

GRANTS PASS SISTER CITY

Fostering 27 years of goodwill with Rubtsovsk, Siberia

Great food, fun in store for 2018 Russian Winterfest

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 Russian Winterfest, the annual celebration hosted by the Grants Pass Sister City Committee.

The event is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 10, at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Drive, Grants Pass.

The potluck will feature Russian cuisine, Russian music and dance, games, a raffle and other fun activities.

All supporters, friends, and anyone interested in Sister City are invited to attend.



Learning to do the troika, a traditional Russian dance, is just part of the fun in store for those attending the 2018 Russian Winterfest.

Delegations to Rubtsovsk planned in 2018

At least one and possibly two Grants Pass Sister City delegations traveling to Rubtsovsk are in the works for 2018.

Additional participants are invited for the delegations, which are tentatively planned for summer and fall.

A student group, comprised of high school youth from local schools, is one opportunity projected for departure in June or early July.

In late August and early September, Denise Bales and her son Isaac plan to travel to Rubtsovsk. They will be there for the first week of school, always a festive occasion in Russia. Students arrive dressed in their finest clothes, carrying bouquets

of flowers for their teachers, and the day is full of music, speeches and celebration.

The fall delegation also is sure to visit the new Lingvo School, one of two private-language schools in Rubtsovsk. Its director, Svetlana Ivanova, accompanied seven Rubtsovsk high school students to Grants Pass last spring.

At every presentation the Russian students made to area schools, Ivanova invited American students to visit Rubtsovsk.

Anyone interested in joining one of the 2018 delegations may contact Nancy Hitchcock, president of the Sister City Committee, jnhitchcock@charter.net.

Sister City display set for 'Nutcracker'

The Sister City Committee will have a display at Stillpoint Dance Studio's annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Russian Christmas ornaments and other Russian artifacts will be on display during each of the holiday ballet shows, set for Dec. 9, 10, 16 and 17 in the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center.

Information also will be available about the Sister City exchange program and upcoming delegations to and from Russia.

For "Nutcracker" show times and ticket information, visit gpnutcracker.org

Medical professionals may be next Russian visitors

Medical services may be the focus of the next exchange from Russia to Grants Pass, set for fall 2018.

Grants Pass Sister City has submitted an application to Open World Leadership Center, which has underwritten the visits of six Rubtsovsk groups to Grants Pass since 2006.

If approved for 2018, a group of young medical professionals from Rubtsovsk will visit Grants Pass next October.

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