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Preserving Russian Cultural Heritage in America

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MESSAGE FROM TONYA MOHAMED

EVENT MANAGER AND VOLUNTEER AT RCG

Autumn is the time to harvest.

Looking back, we are delighted to see the fruits of our teamwork. This year has been vibrant and full of events: the children's New Year celebration, Maslenitsa, the play "The Turnip", and our spectacular participation in One World Day— all of this became possible thanks to the efforts of our wonderful team.

Ahead of us lies one more, final event of the year — our much-loved New Year's Tree celebration. The script is ready, the cast is confirmed, costumes are prepared — and very soon rehearsals will begin! This year, children will embark on an exciting journey into a New Year's fairy tale, full of adventures and surprises. The idea for this celebration was born back in January, and since then we have been eagerly awaiting the chance to bring it to life. It will be a large-scale production, but with our team, anything is possible!

We put our hearts into every project — and seeing the response, support, and growing interest from our audience means the world to us. Our team of volunteers is also expanding, and if you feel inspired to become part of this big family — we will be happy to welcome new faces!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

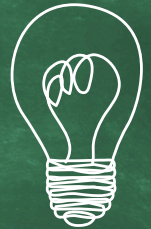
With warm regards,
Tonya Mohamed



MULTICULTURAL ESL CLUB OF CLEVELAND



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FREE OF CHARGE!**



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!**

79TH ONE WORLD DAY: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURES IN CLEVELAND



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO REPRESENTED THE GARDEN IN THE FLAG PARADE, ASSISTED WITH ORGANIZATION, AND WELCOMED GUESTS. THANKS TO THEIR EFFORTS, THE CELEBRATION RAN FLAWLESSLY.

NEXT YEAR, THE FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE ITS MILESTONE – THE 80TH ONE WORLD DAY. THE ORGANIZERS PROMISE TO MAKE IT EVEN BIGGER, BRIGHTER, AND MORE UNFORGETTABLE!

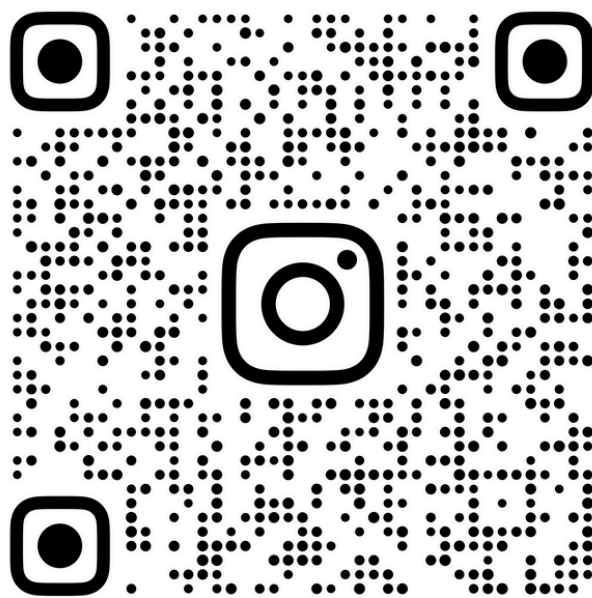
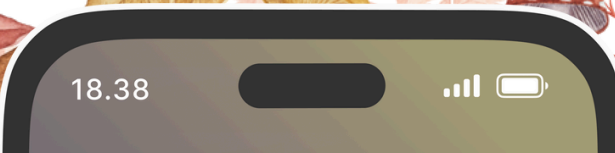


ON AUGUST 24, THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS WELCOMED GUESTS TO THE 79TH ONE WORLD DAY – A VIBRANT FESTIVAL CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP AND TRADITIONS.

THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN WAS BUZZING WITH FESTIVE ENERGY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ATTENDEES ENJOYED PERFORMANCES BY THE SNOW BELT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, WINNERS OF THE STARS OF SUMMER COMPETITION, AND ARTISTS FROM CLEVELAND BALLET THEATRE. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS THE FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP LED BY ALENA RESHETNIKOVA, ALONGSIDE AN EXHIBITION OF TRADITIONAL NATIONAL COSTUMES. GUESTS ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO VISIT A SOUVENIR FAIR AND TAKE COLORFUL PHOTOS TO REMEMBER THE EVENT.



**WE ARE ON
INSTAGRAM!**



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OPEN AIR MOVIE

WITH THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

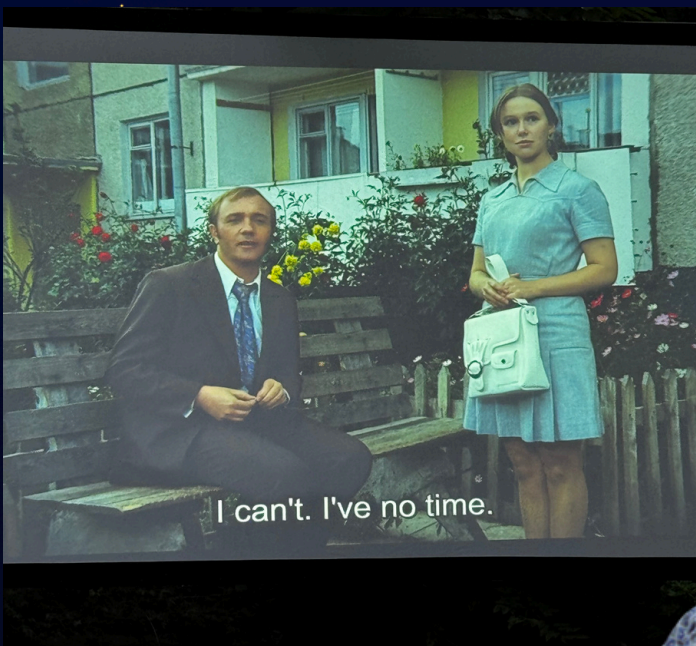
On August 15, the Russian Cultural Garden hosted the third evening in our summer Open Air Movie Nights series.

Under the open sky on a large screen, we watched the iconic Soviet comedy “Afonya” — a film in which a simple, almost everyday story reveals deep human drama, subtle humor, and genuine warmth.



A gentle evening breeze, a cozy atmosphere, and the warm smiles of our audience made the night truly special. We not only revisited a classic film but also shared emotions, laughed, and at times, reflected.

Thank you to everyone who joined us — see you at the next screening!





OPEN AIR MOVIE



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
7:00PM**

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

ZODIAC IN SHOCK: WHAT AWAITS IN SEPTEMBER 2025



ARIES:
SEPTEMBER KICKS OFF WITH ENERGY: YOU'RE BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT (AND SWAMPED WITH TASKS). DON'T TRY TO SAVE EVERYONE — START BY GETTING SOME REST.



TAURUS:
THE STARS ADVISE: COMPLAIN LESS, ENJOY MORE. ESPECIALLY WRAPPED IN A BLANKET WITH A PASTRY IN HAND. WHO SAID COZY CAN'T BE AN ADVENTURE?



GEMINI:
YOU'LL MANAGE TO BE EVERYWHERE AND DO EVERYTHING — EVEN FORGET WHY YOU CAME. TRY NOT TO JUMP FROM TOPIC TO TOPIC — OTHERS AT LEAST NEED A CHANCE TO FOLLOW YOU.



CANCER:
YOU CRAVE QUIET AND A GOOD SERIES. THAT'S FINE. BUT DON'T TURN INTO JUST A DECORATIVE PIECE OF FURNITURE — GET OUT AND SEE PEOPLE.



LEO:
YOUR CHARM IS OFF THE CHARTS, BUT IT WON'T SAVE EVERYONE FROM YOUR DRAMA. LEARN TO MAKE A GRACEFUL EXIT — ESPECIALLY FROM GROUP CHATS.



VIRGO:
YOUR TO-DO LISTS ARE MULTIPLYING LIKE MUSHROOMS AFTER RAIN. ADD SOMETHING ENJOYABLE TO THE MIX — LIKE "JUST LIE DOWN."



LIBRA:
SEPTEMBER WILL BRING DECISIONS TOUGHER THAN "WHAT TO WEAR." DON'T PANIC — YOUR CHARM WILL SAVE THE DAY, AS ALWAYS.



SCORPIO:
SHARP REMARKS, SMOLDERING GLANCES, SECRET PLANS — IN SEPTEMBER, YOU'RE LIKE NETFLIX: CAPTIVATING AND FULL OF INTRIGUE.



SAGITTARIUS:
YOU FEEL DRAWN TO TRAVEL, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A TRIP FOR A PASTRY. ADVENTURE LIVES IN YOUR HEART, EVEN IF YOU NEVER LEAVE YOUR BEDROOM.



CAPRICORN:
BE SERIOUS... AT LEAST FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS EACH WEEK. THE REST OF THE TIME IS WELL-DESERVED RELAXATION AND MEMES.



AQUARIUS:
THE WORLD ISN'T READY FOR YOUR IDEAS — BUT THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM. YOU'RE LIKE WI-FI IN THE SUBWAY: SUDDEN, QUIRKY, AND SURPRISINGLY USEFUL.



PISCES:
YOU'RE FLOATING IN THE CLOUDS — JUST DON'T FORGET TO COME DOWN FOR THE BREAD. SOMEONE WILL FALL FOR YOUR DREAMINESS. MOST LIKELY, IT'LL BE YOU.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

VOICES OF THE RUSSIAN GARDEN



**ALEKSANDRA
OKHAPKINA**

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

Your charisma and artistry make every celebration in the Russian Cultural Garden truly special.

You were the Mouse Queen at the New Year's celebration, a cheerful cat at the June 1st holiday, and soon you will delight us again with a new role.

Without you, our Garden wouldn't be as warm and lively. Thank you for your talent, kindness, and sincerity!

We're so glad you're part of our wonderful team!

Onward to new roles and exciting events!

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF —

WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I am from the beautiful city of Yaroslavl. I truly enjoy gardening – growing vegetables and turning them into fragrant homemade preserves. In my free time, I love putting puzzles together, enjoying both the process and the sense of calm it brings.



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

My first encounter happened during one of the community clean-up days. I was amazed to see people come together to make the place beautiful! The energy they radiated, the love and care they put into the work – and now into our shared work – was truly inspiring. In those moments, you feel that you've become part of something meaningful and kind, something that unites people and makes our world a little better.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU THE MOST IN OUR GARDEN?

We've made new friends – and that's just wonderful! Then everything took off: New Year's celebrations, Maslenitsa, children's parties! It seems like there's never enough time, yet you still go to rehearsals – because the energy there is so powerful, you just want to share it with everyone! Love it!



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
RUSSIANGARDENCLE@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!



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!

FALL BEGINS IN CLEVELAND

The most exciting events, festivals, and ideas for an inspiring weekend – all in our September roundup.



Cleveland Oktoberfest

The largest fall festival in Northeast Ohio! German beer, street food, polka, dachshund races, and the biggest glockenspiel in the USA – fun for the whole family!

📍 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
📅 September 1st, 5th, and 6th

Cleveland Pickle Fest

Pickle Festival in the heart of Cleveland: food, music, contests, and fun all day long!

📍 Mall C, Downtown Cleveland
📅 September 20th

Ravenna Balloon A-Fair

A vibrant fall festival with hot air balloons, a nighttime light show, parades, concerts, and fun for the whole family. A festive atmosphere and unforgettable experiences!

📍 Ravenna, OH
📅 September 25th-28th

Barberton Mum Festival

Fall and Mum Festival at Lake Anna Park: floral displays, music, shows, boat races, and fun for the whole family. Free admission!

📍 Barberton, OH
📅 September 27th-28th

Your support is the garden's future.

Dear friends,

The Russian Cultural Garden is a place where Russian culture lives: children get to know Pushkin, folk songs fill the air, and we feel like one big family.

With love, our volunteers create a space where people can connect with their roots and pass them on. From flower beds to concerts, everything is done by hand, often using personal resources. The garden needs your support to thrive and grow. Every donation is an investment in **our culture and community**.

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.



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