SEPTEMBER 2016 Newsletter

VJ Day (09/02)
Labor Day (09/05)
International Literacy Day (09/08)
Patriot Day (09/11)
Grandparents Day (09/11)
September 11 Remembrance Day
Uncle Sam Day (09/13)
Mexican Independence Day (09/16)
International Peace Day (09/21)
National Good Neighbor Day (09/28)

Recap: Recent International Visitors to the Capital Region

U.S. – Pakistan Global Leadership and STEM Program
Pakistan
July 24-August 9, 2016

WE NEED YOU!

What better way to interact with international visitors than through a meal?

Home hospitality allows you to make deeper connections by hosting an international delegation at your home for dinner.

Currently, there are many dinner hosting opportunities available.

To learn about upcoming opportunities to be a dinner or cultural host, please contact Diane at (518) 708-7608.

UPCOMING ICCR

CULINARY/ CULTURE PROGRAMS

CALL TO REGISTER (518) 708-7608

September 13, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Israel Cooking with our Israeli Visitors
Don’t miss this unique opportunity to meet and share culture, customs and cuisine with our Israeli guests. They will prepare their popular recipes. Afterwards, we will partake in sampling the delicious entrees.

October 4, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Italian Classics Made Simple
Learn, laugh and eat with Jane LaCivita Clemente as we prepare the ever-popular Italian macaroni dish, Fettuccini Alfredo and create the “perfect” pizza. Explore the simplicity of cooking 2 unique entrees, believed to be very labor intensive. At the conclusion of the interactive class, we will partake in our meal.

October 19, Wednesday, 6 - 8 PM
Pierogi Passion
With Kazia and Diane, we will explore the versatile pierogi. Come and prepare three unique versions of pierogis that will surprise even your Polish guests.

November 15, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Short Cut To Nirvana
Explore Indian cuisine with Chef A.J. as brings his passion for the unique combination of spices and flavors that he
Just prior to their departure to New York City, the Group Members pose in front of the Albany home, the Staybridge Suites.

Meridian custom-tailored the U.S.-Pakistan Global Leadership and STEM Program’s curriculum to blend the study of global leadership with an immersive Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education immersion component. The group of women engaged in a global leadership skills training program in Washington, D.C., as well as leadership and cultural activities in Albany and New York City.

Art As A Vehicle For Community And Economic Development
UNESCO (France) - India & Nigeria
August 3-7, 2016

The Visitors had an opportunity to meet Stephanie Blythe, American mezzo-soprano, whom they met at the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown.

December 6, Tuesday, 6 - 8 PM
Christkindlesmarkt
It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Brought back by popular demand, join Chief Kurt Vincent for an entertaining evening of sampling, power point presentation and instruction of the fabulous Christmas Markets of the quaint city of Nuremberg, Germany. The enticing smells of mulled wine and gingerbread fill the air.

Upcoming International Visitors Coming to the Capital Region

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Community Events (Sept-Oct 2016)

11th Annual Little Italy Street Fest
Sat, Sept 10, 2016
12:00 PM (Noon) - 9:00 PM
Where: Little Italy, North Jay St., Schenectady, NY
Cost: FREE Admission
A taste of Italy right in the heart of Schenectady - introducing the 11th Annual Schenectady Little Italy Street Fest! Featuring some of Schenectady's most well-known Italian bakeries, restaurants, pastry and spumoni shops.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Sat, Sept 10, 2016
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Where: Empire State Plaza
Albany NY
Cost: FREE Admission
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with...
The Visitors met with several members of the Albany Wine and Dine for the Arts Festival committee and were treated to a fabulous lunch prepared by Chef Yono Purnomo, who also serves on ICCR’s Board of Directors. Here they are pictured outside of Yono’s Restaurant on Chapel Street in Albany.

The project brought up two up and coming professional women in the fields of production, artistic administration, filmmaking and the performing arts from India and Nigeria and introduced them to arts management as a vehicle for sustainable development in the U.S. These visitors attended meetings and events such as Albany Barn, Yono’s Restaurant - Wine & Dine for the Arts, and Glimmerglass Festival.

Women Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship
Nigeria
July 31-Aug 3, 2016

The Visitors had a personal tour of the Times Union given by George Hearst III, Publisher.

The tribute to Latin culture. Rich in tradition, the Hispanic community comes together in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center for a colorful pageantry of live music, dance, food, and family friendly activities. The festival will also feature performances by DJ Boy Boy, Luis Damon, and Judy Torres.

Schedule:
1. 5:00pm DJ Boy Boy
2. 5:45pm Luis Damon
3. 7:15pm Judy Torres
4. 8:30pm Michael Stuart

Irish 2000 Festival
Fri, Sept 16- Sat, Sept 17, 2016
Fri (5:00 PM-11:00 PM) & Sat (12:30 PM-11:00 PM)
Where: Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY
Cost: Friday: $16 advance, $20 gate; Saturday: $18 advance, $25 gate; 2-Day Pass: $29 advance only

The 20th annual Irish 2000 Festival returns for 2016, once again offering a unique line up of Irish music including everything from Celtic punk and jam music to traditional and everything in between. The celebration welcomes more than 20 acts and has been ranked one of the top five festivals of its kind in the U.S. Bring the kids along! There will be a Celtic Kids area featuring rides and games from Green Mountain Amusements, Celtic Critters, and a variety of other fun for the youngest members of your family.

For more information and lineup: http://www.albany.com/event/irish-2000-festival-48500/

Capital Cinema Cultural Exchange
Thurs, Sept 22- Sun, Sept 25, 2016
Where: The LINDA, 339 Central Ave.
Albany, NY 12206
Cost: Single Tickets & All Access Passes
ICCR Sponsored www.cinemaexchange.org

LarkFEST
Sat, Sept 24, 2016
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Where: Lark St. Albany, NY
Cost: FREE Admission
LarkFEST is Upstate NY's largest one-day street festival. The event features hundreds of vendors and two stages of music with both local and national headlining musical acts. Lark street will be filled with local artisans, food and drink stands and fun for the whole family!

45th Annual Festival of Nations
Sun, October 23, 2016
12:00 PM (Noon) to 5:00 PM
Where: Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, NY
Cost: Adults $5, Children (3-12) $2 http://festivalofnations.net/?p=287

The Visitors had a very productive meeting with the founder of Tidy Tots Diapers, Sandra Beck (third from left), as well as NYS ESD Representative Kathryn Bamberger (third from right).

The Group traveled down the thruway to Athens to meet with Donna Williams, President and Founder of Fields Goods (pictured third from right).

This program explored State government support and legislation for women’s entrepreneurial business development across the U.S. These women attended meetings with focus on local female-owned business and encouragement of entrepreneurial business such as Times Union, NYS Assemblywomen Pat Fahy, Tara’s Kitchen, Field Goods, SCORE and even NYS ESD (Empire State Development).

The 44th Annual Albany Festival of Nations represents 23 different countries, with each country celebrating their culture through food, crafts and performances. The festival is presented by ethnic groups from Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Burma, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Greece, Hungry, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Korea, Liberia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Scotland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine.

For those in our community who have assisted with programs this past month, we are tremendously appreciative. We could have done it without you! These wonderful individuals include:

Kathryn Bamberger, Sandra Beck, Angela Beddoe, Debra Bell, Stephanie Blythe, Holly Brown, Mike Camoin, James Carriero, Amra Catovic, Jane LaCivita Clemente, Joan Desens, Tom Evans, Hon. Pat Fahy, Donald Finney, Dennis Gaffney, Tom Gallagher, Jennifer Gish, George Hearst III, Prof. Kathy High, Kristen Holler, Lawrence Krause, Andrea Lyons, Hon. John McDonald, Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, Prof. Branda Miller, Ken Moore, Heidi Pasos, Steve Pierce, Donna Purnomo, Chef Yono Purnomo, Aneesa Waheed (and her fabulous dad), Donna Williams, Bob Wolfgang, and Francesca Zambello…

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Aristotle
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 info@iccralbany.org.

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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!