

# Outpost Dispatch



**RUSYN OUTPOST:  
NORTH AMERICA**

**YOUNG RUSYNS OF NORTH AMERICA. UNITE!**

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## International Rusyn Youth Day Celebrated Around the World

The preparatory committee for the first World Forum of Rusyn Youth declared 23 August International Rusyn Youth Day last year to mark the committee's formation. It is being celebrated this year for the first time, in every country where Rusyns live. Issue 0 of Outpost Dispatch is our modest contribution from North America to the international celebration.

The central celebration this year is taking place in Hungary, in the Rusyn village of Komloška. The village is hosting the second-annual World Rusyn Summer Camp from 22 to 25 August.

Last year, nearly 30 young Rusyns from Hungary, Poland, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, and Ukraine participated in the first Camp, and organizers were hoping to attract delegations from the Czech Republic, Romania, the United States and Canada this year.

Unfortunately, the remoteness of the location and the expense mean that it will not be easy to send a North American group in the near future. Anyone able to attend the next camp should contact us for more information though, since young Rusyns from the United States and Canada are more than welcome to attend!

For now, our primary concern in the United States and Canada is finalizing the preparations for Rusyn Outpost: North America, our own Rusyn youth organization. Much work has already been done, and RO:NA should be up and running very soon. We hope to start organizing events before the end of the year, at least in Pittsburgh and New York.

We thank everyone who has responded to the call for members we issued in July, and the membership kits are just about ready to be mailed out. If you know anyone interested in joining, forward them this newsletter, which includes a copy of the call for members, and membership application. We hope to hear from as many young Rusyns as possible - our success is in your hands!

## Warhol Turns 75

Had Andy Warhol not died back in 1987 at the age of 58, he would have celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on 6 August. Fans and enthusiasts, however, were not deterred from celebrating the occasion.

The Andy Warhol Museum in his hometown of Pittsburgh offered a special 75-cent admission, free birthday cake and various activities throughout the day.

In his adopted hometown, New York City, the Museum of Modern Art is currently featuring an exhibit of Warhol's black-and-white film portraits, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music will honor him later, in October, with a symposium on his life and influence as well as a Warhol film festival.

In Medžilabirci, Slovakia, the Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art hosted a Saturday-night rave "in the Warhol spirit" on 9 August, according to the local newspaper *Korzar*.  
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**Young Rusyns from around Europe at the first World Rusyn Summer Camp in Komloška, Hungary, August 2002** *(photos courtesy of Narodny Novynky and N. Rehak)*

(Warhol Turns 75, cont. from page 1.)

Mikova, Slovakia, organized a screening of Warhol films, followed by a disco party till the early hours of the morning. The village is not only Warhol's ancestral village, but also host of the annual Rusyn folk festival "POP ART," dedicated to the artist's memory every year.

The American press - from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* to the Associated Press to CNN -- also took notice of the anniversary. They primarily focused on the question of what Warhol would be doing if he were alive today. Thomas Sokolowski told the *Post-Gazette* that he is certain Warhol would be enamored of the internet, cell phones and reality television.



**Andy Warhol, Self-Portrait**

1986, silkscreen. ink on synthetic canvas, 108x108 in. © Andy Warhol Foundation

The Ukrainian-language service of Deutsche Welle ran a story on the cult of personality which has grown up around Warhol in his family's home village of Mikova, and in near-by Medžilabirci. Jozef Keselica, a well-known Warhol enthusiast from Mikova told Deutsche Welle:

Generally speaking, most people know nothing about him. It's better that way. Take, for example, his sex life. He was a homosexual. Transvestites and underground people gathered at his studio, the Factory. He even integrated penises into his works. If the people of Mikova somehow came to know this, I don't know whether they would continue to hold memorial services in the local church for him.

Andy Warhol was born on 6 August 1928 in Pittsburgh, and died in New York on 22 February 1987 from gall bladder surgery complications. Warhol was an ethnic Rusyn, his family originating in the village of Mikova, presently in eastern Slovakia.

### **Links**

"Andy Warhol: Cult of Personality in his Ancestral Homeland." Peter Hornung, Deutche Welle Ukrainian Service, 9 August 2003. Available at <http://www.dwelle.de/ukrainian/gesellschaft/423859.html>

"Fans celebrate Andy Warhol's birthday." CNN, 6 August 2003. Available at <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TRAVEL/DESTINATIONS/08/06/warhol.birthday.ap/>

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"Warhol went own way early." Bennard B. Perlman, *The Baltimore Sun*, 6 August 2003. Available at <http://www.sunspot.net/entertainment/galleriesmuseums/bal-te.journal06,0,3225522.column?coll=bal-artslife-museums>

"What would Andy Warhol think of a museum celebrating his art and birthday?" *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5 August 2003. Available at <http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/20030805warhol0805p3.asp>

## **Krakov Lemko Studies in danger**

The only Lemko Studies program at the university level - at the Pedagogical Academy in Krakow - is facing closure due to financial problems at the school. Teachers have managed to convince school officials to allow them to seek outside funding to keep the program alive, but the battle is far from over.

Even though only about \$13,000 is needed to save the program, raising the money will not be easy. Some 70 percent of the total is expected to come from governmental and non-governmental sources in Poland, but the rest must be sought from outside of the country.

The five-year program leads to a Master of Arts degree in Russian and Lemko Studies. It was established in 2000, and about 15 students are currently enrolled. Due to the financial problems, the program will most likely not be able to accept incoming freshmen this fall.

## **First International Rusyn Children's Summer Camp in Medžilabirci**

The first International Camp for Rusyn Children took place near Medžilabirci, Slovakia, from 23 June to 6 July. About 60 children currently studying the Rusyn language came: 35 from Poland, 16 from Slovakia and seven from Hungary. Next year, the camp will be held in Poland, and organizers hope to attract more students, from more countries.

The camp was organized by the Rutenika Foundation of Warsaw and prepared by Rusyn-language students of the University of Krakow. It was funded by the Vyšegradskij Fund, the Polish Ministry of Education and the Rutenika Foundation.

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## Rusyn Youth Accept Their Challenge

Maria Silvestri, 18, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Rusyn youth of North America were presented with a challenge on 8 June in Prešov. We were challenged, along with Rusyn youth from Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Serbia and Germany. One of the best things about the first World Forum of Rusyn Youth was the hope that some of the Rusyn leaders expressed in the first minutes of the Forum. They were all full of hope for the future of Rusyns because of the beginnings of a youth movement.

There is a wide recognition of the need for young Rusyns to have the opportunity to meet and to socialize more often, which is great, but it is of course not as easy for a North American Rusyn to go to Europe as it is for a Slovak to go to Hungary, for example. Today, the Internet is seen as the remedy for this problem, but even with strong support from the spectator delegations of Germany and North America, the idea of using technology to span distances didn't seem to get strong support from some of the other delegations. I attribute this to the close proximity of Rusyns in southern Poland, eastern Slovakia, western Ukraine and northern Hungary.

It seems that the Rusyn youth in Europe are mostly involved with music and sports right now, with attempts to organize and to gain new members. The idea of a Rusyn sports league is a good step, but distance remains the biggest hurdle. It was excellent to see that there is a predominantly Rusyn soccer team in Slovakia, and that could be one of the more regional activities for Rusyn youth. Attempts to gain members are essential, because that is the foundation for the future of the Rusyn movement, but as one of the delegates from Poland wisely said: it is quality, not quantity that is important. The ideal situation is a lot of Rusyn youth who are all familiar with Rusyn culture, history, etc, who feel proud to call themselves Rusyn, and who are willing put time and energy into organizations. Unfortunately, Rusyns everywhere, along with youth anywhere, are full of pressure to study and to succeed, and there are often more appealing activities than ethnic ones. I truly believe that there are Rusyn youth in America and in Europe today that do place an importance in their heritage, and that is where the "quality" does and will come from.

The biggest difficulty for North American Rusyns to overcome at the Forum, as well as at the World Congress of Rusyns (which was held at the same time) was and is language. More specifically, of the North American youth delegation, only one of us spoke Rusyn fluently. Although the promotion of the Rusyn language is important, here in America we have created a vibrant Rusyn community almost independent of the Rusyn language. At the Youth Forum, it was surprising to see how many of the delegates at least understood English, and there were many who spoke English well. Why can't the worldwide Rusyn youth movement be bilingual? It would even promote learning both languages, which is so much better in the long run.

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As we begin to organize ourselves here in America, I hope that we do not lose sight of the precedents set by many of the Rusyn leaders here in America who have already done so much good for Rusyn youth. We also have the examples of the groups in Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine and Serbia who have already organized themselves and are moving forward with good vision and action.

I am so proud to have been able to observe both the World Congress of Rusyns and the World Forum of Rusyn Youth. It was so incredibly wonderful to see such a concentration of people so excited and especially proud to be Rusyn and to see the concern for the promotion of our culture and our heritage.



**7th World Congress of Rusyns and its  
Companion Events, Prešov, 4-8 June 2003**

(photo: B. Požun)

## Attending 1st World Forum of Rusyn Youth

Želimir Koljesar, 22, Kitchener, Ontario

The first World Forum of Rusyn Youth forum was simply a wonderful experience! Now, when I look back at it, I am so thankful that I took the time to write that one page paper about why it would benefit my community and myself to go to Prešov and attend the forum. It is truly an opportunity of a lifetime to be able to meet other Rusyns of similar age who live throughout Europe in countries such as Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Serbia, and Germany. This trip was also a perfect

chance to be able to try some of the traditional foods. Besides that, it was also an occasion to watch the amazing dancing performed by some of the local clubs, and also to hear the unique music that is dear to all of our hearts. But most of all, the friendships made during this trip are essential in establishing a youth movement.

Coming to Prešov, I did not know anyone. I hadn't met in person with any of the delegates from North America and even though I am originally from Yugoslavia, I did not know anyone who was coming from there. I was hoping that I would recognize a few people and that my Rusyn language will be helpful among other Rusyns who were not from Vojvodina. Well, one person recognized me and introduced me to one other person of my age, and then another and it was almost like a wave-effect until I met everyone there. I had already forgotten how common it is in our culture to be so friendly and polite among each other. I felt at home in no time.



**Želimir Koljesar addressing the World Forum**

(photo: M. Silvestri)

It was arranged for us to stay in Prešov high school dormitories called *internat* and to have three meals a day. I enjoyed the food very much. Most of our meals were at Victoria restaurant. Since we were there for almost a week, it is hard to remember all of them, but one of the meals sticks out. It consisted of beef in sauerkraut sauce with this uniquely done white bread called *knedla*. I especially liked the bread, which was cooked with the steam of boiling water.

In between the meals, numerous activities, presentations, and theatrical shows were organized for our entertainment. Friday morning the Rusyn National Theatre

“Djadja” performed a show at the Aleksander Dukhnovyč Theatre. Later that day we got to see a show by the Jonas Zaborsky Theatre, about a wife who had three husbands and the conflicts when they all found out the truth. We all got a good laugh out of that one. On Saturday night, three ladies as a trio sang many beautiful folk songs. The following night we watched PULS Folk Ensemble performance and they amazed us with their voices and their choreography. After this trip, I have realized how important it is for Rusyn culture to have people who will be singing our folk songs and performing the traditional dances in the future.

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The first World Forum of Rusyn Youth happened on Sunday afternoon in the Dukhnovyč Theatre. Each delegation gave a speech about what they have accomplished and what their plans for the future are. Then there was a topic brought up about how many times a year we should all meet. The number proposed was two. This is where a little bit of tension was created because it is very difficult for youth from North America to come to Europe twice a year, mainly due to financial capabilities. Distance is another major issue, and this is where the Internet would be a great solution to communicate and to get things done, even from half a world away. However, only the individuals from Germany, North America and Vojvodina supported this idea. Personally, I believe that Rusyn youth should meet twice a year or maybe even more than that. It is extremely important to socialize with different Rusyn groups, to learn to understand various Rusyn dialects, to make friendships, and to make plans for the future. The experiences gained at these types of events are worth so much and can be passed on to the people who didn't get a chance to go. Now, we will all put these ideas in action and we will see how it all turns out in real life.

After the long and hot days filled with activities, everyone was excited to socialize at night. The youth stuck together most of the nights. There are numerous bars and pubs, called *karčma* in Rusyn, all over downtown Prešov, but it was difficult to find one where all of us could fit and find a place to sit down. However, we did manage to find a popular place each night where we got to talk among each other, have an occasional drink, and most of all sing our Rusyn folk songs! This part was the most fascinating, at least for me. I am not used to going out with friends and singing all night long. And everybody sings along, that is, if they knew the words of course. At one point I asked one of the girls from Vojvodina how many songs she knows and she answered, "Probably around two hundred or so." I, of course, did not know words of most of the songs. Still, I truly enjoyed listening and just humming along. This part of the whole Forum experience is what I believe all of us will miss the most. This is where the friendships were definitely established!

As it was said before, having a chance to meet Rusyn youth from other parts of the world is essential to understanding the importance of our culture and the importance of keeping it alive. The uniqueness of Rusyn tradition is very interesting and it deserves more exploring. Occasions like the first World Forum of Rusyn Youth are opportunities to fire up the desire of each Rusyn to keep this momentum flowing. There is only one thing to be said: "I was a Rusyn, I am a Rusyn, and I will always be a Rusyn!"

## Declaration of the First World Forum of Rusyn Youth

We young Rusyns, who have met in the context of the VII World Congress of Rusyns in Prešov at the first historic World Forum of Rusyn Youth on 8 June 2003 in the historic hall of the Aleksander Duchnovyč Theatre, hereby declare that:

We proudly align ourselves with and are aware of the fact that we belong to the separate, Rusyn, nation which henceforth has its own World Council of Rusyn Youth and thereby sets forth on a new path in the history of the Rusyn movement.

We want to live with all other nations in the states in which we live in community and peace and in democratic conditions.

We declare 23 August of each year the Day of Rusyn Youth in honor of the founding of the preparatory committee for the World Forum of Rusyn Youth.

We do not want to be nationalists, but want to be devoted sons and daughters of our nation and to work for its good.



### The World Forum of Rusyn Youth

(left to right): Mikhail Dronov (Russia), Vasyl' Pukiš (Ukraine), Olena Duč and Demko Trochanowski (Poland), Marek Gaj and Petro Krajnjak, Jr. (Slovakia), and Vladko Bodjanec and Monika Budinski (Serbia and Montenegro). (photo: B. Požun)

## Resolution of the First World Forum of Rusyn Youth

The World Forum of Rusyn Youth, which met in Prešov on 8 June 2003, makes the following Resolution:

1. Young Rusyns will propagate their activities through radio, television, the Internet and other media.
2. The World Council of Rusyn Youth (WCRY) will support the efforts of Rusyns in Subcarpathia towards the official recognition of the Rusyn nationality in Ukraine.
3. The WCRY will direct its attention towards regulation of the legal statute of Ruska Bursa, and towards its return to its legal owners.

4. The WCRY will support the efforts of Greek Catholics in Slovakia towards the establishment of a bishopric for Rusyns and will actively protest the Slovakization of the Eastern Rite.
5. The WCRY will support cooperation among all Rusyn organizations in the Vojvodina
6. The next meeting of the WCRY will take place in the context of the second World Rusyn Summer Camp, from 22 to 25 August 2003 in the village of Komloška, Hungary.
7. The next, second, World Forum of Rusyn Youth will take place in the context of the XIII World Congress of Rusyns in 2005 in Krynica, Poland.

## **On the Violation of National and Other Rights of the Subcarpathian Rusyns in Ukraine**

02 June 2003

To the Government of Ukraine:

The Rusyn organizations of the Transcarpathian oblast' and individual Ukrainian citizens of Rusyn nationality have more than once addressed the government of Ukraine at all levels, including the highest, concerning the violation of the rights of Subcarpathian Rusyns. Unfortunately, the responses they have received to their petitions demonstrate that in regard to the Rusyn problem, the state organs of the government of Ukraine officially preserve the principles that were established by the Soviet totalitarian regime upon the unification of Subcarpathian Rus' to the Ukrainian republic of the USSR back in 1944-1946.

Not only has the government of independent Ukraine failed to renounce the policy of assimilation and ethnocide of Rusyns that was initiated and implemented by the totalitarian regime, it has openly declared its anti-Rusyn intentions. Of all the branches of state power, the most anti-Rusyn activity has originated in the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, which developed the anti-Rusyn "Proposed Measures [for Resolving the Problem of Ukrainian-Rusyns]" (No. 13-884/2 from 7 October 1996). This plan makes it clear that it is the goal of the government of Ukraine to reinforce and complete the assimilation and ethnocide of Subcarpathian Rusyns and to prevent the revival of the indigenous Carpatho-Rusyn people, who were recognized as far back as 1918-1919 by the international community (particularly in the Treaty of St. Germain) as a distinct Slavic people. This act of international law is observed today by democratic nations of the world in regard to the Rusyn national community.

The above-mentioned Ukrainian "Proposed Measures ..." in regard to the problem of Rusyns has not been repealed, in spite of its clearly anti-democratic character. On the contrary, all Rusyn organizations in the Transcarpathian oblast' attest that the Ukrainian government systematically, actively, and by all available means continues the implementation of these disgraceful "Proposed Measures ...". This is demonstrated specifically by the appearance of another document similar to the "Proposed Measures ...," developed in Kiev by the "National Institute of International Security" under the title "The Destructive Potential of the Rusyn Movement in Transcarpathia". Such oppression of Rusyns is implemented openly in Ukraine, but is carried on covertly by the Ukrainian government in all countries where Rusyns live.

The problems of Rusyns are presented from a distorted perspective in the spirit of the principles established by the former totalitarian regime. This was felt especially in the preparation for and conduct of the Ukrainian census of December 2001, and it substantially influenced the non-

objective results of the census in regard to Rusyns. As attested by the Rusyn organizations of Subcarpathia, the sixth question on the census form, "Your ethnic descent" was replaced in the "Instructions" for census-takers by the question "Your nationality," and supplemented with the simultaneous explanation that the nationality "Rusyn" does not exist in Ukraine. Thus, Rusyns were deliberately prodded away from their historical nationality, and the census-takers completed the census forms, for the most part, in the absence of the respondents.

In spite of the extraordinarily unfavorable conditions, 10,100 Rusyns insisted that their nationality and language be listed as Rusyn. Using the methodology of the totalitarian regime and the results of totalitarian "scientific research" in the humanitarian sphere, the government of Ukraine without any foundation counted this ancient Slavic people as "ethnic Ukrainians."

While the numerous petitions of Rusyn organizations about the problems of Rusyns sent to the government of Ukraine received arbitrary responses on the basis of the same so-called "scientific research," the appeal of the V World Congress of Rusyns (Uzhhorod, May 1999) to the government of Ukraine was generally ignored.

The World Council of Rusyns is concerned with humanitarian problems like the violation of rights not only of individuals, but also of the entire Rusyn national community in Ukraine. This is one factor that creates a negative image of Ukraine as a state in the eyes of European and international democratic societies. We expect that a correct resolution to the problems of Rusyns based on democratic principles, in particular the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the V World Congress of Rusyns to the government of Ukraine, will demonstrate that the Ukrainian state has made progress toward the standards of the European Community and will make Ukraine a friend of the international community of Rusyns.

Respectfully, for the World Council of Rusyns

**Alexander Zozuljak**

Chairman of the World Council of Rusyns

*Translated by Elaine Rusinko*

### **Links**

Original of this text in Ukrainian at  
<http://www.karpatorusyns.org/weblog.php>

"Proposed Measures [for Resolving the Problem of Ukrainian-Rusyns]" at <http://www.lemko.org/rusyn/kurasen.html>

"The Destructive Potential of the Rusyn Movement in Transcarpathia" at  
[http://www.karpatorusyns.org/more.php?id=48\\_0\\_1\\_0](http://www.karpatorusyns.org/more.php?id=48_0_1_0)

"Rusyns Want to be Recognized as a Distinct Ethnic Group Within Ukraine," Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Central & Eastern European Newswire, 28 June 1999  
<http://www.rferl.org/newsline/1999/06/3-CEE/cee-280699.html>

# RUSYN HAIKU

Nataša Rehak, 17, Ruski Kerestur, Serbia and Montenegro

## РУСНАЦИ

Зневерели зме  
предкох; зашали нас а  
тераз прејеме.

## МЛАДОСЦ

Вично кирвави  
рана и думки без  
початней станјци.

## КРАСОТА ПАРИЗА

Веліки ме будовні  
провадза зоз  
Французким поглядом.

## RUSNACI

Znjevereli zme  
predkoh; zašali nas, a  
teraz prejeme.

## MLADOSC

Vično kirvavi  
rana i dumki bez  
počatnej stanjici.

## KRASOTA PARIZA

Veljiki me budovnji  
provadza zoz  
Francuzkim pohljadom.

## RUSYNS

We have betrayed  
our forefathers; they sowed us  
but now we are wilting.

## YOUTH

An eternally bloody  
sunrise and thoughts without  
a starting point.

## THE BEAUTY OF PARIS

These grand old buildings  
in all their French majesty  
haunt me even now.



### After the World Forum in Prešov

(Delegates to the World Forum, from left to right): Peter Gleason (US), Sanja Poldruhi (Serbia), Tanja Ribovič (Germany), Slavko Bučko (Serbia), Željko Koljesar (Canada), Ana Marija Rehak (Serbia), Nataša Rehak (Serbia), Monika Budinski (Serbia), Sanja Koljesar (Serbia), Petar Dudaš (Germany), Vladko Bodjanec (Serbia) and Brian Požun (US) (photo: B. Požun)

### Na zdorovje until Krynica 2005!

(Delegates to the World Forum in Prešov, from left to right): Željko Koljesar (Canada), Ana Marija Rehak (Serbia), Sanja Poldruhi (Serbia), Slavko Bučko (Serbia), Jarek Szuta (Poland) and Brian Požun (US) (photo: B. Požun)





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## RUSYN OUTPOST NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Young Rusyns in Slovakia have their **Association of Rusyn Youth of Slovakia**, those in Serbia have **Pakt Rutenorum**, in Poland, **Jar'/Spring** and in Ukraine, **Youth of Subcarpathia**...and now it's time for **Rusyn Outpost: North America** to join them.

You don't have to be of Rusyn ethnicity or descent - the only requirement for membership is that you be between the ages of 18 and 30, interested in the Rusyn people, and recognize Rusyns as a distinct ethnic group. Please bear in mind that the group will be of a Rusyn national orientation. Affiliate memberships are available for those over 30 who still want to participate, and we also hope to include those under 18 as soon as possible.

Aside from a national organization, which will publish a magazine and create a website, as well as link us with the **World Forum of Rusyn Youth** in Europe, we are also planning local chapters around North America. These local chapters - in Pittsburgh and New York City to start - will run regular programs, such as Rusyn happy hours, film/video screenings, and more!

Young members of the **Carpatho-Rusyn Society**, the **Rusyn Association of North America**, the **Rusin Association of Minnesota** and other Rusyn organizations in North America are particularly encouraged to reply.

If all this sounds interesting, please send an email to [RusynYouthNA@aol.com](mailto:RusynYouthNA@aol.com) as soon as you can - and be sure to include your name, age and postal address. Be sure to mention any special skills you might be willing to contribute. We'll send off an information packet ASAP!



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SURVEY

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PLEASE INDICATE YES, NO, MAYBE.

**DO YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN  
LOCAL CHAPTER MEETINGS?** [Y] [N] [M]

LOCAL CHAPTERS ARE CURRENTLY IN PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK CITY.

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING  
TO FORM A LOCAL CHAPTER IN YOUR  
AREA?** [Y] [N] [M]

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

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- PROGRAMMING EVENTS [ ]

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- FOLK DANCING/SINGING [ ]
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- GENEALOGY EVENTS [ ]
- RUSYN HAPPY HOURS [ ]
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 22 August, to Monday, 25 August - Second annual **World Rusyn Summer Camp**, Komloška Hungary.
- Saturday, 23 August - **International Rusyn Youth Day**.
- Saturday, 23 August - Rusyn Outpost: New York **International Youth Day Happy Hour**. Bohemian Hall, 29-19 24th Avenue, Astoria, NY. 6:00 p.m. Contact Brian Požun at [bpozun@aol.com](mailto:bpozun@aol.com) for more information.
- Saturday, 30 August - **Ruthenian Picnic**. Woodstock Conservation Area, ON. Organized by the [Rusyn Association of North America](http://RusynAssociationofNorthAmerica.com). For information, contact Gavra Koljesar at [amber@golden.net](mailto:amber@golden.net)
- Saturday, 20 September - **A Day Visiting Ole Rusyn New York**. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reservations Required. New York NY. Tour of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, with a focus on the Rusyn immigrant experience, followed by lunch at St. Nicholas Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in the East Village, where the church historian will present the community's history. Organized by the [New Jersey/New York Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society](http://NewJerseyNewYorkChapteroftheCarpathoRusynSociety.com). For information, contact Jerry Chanda at (609) 882-4872 or [molossia@aol.com](mailto:molossia@aol.com)
- Friday, 26 September - **European Day of Languages**.
- Saturday, 4 October - Czech Independence Day Celebrations - **Czech Street Festival**. 83rd Street, between Madison & Park Avenues, Manhattan NY. 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Held every year since 1998 to celebrate the founding of the first Czechoslovak state, of which Subcarpathian Rus' was part. Organized by the [Czech Center](http://CzechCenter.com). For information call (212) 288-0830 or visit [www.czechcenter.com](http://www.czechcenter.com)
- Sunday, 5 October - **Carpatho-Rusyn Society Annual Picnic**. Croatian Center, Millvale PA. Organized by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. For information call Jack Poloka at (412) 331-3124,
- Saturday, 11 October - **Ethnic Genealogy Conference**. Center in the Woods, Rt. 88, California PA. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dedicated to Italian and Rusyn genealogy techniques, with the Rusyn part given by Carpatho-Rusyn Society President John Righetti. Registration fee of \$50 includes all materials and lunch. For information, contact Mary Elaine Lozosky at (724) 938-3554 or [melozosky@yahoo.com](mailto:melozosky@yahoo.com)
- Saturday, 26 October - **First Annual Tucson Slavic Festival**. St. Melany Byzantine Catholic Church, Corner of Sahuara and Bellvue Avenues, Tucson AZ. 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The [Rusyn](http://RusynCarpathoRusynDanceEnsemble.com) Carpatho-Rusyn Dance Ensemble will perform. For information, call Fr. Bob Rankin at (480) 886-4225.
- Saturday, 1 November - **"The Carpatho-Rusyns of Western Pennsylvania" historical and genealogical conference**. Heinz Regional History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh PA. Co-sponsored by the [Carpatho-Rusyn Society](http://CarpathoRusynSociety.com) and the [Heinz Regional History Center](http://HeinzRegionalHistoryCenter.com). For more information, contact John Righetti at (412) 749-9899 or [rusunone@excite.com](mailto:rusunone@excite.com)
- Saturday, 8 November - **"When Small Peoples Dream Big Dreams: The Lemko Rusyn Republic, 1918-1921"** lecture by Bogdan Horbal. Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne NJ. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Organized by the [New Jersey/New York Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society](http://NewJerseyNewYorkChapteroftheCarpathoRusynSociety.com). For information, contact Jerry Chanda at (609) 882-4872 or [molossia@aol.com](mailto:molossia@aol.com)
- Thursday 20 November, to Sunday, 23 November -- **American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 35th Annual National Convention**. Toronto, ON. Several Rusyn-related papers to be presented, including: *A Success Story for Russian Pan-Slavism: The Russophiles of Subcarpathian Rus'* by Elaine Rusinko; *Documenting Identity: The Discourse of Census Categories and Rusyn Self-Determination in the 2001 Ukrainian Census* by Jennifer A. Dickinson; *Carpatho-Rusyns: Depiction and Self-Depiction in Cinema* by Patricia Ann Krafcik; and *Carpatho-Rusyn Identity in Rare Books of the Eighteenth, Twentieth Centuries* by Nina Maslej.
- Friday and Saturday, 5-6 December - **31st Annual Makovic'ka Struna Rusyn Folksong Competition**. Bardejov Slovakia.

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