AUGUST
2018 NEWSLETTER

Looking to Experience the
International Visitors Leadership Program?

In 2018, The International Center of the Capital Region is looking to invite you to accompany our executive director and one of our international delegations to see first-hand how our International Visitors Leadership program operates and have a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the worlds young and emerging leaders in their field of work.

Visit www.icrralbany.org to see what international delegations are visiting.

August Days of Importance

August 16th
Bennington Battle Day

Agricultural Trade and Food Safety

Early in July we welcomed a diverse group of 6 visitors from Canada, Croatia, India, Kenya, Lebanon, and Taiwan all with a focus on improving sustainable farming methods, reducing the environmental impact of farming, and improving upon food regulation and inspection in their own countries.

Countries of Visitors that have been to the Capital Region in 2018!

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Argentina
- Belarus
- Burkina Faso
- Canada
- Chile
- Congo
- Croatia
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- Israel
- Gambia
- Honduras
- India
- India
- Iraq
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Mali
- Moldova
- Nigeria
- Palestinian Territories
- Peru
- Somalia
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
On the group's first full day in Albany, we traveled to the New York State Department of Agriculture's Food Laboratory with Director Maria Ishida (far left, red shirt) to see their state of the art analytical testing of thousands of food samples that are taken from around the state.

Before the group's departure to Des Moines, Iowa, we visited Longfield Farms with University of Albany Professor Gary Kleppel, who is a biology faculty at the school with a focus on conservation policy, agricultural ecology, and sustainable agriculture. We were able to see first-hand how Professor Kleppel carries over what he teaches in the classroom onto the farm.

For over 200 years the farm that is now Laughing Earth CSA has been producing high quality food outside the city of Troy in Cropseyville, and our visitors got to speak with owner Zach to hear how Laughing Earth has been made farmland forever. We had the opportunity to hear how the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program operates and why this program has become more popular here in the United States.

Meet the ICCR Team!

Incoming 2018 Visitors!

Technology in Theater in the United States, Belarus
5 Visitors
August 5th-7th

United States Legislative Branch, Israel
5 Visitors
August 15th-19th

Disability Rights: Equal Access, A Regional Project for the Middle East
8 Visitors
September 22nd-28th

Upcoming ICCR Events!

Interested in New York State History?

Join the International Center of the Capital on a bus tour down to the historical Vanderbilt Mansion, and Franklin D. Roosevelt Mansion, Library and Museum for guided tours!

Saturday September 8th
Departing Crossgates Mall 8am
ICCR Members: $79
Non ICCR Members $89
Boxed Lunch Included

FOR DETAILS/RESERVATIONS
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Meet the ICCR Team!
My name is Ana Belén Mora Velasco and I am 19 years old. I am from Spain and I was born in a small city which is near to the country capital, Madrid. Nowadays, I am studying International Relations in Madrid. I really like it because from my point of view it is an interesting and beautiful degree where you can learn about the current world issues. I think that each person can make the world a better place and for this reason, I chose this degree: I believe that all of us can cooperate in order to improve ourselves as the same time as we improve the world. I began to work as volunteer in the International Center of the Capital District on August 16th because a relative of mine recommended. I will be here until August 19th 2018 so, I am going to spend here around a month. Some time ago, I learnt that there are two fields on International Relations: Cooperation and Terrorism. Well, I prefer the first rather than the second one so, I am happy for having gone to this Center: I have a great opportunity to learn about this subject and a little about countries cooperate among them. I am sure that it will very useful.

WE NEED YOU!

Would you be interested in opening your home and learning more about the culture of another country?

If interested in hosting a group, please contact Ryan Moll at (518) 708-7608 or ryan@iccralbany.org.

The International Center of the Capital Region Needs You!

Are you interested in being a part of a movement for global citizen diplomacy, cultural and diversity education? Become a volunteer with International Center of the Capital Region and help us make a difference in our community. We work to promote international and cultural understanding and to increase global awareness of the region’s assets. We are looking for committee members, interns & volunteers.

If you have any of the skills listed and are interested in welcoming the World to the Capital Region, please contact us at ryan@iccralbany.org

A Quote Worth Noting...

Monthly Leader Quote

“The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.”

Theodore Roosevelt
My name is Monica, I'm a junior at Syracuse university studying international relations, French, and political science. I love to learn about other countries, their cultures, and new languages. After college I hope to work abroad for a international nonprofit or teach English in a French speaking country. This internship has been a great experience and I've gotten to meet many incredible people from around the world!

My name is Ryan Moll (far right), the Executive Director here at the International Center of the Capital Region. I graduated from SUNY Fredonia in 2016 with a bachelors in Political Science, and a concentration in international relations. When I'm not busy welcoming foreign dignitaries into the Capital Region I spend my time enjoying the Adirondacks, especially Lake George and playing rugby for the Albany Bootleggers.

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Please spread the word - feel free to share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Thanks

Welcome New and Renewing ICCR Members!
We so appreciate your support, thank you!
Community Events:

American Italian Heritage Association Events

August 2018 Calendar of Events
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Italian American Heritage Day at the Saratoga Race Course
8/8/2018 - 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
During Italian Day at the Saratoga Race Track, the American Italian
Heritage Museum and Association will offer Italian-themed food for purchase,
a cultural exhibit, free children activities, and gifts for purchase.
Entertainment to include traditional Italian dance and music.

Italian Cooking Class
8/14/2018 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
What does one do with all those delicious summer vegetables from
your garden or the market? Come see instructor Scalise transform some of
your favorites and then have the opportunity to taste them as well!

Monthly Business Meeting and Cultural Presentation
8/16/2018 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Following the business meeting, presenter Rosanna Aiuppa, who visits
Italy often and knows Italy better than most, will present - Italy Today – her
interesting update on Italy and some important travel tips for visitors to
Italy. Please bring dessert for the reception that follows. Free and open
to the public.

The Last Italian Meal on the Lawn
8/24/2018 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Jack and Jan McEneny, Household
Richard Vitkay, Household
Elena Oliver, Well Wisher
Sean Bell, Household
Ken Salerno, Household
Paul Rosenberg, Household
Brian Zweig, Well Wisher
Spraggs family, Donation!
Debra Gerlach, Household
Corrine Manierre, Household
Jennifer Manierre, Household
The Links Incorporated Albany NY
Chapter, Benefactors!
William + Elizabeth Nathan,
Organization
Deborah Richards, Household

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Region, please contact us at ryan@iccralbany.org
This is a fundraiser and an opportunity to visit with family and friends while enjoying great Italian food and music. Free admission to the Museum and an opportunity to visit its Gift Shop. Cost for food varies by item. No reservations necessary.

Members Exhibit
August through September 2018
During Museum Hours
An eclectic exhibition featuring watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings; ceramics; photography; and sculptures created by members of the Museum.

A Second Chance Thrift Shop
Come visit our thrift shop offering clothing and accessories for men, women, and children, household items, books, toys, linens, small appliances, and jewelry, all at reasonable process. We feature a boutique room for upscale and designer clothing for women. The Shop is located at 1229 Central Avenue, parking off of Frederick Avenue. Hours are: Sat. 10-1 and Tues. 10-3. All proceeds benefit the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, a non-profit organization.

New Russia Cultural Center Events

Rensselaer, NY Summer Camp
The New Russia Cultural Center has been offering Summer International Character Dance program in the Capital District with a clear goal to provide cultural awareness through dance for children ages 3-17. The program includes dance classes, introduction to Russian language, crafts, arts and more! Our program from 7:30am to 5:30pm provides fun and educational activities for children.

www.iccralbany.org

www.worldaffairscouncils.org

Global Ties U.S. is a network of over 100 nonprofit organizations across 44 states and 13 countries that connect leaders in U.S. communities with leaders from all over the world.
on premises of the New Russia Cultural Center, located at 1550 Broadway Rensselaer NY 12144. The cost for our summer program is $100 per week (classes only). Full day cost is $150 per week. Full information and registration online at www.newrussiacenter.org/dance-program/dance-program-2018.

What: Songs of our Century
When: Sunday, September 7pm- 9pm
Where: 1550 Broadway
Rensselaer NY 12144
Admissions: $35, Friends Circle - $30

What: Rustem Galich Poetic-Musical Concert
When: Sunday, September 22, 5pm - 7pm
Where: 1550 Broadway
Rensselaer NY 12144
Admissions: $15, Friends Circle - $10

What: Memory of the Past - An Evening of Chamber Music
When: Saturday, October 13, 7pm - 9pm
Where: 1550 Broadway
Rensselaer NY 12144
Admissions: $20, Friends Circle - $15

around the world.
www.globaltiesus.org