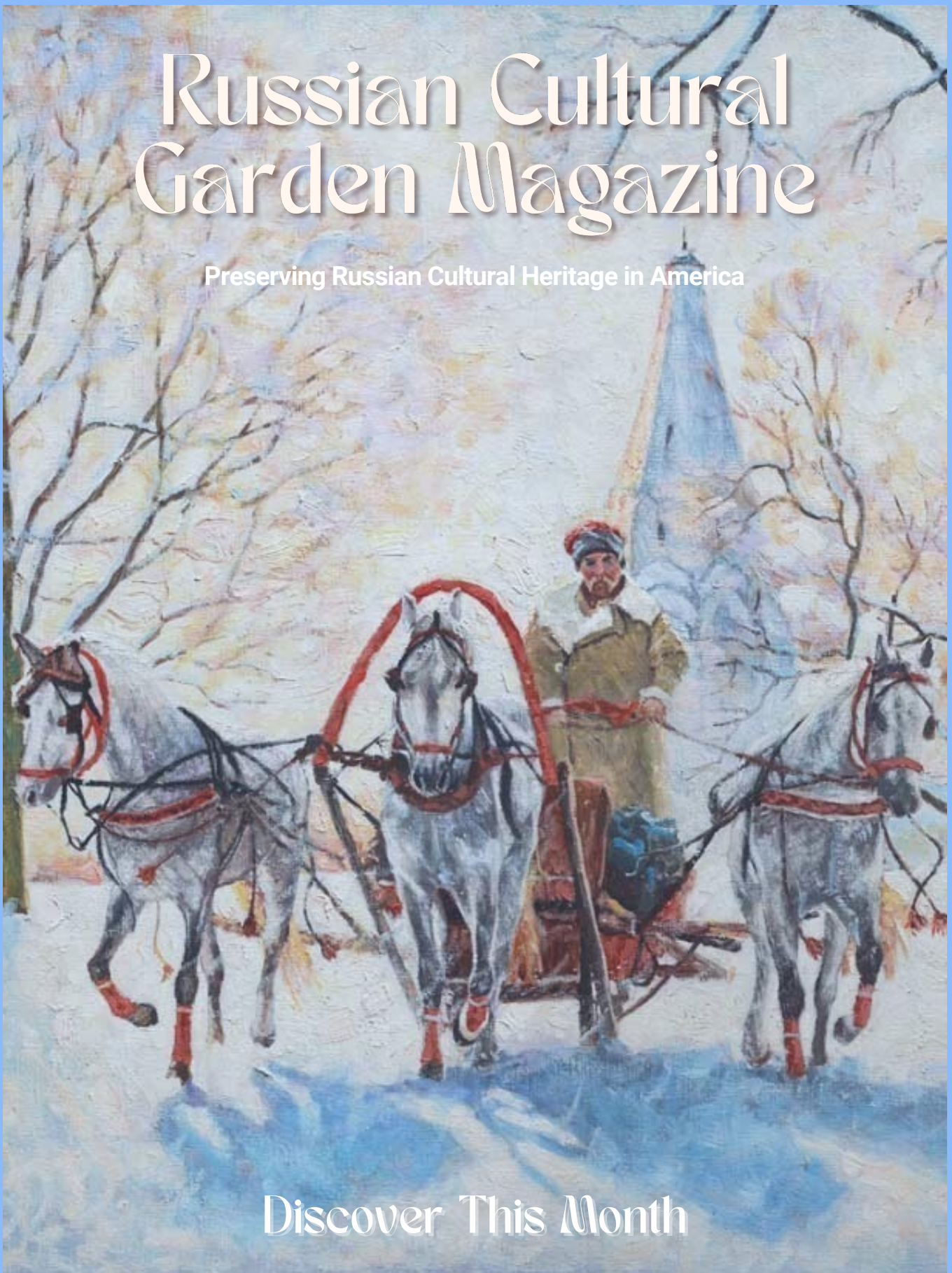


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Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America



Discover This Month



Message from the Vice President of Russian Cultural Garden of Cleveland

In my role as Vice President of the non-profit organization “Russian Cultural Garden” in Cleveland, I would like to highlight the rich multicultural heritage of our city. Cleveland’s diversity has been the foundation of its unique identity since the early 20th century, and the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, established in 1916, stand as a living testament to this legacy.

The Russian community in Cleveland, though not the largest among the many ethnic groups, is an integral part of the city’s cultural tapestry. The first Russian immigrants, who settled in Cleveland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, contributed to the growth and development of our community during significant waves of immigration.

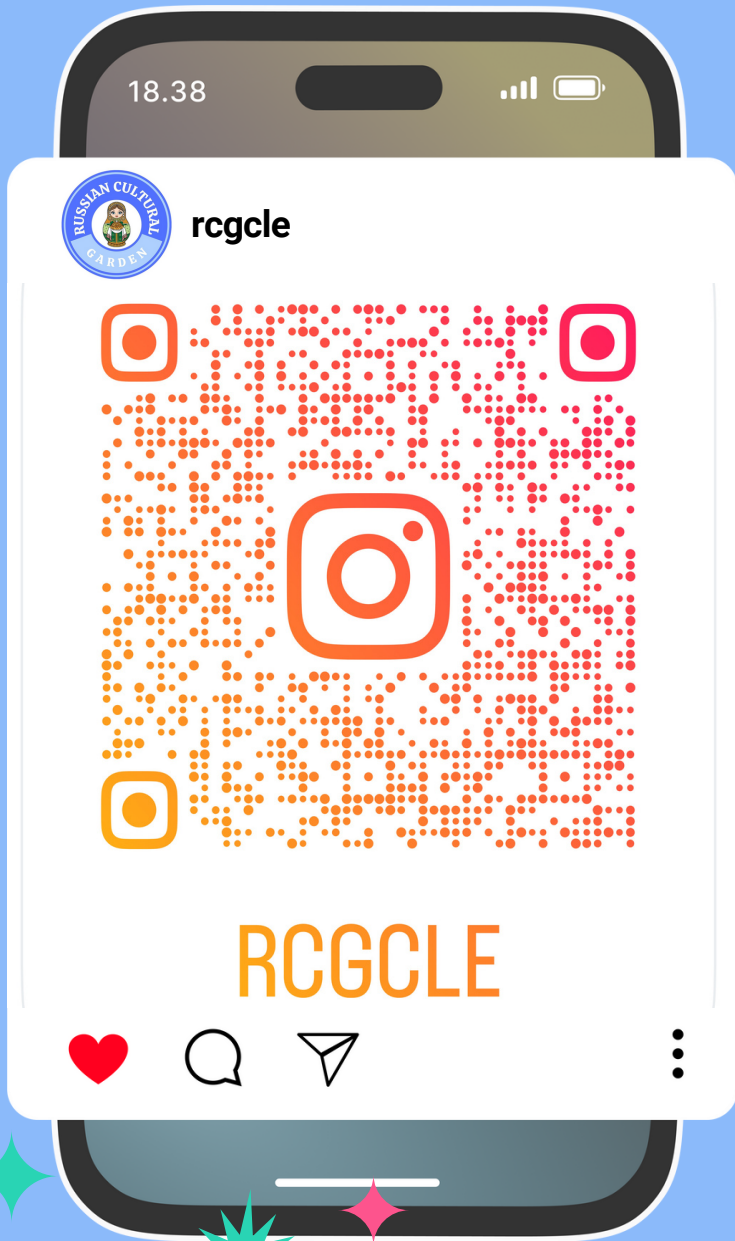
The Russian Cultural Garden, established in 2018, symbolizes our dedication to sharing cultural heritage and fostering intercultural understanding. Like the other gardens, it showcases the artistic achievements and cultural contributions of Russia while building bridges and breaking down barriers among diverse communities.

We recognize the importance of collaboration among diasporas to make Cleveland a better place for all its residents. By participating in events like One World Day and working with other cultural groups, we strive to promote mutual understanding and cooperation among all Clevelanders.

Our goal is to contribute to the city’s multicultural dialogue, celebrating universal values while respecting our unique cultural identity. We are confident that through these efforts, we can strengthen the connections that make Cleveland a vibrant and inclusive community for everyone.

Sincerely,
Mikhail Khoretonenko

WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM!



The New Year's Tree with the Russian Cultural Garden — a magical experience we created together!

On December 22, we held three unforgettable performances that brought joy to over 160 children! Each child left with sparkling eyes, a sweet gift, and a heart full of happy memories.

This celebration was made possible by the tireless efforts of our **volunteers**, who worked for months to create a magical experience for the kids.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us with their donations! Your generosity helps us strengthen the Russian-speaking community and organize new events for everyone.

We can't wait to see you at next year's New Year's celebration! In the meantime, check out photos from the event here: [\[link to photos 📷\]](#)

Thank you for being with us! ✨



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

ANTONINA PAKHOLKOVA

We wholeheartedly congratulate Antonina on her well-deserved title of "Volunteer of the Month"! Her incredible dedication, creativity, and love for children have been a true inspiration to all of us.

Antonina handcrafted magical costumes for the children's New Year's party, making the celebration brighter and more enchanting. Her talented script, creative ideas and contests filled the day with laughter, joy, and warmth. Thanks to her efforts, the children experienced a true New Year's miracle that they will cherish for a long time.

Thank you for your creativity, hard work, and desire to bring joy to those around you! You make the world a better place, and we are proud to have you as part of our team.



WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering brings people together and helps you feel like a part of your community. It's amazing to realize that your efforts make a difference and help make the world a little brighter and more exciting. I'm grateful to be part of such a wonderful team!

WHAT DOES CLEVELAND AND ITS CULTURAL DIVERSITY MEAN TO YOU?

Cleveland is a kaleidoscope of cultures, bringing vibrant colors to life. From One World Day at the Cultural Gardens to Heritage Days in schools, we immerse ourselves in the unique traditions and identities of diverse communities. Being part of an intercultural family, I proudly call Cleveland my home.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THOSE CONSIDERING BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

If you're thinking about it, go ahead and join!

Many initiatives thrive and depend on volunteers, and our team is no exception. We have a lot of ideas, but as we've learned, sometimes there aren't enough hands to bring them all to life. For example, organizing the New Year's Celebration became a second job for many of us, and we worked intensely for two months. We didn't plan for it to turn out so grand, but after receiving feedback, we decided to give it a try. The decision to hold the third show was made by a unanimous vote. Despite the large volume of work, the preparation process brought us tons of positive emotions and brought our team closer together. This experience showed us that we are capable of handling any project. If you decide to join us, we'd be happy to have you on board!



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
COMMITMENT TO REGULAR
WORK – YOU CAN HELP
WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME
AND DESIRE.**

**INTERESTED? EMAIL US AT
RUSSIANGARDENCE@GMAIL.COM.
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO WELCOME EVERYONE!**



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).

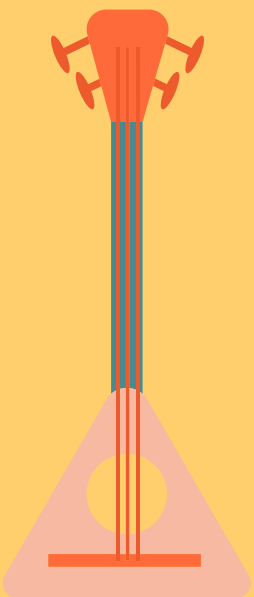
We invite you to welcome spring with us!

Bring your whole family!

We will be happy to see everyone!

Yours,

The Russian Cultural Garden



**The Russian Cultural
Garden continues the
contest for the best
idea for a monument to
Nikolai Sokolov!**



The Russian Cultural Garden in Cleveland continues the contest for the creation of a concept for a monument 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 skill, the orchestra became 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 and unusual facts about January:



National days:

January is rich in unusual holidays. For example:

- January 1st – International Hangover Day.
- January 15th – World Snowman Day.
- January 21st – International Hug Day.

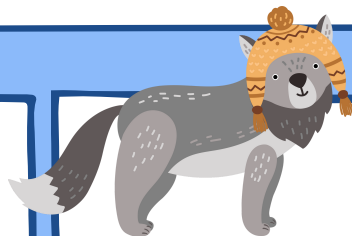


It was previously the 11th month:

In ancient Rome, the year began in March, so January was originally the eleventh month. It was made the first month in 153 BCE!

Musical January:

Many famous composers, such as Mozart and Schubert, enjoyed composing winter pieces, drawing inspiration from the January landscapes.



Snow record:

January is the month with the record amount of snow in many regions around the world. For example, in January 1925, more than 90 cm of snow fell in a single day in Colorado, USA.

Support the Russian Cultural Garden – together we create the future!

Dear friends,

We are actively working on new projects to help the Russian-speaking community in our city thrive. Organizing such events requires significant efforts and resources. At the moment, most of the expenses are covered by the personal funds of our volunteers.

The Russian Cultural Garden is a nonprofit organization, and every bit of support you provide helps preserve our garden and continue organizing events for all of us. Your donations go exclusively towards maintaining the garden and developing new initiatives.

You can support us by sending any amount via **Zelle** to the email:
russianguardencle@gmail.com, with the note:
"Donation for Russian Cultural Garden."

Your help, regardless of the amount, is invaluable.
Together, we can do even more to preserve our culture and
strengthen our community.

Thank you for your support!



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