

CroatiaFest

A Celebration of Croatian Culture and Heritage



Newsletter, Summer 2011



CroatiaFest 2011

~Taste of Croatia~

Seattle Center
Exhibition Hall

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(Riverbend Golf Course)

Dance Party
Sing-a-Long

Karlovačko Beer & Wine Garden

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and open to the public.*

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...to the Exhibition Hall
at the Seattle Center.

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just a skybridge away.*

SINOVI OF CHICAGO PERFORMS IN SEATTLE

Sinovi began performing in 1978 when they were in high school. They are renowned throughout the country for their fun-loving and colorful performances that are rooted in a deep knowledge and love of tamburica music.

The members are Steve Kirin, prim; Mark Oreskovich, brač; Tom Vucinic, brač; Nick Gornick, bugarija; and Joe Gornick, bass.

The band's repertoire includes traditional and contemporary tamburica songs and dance music, a wide range of American music, and original compositions by members of the group.

It's only partially true that the Sinovi was formed in 1978. It's also true that the group was created in the Croatian cities and villages of Zagreb, Zlobin, Gospić, Oštrc, Vrbovsko, Sveti Martin and the Island of Brač; Chicago, Joliet, Alsip and Wood River, Illinois; Gary, Indiana; and Pueblo, Colorado.

You see, "Sinovi" is Croatian for "sons," so this orchestra is part of an unbroken circle that began to take shape long before any of its members can remember. They're carrying on the traditions of their great-grandparents, their grandparents, their parents and the countless people who packed their hopes and dreams into trunks and headed from wherever they lived in the Old Country to wherever they settled in America.



Since the guys from Sinovi were children, they have been playing the music of these people, their songs of love and lost. In much the same way that their ancestors left Europe for North America, Sinovi has taken tambura out of the village and adapted it to life in the new world.

It is indeed a privilege to be able to present to you this extraordinary orchestra at CroatiaFest 2011, funded in part by the Ethnic Arts Cultural Enhancement Fund.

Come and enjoy this fun and entertaining orchestra from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 22 for a dance and sing-a-long party at the Exhibition Hall. Admission is free. The Karlovačko Beer and Wine Garden will have the popular Croatian beer available for purchase as well as a variety of wines from the California Croatian Vintner "Sunce." Light hors d'oeuvres will also be available to purchase to compliment your beverage.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, Sinovi will perform on the main stage of the Exhibition Hall. See the full schedule on page 9.

Dear Fellow Croatian Americans,

At the eighth annual CroatiaFest on Oct. 22 and 23 in Seattle, you will again have the opportunity to learn more about your heritage and to engage in camaraderie with fellow Croatian Americans.

The year 2011 is also an epochal time in the history of Croatia: It marks the 20th anniversary of Croatian Independence. In the past two decades, despite the ravages of a war that was forced upon it, Croatia has flourished. It is a premier vacation destination, a proud member of NATO with Croatian personnel serving in 23 UN and NATO peace keeping missions (299 soldiers in Afghanistan), and is slated to become the 28th member of the European Union on July 1, 2013.



Mr. Ilija Zelalić



Mr. Vice Skracic



Dr. Jelena Grčić-Polić

of international respect for Croatian diplomats is the appointment of recent Croatian Ambassador to the US, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, to the prestigious position of Assistant Secretary-General for public diplomacy for NATO. Ambassador Kitarovic just assumed the position in Brussels, Belgium.

Ivan Simonovic, former Croatian Minister of Justice, is another Croatian diplomat who has risen to international political rank. He was appointed chief of the New York Office of the United Nations for Human Rights on May 12, 2010. Simonovic was selected as a UN assistant secretary-general over 128 other candidates by Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon.

These events were made possible by the efforts of many of you and a very dedicated Croatian diplomatic corps. A gauge

Mr. Vice Skracic, Deputy Chief of Mission and presiding Croatian

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CroatiaFest is produced by the local Croatian-American Community and is part of Seattle Center's Festál, a year-long series of world cultural events that honors the richness and diversity of our region.

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"TASTE OF CROATIA": NEW LOCATION

By Cathryn F. Morovich and Kristen LeMieux, Coordinators

Attention all CroatiaFest attendees: CroatiaFest will take place in a new location this year - the Exhibition Hall. It is located on Mercer Street next door to McCaw Hall and Intiman Theater and occupies the lower half of the building.

You will find convenient parking at the Mercer Street Garage. Simply take the sky bridge from the garage to the Exhibition Hall, walk down the stairs or the easy access ramp and you're there.

Because the Seattle Center is preparing for the 50th anniversary of Seattle's World Fair, the Center House will be under construction for remodeling. Relocating to the Exhibition Hall will allow CroatiaFest to feature our own Croatian cuisine with six food booths and a beer and wine garden.

As in years past, there will be continuous main stage entertainment by some of the finest Croatian dance and music ensembles.

In addition, the art gallery will feature a variety of original

paintings and photographs by several Croatian artists.

Back by popular demand, demonstrations of how to prepare Croatian delicacies will take place at the Food Demonstration stage.

The Croatia Today booth will help you with your travel plans to Croatia.

Merchant booths will be stocked with a variety of Croatian products for your purchase.

The genealogist will be happy to answer your family history questions, and the display panels will exhibit interesting as well as historical material for your enjoyment.

Mark your calendars:

- Oct. 22 Saturday Night Dance and Sing-a-Long Party
- Oct. 23 CroatiaFest all day

Admission is Free. Bring your family and invite a friend. See details of these and other special attractions in the pages of this newsletter. Enjoy!

SAMPLE THE MANY FLAVORS OF CROATIA

Traditional Croatian cuisine is mix of centuries-old cooking techniques using home grown ingredients with influences of neighboring Mediterranean, Continental and Balkan cultures with regional variations. For the first time at CroatiaFest 2011 you will literally experience a Taste of Croatia with a variety of these traditional dishes for your purchase and enjoyment. All of the entrees will be prepared by expert chefs so you can count on authenticity!

Proceeds from the food sales will benefit each individual organization. Chose from the following:

Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 439: Sarma
- Contributing sponsor: Pogacha Restaurant

Anacortes Sister Cities Association: Grilled Ćevapčići

Seattle Jr. Tamburitza's: Makaronada (Dalmatian Pasta), Kranjske Kobasice, and Hrenovke (Hot Dogs).
- Contributing sponsor: Pacific Food Imports

Slavonian American Benevolent Society, Tacoma: Deep

Fried Lignje (Calamari)
- Contributing sponsor: Pacific Sea Foods

American Slavic Women's Club: Strawberry Hill Povitica

Balkan Task Force from University Presbyterian Church:
Baklava

Soft drinks, coffee and bottled water will also be available for purchase at selected booths. Come to CroatiaFest to enjoy these delicious food items and to support these organizations for their hard work and dedication in bringing you "A Taste of Croatia".

Don't forget to visit the Karlovačko Beer and Wine Garden. You may take your food into the garden, but you may not take the spirits out of the garden. Only adults 21 years and older will be allowed in the beer garden.

For your comfort and convenience, there will be plenty of tables available in the "food court" to sit and enjoy your meal and be entertained by the performances on the main stage.

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ART GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS

Samuel Mirkovich, photographer, teaches art at Eisenhower High School in Yakima and has been producing art professionally for the past eight years.

Mirkovich grew up in Olympia as the youngest of five boys in a big Croatian family. Shortly after graduating from Central Washington University with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts, he received his teaching certificate.

"My photographs are reflections of my explorations of the hidden jewel of a country called Croatia – the land of my grandfathers," Mirkovich said.

CroatiaFest welcomes Mirkovich's return with new photographs to exhibit. View his work at www.sammymirk.com

Thomas Rossman, watercolor painter, is a self-taught artist who after retirement started devoting more time to his longtime interest in art, focusing exclusively on watercolor paintings.

An admirer of the Impressionist painters, Rossman's watercolors often capture an aura of dreaminess and romance in the nostalgic scenes he paints.



Sam Mirkovich

Many of Rossman's paintings bring back memories of European trips while others focus on landscapes, maritime scenes and more recently on Northwest lighthouses.

He is married to Sonja Vukov Rossman, and they have three grown children. They reside in Bellevue.

Lindsey Lipovsky, amateur photographer, traveled to Croatia last year and captured the noted Zagreb marketplace. She portrays a feast for your

eyes with her photographs. Lipovsky lives in Langley, B.C.

Gloria Barello, painter, will unveil her two recent paintings especially for CroatiaFest depicting "the art of the oldest craft in the world – winemaking."

Sam Evich, photographer, captures his life passions of excellent food, art, music, dance, nature, travel and his Dalmatian roots in his photographs. Evich's latest interests via his camera lens await your viewing at CroatiaFest.

WATCH AND TASTE THE ART OF CROATIAN COOKING

The food demonstrations are always a highlight at CroatiaFest. Plan to visit the CroatiaFest food demo stage on Sunday afternoon.

This year, Venko Lisica will again delight the audience with another traditional Dalmatian fish dish. He will show you how to assemble Hobotnica na Salatu (Octopus salad).

Sisters Alenka Dunatov, Rose Žampera and Neva Dominis will demonstrate the art of frying Fritule (fritters) also known regionally as Pršunat, Paršurate

or Uštipci. While Alenka prepares and mixes the yeast dough, you can watch her sisters demonstrate the traditional way to form and fry the Fritule.

Njoki (gnocchi) are small potato dumplings, named after Italian Baroque composer Pietro Gnocchi. This dish, found all over the Adriatic Sea region, is a specialty dish traditionally served with a pasta sauce or served along with Dalmatinska Pasticada.

Njoki preparation will be demonstrated by the brother-sister team of

John Vukas and Zita Petričić who will be joined by their mother Milenka Vukas. You will experience the fine art of preparing and shaping Njoki. John promises a special sauce with the Njoki.

Samples of each of the demonstrated dishes will be available after each presentation.

Oct. 23 Schedule

1-1:30 p.m. Venko Lisica, octopus salad
2-3 p.m. Alenda Dunatov, fritule
3-4:30 p.m. John Vukas, njoki

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS FEATURE CROATIAN RESTAURANTS, CLUBS

Historical displays have been an integral part of CroatiaFest from the beginning; recall the recent presentations on fishing, mining, women and sports. This year we will offer historical material on Croatians in the food business and Croatian organizations (fraternals, clubs, etc.) in Washington state.

FOOD

Everyone is familiar, of course, with the Nalley food empire built by Marcus Nalley (Marko Narancic), who was born in Croatia. But there were many other smaller and more humble ventures into the food business as well. For example, every Croatian community had one or more Croatian-owned "mom and pop" grocery stores. One such, Satlow's Grocery, owned by Sam Satlow in Hoquiam, was a true store front – the store in the

front with the home in the back. Later, the second generation – the Zoriches and Kalopers come to mind – owned and operated full sized grocery stores.

Similarly, every community had one or more Croatian restaurants. These were modest in the early years but later yielded to larger, better known operations such as the Mayfair Cafe in Spokane, various oyster houses in Tacoma, the Adriatica and Dalmacija dining spas in Seattle, and the Pogacha restaurants in Bellevue and Issaquah.

ORGANIZATIONS

Most readers are familiar with the various lodges of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Washington State. Some highlights: Roslyn Lodge 56 was the first CFU lodge on the Pacific Coast (1897),

Aberdeen at one time (1925) had several lodges including the independent Zrinski Frankopan Lodge, and Seattle Lodge 439 is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. There is also a wealth of information on Tacoma's venerable Slavonian American Benefit Society and many smaller, lesser-known clubs.

For presentation at CroatiaFest 2011, our researchers are gathering information and photographs on all Croatian-owned food enterprises and Croatian organizations. If you have something to add, please call our CroatiaFest vice-president Richard Major at 206-282-1424. We don't want anyone to be left out. Come to CroatiaFest and stroll down memory lane as you examine these historical display panels.

ADVERTISERS WANTED FOR CROATIAFEST EVENT PROGRAM

Advertise your business in the CroatiaFest keepsake program distributed to 2,000+ attendees at the Oct. 22-23 festival at Seattle Center. PLUS receive a free line ad on www.croatiafest.org for ONE FULL YEAR!

More suggestions:

- Advertise a special occasion
- Congratulations
- Honor a special person
- In memory of a loved one

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- 1 ad space
- 2 ad spaces
- 6 ad spaces 1/4 page
- 12 ad spaces 1/2 page
- 24 ad spaces 1 page

Price

- \$75
- \$150
- \$200
- \$300
- \$500

DEADLINE:

Sept. 15, 2011

To order, fill out this form and mail to Nikki Cvitanović, 1300 Boblett St., PMB 162, Blaine, WA 98230, or email the information to nikki.cvit@gmail.com. Proof will be sent by email.

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CROATIAFEST SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 22

Golf Tournament

8pm-12am *Dance & Sing-Along featuring Sinovi (Chicago). Beer and wine garden.*

Sunday, Oct. 23

12pm *Opening ceremonies*

12:30-12:50pm *Tamburaški Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac*

12:55-1:10pm *Dave and the Dalmatians*

1-1:30 p.m. *Venko Lisica, octopus salad*

1:15-1:25pm *Hrvatski Vitezovi*

1:30-1:50pm *Tamburaški Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac*

1:55-2:15pm *Klapa Ružmarin*

2-3 p.m. *Alenka Dunatov, fritule*

2:20-3pm *Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble/Ruže Dalmatinke*

3-4:30 p.m. *John Vukas, gnocchi*

3:05-3:50pm *Sinovi (Chicago)*

3:55-4:10pm *Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble/Ruže Dalmatinke*

4:15-5pm *Seattle Junior Tamburitians*

5:05-5:25pm *Klapa DooWopella*

5:30-6:15pm *Sinovi (Chicago)*

6:20-6:30pm *Bokreta*

6:35-6:55pm *Radost*

7-7:30pm *Sinovi (Seattle)*

7:35-8pm *Bonaca*

Schedule subject to change; please check www.croatiafest.org for updates.

KARLOVAČKO BEER AND WINE GARDEN

Join the fun this year, as we are pleased to introduce CroatiaFest's very first Karlovačko Beer and Wine Garden!

Try Karlovačko, Croatia's premier beer, or enjoy a glass of wine made by Croatian-American Vintners from Washington and California.

For those who want to try several of the many wines we will have corked in the garden, wine flights with samples of several varietals will be available for purchase.

Try a wine that you instantly loved? Bottle sales are available

this year for the first time at tax-free special discounts! Watch our website www.croatiafest.org for updates and information on the wineries showcased.

The Karlovačko Beer and Wine Garden is open 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 22 during Sinovi of Chicago's concert and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and is available to those 21 and older, proof of age required.

Drink tickets will be available for purchase at the garden's entry. All proceeds benefit CroatiaFest.

FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE'S ROOTS

Barbara Starkey will be returning again this year to answer your questions about family history research.

Born in Seattle to John and Madeline Budinich, Barbara graduated from the University of Washington and was a high school science teacher. After retiring, she took up her second love: family history research. She has done extensive research on the Budinich line with some dates back to 1700.

Barbara has authored two sets of indexes of the birth, marriage and death records for Veli Losinj and Mali Losinj, Croatia. For the past five years, Barbara has been a private consultant helping hundreds of clients develop their family pedigrees. She has expertise in U.S. immigration and naturalization records, which have helped in finding the place of origin in Croatia. If you have the name of the village or city in Croatia that your family



came from, she can probably help you with your research.

This year, Barbara will be available at a booth where she will show various kinds of pedigree charts and ways to display your family pedigree. In addition, she will have a handout available describing how to get started with family history. The handout will include helpful websites for researching and organizing your family information.

Be sure to visit her booth at CroatiaFest this year or email her at barb@thestarkeys.com.

FIRST CROATIAFEST GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD OCT. 22

Hey all you golfers out there! Grab your clubs and join us in the Inaugural CroatiaFest Scramble Golf Tournament at Riverbend Golf Course on the first day of CroatiaFest.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability. If you don't have a team we will build one for you. If you play well enough you can win certificates redeemable at Riverbend; we will pay both gross and net winners.

To enter, see the application form below. Please include your GHIN if you have one; if not, indicate your ability, and a handicap will be assigned. Your starting time will be emailed by Oct. 15 or available at the course Oct. 21.

Questions? Email jfpintar@comcast.net

Format: Team 4 person scramble

Where: Riverbend Golf Course, 2019 W Meeker St., Kent, WA 98032

When: Oct. 22, 2011

Info: www.riverbendgolfcomplex.com
(877) 224-3250, (253) 856-6190

Entry Fee: \$300/team or \$75/player if less than four players, which includes:

- Cart and green fee
- Tee prize
- Prize money – gross & net payouts
- Meal at Mick Kelly's Irish Pub at the course

Inaugural CroatiaFest Scramble Golf Tournament Application --- Entry Deadline: Oct. 8

Detach and send completed form along with check (\$300/team or \$75/player if less than four players) payable to **CroatiaFest** to: John Pintar, 16518 Issaquah-Hobart Rd. SE, Issaquah, WA 98207

Player #1

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Daytime Phone _____

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GHN# _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Player #3

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

GHN# _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Player #4

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

GHN# _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

ON THE WEB

Want to hear more about CroatiaFest 2011?

Read more about this year's exhibits, hotel specials, our master of ceremonies, and about the history of Croatian-Americans in the Pacific Northwest.

www.croatiafest.org
www.facebook.com/CroatiaFest

CROATIA TODAY

Planning a trip to "Stari Kraj" (old country) to discover your roots? Or are you planning a trip to one of the world's most popular vacation destinations?

Be sure to stop by the Croatia Today booth at CroatiaFest to pick up some brochures.

Andreja Cvitković, director of Croatian National Tourist Office New York for the United States and Canada will be here to answer your questions about Croatia and its beautiful and historical attractions.

To address your travel accommodations, Luci and Niko Hazdovac of Adriatic Travel of San Pedro, Calif., will be on hand to share their expertise on individual or group travel, air fares and affordable hotels.

For those of you who prefer small, guided group tours and quaint hotels, Monya Mandich will answer your questions and share information about Croatia Only Tours.

Igor Vuletić, a native of Opatia, will round out our panel of experts, and will bring a variety of interesting travel brochures.

CROATIAN SOUVENIR VENDORS

CroatiaFest would not be complete without our vendors selling Croatian food and products. This year we welcome back four businesses.

Balkan Market joins us with their beautiful display of foods and treats from Croatia. Bring your grocery list and load up on basic staples and a Kras chocolate bar (or two!). Dubravka Bilic, owner, has been a tremendous supporter of CroatiaFest. Check out balkanmarketltd.com, or stop by their stores in Lynnwood and Burien. In addition to imported items, they make many of their own kobasice, čevapčići, smoked meats and burek.

Dalmatian Kitchen is back with their imported Croatian olive oil. Owner Jason Cascio said the oil is made primarily from four olive varieties: Leccino, Buga, Levantinka and Oblica. Dalmatian Kitchen, Inc. works with the finest Croatian producers to preserve superior olive oil using the hand-picked, cold-pressed technique. The olives are grown on the islands off of the coast of Split, where they are later pressed, bottled and imported to the United States. www.dalmatiankitchen.com

Croatian Fixation will bring their fabulous display of locally made T-shirts, aprons and baby clothing with fun sayings such as "I Love Palacinke" or "Forget Lighter Fluid, I Grill with Slivovitz!" They also have a line of imported clothing items that we know you will love. www.croatianfixation.com

Heart of Croatia Gifts from Columbus, Ohio will be back. Pam Lacko Kelley and Melissa Pintar Obenauf will bring their unique selection of gift items to CroatiaFest; bring those gift lists with you. Pam and Melissa said they provide high quality products that represent Croatian heritage and traditions. "Heart of Croatia Gifts reflects the color, the spirit, and the soul of the Croatian people," they said. They have always been a wonderful tradition at CroatiaFest and we look forward to their return. stores.croatiagifts.com/StoreFront.bok

You can also support CroatiaFest by visiting our **T-shirt and Apparel Booth**. Featured this year will be T-shirts with patterns from original costumes: a vest from Šestine and an embroidered motif from Posavski Bregi. We will have other retail and clearance priced items available for purchase.



Models show off the latest CroatiaFest T-shirts, which you can buy at the festival.

SATURDAY NIGHT DONOR RECEPTION

When you donate \$100 or more to CroatiaFest 2011, you will receive an exclusive invitation from our Honorary Croatian Consul, Dr. Frank Brozovich to attend the Donor's Reception on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall.

Join us in hosting Vice Skračić, Deputy Chief of Mission and Acting Ambassador, and Ilija Zelalić, Croatian Consul General from Los Angeles, Dr. Jelena Grčić-Polić from Chicago and other designated Consuls representing countries from around the globe.

Our reception will feature the savory cuisine of Pogacha Restaurant featuring a Northwest menu of hors d'oeuvres with the added flair of the Adriatic. The very popular Bonaca Tamburitiza

Orchestra will serenade you while you enjoy complimentary Croatian wine to accompany Pogacha's menu. The reception will transition to a night of traditional Croatian music featuring Sinovi of Chicago.

SATURDAY NIGHT OCT. 22

Dance and Sing-Along
to the music of *Sinovi, Chicago*

8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Exhibition Hall

Wine and Beer Garden will be serving Kalovacko Pivo and Sune Wines. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available for purchase.

Don't miss this fun evening!



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Ambassador to the US, and Croatian Consul General Ilija Zelalić from Los Angeles will once again be special honored guests at this year's CroatiaFest.

So come on out and meet them and quaff a stein or drink a glass with them and fellow Croats at the Karlovačko Pivo Beer Garden at CroatiaFest.

Coming from Chicago will be Croatian Consul General Dr. Jelena Grčić-Polić who has relatives in Seattle's Croatian-American Community. Her uncle, Simon Skalabrin was one of the founders of

Seattle Fraternal Union Lodge 439 100 years ago.

It is a special time and calls for a special celebration. See you there, and I hope that you can also make it to the Saturday night reception and dance party, where you will have the opportunity to talk to our Croatian diplomats.

Sincerely,
Frank Brozovich
Croatian Honorary Consul,
Chairman CroatiaFest

P.S. Go to www.croatiafest.org to read more about 2011 CroatiaFest's special honored guest.

STRIKE A POSE



Bring your cameras for this fun and exciting new addition to our festival. Photograph yourself and a friend in a Croatian scene custom made by George and Mary Kay Jovanovich. The cutout will be in the Exhibition Hall on Oct. 23.

"LIKE" CROATIAFEST ON FACEBOOK, WIN A PRIZE

CroatiaFest has a new Facebook page where you can get news, photos and updates about the festival and connect with other fans. Keep reading for some other ways you can benefit from liking the page.

Like CroatiaFest on Facebook and you will be instantly entered in a drawing for a CroatiaFest fleece blanket. The drawing will be held on Nov. 1.

When you are at CroatiaFest at the Exhibition Hall on Oct. 23rd, "check in" on Facebook from your smartphone, show it to one of our committee members at one of our information booths, and enter yourself again in the drawing for the fleece blanket.

To find the page, go to www.facebook.com/CroatiaFest



August 2011

Hello again,

Every spring and fall I have the pleasure of greeting you wonderful fans and supporters of CroatiaFest through the newsletter.

And I have the distinct pleasure of asking for your donations. Sometimes I get calls from donors, such as a recent call from Marko Basich. He was writing a check for \$100 but he also had an idea for our planning committee to consider for "Taste of Croatia." He planted a seed, and it is growing and will become part of our exhibit.

I love that kind of call, and I am never too busy to take your call or call you back when you leave the message.

Our festival has been moved from the Seattle Center House to the Exhibition Hall across from the Mercer Street Garage as Seattle prepares for their 50th anniversary celebration of the World's Fair. We are grateful to the Seattle Center for their continued support and for providing the venue for the festival.

Exhibition Hall presents some challenges and opportunities for the planning committee as they prepare on many levels for the festival. This is where you can help us by making your donation of any size now, so that we know we can meet the financial commitment of producing a memorable CroatiaFest.

Donate online by going to www.croatiafest.org or by using the self-addressed envelope in this newsletter. Anyone making a donation of \$100 or more will receive an invitation to a Dignitary Reception on Saturday evening, Oct. 22 and be listed on the website and in the program. It's a great time to gather with friends, newcomers and start the celebration.

On behalf of Chairman and Honorary Consul Dr. Frank Brozovich, event coordinators President Cathryn Morovich and Kristen Lemieux, Vice President Richard Major, Treasurer Michael Rancich, the Board of Directors and the Planning Committee, we extend this opportunity for your participation to continue the preservation and presentation of our culture to our communities and even to future generations. CroatiaFest is a recognized non-profit by the IRS, so your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generosity.

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