Busy Month for International Visitors

The International Center was once again very busy with international visitors in April with four spate delegations; a total of 35 visitors accompanied by 9 English Language Officers/Interpreters, 4 programs and representing 22 countries with fifteen home hospitality volunteer hosts.

Our four programs were as follows:

Effective Anti-Smoking Measures (Russia)

Group on tour of the NYS Capitol

The grateful Staff and Board of Directors of the
International Center of the Capital Region cordially invites to attend our
Spring Volunteer Recognition and Community Involvement Breakfast

on
Thursday, May 22nd, 2014
from 7:30 – 9:00 AM
at the
Albany Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square,
Albany, NY.

Because of you and your involvement with our programs and initiatives, we continue to grow. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude.

A light breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP to
info@iccralbany.org
or
(518) 708-7608
Visiting the American Cancer Society and Hope Club in Latham

At NYS DOH Bureau of Tobacco Control

Transparency in Federal, State and Local Government (Iraq)

Visiting the NYS Committee for Open Government with Bob Freeman and Camille Jobin-Davis

Meg Levine, Deputy for the NYS Attorney General's Office

Upcoming
International Center
Sponsored Activities

Growing and Utilizing an Herb Garden (in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension)
Thursday, May 8th
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Venue: Albany Visitor Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany
Cost: $10
Space is limited.
Call (518) 708-7608 for reservations.

Transparency in Federal, State and Local Government (Iraq)

Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM at the Albany Visitors Center
in collaboration with the Turkish Cultural Center Albany
Turkish Film Screening of SELAM

Plot summary: This epic story is based on true events that has been in progress for more than 20 years in which a number of young people in love of peace and humanity leave their countries to teach, help and live in countries they have never heard of before. This is the story of people who live for their ideals and other people before themselves, and who leave their families, loves, friends, countries behind. They set on this pet just with the inspiration of the words which said "A couple of eyes are waiting for you here, but thousands of eyes are waiting in faraway lands." They had sacrifice and kindness in their bags, love in their hearts and a smiling Selam (greetings) in their tongues. This is indeed just three examples of the unbelievable real stories experienced by the devoted teachers all around the world.

Reception to follow.
This is a FREE public event.

Women and Justice (multi-regional with 20
Visiting the NYS Governor’s office

Park Ranger Victor with our visitor from Turkey

Promoting Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Government (Armenia)

Italian Consulate and Little Italy Outing to New York City

Join Diane for another fun-filled one-day ambassadorial bus outing.

**Friday, June 6th**

We will be leaving from the Hampton Inn and Suites Albany Downtown at 7:00 AM and returning at approximately at 7:00 PM. Fee includes transportation and snacks on the bus.

**Cost:** $70

Space is limited. Call Diane at (518) 708-7608 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

On Friday, April 11, 2014, sponsored a Day of Poland & Polish-American Heritage in New York City. The group visited the Polish Consulate, a Polish parish and spent time in Greenpoint (“Little Poland”). Fun was had by all!

The group outside of the Polish Consulate in Manhattan
In May, we are expecting three International Visitor Leadership Programs:

- Young Leaders: Influential Voices (sub-regional for South and Central Asia)
- Disability Rights (regional for the Near East and North Africa)
- Rights of a Disabled Person (Mauritius)

Welcome New International Center Members!

Thank you to Manoj Ajmera for sponsoring all three!

- Renu Kallianpur
- Shantilal Ramani
- Yogesh Gupta MD

Would you like to become a member of the International Center to help support our programs? Membership offers you a discount on many of the events we sponsor and an opportunity to support global education and exchange in our local area. The annual fee is:
- $35 Individual/Household
- $50 Friends
- $100 Organization
- $200 and up Benefactors

Please make your check payable to: International Center of the Capital Region and mail to 423 State Street, Albany, NY 12203. Thank you!

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Global Cuisine

Led by Chef Yono with the assistance of many of the top chefs from around the Capital Region, our internationally themed classes will provide students with a world class educational experience in a fun, hands-on, participatory environment.

Recap of Cooking Classes in April 2014
Great BBQ Techniques with Chef Yono on April 10, 2014 at the Celtic Hall
Community Events

Tuesday, May 6th, 7:00 PM
at the Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio,
339 Central Avenue, Albany
The Global Campaign for Education, US Chapter
and The International Center of the Capital Region
Presents Girl Rising
with a wine and cheese reception featuring labels from Hudson-Chatham Winery and a panel discussion featuring Christine Lowery, COO and Executive Producer of Girl Rising From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, Girl Rising journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world.
Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world: ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams. Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable stories into words, and renowned actors give them voice.

The Global Campaign for Education, U.S. Chapter GCE-US is a broad-based coalition of national and community-based organizations, international NGOs, teacher unions, faith-based groups, and think tanks dedicated to ensuring universal quality education for all children.
The mission of the Global Campaign for Education-US Chapter is to promote education as a basic human right and mobilize to create political will in the United States and internationally to ensure universal quality education, which is at the core of all human development. Founded in 2003 by Gene

Thank you Yono!

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Turkish Culture and Cuisine with Instructor Nuray Menekse on April 26th at the Celtic Hall
A special note of thanks to the Turkish Cultural Center Albany which is located in Menands and their Executive Director Veysel Ucan.
Sperling, formerly the Director of the Center for Universal Education, GCE-US has grown into a thriving and diverse coalition with more than 60 member organizations across the country working together to increase awareness of the need for Education for All.

Tickets are $8 and can be purchased through the Linda's website, http://tinyurl.com/qdy3sp2 or by calling (518) 465-5233 ext. 4

2014 Greek Festival
St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church
440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY
Call 489-4442 for more info

3 Days
Friday May 16th to Sunday May 18th
$3 Admission fee,
Children under 12 free
Includes free raffle ticket and commemorative booklet
Rain or Shine – Indoor accommodations and large tent
Free Parking
Extra parking at Center for Disability Services with free shuttle service

University at Albany Events

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition/Master of Art Exhibition
May 2 through May 18, 2014
Reception: Friday, May 9, 5 – 7 PM
Expanded Commencement Hours:
Saturday, May 17, 11 AM – 4 PM (Closed 1 – 3 PM for private reception);
Sunday, May 18, 11 AM – 4 PM
Where:
University Art Museum Fine Arts Building
Cost: no charge
See: http://www.albany.edu/museum/20140502_mfa.shtml

Irish American Heritage Museum

15th Annual Irish Golf Classic!

For more information:
370 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207

University-Community Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, May 4 at 3pm
$6 general public / $3 students, seniors &
American Italian Heritage Museum

We will offer an Italian language class with emphasis in teaching the fundamental grammatical rules, such as conjugation of verbs and orthography, and the syntactical principles involved in sentence structure.

Class meetings: First and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM (May 7th, May 21st)
Cost for the twelve classes is only $30

Make a reservation! The instructor is Egidio Currenti, a native of Italy and a scholar in Italian culture.

For more information:
American Italian Heritage Museum
1227 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205
(518) 435-1979
http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org

New Russian Cultural Center

2 of our FLEX students enjoy sharing their culture

Host a U.S. Department of State-Sponsored Exchange Student

The International Center is seeking host families for high school exchange students from Eurasia who will arrive in August to spend an academic year in the Capital Region. Won't you consider opening your home to one of them?

These promising young leaders live with American host families, attend high school, participate in extracurricular and community service activities, and give back to their host communities. These exchange students arrive as strangers, but leave as family. The benefits of hosting an exchange student go beyond simply welcoming someone new into your family's life and sharing American culture, values, and traditions - when you host an exchange student you welcome a new culture, a new language, and all the richness that comes with it into your home. Your family will be able to experience the world from the comfort of your own home, while showing a new life and culture to a student eager to see it.

For more information:
http://www.newrussiacenter.org/

Turkish Cultural Center

For more information:
http://www.turkishculturalcenter.org/category/tcc-albany/
Turkish Cultural Center Albany
291 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204
Updates On The Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)

Albany FLEX students pictured here with Simon Norton, World Learning Youth Programs Director, preparing to leave for Brattleboro, VT for their Re-entry Workshop.

Earth Day beautification volunteer project in Albany’s South End neighborhood. FLEX students Ariana and Diana worked at the Catherine St. park with other youth volunteers.

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Thank you(s) to our tremendous April Home Hospitality Hosts:

Robert and Ellen Bach
Mary and Dan Berry
Jean and Tony Gerbini
Christine Guerin
Camille and Kevin Jobin-Davis
Yuri and Irina Khmelnitsky
Linda Larmon and Douglas Gulotty
Ken Larsen and Leslie Thiele
Andrey and Varvara Meshkov
Brenda and Mike Mugits
Mary and Steve Muller
Meg O'Leary and Jordi Estevadeordal
Stefanie and David Perez
Chip and Kathy Rowan

If you are Interested - Please call the office (518) 708-7608.

Home Hospitality

Two International Visitors from Iraq enjoying Home Hospitality at the home of ICCR member Meg O'Leary

Visitors from Armenia at the home of hosts Chip and Kathy Rowan
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VISITOR FROM ARMENIA AT THE MESKHOV'S HOME WITH THEIR DAUGHTER EVA

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The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV)
www.nciv.org

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