

The Center for Slovenian Studies,
Center za slovenske študije
Cleveland State University

In cooperation with Cleveland State University and Lakeland Community College, the Center would like to invite the entire Slovenian Community to the following events which are in English and free and open to the public:

Spring 2010 Lecture Schedule

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Events



February 20

Ivan Hudnik In Concert On Saturday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. well known and popular songwriter and singer from Slovenia, Ivan Hudnik will perform St. Mary's parish hall. Donation is \$10. Food and refreshments will be available. Ivan Hudnik has sung for the late Pope John Paul II in Rome his song "Dva Novčiča," and is a familiar performer with concerts sponsored by Radio Ognjišče of Slovenia, singing some of his top songs, Dom Si Moj, Slovenija, Imejmo Se Radi, Zelene Livade S Teboj. For reservations, please contact the parish office at 216-761-7740 or joannstinziano@aol.com

Koncert Ivana Hudnika V soboto 20. februarja bo ob 7:00 zvečer poznani pevec Ivan Hudnik, iz Slovenije nastopil v naši župnijski dvorani. Vstopnina je \$10. Na voljo bo hrana in pijača. Ivan Hudnik je pel za pokojnega papeža Janeza Pavla II v Rimu njegovo pesem "Dva novčiča" in je poznan pevec na koncertih Radia "Ognjišče" v Sloveniji z njegovimi znanimi pesmicami; Dom si moj, Slovenija, Imejmo se radi, Zelene livade s teboj...Za rezervacije pokličite župnišče 216-761-7740.

February 21

Palačinka breakfast

8:30am until noon - St. Mary's Church / Cerkev sv. Marije vnebovzete 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio Tel: 216-761-7740 \$7.00 adults \$4.00 children

February 24th

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February 26

March 5, 12, 19 & 26 **Fish Fry Slovenian Workmen's Home** breaded and deep fried walleye, shrimp or pork chops (\$10), goulash (\$8.50) and mac & cheese (\$4.50) dinner with coleslaw, roll & butter with choice of one side dish (fries, polenta, cabbage & noodles or mac & cheese). Takeouts available. 15335 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, OH 216-481-9144.

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February 28

Dramsko društvo LILIJA bi ponovilo uprizoritev "Krst pri Savici nekoliko drugače," In sicer v nedeljo 28. februarja v dvorani Marije Vnebozete v Collinwoodu ob 5.30 zvečer. Vsi vljudno vabljeni. Vstopnine ni, prosimo pa za prostovoljne prispevke. Na svidenje v nedeljo!

The drama society LILIJA will have a repeat performance of "Krst pri Savici nekoliko drugače," Sunday February 28th at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Collinwood at 5:30 All are welcome. Admission is free, however we ask for voluntary contributions. See you on Sunday!

Immaculate Conception Parish Reverse Raffle Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio. Doors at 2:00pm. Dinner by Joe Tavcar - Raffle ticket & dinner \$55 / dinner only \$25. Open bar, side boards, Fr. Frank Godic 216-431-5900 The Immaculate Conception Church is located at 4129 Superior Ave. Cleveland, Ohio. Sunday Latin Low Mass 8:00am – Latin High Mass Noon

St. Vitus Slovenian School Annual Benefit Dinner Held in the parish auditorium. Doors open 11:00 – 1:00pm Cost is \$12 adult and \$6 child 12 yrs or younger. Sit-down and take-out dinners will be available. Net proceeds benefit the Saturday Language and heritage school. Tickets will be available at the door. www.saintvitus.org

March 2010

March 2

Slovenian Hall San Francisco: The Educational and Dramatic Club Slovenia <http://www.clubslowenia.com/> An organization connecting Slovenians in San Francisco California Bay Area Potluck dinner and presentation by Majda Kozjek and Bostjan Odar from Slovenia Bostjan will present photos. Sample album: <http://ob-photo.jalbum.net/OB/>

March 3

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March 4

Cleveland Slovenian Business and Professionals Association sponsors a social event for its members and their guests-- Beer Tasting at the Harbor Inn in the Flats, Cleveland's oldest bar, owned and operated by Slovenian born Vlado (Wally) Pisorn. \$10 cash only at the door will cover sampling of seven beers and light appetizers. Additional beverages will be available for purchase at the bar. To reserve a spot, please RSVP to csbpa1@yahoo.com or telephone Denise Klemencic 216-906-9199. The Harbor Inn is located at 1219 Main Avenue Cleveland- West Bank of the Flats. See an online video interview with the Wally http://www.cleveland.com/ministerofculture/index.ssf/2009/06/wally_pisorn_owner_of_the_harb.html

March 5

Fish Fries in Lent at Slovenian Home 3563 East 80th St Cleveland, Ohio 44105 www.thenash2.com
Serving time is 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Fish Fry menu selections include: Walleye/Pike -Pierogis or -
Shrimp The Fish fry schedule is: March 5th, 19th and 26th. Tony Peskar tonypeskar@juno.com

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March 12

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March 13

St. Vitus Parish www.saintvitus.org Sale of Slovenian "krofe" raised donuts in social room, parish auditorium.

Waterloo Slovenian Home 15335 Waterloo Rd Cleveland, OH 44110 Tel 216-481-9144 Old fashion polka dance Music by the Joey Tomsick Orchestra details to follow.

March 16

Vlado Kreslin in concert at St. Mary's Parish Hall Cleveland, Ohio Details to follow

March 19

St Mary's Parish Collinwood LENTEN FISH FRY is served in the parish hall every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fried ocean perch, baked cod, shrimp, crab cake & combo meals are available, as well as macaroni & cheese dinners. Each week we will feature a different homemade Lenten soup. All are cordially invited to attend the best fish fry in Cleveland!

POSTNE RIBJE VEIERJE. Spet bomo nudili vse petke v Postu (razen Velikega petka) okusne ribje ve erje od 3:00 do 7:00 zve er. Na jedilniku bodo ocvrte in pe ene ribe in škampe, "crab cakes," in makarone s sirom s prilogo in sladico. Imeli bomo tudi doma o postno juho. Ker vidimo da število ljudi za ve erjo naraš a, potrebujemo ve pomo l za serviranje in iš enje

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March 20

Federation of Slovenian National Homes Man and Woman of the Year

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Larry Hocevar 216-361-5115

Ongoing – March 20, 2010

REVOLUTIONARY VOICES: PERFORMING ARTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE 1980s "Presented by The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, this exhibition examines how performances in the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia attempted to break boundaries set by the Communist state's politicians and censors, focusing on theater, music, and dance events that contested the prevailing totalitarian regime and anticipated the forthcoming political and social changes. As the revolutions in most Soviet bloc countries were not the result of a violent overthrow of power, art was one of the main arenas where "the revolutionary" started to happen. Curated by Karen Burke, Assistant Chief, Music Division, The New York Public

Library for the Performing Arts and Aniko Szucs, Ph.D. candidate in Performance Studies at New York University. This exhibit is a part of Performing Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe, a festival coordinated by the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts." www.nypl.org/research/lpa, www.performingrevolution.org

KSKJ Mary of Seven Sorrows Lodge #81, www.kskjlife.com Pittsburgh Pa. will host a fashion show to benefit the Rosedale Community Club (supports local schools and charities) on March 20 at the Green Oars Country Club. For more information, call Lois Manning at 412-795-4090.

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March 25 and March 27:

Slovenka / Call Girl at the Cleveland International Film Festival www.clevelandfilm.org

March 26

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March 26, 27

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KSKJ St. John the Evangelist Lodge #65, Milwaukee, Wis. will host a basketball marathon to benefit the MACC Fund (for finding a cure for childhood cancer) www.maccfund.org on March 26 & 27, cosponsoring with the Brookfield Jaycees, at the St. Joseph Congregation. For more information, call Mici Bregant at 414-543-6695 or edmar915@aol.com

March 28

St. Vitus Parish Annual Palm Sunday Benefit Dinner Held in the parish auditorium. Cost is \$12 adult and \$6 child 12 yrs or younger. Chicken or pork dinner with all the trimmings. Sit-down or take-out dinners will be available. Sponsored by various parish organizations. Net proceeds for new exhaust hood in parish auditorium kitchen as required by code. Matching KSKJ Grant event with matched grant from KSKJ for new swimming pool at Slovenska Pristava.

St. Mary's Parish Cerkev sv. Marije vnebovzete Krofi sale. 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio

April 2010

April 6

St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans #1655 Social Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Robert Mills 216-431-9492

April 9

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April 10

Mladi Glas & Planika Slovenian Dance Group in Toronto It's that time of year again when we will be having our annual Mladi Glas & Planika Banquet at Our Lady Of Miraculous Medal Church Hall. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year. Mark April 10th on your calendar. With over 20 new members this year we have more than 90 dancers in total. This be a "really big show" featuring all of the dancers and make for a very exciting performance after dinner. More details to come shortly. Music by Brjda. In "The Slovenian Centre" at 739 Brown's Line, Toronto, ON M8W 3V7

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April 17

Primorski Klub Dinner Dance

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Sylva Ramsack 216-692-1069 sylvapregarje@sbcglobal.net Concert by the ensemble Fantje izpod karlovca from Ilirska Bistrica

April 17 & 18

KSKJ National Bowling Tournament Brunswick Zone Bowling Lanes 631 Lakehurst Road Waukegan, Illinois Sponsored by KSKJ St. Joe's #53 and St. Mary's #79 Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliska Jednota (KSKJ) www.kskjlife.org The tournament dance will be held on Saturday evening, featuring both goveja muzika and a DJ. Everyone is invited!

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April 24

"Čuti Vipavske Doline", Get the Feel of the Vipava Valley of Slovenia. Life and rich history of Vipava Valley with culinary and other experiences to be held on Sunday, April 24th at St. Mary's

Parish Hall by a team from Slovenia. St Mary's Parish Hall, Cerkev sv. Marije Vnebovzete 11519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland, Ohio

Projekt: Čuti Vipavske doline Projekt >Čuti Vipavske doline< v staroslovenskem jeziku bodo predstavljene pridige baročnega pridigarja iz Vipavskega Križa, Tobia Lionellija - Janeza Svetokriškega; v Bleiweisovih Kmetijskih in rokodelskih novicah je svoje članke o vinogradništvu in vinarstvu predstavljal svetovljan, rojen v Vrtovčah, Matija Vrtovec. Skoz tomšičevo Grenko morje in pripovedi aleksandrink bo predstavljeno življenje spodnje Vipavske doline v drugi polovici 19. Stoletja, s sodobnima pesnikoma Nardinom in Mermoljo, pa bomo pripeljali časovni trak do sedanjosti. Glasba bo prisotna na vsakem koraku, program pa prilagojen tematiki večera. Poleg okteta Sotočje bo za vzušje in zabavo poskrbel še harmonikaš Rajko Černigoj. Skoz diaproyekcije ter fotografsko razstavo bomo predstavili najčudovitejše koticke naše doline ter vinsko cesto, ki je tudi pomemben del okusov in vonjev Vsi obiskovalci večerov bodo prejeli tematski spominek. Ob povratku bomo pripravili več predavanj z diaproyekcijami in tako predstavili našim domačinom slovensko izseljensko skupnost v Kanadi. Prispevke bomo objavili tudi v lokalnih medijih. Koordinacijski odbor prireditve

Zarja Singing Society presents "V šoli" "At School" Slovenian Society Home 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio Dinner: 5:00 Program: 7:00 Dancing to the Jeff Pecon Orchestra: 8:00 Donation: \$25.00 per person Concert & Dance: \$10.00 in Advance - \$12.00 at the Door. Call Barbara at 440-257-2540 or Vicky at 216-531-5542

April 25

SNPJ Heritage Day celebration at Enon Valley. Consul General Jure Zmauc will conduct consular hours there.

April 30

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May 2010

May 1

AMLA Join Hands Day at the Slovene Home for the Aged

May 7

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May 14

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May 15

Korotan Concert

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May 31

Triglav Park Memorial Day picnic, Mass at 11:00 a.m., dinner at noon
6464 South Loomis Rd. Wind Lake, WI. 53185 www.triglavpark.com

June 2010**June 4**

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June 11

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June 13**Saint Mary's Slovenian School annual picnic**

Slovenska Pristava 1024 Brandt Rd. Harpersfield, Ohio 44041 - more information to follow

July 16

Mark your calendars Atomik Harmonik is scheduled to perform at Slovenska Pristava
www.slovenskapristava.org in Harpersfield, Ohio. Click www.atomikharmonik.com for Atomik
Harmonik's website.

June 18

Slovenia vs USA at the 2010 FIFA World Cup in Cape Town South Africa. www.fifa.com/worldcup

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June 25.

Slovenian Statehood Day event to be announced by Generalni konzulat Republike Slovenije v
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July 5–30, 2010

Application deadline: June 4, 2010 Scholarship application deadline: May 15, 2010

CENTRE FOR SLOVENE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: SUMMER SESSION

The Centre for Slovene as a Second Language offers two and four week courses at three levels:
beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Courses run in the morning with elective languages courses
offered in the afternoon.

Summer School activities also include a varied social program, where students can become

acquainted with Slovene culture, history and contemporary reality while at the same time coming into close contact with the Slovene language and its speakers in its natural linguistic environment outside the classroom.

For more information go to www.centerslo.net or e-mail center-slo@ff.uni-lj.si.

University of Ljubljana Faculty of Arts Centre for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language Courses of Slovene Kongresni trg 12 SI-1000 Ljubljana Tel.: + 386 1-241-86-48

December 26

Slovenian Independence and Unity Day - Event to be announced by Generalni konzulat Republike Slovenije v Clevelandu / Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia Cleveland

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! COMING IN THE MARCH 2010 ISSUE OF THE Slovenian American Times Newspaper

The SAT features monthly themes focusing on Slovenian traditions and cultural events of the month. Issue #17 will include preparing for Easter, a step-by-step guide for making a butara for Palm Sunday, a guide to coloring Easter eggs the old-fashioned way with onion skins, the important items to include in the **žegen** basket to be blessed, favorite Easter children's games, and more. To learn more about **Zeleni Jurij- the herald of spring**, Catholic Code Words, Slovenians on Stage, skin cancer, The European Pigs and other features, see the March issue of the SAT.

<http://www.slovenianamericantimes.net>



CSBPA Annual Reception

Cleveland Slovenian Business and Professional Association (CSBPA) members braved the cold and snowy weather to attend the annual reception on February 9th at Drinko Hall and Waetjen Lobby on the campus of Cleveland State University. The event featured a wine and cheese social, networking by members and guests, and a program featuring the Healthcare Section's participation at the Congress in Slovenia last May. Mr. Tony Petkovsek, owner of WELW, was host and created a dynamic atmosphere for thought and discussion. Guest speakers were Dr. Gregory Sadlek, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences of Cleveland State University and Mr. Jure Zmauc, Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia. Keynote speakers were Dr. David Turk, FACS, Partner, Southwest Urology Group and Mr. Ray Marvar, Senior Vice President, Government and Community Relations, Regional Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic Health System. New members are always welcome. More information about the organization and future events can be obtained by contacting the Slovenian Consulate General's office at (216) 589-9220 or CSBPA at CSBPA1@yahoo.com. Photo credit: Mary Krajncic-Riccardi

GARY BUKOVNIK EXHIBIT "The Rebirth of Flora"

AT:
THE SLOVENIAN MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

6407 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1633
216-361-5600

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Cleveland native, San Francisco based watercolorist, GARY BUKOVNIK, will exhibit his work at The Slovenian Museum and Archives, 6407 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1633. Coming to Cleveland from the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C., this stunning exhibition entitled *The Rebirth of Flora* will be on view from March 17, 2010 until April 17, 2010. **An opening reception with Mr. Bukovnik will be held Friday, March 26 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. A watercolor demonstration by the artist will be presented on Saturday March 27 at 1:00 PM.**

Slovenian-American artist, Gary Bukovnik was born in Cleveland, Ohio and has lived in San Francisco for over 25 years. Bukovnik's art conveys a monumental quality. Primarily using the mediums of watercolor, monotype and lithograph, Bukovnik fuses sensual vitality with fluid, yet powerful colorations; creating compositions of great depth and intensity. Using floral images suspended in time and space, Gary Bukovnik presents arrangements we would not have the opportunity to appreciate with our naked eye alone.

To produce his graphic works, Bukovnik collaborates with Trillium Press, whose owner and master printer, David Salgado, studied at the Tamarind Workshop, formerly in Los Angeles. Among the other artists who have printed with Trillium are Joseph Raffael, Mark Adams, Beth Van Hoesen, Nathan Oliveira, and Paul Wanner.

This Bukovnik exhibit was on view at the Slovenian Embassy in Washington D.C. in February 2010. It will continue on to Slovenia where it will be exhibited in Idrija and Zagorje thru the summer months of 2010.

In April of 2009 he participated in a watercolor exhibition at the Kunstzaal van Heijningen Gallery in The Hague, Netherlands. Recently, Bukovnik was involved in the Bouquet to Arts Exhibition in collaboration with DeYoung Museum Auxiliary Members at the Caldwell Snyder Gallery in San Francisco. In 2003, Bukovnik was invited for six weeks to the American Academy in Rome as a Visiting Artist. He was invited for a second session in 2005. In 2001, Bukovnik was selected to create a poster for the prestigious List Collection, which creates posters to commemorate programs at The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York. Past selectees include such prominent artists as Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Robert Motherwell, Helen Frankenthaler, Alex Katz, Elizabeth Murray and Donald Sultan.

Gary Bukovnik has had numerous solo and group shows in galleries across the United States as well as exhibitions in China and Japan. His work can be found in such prestigious museums as The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Brooklyn Museum, New York; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; The Chicago Museum of Art; and Fine Arts Museums, San Francisco.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Slovenian Museum and Archives with the generous support of Mr. John Dejak and The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation in memory of Ann M. Opeka.

The Slovenian Museum and Archives (SMA) is Cleveland's newest cultural gem. Open in 2009, its goal is to be the premier cultural and genealogy center for the Slovenian American community. **SMA** is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to preserve and share Slovenian ethnic identity and its various migration experiences in a sophisticated, multi-functional and interactive dwelling. SMA provides an educational, cultural and literary resource for families and includes a library, museum and plans for a cinematheque.

In conjunction with the newly opened Slovenian Studies Center based at Cleveland State University, SMA will render invaluable services to historians, researchers, students and genealogists. Slovenian Cleveland, the largest community of Slovenians outside of Slovenia, is now building a home in which Slovenians' rich and diversified legacy can be preserved and shared with the greater community in the City of Cleveland.

Museum hours are: Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM
Thursday: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Saturday: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
SMA is also open by appointment.
Group tours are available. The admission is free to the public.

FEDERATION TO HONOR DICK RUSS AND LOREE VICK
AS MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Cleveland Federation of Slovenian National Homes will honor its Man and Woman of the Year and eight outstanding home honorees when it holds its 49th annual awards banquet on March 20, at the St. Clair Slovenian Home.

Man and Woman of the Year are Dick Russ, managing editor and news reporter for WKYC Channel 3 and Loree Vick, senior public relations and media advisor for University Hospitals.

Russ has been reporting the news to the people of Northeastern Ohio for more than 35 years. Prior to joining WKYC-TV in 1999, he spent 20 years at WJW-TV where he anchored and reported the news. In the 1970s he was employed at a number of TV and radio stations, including WAKR-TV in Akron.

His professional honors include membership in the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame, the Press Club Hall of Fame, and the prestigious Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS), recognizing more than a quarter century of exemplary service to the television industry. He is a ten-time winner of the regional Emmy award and was recently inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame.

Russ has long been dedicated to the international and nationality community of Northeast Ohio, serving as Board President of the International Community Council (ICC), a network of international partnerships. He is the recipient of the Rotary Club's International Service Award.

Loree joined the hospital in 2005 after a six-year stay in Chicago where she launched her own consulting business, Vick Communications, which provided customized training in media, presentation and personal communications skills. A native Clevelander, Loree had an award-winning 16-year career with CBS and FOX news television in Cleveland.

She has appeared in numerous broadcast commercials, voice-overs, corporate training films and print ads. Her clients include US Cellular, General Electric, Progressive Insurance, McDonalds, Goodyear Tire, Kobe Steel, Sears, Applebee's and Nabisco.

She holds a master of fine arts degree in theater from Case Western Reserve University and a bachelor of fine arts in communications as well as an education certificate from Cleveland State University.

Loree has served on the advisory board for University Hospitals' Department of Psychiatry. She is also a board member of Cornerstone of Hope and Suicide Prevention Education Alliance (SPEA) and is an active member of the SPEA speaker's bureau.

Also to be recognized will be eight Federated home honorees, including: Frank Azman, St. Clair; Donna Bauchar, Fairport; John Kovelan, Holmes Avenue; Fred Nevar, Waterloo; Elaine Peskar, East 80th; Lori Sierputowski, Recher; Frankie Spetich, Barberton; and Martin J. Sweeney, West Park.

The Federation provides a forum for the exchange of ideas to help the homes survive in an increasingly competitive world while encouraging continuation of a wide range of Slovenian cultural and social programs.

Tickets to the awards banquet are \$22.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting any one of the Slovenian Homes. Tables seat ten and all tickets are advance sales only. Doors open at 2:00P.M., Dinner served promptly at 4:00P.M. and Program begins at 6:00P.M.

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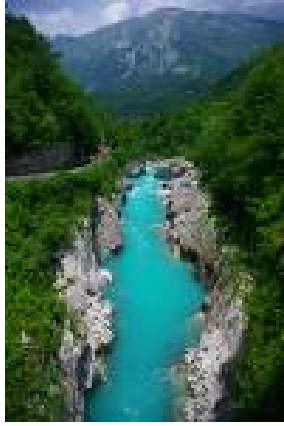
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The Center for Slovenian Studies &
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Presents

**World War I:
The Soča-Isonzo Front and Slovenia**

By Dr. Vladimir Rus

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

3:00 p.m. Main Classroom 134

During the First World War, the 12 battles of the Soča-Isonzo Front were fought on unbelievably beautiful, yet treacherous territory in present-day Slovenia and Italy. Flanked by high mountains, through which flowed the crystal green alpine river Soča (in Italian, Isonzo), this was not a prime location for any combat, let alone 12 hard-fought battles.

Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* was based on the author's personal experiences as an ambulance driver in one of the battles. Surprisingly, besides this novel, very little else has been written in English on the topic of the Italian Front, where both sides lost a combined 300,000 soldiers.

The distinguished lecturer will be **Dr. Vladimir Rus**, a graduate of the University of Trieste and Western Reserve University in Political Science and the University of Michigan in Slavic Languages and Literature. Dr. Rus has taught at Cleveland State University, John Carroll University and the University of Michigan and was Assistant Professor of Russian at Case Western Reserve University.

Light refreshments will be served

**For more information, please contact:
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Slovenian National Library 104th Annual Meeting, February 25

The Slovenian National Library is your portal to find out more about your Slovenian heritage, whether it's here in the United States or in Europe. Members learn about vital topics with special presentations and activities hosted by the Library. You can connect with Slovenian and American writers, artists and historians. Children's programs engage our youth and inspire them to inquire about Slovenia and being Slovenian. Your support also maintains the Library collection and the first computerized catalog of its holdings.

Join us for the 104th annual meeting of the Slovenian National Library on Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:00 p.m., in the Erie Room of the Euclid Library, 631 East 222nd Street. The Euclid Library has been a gracious partner, providing space and equipment at no charge, plus convenient, safe parking and no stairs for easy handicapped access.

- President Nena Cerer presents the Slovenian Library's new capabilities and activities.
- Vice President Joe Valencic tells about upcoming presentations on Martin Krpan, Valvasor's *Glory of Carniola*, and Erica Debeljak's new book on Slovenia, *Forbidden Bread*.
- Librarian and Secretary Marie Hocevar Engstrom, MSLS, shows the Slovenian Library's new computer aids and lets you explore on-line resources for Slovenian information.
- Join in discussions on Library topics. Members nominate and vote for Library officers.
- Meet with friends at the social following.

Founded in 1906, the Slovenian National Library is America's oldest organization dedicated to Slovenian culture. Become a member today. Contact us at Slovenian_National_Library@yahoo.com or sign up at the meeting on Thursday, February 25. Look for more fascinating and informative Slovenian Library events for adults and children. We bring you the best on all things Slovenian.

Joe Valencic

News from the Consulate General in New York City

February 24-27, 2010 8:00 pm

February 28, 2010 5:00 pm

WAXFACTORY: QUARTET V4.0

"WaxFactory's sci-fi QUARTET v4.0 stages East German playwright Heiner Müller's controversial text in a sterile, post-apocalyptic world that serves as the arena for the vicious endgames of its protagonists. In WaxFactory's production, the actors' live performance is simultaneously broadcast with video images captured from multiple angles by surveillance cameras that are edited, processed, and projected in real time.

Conceived and directed by Ivan Talijancic, and featuring performers Erika Latta and Thomas Peters, the premiere of QUARTET v4.0 is presented as part of Performing Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe, a festival coordinated by the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts."

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Abrons Art Center Box office or online at <https://www.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/707635>

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REVOLUTIONARY VOICES: PERFORMING ARTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE 1980s

"Presented by The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, this exhibition examines how performances [in the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia] attempted to break boundaries set by the Communist state's politicians and censors, focusing on theater, music, and dance events that contested the prevailing totalitarian regime and anticipated the forthcoming political and social changes. As the revolutions in most Soviet bloc countries were not the result of a violent overthrow of power, art was one of the main arenas where "the revolutionary" started to happen. Curated by Karen Burke, Assistant Chief, Music Division, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts and Aniko Szucs, Ph.D. candidate in Performance Studies at New York University.

This exhibit is a part of *Performing Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe*, a festival coordinated by the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts."

The gallery hours are Monday and Thursday 12:00-8:00pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00am-6:00pm; Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm. This event is free of charge.

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PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT: SLOVENES IN AMERICA

Photographer Manca Juvan seeks collaborators for a project exploring what defines the Slovene minority in the United States. Juvan hopes to photograph and interview as many Slovenes and Americans of Slovene origin as possible. Aside from the photographic works, the recorded sound will also be used in a multimedia piece and a story to be published in *Sobotna priloga Dela*.

For inquiries about the project or to express interest in participating please contact Manca Juvan mancajuvan@gmail.com.

REVISED SLOVEN"SKI"PROGRAM FOR 2010

WINDHAM: March 5th to 7th. Annual gathering of Slovenian skiers from the United States and Canada. Giant slalom race, awards, dinner, dancing, and friendly social gathering.

BORMIO, ITALY: February 13th to 21st. JFK to Milan. Air, transportation, 7 Nights Lodging at Hotel Baita dei Pini, breakfast buffet, four course dinners for seven days Ski Guide all 7 days, Day trip to St. Moritz, Switzerland, activities and excursions for skiers and non-skiers. \$1999.

ASPEN, CO: March 21th to 27th. New York or Cleveland to Aspen. Air, transportation, 6 Nights Lodging at Top of the Village Condos (two or three bedroom condos), 4 of 5 days of Ski Tickets at Snowmass/Aspen, shuttle service to and from all 4 Ski Areas. \$1495. Additional day \$70. Discount for Kids and Seniors.

For more information and reservations, please contact call Ivan Kamin (SlovenSki Group)

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Slomškova Slovenska Šola



Slomšek Slovenian School

Welcome & Dobrodošli: Slomšek Slovenian School has been in existence, in Chicago, for over 50 years. It is with great pride that, we as Slovenian Americans, have a place to go to experience our language and culture. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate our ethnicity by "remembering where we came from." "Do not be ashamed to be Slovenian. We should be proud of it! Our actions and behavior should be worthy of praise before God and others...respect your own language. To Slovenians, our mother tongue should be our favorite language to speak."

May Slomšek's words encourage those of us who teach children (at home or in school) to be proud of our language, even though for some of us, Slovenian is a second language.

We offer the following throughout the school's semesters:

- LANGUAGE (grammar, vocabulary, conversation);
- HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY
- CULTURAL TRADITIONS
- TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCING & SINGING
- RECITATION
- SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
- CREATIVE PROJECTS & PERFORMANCES
- SPORTS.

Most teachers have attended the Teaching Seminars sponsored by the Center of Education in Slovenia where they receive training in teaching methodologies for second languages specific to variant age groups. The lessons also incorporate the latest in multi-media technology by using Slovenian Educational Software and DVD's.

There are also some additional benefits to attending classes. The students have the opportunity to cultivate Slovenian friendships and life-long relationships. They are able to build self confidence, develop leadership qualities, develop stage presence, and public speaking skills. These are benefits that will help them through all areas of their life.



Beginning on Saturday, February 6, the students of Slomšek's Slovenian School will learn about Lent from our pastor Fr. Metod Ogorevc, O.F.M.

This year's donations will be sent to the Free Education for Disadvantage Youth. The students will be decorating their donation boxes as our contribution to the missions. To learn more about this organization go to: www.slovenianschool.weebly.com

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The purpose of the Slovenian Catholic Center is to promote, encourage and foster in the context of the American society, the ideals of the Slovenian heritage and Christian religious and ethical values, providing and operating adequate facilities in support of the religious purposes of the Commisariat of the Holy Cross (CHC) and the Slovenian Catholic Mission (SCM) to carry on exclusively religious, educational, and charitable activities.

Namen slovenskega katoliškega centra je spodbujanje, pospeševanje in spodbujanje v okviru ameriške družbe, idealov slovensko dediščino in krščanskih verskih in etičnih vrednot, zagotavljanje ustrezne zmogljivosti in delujejo v podporo verske namene Commisariat of Holy Cross (CHC) in Slovenski katoliški misiji (SCM), ki opravljajo samo verske, izobraževalne in dobrodelne dejavnosti.

Upcoming Events: www.slovenian-center.org

Friday, March 26: Butarice: On Friday, March 26, at 8:00 a.m., we will be gathering at the Center to make the traditional Butarice for Palm Sunday's procession and Mass. Anyone that would like to participate can call the Center or contact Mihaela Simrayh at 630.257.7923. The more volunteers we have the more fun it will be! Butarice will be on sale at the Center on Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. during Slovenian School hours and Sunday, March 28, 2009 before Mass.

Cvetna Nedelja – Palm Sunday – March 28, 2010: An annual tradition for the Slovenian Catholic Mission in Lemont, IL, the blessing of butarice and palms with procession will begin around 10:30am from the Slovenian Catholic/Cultural Center (weather permitting) and process up to the Mission. Organizations carry their banners in procession as the Mission celebrates Palm Sunday. A free luncheon will be hosted by the Slovenian Catholic/Cultural Center, St. Anne Lodge #170 – KSKJ, Slovenian Catholic – Joliet, KSKJ Illinois Federation and the Slovenian Sports Klub.

Sunday, April 25, 2010: The Annual Meeting of the Slovenian Catholic Center will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Directors and their committees will be providing us with reports summarizing the past year at the Center. During the meeting we will also be electing the Board for the upcoming year. Everyone is invited to join!

Slovenian Sports Klub (Newly Reorganized)

sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com

Sunday, February 28: Candelight Bowl: One Come All! The Slovenian Sports Klub has returned for the next generation and welcomes kids of all ages to join us for an afternoon of bowling and fun. Cost is \$7/per person - which includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, prizes and more. . . The event starts at 5 PM and goes until 7 PM but please plan on getting to bowling alley at 4:30 PM to get your shoes and lane assignments. Please respond with the names and ages of all who will bowl. Any questions, please call Marko Puc at 708-828-3365 or Tony Vuksinic at 630-881-6274 or email us at sloveniansportsklub@gmail.com. Location: Brunswick Zone Woodridge (1555 75th Street - Woodridge, IL 60517

Friday, March 19: SSK Lock-InType: Lock-in

Location: Slovenian Catholic Center (14252 Main Street P.O. Box 634 Lemont, IL 60439)

When: Friday, March 19th. More details to come

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Olympic Medal for Slovenia

Wednesday, February 17, was a special day for Slovenia: Petra Majdič won a medal in cross-country skiing in Vancouver.

The bronze, which was the ninth Slovenian medal at the history of Winter Olympics, is a special one as Majdič won it by making a heroic comeback from a crash in the warm-ups, which left her with four broken ribs.



Marko Gračer.

Her coach, Marko Gračer, said that *"this is really an unbelievable story: such things don't happen every day"*. He added that this was the first cross-country skiing Olympic medal for Slovenia ever.

President Danilo Tuerk and Prime Minister Borut Pahor congratulated Petra. Majdič even got the Golden Order for Services from President Danilo Tuerk who said: *»Petra Majdič displayed heroics and a courageous fight on her way to a big achievement at the Olympics. She demonstrated the unstoppable competitive spirit and perseverance needed...to accomplish what she has accomplished!«*

Ambassador Roman Kirn sent her congratulation message expressing deep admiration and sincere congratulations for such a



Petra Majdič.

Although badly injured and in pain after skidding off the track in an icy left turn and plunging into a ditch several feet deep, the 30-year-old Majdič insisted on continuing to compete and completed four more runs to secure a

heroic spectacular success. And here, the entire Embassy team would like to take the opportunity once again, and express to Petra deepest congratulations.



Petra after the race.



Petra meanwhile the race.

Majdič said: “This bronze medal is for me the same as golden medal with diamantes.”

Majdič was aware that the Vancouver Olympics were her last chance to win an Olympic medal and did not want to hear about receiving treatment.

“When they wanted to take me to the emergency room, I screamed that I wanted to be taken to the starting line.”

Maze 5th in Super Combined



Tina Maze.

Yesterday in Whistler Tina Maze came within reach of Olympic glory super combined, but Slovenia’s best skier had to settle for 5th place and pin her hopes on her strongest events, the super G and giant slalom. Finishing the downhill in 10th, Maze was well positioned for the slalom run, but with the 5th time from the slalom she finished 0.35 seconds short of the podium and 1.39 seconds behind the winner. We will cheer for Tina again on February 20.

More about results of the rest of Slovenian team in Winter Olympics, you can get on:

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/>



Celebrating National Holiday with the Opening of Bukovnik's Exhibition: "The Rebirth of Flora"



Ambassador Roman Kirn with an artist Gary Bukovnik.

On Wednesday, February 17, our Embassy celebrated the Slovenian Cultural Holiday, known as the Prešeren Day. Since Prešeren is generally considered the greatest poet in the Slovene language, the holiday was established to honor achievements in Slovenian culture.

It is traditionally celebrated on February 8, marking the anniversary of the poet's death in 1849, but since the historic snow storm on the previous Monday the event was postponed.

The evening was special not just because more than 100 Slovenian guests and friends of Slovenia visited us, but also because that evening we also opened to the public an exhibition of over 20 watercolors by an American artist with Slovenian background, Gary Bukovnik.

Whereas Gary was here the previous Monday, when we had planned to open

his exhibition, he was unable to attend the official opening of his show: "The Rebirth of Flora!"

Instead, his long-life friend, Sandy Nelson, generously introduced Gary to all present as a friend, an artist, and someone who is always ready to help.

Cleveland-born and -educated, Gary Bukovnik has lived in San Francisco for over 25 years. His work is represented in diverse public and private collections, such as the Brooklyn Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, New York; Chicago Museum of Art; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown; Fine Arts Museums, San Francisco etc.



Ambassador Roman Kirn with Sandy Nelson who held an amazing introduction of Gary Bukovnik.

Bukovnik's art will be on view at the Embassy of Slovenia in Washington, DC, through March 15, 2010.

Interview Series - Gary Bukovnik

Gary's art conveys a monumental quality. Using primarily the mediums of watercolor, monotype, and lithograph, Bukovnik fuses sensual vitality with fluid yet powerful colorations, creating floral images of great depth and intensity.



On the photo: Gary Bukovnik.

You began to exhibit when you were only four years old. Could you describe the »art call« you had?

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1947, and because it was just after WWII, my mom and dad lived in the apartment on the upper floor of my great-grandmother's home in the Slovenian neighborhood of the city on East 49th Street. From the very first, I was fascinated with flowers in her garden. "Look, but don't touch!", she would say. So I would walk around admiring and smelling the roses with hands behind my back! Occasionally, she would let me have the fallen petals to take with me. I was thrilled! Then, as soon as I could manage crayons, I started to draw the garden -- in the most rudimentary way, of course! Since then, it has been my life and life's work.

There is the artist, but behind him there is usually always someone who is promoting him. Tell us more about the process of creating art, and selling it.

The selling of art, however, involves another art! That of the Gallery. I have been so lucky to have worked and become friends with wonderful people over the years. In Cleveland, I am represented by the Bonfoey Gallery (truly a national treasure, in my opinion) and made friendships there that go deep into my heart. My incredible friend, Olga Merela, the gallery director and a fellow Slovene, has shown my work, and made it possible for me to continue to survive for years, plus she even stood at my side at the funerals of both my parents. Something I will never forget. Having a life in art is truly a combination of luck, a small bit of talent, determination, and mostly the help from of others.

Tell us something more about your Slovenian background.

My Slovenian background infuses my artistic life and otherwise. It took some years before I was aware of the deep influence of the Slovenian American background in my art. I am a generally happy person and quite optimistic, something a bit easily seen in my pictures as the flowers jump for joy and fly free through the air; but then there is the other side of me; pensive and a bit moody. Now I think this emerges from the shared melancholy and richer colors of Eastern Europe. I am deeply thankful for having this within me.

What is the biggest wish you have in terms of art?

As far as my biggest wish in terms of art, I think what all artists must think. The ability to continue to grow and discover new parts of themselves that eventually are portrayed in one's work. Over the years, each discovery I have made has been a surprise to me. I cannot emphasize enough that for me to have been privileged to have this life is nothing short of a miracle. There are so many extremely talented and able artists who go unnoticed and under-appreciated. It is very humbling to consider these thoughts.

Visit of Students from Ohio

On Thursday, February 18, the Embassy hosted a group of students and their teachers from Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio, who will represent Slovenia at the 25th Annual Model NATO Conference, to take place at Howard University in Washington, DC, between February 18 and 21.

Andrej Medica, Political Counselor and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, held for them a lecture about Slovenia and its political stance on several international issues, ranging from military presence in Afghanistan to political situation in the Balkans.

He stressed the importance of the region's integration into the Euro-Atlantic organizations and reconfirmed the Slovenian support of them. He also answered students' questions, most of which showed great knowledge and understanding of the situations they inquired about.

The Model Conference is essentially a simulation of the proceedings of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, argued by pre-conference study and briefings at embassies

of NATO member states in Washington, DC. It provides a unique opportunity for university and college students to study the role, structure and activities of NATO, as well as the military, political-security, economic, and social issues facing the Alliance.



Students from Lakeland Community College together with Andrej Medica, Political Counselor.

The Embassy of Slovenia wishes the students of Lakeland Community College the best of luck in their competition.

Theatre Gigante of Milwaukee

On March 11 through 13, 2010, Theatre Gigante of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will present the premiere of an exciting new theater work, *THREE OTHER SISTERS*, written by Isabelle Kralj and Mark Anderson, a haunting Montenegrin legend based on a true story.

The musical element will be provided by VLADO KRESLIN, who will sing and play his own music as well as songs by Bob Dylan and Philip Chevron (The Pogues).

For tickets, call Box Office at:
414-278-0765

More info at:
gigante@wi.rr.com or 414-961-6119

Vlado Kreslin will also perform a solo concert of his own music and Slovenian folk music on March 14, 2010. This will be Vlado's first appearance in Milwaukee.



Vlado Kreslin will perform also in Washington, D.C., on March 22, 2010.

Our To Do/ To see list:

1. Gary Bukovnik, The Rebirth of Flora, exhibition at the Embassy of Slovenia

On February 17, 2009, the Embassy of Slovenia opened an extensive exhibition by Gary Bukovnik: "The Rebirth of Flora". **The Exhibition will continue through trough March 18. Stop by and admire Bukovnik's work.**

**2410 California Street NW
20008 Washington, D.C.**

Working time: Monday- Friday, from 9 a.m - 5 p.m.

2. Grande Fête de la Francophonie 2010

French as a second language is spoken only by 4% of Slovenia's population. As an observer state, we participate in this event every year with a display stand where we offer visitors information about Slovenia, and its traditional foods (potica and smoked ham) and wine.

Traditionally more than 35 embassies, governments and associations will present their respective cultures at the Grande Fête de la Francophonie.

Francophonie will take place at French mansion (La Maison Française) on March 5. For purchase a ticket go on: [www. InstantSeats.com](http://www.InstantSeats.com)

3. Culture Festival Dedicated to Armenia

The Cankarjev Dom arts center in Ljubljana will dedicate this year its traditional festival of foreign cultures to Armenia.

The main exhibition, called "Armenian Tradition between the Secular and the Sacred", will run until June 13. An exhibition of photographs by Ruben Mangasarian, depicting Armenian folklore, will open **on March 17.**

An exhibition of illustrations by Achod Bayandour, who lived in Slovenia in the 1990s, will run between **April 21 and May 23.**

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