



Welcome



Thank you for the great positive response to our first issue of C-RS Connection. As we explained in the September issue, this communications vehicle fills the information void between issues of the New Rusyn Times. I would urge you to send announcements or items of interest ASAP to the editor, Alexis McCormick at am@c-rs.org. **Also, please forward a copy of C-RS Connection to family members or friends who may be interested in joining our Society.**

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Carpatho-Rusyn Educational and Cultural Center in Munhall, PA on Saturday, Nov. 19.

We hope that many of you will attend. The Board seeks your opinions and advice on the issues that are most important to you, the membership. Your input will help us plan our future direction and programs. If you cannot attend, you may email your suggestions to Nonna Skumanich at cfa@c-rs.org.

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Studium Carpatho-Ruthenorum Scholarships

Three University students from Slovakia and Ukraine have received scholarships to the Studium Carpatho-Ruthenorum International Summer School for Rusyn Language and Culture through a \$1600 donation by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. The recipients include Karina Muliar from the Ukraine and Marian Hapak and Tomas Badanic, both from Slovakia.

For the past seven years the International Summer School has been held in June at the Institute of Rusyn Language and Culture at Prešov University in Prešov, Slovakia. Participants attend lectures in Carpatho-Rusyn history and culture, specifically ethnography/folklore, as well as language classes at the beginning and advanced levels over the course of three weeks.

Parallel instruction is offered in English and in Rusyn, and instructors include faculty from Prešov University's Institute of Rusyn Language and Culture, as well as from Ukraine, and from North American universities. Participants also enjoy excursions to places and institutions significant to Carpatho-Rusyns, including the Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art in Medzilaborce, Carpathian wooden churches, the famous icon museum in Bardejov, a folk festival in Svidník, and more. Workshops in pysanky, Rusyn folksong and dance, and explorations on foot of "Carpatho-Rusyn Prešov" with its Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Cathedrals and the new Rusyn Museum are also offered.

Students, registered in U.S. universities and colleges, who have requested scholarship funds when applying for the Studium have been able to procure them from generous donations from organizations, such as the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, the Rusyn Association of Minnesota, the Lemko Association, and the Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center, as well as from alumni and other generous individual donors.

These funds have made possible the participation of a number of students over the past few years and have been enormously appreciated. Potential donors are reminded that it is through this kind of education and the passing on of information that Carpatho-Rusyn Studies, as well as Carpatho-Rusyn identity and culture, will be perpetuated.



Karina Muliar
Ukraine



Marian Hapak
Slovakia



Tomas Badanic
Slovakia

Sidor/Sedor Family visits Cathedral of Learning



National President Maryann Sivak led a tour of local Pittsburgh area and out-of-town families through the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning (see <http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/>) on Monday, Oct. 3.

Rusyn Michal Sidor, who was born in Nizny Orlik, Slovakia, visited Pittsburgh with his daughter Gabriela Trnikova, Zilina, Slovakia, and Thomas Sedor, Chicago. Also participating in the tour were locals George Sidor, Nick Sidor and Irene Sidor, who is the wife of Father John Sidor from Ellwood City. It is indeed a small world, as Maryann Sivak was re-united with Irene Sidor for the first time since first meeting in 1969.

The group was amazed by the 30 cultural rooms at the Cathedral of Learning and the various ethnic groups which settled in Allegheny County. These ethnic groups were instrumental in providing many of the artifacts that create the genuine look and feel of each cultural room.

The visiting Sidor and Sedor families appreciated that the tour was conducted in both English and Rusyn languages and were elated to witness the strength of the Rusyn heritage in the Pittsburgh area. Those visiting from Slovakia commented on the sense of pride that they take in the Carpatho-Rusyn Society's efforts to foster and grow their Rusyn culture and heritage.

Save the Dates!

Tuesday, October 18, Kissimmee, FL

"Let's Visit Prešov," West Osceola Branch Library, 305 Campus St., Kissimmee, FL, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, hosted by the Florida Branch. Bonnie Kobec Burke will present an overview of her memorable trip as a student in the 7th Studium Carpatho-Ruthenorum in Prešov. Free Event. For more information contact: Bonnie@theburkebunch.com, 440-729-2045

Saturday, October 22, Wilkes-Barre, PA

4th Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference "Understanding the Rusyn Heritage" hosted by the C-RS Eastern PA Chapter, King's College, Campus Center, 3rd Floor, 133 N. River St, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18711, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Attendees may bring documents for translation. Registration Fee is \$40. And includes breakfast buffet, lunch and an afternoon snack. For more information, contact Sharon Jarrow at 610-759-2628.

Sunday, October 30, Uniontown, PA

35th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration, 12 - 6 pm, featuring ethnic foods, baked goods, folk displays, dancers and more. Divine Liturgy at 9 am, musical entertainment at 1 and 4 pm, performance by Slavjane Folk Ensemble at 3 pm. St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Parish Social Hall, 201 East Main St., Uniontown, PA, 15401. Free admission. For more information phone 724-438-6027, M-F, 9 am - 3 pm or evenings at 724-438-8412.

Saturday, November 5, Fort Mill, SC

"Let's Visit Prešov," St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Room 104 in the Ministry Center, 292 Munn Road East, Fort Mill, SC 29715, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, hosted by the North Carolina Branch East. Free event. (for description of program and contact information see Oct. 18 Kissimmee, FL program above)

Sunday, November 6, Little Falls, NJ

Walter Orange will receive the John Mihalasky Award at the New Jersey Chapter's Annual Heritage Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 6 beginning at 12:30 pm at Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, NJ. Entertainment will include a musical duo featuring Joseph and Maria Jurasi. Also part of the program is a historical and genealogical exhibit by Kathryn and Tom Peters and a basket raffle.

The reservation deadline is Oct. 20 to Dorothy Bogner, 732 Arnold Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417. For additional information contact Jim Huratiak at 267-421-3210.

Saturday, November 12, Palos Park, IL

"The Quest for Identity among Carpatho-Rusyns," a lecture by John Righetti at Nativity BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 8530 West 131st St., Palos Park, IL 60484, 1 pm, hosted by the Lake Michigan Chapter. RSVP to Ken Cuprisin, kencuprisin@gmail.com, 708-895-3074 or Arlene Gardiner, a-gardiner@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, November 12, Roswell, GA

"Genealogy and a Visit to Prešov," East Roswell Library, 2301 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30076, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, hosted by the Georgia Branch. A light lunch will be served. For more information and to RSVP contact Barbara Kruse at 678-360-0409. Chris Black, from Tampa, FL, who has done extensive genealogy, will share many resources, tips and handouts to help you to locate your relatives whether you are a beginner or advanced researcher. After lunch Bonnie Kobec Burke will talk about her memorable trip to Prešov, Slovakia.

Saturday, November 19, Plano, TX

"Who's Your Baba?" A Rusyn Genealogy Seminar featuring speaker Tom Peters, Rusyn genealogy specialist, via Skype from New Jersey Saturday, November 19th, 2016, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Environmental Education Center, 4116 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX, 75093. Free Admission/Donations Accepted. Please bring a snack to share! Soda and coffee provided. There will be a book auction and sales of Rusyn books, CD's, and t-shirts For more information: www.CRSDallas@verizon.net, Facebook: [Carpatho-Rusyns Dallas](https://www.facebook.com/Carpatho-Rusyns-Dallas).

