MONTHLY JUNE 2025





### MESSAGE FROM IGOR ANDREIKIN

#### **BOARD MEMBER AND MEDIA COORDINATOR**

Dear friends, neighbors, and volunteers!

The past month in the Russian Cultural Garden was filled with the magic of creativity. Our team was preparing for International Children's Day, and the goal was a noble one — to give our young audience a fairytale. We wanted children to feel that their native language is laughter, play, and joy! That it's fun to read fairy tales and speak Russian.

In these past weeks, our volunteer team transformed into a real theater studio! Alyona Reshetnikova choreographed the final dance in the story of The Giant Turnip, and I was amazed to realize — this isn't just a casual skit, it's a full-blown show with ambition! It's especially inspiring to see adults unafraid to be silly, to play, to be funny and sincere.

Our team is growing. New volunteers are joining us — people of all ages, professions, and life stories. And that's wonderful. It means the Russian Cultural Garden is becoming a place where people want to be. Summer is ahead, and with it — open-air movie screenings in the Garden. This beautiful initiative wouldn't have come to life without the generous support of Boris Vinogradsky — thanks to him, we now have a fantastic projector and an amazing screen! Movie is a universal language. And it's also a way to bring back that magical feeling when everyone in the audience experiences emotions together — like in childhood, watching a favorite movie. Only now it's under the stars, in the garden, next to people who speak your language — in every sense of the word.

In June, we begin preparing for One World Day. On that August day, Cleveland once again brings together cultures from all over the world, each finding its place in the shared space of the Cultural Gardens. Despite our different roots, we are all part of one large community that calls this historic city home. To me, that's what One World Day is all about. This year, I hope the Russian Cultural Garden will be full of people and full of joy!

For me, being part of the Russian Cultural Garden's life is a way to step out of the daily grind, to release creative energy, to find friends, and to help those who are now going through the journey I've already taken. Times change. The Russian Cultural Garden is not just a monument to culture — it's a living community. To everyone who has just arrived, who is looking for friends, support, or a place to belong — we say: come. We're waiting for you.

See you in the Garden!



# ZODIAC IN SHOCK: WHAT AWAITS IN JUNE 2025



ARIES:
YOU'RE THE ENGINE OF THE
MONTH. NEW PROJECTS,
AMBITIOUS GOALS, AND BOLD
IDEAS ARE PROPELLING YOU
FORWARD. PEOPLE ARE
NOTICING YOUR CONTRIBUTION
— DON'T BE MODEST!



TAURUS:
HOME IS YOUR FORTRESS, AND YOU'RE ITS DESIGNER. IN JUNE, COZINESS BECOMES YOUR THERAPY: GATHERINGS WITH LOVED ONES, HOME IMPROVEMENTS, AND DELICIOUS FOOD ENERGIZE YOU.



GEMINI:
SUMMER LOOKS GREAT ON
YOU! ROADS, NEW PEOPLE,
NEON-LIT EVENINGS, AND
SPONTANEOUS TRIPS ARE
YOUR FUEL. DON'T FORGET TO
TAKE A BREATH BETWEEN ALL
THE EXCITEMENT.



CANCER: \*
JUNE IS FILLED WITH ROMANCE.
OLD FEELINGS MAY FLARE UP,
AND NEW ONES QUIETLY SNEAK
IN. DON'T HIDE YOUR HEART —
IT'S GLOWING.



YOU INSPIRE! EVERYTHING YOU CREATE — WHETHER IT'S A VIDEO, A PARTY TOAST, OR A NEW LOOK — SPARKS ADMIRATION. JUNE IS YOUR RUNWAY.



VIRGO:
YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD, AND
IT SHOWS. RECOGNITION,
RESPECT, AND THE RIGHT
CONNECTIONS COME YOUR WAY.
IT'S TIME TO LEARN HOW TO
ACCEPT COMPLIMENTS.



LIBRA:
YOU'RE FINALLY FIGURING
OUT WHAT YOU WANT.
ENOUGH OF POLITE
AGREEMENT — IT'S TIME TO
SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF.
AND IT FEELS GOOD.



SCORPIO:
YOU FEEL MORE THAN YOU SAY.
JUNE IS A TIME OF INNER
BREAKTHROUGHS. NOT EVERYTHING
IS FOR INSTAGRAM, BUT MUCH OF IT
IS FOR YOUR FUTURE.



SAGITTARIUS:
JUMP INTO THE TRAIN, THE
IDEA, THE LIFE! EVERYTHING
YOU'VE LONG WANTED TO TRY
IS JUST WAITING FOR YOUR
"YES."



CAPRICORN:
YOU KNOW HOW TO BUILD
AND JUNE WILL PROVE IT.
EXPECT PROMISING
OPPORTUNITIES, CAREER
GROWTH, AND CLARITY IN
YOUR GOALS.



AQUARIUS:
THIS MONTH IS LIKE A
FIREWORK SHOW. SOME THINGS
WILL WORK OUT, SOME WON'T —
BUT IT DEFINITELY WON'T BE
BORING. EXPERIMENT,
IMPROVISE, FOLLOW YOUR
IMPULSES.



PISCES:
YOU'RE LIKE AN ANTENNA —
SENSING THE INVISIBLE.
JUNE WILL FILL YOU WITH A
GENTLE LIGHT. IT'S THE
PERFECT TIME TO WRITE,
DRAW, DREAM, AND SIMPLY
BE YOURSELF.

# **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

**INTERVIEW** 



Dear Anna, congratulations on your well-deserved title of Volunteer of the Month!

You are an essential part of our team – always active, responsive, and full of ideas. Thank you for your energy, your involvement in every event, and your genuine dedication to our cause. With you, every occasion becomes brighter and flows effortlessly!

We're so glad you're with us and confident that many more achievements lie ahead!

Keep it up!







## TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF: WHERE ARE YOU FROM, WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR DAILY LIFE, AND DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTS OR HOBBIES?

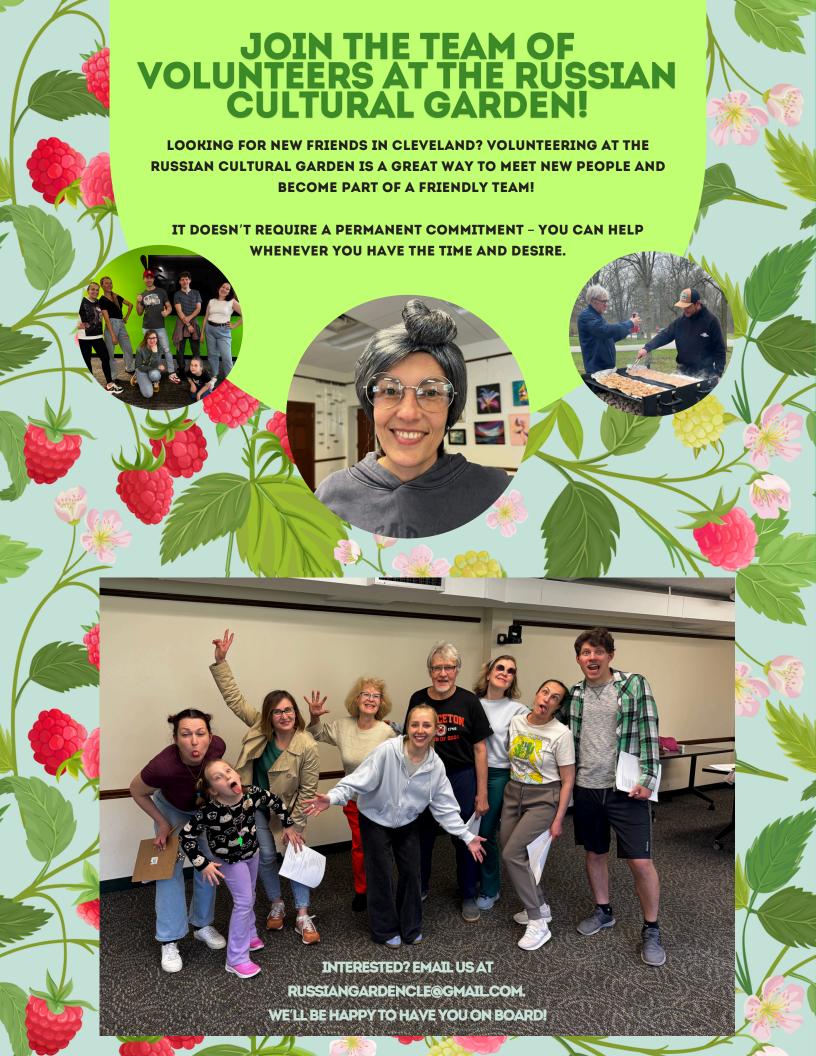
I was born in Moscow, and now I live in Cleveland. Together with my husband, we run a small family business — we do home and apartment renovations. I spend most of my time at work, but in my free moments, I enjoy cooking, listening to music, and meeting with friends — just chatting and laughing heartily. I have a friendly relationship with English: I learn as much as I can — maybe not without mistakes, but with great enthusiasm! It's encouraging that my vocabulary is gradually growing.

#### WHAT EVENT HAS LEFT THE STRONGEST IMPRESSION ON YOU, AND WHY?

One of my warmest memories is the children's New Year's celebration. It was incredibly heartwarming to see the joy in the children's eyes and know that we managed to give them a little piece of magic. But what left the strongest impression on me was the annual "One World Day" event in Cleveland, held at Rockefeller Park. On that day, representatives from different countries parade, showcasing their culture, traditions, and national costumes. It's an amazing feeling — on one hand, you feel a deep connection to your own roots, and on the other, an incredible sense of unity, as if the whole world becomes one big family. Moments like these are unforgettable.

#### WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN OUR TEAM'S LIFE?

It has always been important for me to feel that I am making a difference. And when your efforts also make people happier — honestly, it's one of the best feelings there is. To be honest, it's incredibly inspiring! Of course, sometimes you get tired, but it's that pleasant kind of tiredness that brings a smile to your face. Also, volunteering always brings together wonderful, kind, and just a little bit crazy (in a good way!) people — and with them, you really want to be on the same wavelength.



# EDITORIAL RECOMMENDS!



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: russiangardencle@gmail.com



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

# DID YOU KNOW?

Events that make June special:





#### June 5 - World Environment Day:

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations in 1972 and has become an important platform for raising awareness about global environmental issues. This day reminds us of the fragility of the natural balance and the personal responsibility each of us has for the state of the planet.

#### June 6 - Pushkin Day and International Russian Language Day:

June 6 is the birthday of Alexander Pushkin, the great poet and founder of the modern Russian literary language. His works have become a symbol of Russian culture and inspire people around the world. Since 2010, this day is also celebrated as International Russian Language Day, established by the United Nations.

#### June 8 - World Oceans Day:

World Oceans Day highlights the importance of the World Ocean for life on our planet. This day aims to draw attention to issues such as marine pollution, climate change, and the depletion of marine resources, as well as to inspire people worldwide to protect and preserve the aquatic environment.

#### June 14 – World Blood Donor Day:

World Blood Donor Day is observed on June 14 and is dedicated to thanking voluntary blood donors whose blood saves lives. This day emphasizes the importance of regular donation and encourages more people to become part of this noble cause.

### THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear friends,

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

With love and dedication, we create a space where everyone can connect with their roots and pass that strength forward. Everything you see — blooming flower beds, celebrations, and concerts — is made by volunteers, often using their own resources.

But we need your help to continue.

#### Support the garden where culture grows.

Every donation you make is a building block in the foundation of the community we are creating together. Funds go exclusively toward landscaping and organizing events that bring us together.

#### Making a contribution is easy:

Send any amount via Zelle to: russiangardencle@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.

Thank you for your support!

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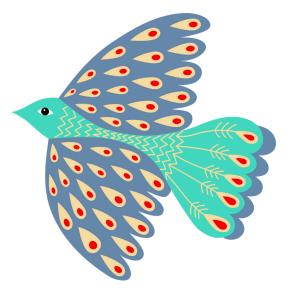
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