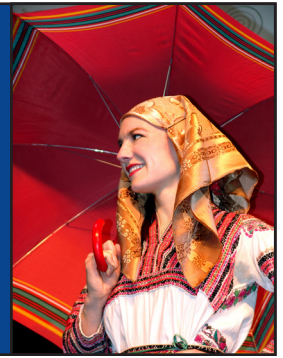


CroatiaFest

A Celebration of Croatian Culture and Heritage



Newsletter, Summer 2010



CroatiaFest 2010 **~Culture & Sport~**

Saturday, October 2, 2010

6-10 p.m.

Dance Lesson and Party
with Tamburaški Sastav Barabe
Center House Main Stage

7-9 p.m.

Donor Reception
Center House Bistro

9 p.m.-closing

Old Fashioned Sing-a-long
with Sinovi and Bonaca
Center House Bistro

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Noon-8 p.m.*

Art Gallery
Music and Dance Performances
Sport and Culture Displays
Cooking Demonstrations with a
Croatian Flair
Croatian-American Vintners Wine
Tasting
Lectures and Lessons
Marketplace
Activities for Kids

*Full schedule available on page 9
and visit www.croatiafest.org for
updates/changes

CroatiaFest activities are FREE,
open to the public,
and held in the Seattle Center House.

BARABE FEATURED AT CROATIAFEST 2010

In keeping with our mission to provide top-notch programming at CroatiaFest, we are pleased to announce that Tamburaški Sastav Barabe will be appearing at CroatiaFest 2010, funded in part by a matching grant from the Ethnic Arts Cultural Enhancement Fund. Not only will they



perform on the main stage Sunday, they will also perform at the welcoming dance Saturday night in the Center House from

8-10 p.m. The Saturday night dance is presented in cooperation with Northwest Folkdancers and Seattle Balkan Dancers.

Barabe hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, known to most as the capital of tamburitza music. Barabe's lead singer is Dario Barišić, a native of Djakovo, Slavonija.

Dario's involvement with the tambura started at the age of nine with KUD Tena and tambura orchestra Djakovština from Djakovo, Croatia. After years of singing, dancing, and playing. Dario joined the professional tamburitza ensemble Djakovačka Zvona in 1997. The band released five albums between 1997 and 2001 with songs that remain popular today.

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AMBASSADOR TO ATTEND CROATIAFEST

Dear fellow Croatian-Americans,

The Board of Directors proudly presents "Culture and Sport" for the 7th Annual CroatiaFest on October 2 and 3. This year's CroatiaFest and all previous festivals would not have been possible without a dedicated Planning Committee and the support of the Croatian community. I encourage you to make a generous contribution to CroatiaFest so we can continue to proudly display our heritage to the Puget Sound community.

It pleases me to tell you that Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, Croatian Ambassador to the U.S., will again be our honored guest for both days of the festival. Those of you who contribute \$100 or more will be invited to spend the evening with the ambassador and other dignitaries at the Donor Reception on Saturday evening, October 2. I hope to see you there.

Enjoy the festival!

Dr. Frank Brozovich
Honorary Croatian Consul and CroatiaFest Chairman



*Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović,
Croatian Ambassador to the United
States, will be our honored guest
at CroatiaFest 2010.*

GREETINGS FRIENDS OF CROATIAFEST!

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to celebrate CroatiaFest 2010 at the Seattle Center. Once again, our wonderful board and committee have worked hard to bring you the best that Croatian-Americans have to offer. This year's theme is Culture and Sport, so we will showcase our musical traditions from the turn of the century to the present, the contributions of our athletes, and our delicious culinary and wine specialties! Pacific Northwest Croatians have much to share, and this year's festival promises to be the perfect compilation of heritage and community.

This 7th CroatiaFest is made possible by the countless hours of dedicated volunteers working together to create an event that shares the unique traditions of Croatian-Americans with the general public. We welcome new volunteers and encourage those who are interested to share their talents and participate in this wonderful event. **We want to thank each and every one of you who give in so many ways to make this festival the tremendous success that it is. We could not do it without you!**

Following our tradition of bringing the best local talent to the main stage from children's dance ensembles, to klapa groups, to musical bands from Canada and Washington State, our stage will come alive with the excitement that is our music and dance hallmark! This year we are excited to bring the fabulous Tamburaški Sastav Barabe ensemble all the way from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Be sure to catch this wonderful tamburitza band while you can!

This year's festival promises to be an experience like no other. Join us as we share with you all that we treasure about our heritage and our culture. We ask you to spend the day and immerse yourself in CroatiaFest!

Be sure to check out the website for updates and information at www.croatiafest.org.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Cathryn Morovich, President, CroatiaFest Coordinator
Kristen LeMieux, CroatiaFest Coordinator

CroatiaFest Coordinators: Cathryn Morovich and Kristen LeMieux

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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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August 15, 2010

Dear loyal friends and supporters:

CroatiaFest 2010 is less than two months away and the report that I will be giving to the Board of Directors is that many of you are waiting until the last minute to give your donations. They understand that summer and vacations come first but now is the time to make your investment to ensure a successful event.

We appreciate those of you who continue to support CroatiaFest year after year. We are asking everyone to donate to keep our culture and heritage alive in the Pacific Northwest.

This year's theme is "Culture and Sport." The Planning Committee is having great fun with it. We hope you'll be amazed at the materials gathered, the performing artists, and the multi-media exhibit in the Harrison Street Gallery chronicling Croatian history in the Puget Sound region.

CroatiaFest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Board of Directors would appreciate your support in the form of a tax deductible donation.

You can help us raise \$20,000 by making your donation of any size right now. A self-addressed envelope is included in this newsletter. Everyone making a donation of \$100 or more will receive an invitation to the Donor Reception at the Center House Bistro on Saturday evening, October 2. They will also be listed on the website and in the program. You just might meet some of our famous Pacific Northwest athletes and performing artists at the reception.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Planning Committee, we extend this opportunity to you to help preserve and present our culture to the Greater Puget Sound community.

Thank you for your assistance and generosity,

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST CROATIAN-AMERICAN ATHLETES

By Richard L. Major

Recent CroatiaFests have developed around a theme. In 2007, it was maritime culture. In 2008, it was mining and smelting, and in 2009, the spotlight was on our Croatian women. The theme for CroatiaFest 2010 is Culture and Sport.

At this year's festival, Croatian-American athletes will be presented in three ways. About 40 will be presented pictorially with accompanying text. We have tried to achieve a balance of various sports featuring both men and women. Dozens of Croatian-American athletes who achieved great fame but who were not from the Pacific Northwest will be included such as Roger Maris, Kevin McHale and Bill Belichick. But now, let's look at one of our own Pacific Northwesterners.

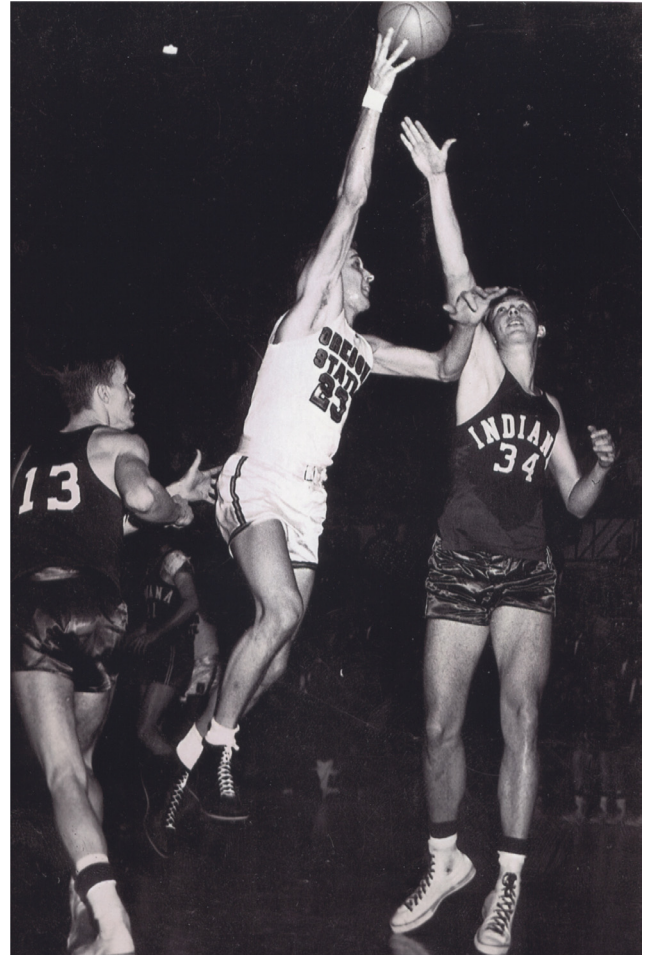
For old-time basketball fans, memories of Tony Vlastelica's court achievements still burn brightly. The son of Croatian immigrants from the island of Vis, Tony captured the attention of basketball fans when he scored 110 points for Aberdeen's Weatherwax High School Bobcats in the 1950 state tournament. This was a record for the state's top tournament and earned Tony a unanimous all-tourney selection.

Then, following service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Tony moved on to dazzle at basketball's higher levels—first at Grays Harbor College and Oregon State University and finally with an Italian professional team. It was at Oregon State that he achieved his greatest success. In the 1953-54 season, the Beavers upset defending national champion Indiana with 6' 5" Tony getting OSU off to an 8-0 start by hitting four straight hook shots and ending up with 18 points. The hook shot was his best shot, he claims, and no-one ever blocked it—not even the great Bill Russell. As a senior in 1955, Tony sparked OSU to within one

point of upsetting the University of San Francisco, led by all-time greats Russell and K.C. Jones. According to Russell "we were lucky to win that game." There is little doubt in Tony's mind that had they won against USF, they'd have gone on to the NCAA crown. Tony was drafted by the NBA's Rochester Royals but opted to play in Italy because the money was better.

Ironically, Tony had always dreamed of playing at the University of Washington. Military service and a better offer from OSU intervened. Tony feels that if he and Bob Houbregs, the UW's famed hookshot artist, had ever had a chance to play together, they would have been unbeatable. Tony Vlastelica lives with his wife in Corvallis, OR. He sold insurance and securities before operating a number of Baskin and Robbins ice cream stores. Tony is one of many Pacific

Northwest Croatian athletes whose achievements will be displayed at CroatiaFest 2010. Come and enjoy!



Vlastelica tosses in a hook shot over Indiana's 7-foot All-American center, Don Schlundt.

SPORTS PANEL PLANNED

The CroatiaFest Planning Committee is pleased to present a panel of accomplished Croatian sports personalities to discuss their experiences. On the panel are University of Washington football greats, quarterback Jerry Kaloper and defensive linebacker Jason Chorak, basketball player Tony Vlastelica, hydroplane crew chief Jerry Zuvich, soccer player Nancy Mikacenić, and rower Lora Batina.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Patrick Abdo, a graduate of the University of Washington in journalism and a sports enthusiast. The discussion will take place in one of the third floor lecture rooms from 1:15 – 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 3. Don't miss this opportunity to meet these great athletes and hear their stories.

GUEST ARTIST UNVEILS LIFE 2010

By Beverly Read

Amra Bilić Hamdžić was born in Sarajevo, Bosnia in the mid-sixties and was brought up with the idea of unity and love. She left the city with her husband in 1994 during the war. They stayed with family in Croatia until they came to America in the summer of 1995 where their beautiful daughter, Sarah, was born.

Visit the Harrison Street Gallery at the Seattle Center House during CroatiaFest to see Amra's new collection, Life 2010. A self-taught artist, Amra expresses harmony, simplicity and stability in her paintings. Amra has said, "Modern art is like a new alphabet. It simply gives me possibility to resonate my voice and personality. Purity and simplicity emerge from each of my paintings and carry the message of peace."



Amra Bilić Hamdžić will display her new collection Life 2010 in the Harrison Street Gallery.



MULTI-MEDIA CROATIAN CULTURE EXHIBIT

The Harrison Street Gallery, located on the third floor of the Seattle Center House, will feature a multi-media exhibit chronicling the preservation of Croatian culture in the Puget Sound region with historic photographs, memorabilia, musical instruments and costumes. The exhibit will be open to the public from September 28 thru October 6 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Three local music and dance groups celebrate milestone anniversaries this year. The Seattle Junior Tamburitza were founded in 1970, Vela Luka Croatian Dancers in 1975, and the Sinovi Tamburitza Orchestra in 1980.

Of interest will be the histories of Washington State Tamburitza orchestras, brass bands, dance and theater groups that operated as early as the 1890's. It is a little known fact that in 1914, a group of tamburaši headed by Anton Šušanj played for President Wilson in Tacoma. On display will be two dozen antique folk instruments including tamburas, sopele, bagpipes, flutes and the bowed gusle and lijerica.

2010 Multi-media Culture Exhibit will also feature Croats who made contributions to vaudeville, opera, ballet, and popular music nationally including Zinka Kunc-Milanov, Ana Roje, Milka Trnina, Guy Mitchell, Tony Butala and Krist Novoselić.

BARABE

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Dario was introduced to an American audience when he performed with Zvona on the Croatian Fraternal Union's Cultural Tour in 2000. In 2002, he returned to the American stage with the Duquesne University Tamburitza. At the next Tamburitza Extravaganza Dario will be presented with the Founders Award.

The other members of Barabe are Derek Luketich Hohn, and Duquesne alumni Mark Stafura, Brock Belich and John Huckle. The band has received critical acclaim with their recent CD release *Nećeš Ni Znati* which features original songs written by the band as well as traditional folk songs. They are dedicated to playing authentic tambura music as they perform for audiences across America.



TAMBURITZA MUSIC PANEL

A panel discussion titled "Tamburitza Music Through the Generations" will be held in one of the third floor lecture rooms from 3:15-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 3. Moderated by Steve Ramsey, General Manager of KBCS Radio in Bellevue, it will take an in-depth look into how tamburitza music has

impacted the lives of six musicians ranging in age from 20 to 87. Panelists are: Paulie Kalanj Boroevich; Walt Šušanj; Julie Major; John Morovich; Steven Mataya; and Hank Bradley. You can learn more about each of these talented musicians at the festival.



GRAPPA ANYONE?

Have you ever tasted grappa? Well, here's your chance. Grappa is a clear, very potent liquor distilled from the skins, seeds and stems of grapes after the grapes have been crushed for winemaking. Croats have been distilling grappa for centuries, passing down the recipe through the generations.

The first grappa distillery in the Seattle area is owned by young Croatian-American entrepreneur, Larry Scrivanich. Larry grew up with wine-making. His dad, Pat, has made his own red wine for many years. He learned the skill as a boy on the island of Susak. Pat's family owned one of the six community stills on the island.

Dennis Robertson, who is a Vice President and General Manager at Scrivanich Natural Stone in Woodinville, took a business trip to the Northern Italian town of Bassano de Grappa in the summer of 2000. According to Robertson, he and his wife Tammy "took a shine to grappa."

After returning to Woodinville, Robertson asked Larry if he had ever heard of grappa. "Yeah, my dad made it in the old country," Larry replied. They noticed that wineries in the area regularly toss out bins of pomace, the by-product of crushing grapes. He and Larry contracted with several wineries to sell them the pomace. They perfected the product and now distill "Soft Tail Spirits" grappa. You will be able to purchase this unusual liquor in the Center House Bistro.

WINE TASTING ADDED TO CROATIAFEST CULINARY LINE-UP

We are excited to have Chefs John Vukas and Anka Kolega preparing traditional Croatian dishes on our cooking stage in the Center House Bistro Sun Room. Ever wondered how to make perfect palačinke or brudet? Join our two culinary experts as they share their techniques and recipes with you.

Following the cooking classes is an exciting new event—a wine tasting featuring Croatian-American wineries located in the Pacific Northwest!

In recent years, Croatian-American vintners, following their tradition of perfecting Californian Zinfandels, have achieved excellence throughout

the West Coast of the United States winning praise for Merlots, Cabernets, Chardonnays and more.

We are thrilled to offer fine Croatian-American wines for CroatiaFest audiences to enjoy. Tickets will be \$20.00 at the door and will include musical entertainment. Participants must be 21 years of age. For further information, ticket pre-sale information or questions, contact Adam LeMieux via email at: winetasting@croatiafest.org.

For updates on participating wineries and vintner biographies, visit our website at www.croatiafest.org.



Local Woodinville vintner, Michael LeMieux, owner and winemaker of XS Vintners, with one of his bottles of award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon. Michael has been making wine for most of his life, starting as a little boy watching and helping his Dida Petar Zuvela of Everett.

IVAN MATETIĆ RONJGOV, COMPOSER ISTRIAN FOLK CHANTS

By Beverly Read

Many treasures of Croatian culture are kept in our hearts and homes until we find a place to share them with a larger community. This year, Robert Mattich of Tacoma is sharing the treasures of his uncle, Ivan Matetić Ronjgov, with CroatiaFest.

Robert and his wife Delma were in Croatia in 1980 to celebrate Ronjgov's 100th birthday, and their collage of the memorable concert will be on exhibit in the Harrison Street Gallery.

Ivan Matetić Ronjgov was born April 10, 1880 in the village of Ronjgi near the city of Rijeka. His musical education was completed at the Music Academy in Zagreb. A passion for Istria made him explore and write down Istrian folk chants. By theoretically describing the Istrian music scale—a series of six tones and half-tones that became a part of the Croatian tradition and proof of the Croatian national



existence in Istria and Kvarner—he established Istria and Kvarner folk music in the tone system of artistic music.

By describing the Istrian scale,

Ronjgov made it possible to compose music based on that specific folklore. He composed choral works, solo chants, church and orchestral pieces that became hymns to Kvarner.

Works such as *Čaće moj* (My Papa), *Roženice, mantinjada domaćemu kraju* (Ode to Our Homeland), *Na mamin gorbak* (Beside Mama's Grave) are choral symphonies which place Ronjgov among the ranks of the most outstanding composers in world choral music.

Ronjgov died in 1960 in Opatija. The house in which he was born in Ronjgi became a memorial house in 1977 and seat of the Ivan Matetić Ronjgov Cultural Society. Matetić's Days (Matetićeve dani) take place annually.

We are thankful that Robert and Delma Mattich are making the *Matinjada Po Ronjgovemu* DVD available at CroatiaFest.

CROATIAN FAMILY NAMES: THEIR ORIGIN, MEANING AND DISTRIBUTION

In the absence of a bona fide genealogist this year, Richard Major will fill the gap with a session on the origin, meaning and distribution of Croatian family names. His presentation will be based largely on the 1995 classic *Hrvatska prezimena* (Croatian Surnames) by scholar Petar Šimunović.

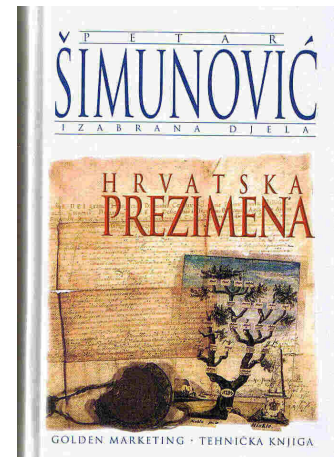
We often hear it said that Croatian family names end in -ich or -ić. While it is true that in Croatia overall, 60% of the family names do end in -ić, there is great variability by region. For example, family names ending in -ić comprise 67% in the central regions but only 50% in Dalmatia and barely 25% in northern Croatia. There are, of course, many other endings to Croatian

family names such as -ov, -ev, and -in.

With respect to other areas of former Yugoslavia, Professor Šimunović notes that the -ić ending is practically nonexistent among Macedonians and Albanians, and is found in only 25% of Slovenian family names. The -ić ending, on the other hand, is overwhelming in Serbia and Montenegro—reaching 95% in some areas of western Serbia.

Other interesting publications available at the seminar will be a summary of the 1948 Croatian census that lists the family names alphabetically and the number of each family name by city or village; the 1608 Venetian census of the Zadar islands; and a historical listing

of the family names in the Gorski Kotar region of Croatia and when and where each was first recorded. Come and learn more about your Croatian family names on Sunday, October 3 from 12:30-1 p.m.



COOKING DEMO BY CHEF JOHN VUKAS

CroatiaFest will continue its popular cooking demonstrations in October with renowned Chef John Vukas who will show you how to make Dalmatian "brudet", a delicious, traditional fish stew. The demonstration is free, and free samples will be passed out at the conclusion of the demonstration.

This year, the cooking demonstrations will be held in the "Center House Bistro" located on the main floor near the South entrance of the Center House. The event will take place in a private room in the back of the restaurant, offering a cozy, intimate setting for easy listening and viewing of the chef at work. This event is Sunday, October 3, 2-3 p.m.. Simply tell the "Bistro" hostess or one of our CroatiaFest volunteer greeters at the door of the restaurant that you want to attend the cooking demonstration.

John was born on the island of Premuda off the Dalmatian coast. He spent his days swimming in the Adriatic, running



Chef John Vukas

around the island, and playing soccer with his friends. By age 7, Ivo, (John) had his own waiter's uniform and was being trained by his sisters, Zita and Marica, to work in the family restaurant business. His father, Vinko, while away for long periods of time working at sea, always took time to teach his son about the art of preparing lamb, ćevapčići, and fish barbeque. His mom, Milenka, was influential in making sure he knew how to make pasta fažole, gnocchi, and homemade pastries.

At 14, his family immigrated to New York, and this is where his food education became formalized. He worked in Northern Italian restaurants, all owned and operated by Croatians. At 23, he moved to Hawaii and began a journey into more sophisticated food preparation in some of the most prestigious restaurants there.

He came to Washington in 1980 where he became vice-president of a local restaurant chain he later came to own and operate. For the past 11 years, he has been the Food & Beverage Director of the Emerald Queen Casino where he coordinates the operations of 30 venues including multiple buffets, fine dining restaurants, cafes, bars, and nightclubs.

John is strongly committed to the Croatian community, and he and his family believe in advancing cultural awareness and pride.



GOING UP... THIRD FLOOR PLEASE

Plan to visit the Harrison Street Gallery. Take in the music, sports panel discussions, and listen to Croatian travel experts in the lecture rooms all located on the third floor of the Center House. If you don't want to climb the stairs, there are two elevators on the main floor. One elevator is located next to the food court by Quincy's Seafood. The other is toward the back of the main stage on the way to the public bathrooms. If you are not sure of the location, ask one of our Croatian-costumed hostesses or staff at the information booth.



CROATIAFEST 2010 SCHEDULE

Schedule subject to change –
please check our website for current updates/changes:
www.croatiafest.org

Main Stage


12:00 Opening Ceremonies
12:30 Tamburaški Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac
12:55 Hrvatski Vitezovi
1:10 Tamburaški Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac
1:35 Dave and The Dalmatians
2:00 Tamburaški Sastav Barabe
2:50 Seattle Junior Tamburitizans
3:20 Klapa DooWapella
3:55 Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble and Ruže Dalmatinke
4:45 Radost Folk Ensemble
5:00 Tamburaški Sastav Barabe
5:50 Bonaca

Lectures

12:30 Surnames with Dick Major
1:15 Sports Panel
2:15 Travel Information
3:15 Music Panel

Food Demonstrations and Wine Tasting

12:45 Palačinke with Ankica Kolega
2:00 Brudet with John Vukas
4:00 Wine Tasting



YELLOW PAGE ADS NOW ON SALE!

The CroatiaFest 2010 Program needs your advertisements! CroatiaFest committee member Nikki Cvitanović is designing our program again this year. Schedule information, program notes and other useful information will be included for festival attendees.


These programs are beautiful keepsakes and a great opportunity for you to advertise directly to the Croatian community. For the first time, businesses will be able to purchase individual ads using their logos and business information. "I would also encourage parents,

grandparents, friends and family members to consider buying ad space to congratulate a performer, send best wishes for a future graduate, or to memorialize a family member," Cvitanović suggested.

Purchasing an ad helps fund CroatiaFest and helps us bring wonderful artists and exhibits together to share our Croatian heritage with each other and with our Puget Sound neighbors.

Your ad will be seen by over 3,000 people at CroatiaFest, and you will receive a FREE line ad on croatiafest.org for one full year. Ads are \$75.00 per 2" x 2" space. Larger ads are available as well. Pricing is listed on the website.

To order an ad, go to our website at www.croatiafest.org and click on "yellow pages." There you will find the form and necessary information to submit. You may also contact Nikki Cvitanović at 360-420-5846 or nikki@windermere.com.



TRAVEL TO CROATIA

By Cathryn Morovich

I had the opportunity to travel to Croatia last summer with my family and the Seattle Junior Tamburitizans on an entertaining, guided two-week tour. I had not been to Croatia since 1981. Obviously, I discovered many changes to the country, among them money, modes of travel, hotels and highways. In planning CroatiaFest this year, my co-coordinator, Kristen LeMieux and I thought it would benefit prospective Croatian travelers to find information not usually provided by filmed travelogues.

In our third floor lecture room, from 2:15 – 3:00, there will be four experts in Croatian travel presenting detailed information and answering your questions. If you are planning a trip to Croatia in

the near future, don't miss this lecture.

Monya Mandich Ivanković has conducted small intimate tours for 12–14 people with her parents Joe and Bette Mandich for several years. The Mandich's own and operate Croatian Only Tours. Monya will enlighten you with details of small, out-of-the way towns and villages that are not usually on the list of tourist destinations.

Kristina Hižak-Aničić from Doma Travel and Cruise of Vancouver, BC, Canada is a travel agent specializing air travel and large group tours. She will provide information on the latest rules and regulations for international air travel and the best routes

and connections with Croatian Airlines.

Your travel insurance questions and concerns will be handled by Malinda Žampera. Malinda owns a State Farm Insurance Agency in Bellevue and has traveled to Croatia several times. She has information on the costs and benefits of travel insurance and coverage.

From the Croatian National Tourist Board of New York, we are honored to have Director Nevenka Komarica who will present the latest tourist and travel information for Croatia. Director Komarica's unique perspective as a representative from Croatia will truly enhance this panel.



Cape Kamenjak - Istrian Natural Beauty -----Kalnik

NEW VENDOR IN THE MARKETPLACE!

CroatiaFest 2010 is happy to announce that Festival Records out of Los Angeles will be selling Croatian CDs, books and DVDs in our Croatian Marketplace. Joining them will be annual favorites Balkan Market, Heart of Croatia, Dalmatian Kitchen, and Croatian Fixation. Come and stock up on olive oil, music, t-shirts, Kraš chocolates, and wonderful gift items for friends and family.



PARTY AND SING-A-LONG AT THE BISTRO "LET'S PARTY"

Come to the Center House Bistro on Saturday night from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. for a fun filled evening with Sinovi and Bonaca. This will be an old-fashioned Croatian party. You can sing-a-long and dance kolos, polkas and waltzes. Your favorite beverages will be available for purchase. The party will begin immediately after the Donor's Reception. All are welcome. Admission is free.

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