

MONTHLY

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# Russian Cultural Garden Magazine

Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America

Discover This Month



Dear friends,

I am happy to welcome you and sincerely thank you for your support and for wanting to be with us. Our team will continue working on **improving** the Russian Cultural Garden, preserving **traditions**, and bringing new **projects** to life.

My first introduction to the Garden was at the Maslenitsa celebration in 2013. My family and I received so many warm and **joyful impressions** that since then the Russian Cultural Garden has become an **inseparable** part of my life. While helping prepare for our events, I have had the pleasure of portraying Snegurochka (the Snow Maiden), Spring, and other colorful characters.

We have a wonderful team, and we are very much looking forward to our upcoming events.

Please **subscribe** to our magazine and follow our announcements on social media. And of course, we are always happy to welcome new people to our **team of volunteers**. We have many ideas, and together we can bring them to life.

We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Antonina Mohamed  
*President of the Russian Cultural Garden*



**Dear wonderful women,**

**Happy International Women's Day!**

**This beautiful spring holiday symbolizes the grace, kindness, and inspiration that you bring to the world every day. You preserve traditions, create warmth, and unite people through culture and goodness.**

**We wish you good health, joy, love, and harmony. May spring always live in your heart, and may every day bring you smiles and new dreams.**

**Happy International Women's Day!**

**Yours,  
RCG**



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

*for the first time*

**IVAN**

**KUPALA**

*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*



**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**

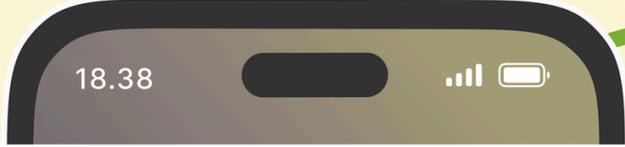


**EVERYONE IS WELCOME – ANY ENGLISH LEVEL, ANY AGE!  
COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**





**WE ARE ON  
INSTAGRAM!**



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# ASTROLOGICAL TIPS: MARCH 2026 HOROSCOPE



**ARIES:**  
MARCH WILL IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR ACTION. A BOLD STEP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH WILL LEAD TO PLEASANT CHANGES.



**TAURUS:**  
SPRING WILL REMIND YOU THAT IT'S TIME TO CARE NOT ONLY ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT ALSO ABOUT YOURSELF. SMALL JOYS WILL BRING GREAT STRENGTH.



**GEMINI:**  
A CHANCE ENCOUNTER MAY CHANGE YOUR PLANS. MARCH WILL BRING YOU NEW IDEAS AND INSPIRATION.



**CANCER:**  
HOME AND FAMILY WILL BECOME YOUR SOURCE OF ENERGY. WARM WORDS WILL MATTER MORE THAN ANY DECISIONS.



**LEO:**  
YOUR CHARM WILL BE AT ITS PEAK IN MARCH. USE IT TO ATTRACT LUCK AND ATTENTION.



**VIRGO:**  
BY BRINGING ORDER TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS, YOU WILL BRING ORDER TO YOUR INNER WORLD AS WELL. IT'S A PERFECT MONTH TO REFRESH YOUR HABITS.



**LIBRA:**  
MARCH WILL BRING ROMANCE AND UNEXPECTED COMPLIMENTS. HARMONY WILL FIND YOU ON ITS OWN.



**SCORPIO:**  
YOUR INTUITION WILL BECOME YOUR GREATEST GUIDE. IMPORTANT SELF-DISCOVERIES ARE POSSIBLE.



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
YOU'LL CRAVE THE ROAD AND NEW EXPERIENCES. EVEN A SHORT TRIP WILL INSPIRE YOU FOR A LONG TIME.



**CAPRICORN:**  
YOUR EFFORTS WILL START TO BEAR FRUIT. TRUST IN YOUR ABILITIES AND DON'T RUSH.



**AQUARIUS:**  
AN UNUSUAL IDEA COULD GROW INTO AN EXCITING PROJECT. MARCH FAVORS BOLD DREAMERS.



**PISCES:**  
SPRING WILL AWAKEN YOUR TENDERNESS AND CREATIVITY. ALLOW YOURSELF A LITTLE BIT OF MAGIC.

# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN

**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?**

I was born in Evenkia but grew up in Krasnoyarsk. From a young age, I developed a sense of irony and humor. In school and university, I participated in KVN (the 'Club of the Funny and Inventive,' a popular Russian comedy competition), working as a writer and director. I used to be into sports – basketball, hockey, football. Now sports have moved to a 'couch format,' and my main passion has become music: classical, jazz, rock – anything, as long as it's good.

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

What pleasantly surprised me at the Russian Garden is how freely and beautifully many participants speak Russian. In a new country, this is sometimes missing, but here it feels as if I never left. It creates a sense of being back home, and that always brings a smile to my face.



**WHAT HAVE YOU NOTICED OR DISCOVERED ABOUT YOURSELF SINCE BECOMING PART OF THE GARDEN TEAM?**

Becoming part of the Russian Garden team, I've come to understand especially clearly how important it is not just to participate, but to be part of a true team. The atmosphere here is very friendly, and that is invaluable. I've noticed in myself that live communication, a sense of humor, and the ability to speak my native language without translating thoughts in my head are still very important to me. It turns out that this environment feels close to me and is internally necessary – as if I'm back among my own people.



**ANATOLIY  
ALADYSHKIN**

Anatoliy has become an important part of our team and an active participant in the events of the Russian Cultural Garden.

He took part in the celebration of Maslenitsa, played the role of the grandfather in the children's performance "The Giant Turnip," and also helped organize and carry out the recent children's New Year celebration, showing himself to be a true jack-of-all-trades and a person with a big heart.

For us, Anatoliy is an example of responsibility, kindness, and genuine dedication. He is always ready to help, support the team, and make every celebration warm and memorable for our guests.



# 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?

facts about spring and Russian traditions:



## Spring fortune-telling:

In ancient Russia, girls would perform fortune-telling to predict their future husband at the end of winter and the beginning of spring. The most popular fortune-telling took place during Maslenitsa and on Lark Day, sometimes using cookies, grains, and candles.

## Larks Bring Spring:

On March 22, small bird-shaped cookies—larks—were baked. It was believed that these birds 'summon' spring, bring a good harvest, and even predict the weather for the coming days.

## Birds – a Symbol of Renewal:

The appearance of starlings and swallows was considered the first sign of spring. People put out bird feeders and even made small birdhouses so that the animal world would feel safe.

## Decorating the Home for Spring:

Bright fabric scraps, towels, and colorful ribbons were hung on windows—symbolizing the arrival of light, warmth, and the joy of new life. Sometimes people also added willow branches or the first spring flowers.

# 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.

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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!

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

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