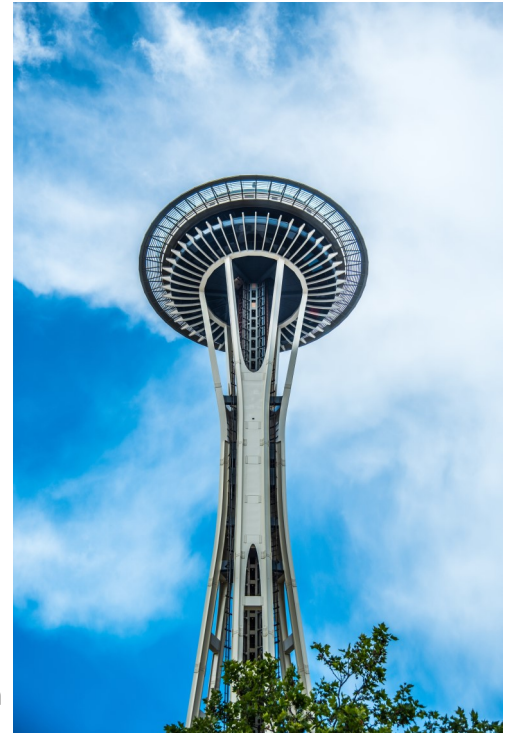


## CROATIAFEST RETURNS TO SEATTLE CENTER

WE ARE BACK! CroatiaFest is thrilled to announce our return to an in-person festival on October, 2nd 2022 at the Seattle Center Armory. What an incredible two years we have all been through. Your patience and support as we were all wading through uncharted waters was (and continues to be) absolutely humbling. Our two years of Virtual CroatiaFest were a tremendous success because of you, and for that we are grateful!

We will miss producing the annual Saturday night Mass and party, but we aim to bring those back next year.

Our wonderful volunteers and committee members are working overtime to once again present a celebration of our heritage and culture with the sights, sounds, and tastes that are the core of our community. We have missed the opportunity to be together and celebrate, and we all look forward to doing so once again!



## FROM GORSKI KOTAR TO THE CASCADES

Throughout the past two years, CroatiaFest has taken you— through video presentations—to some of our local Croatian-American communities in Washington State.

We have presented segments on the histories and customs of Croatians in Anacortes, Gig Harbor, Slavonian Hall in Tacoma, and West Seattle, featuring interviews with locals and tours of historic sites.

Even though we are returning to an in-person festival in 2022, there are still more communities with stories to tell, and no history of Croatians in Washington State would be complete without a visit to Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald. The CroatiaFest team spent two weekends exploring these towns, speaking to locals and historians, and learning what it was like to grow up Croatian.

In the same way that Croatians from the coast and islands planted their roots largely near the waters of Puget Sound and the Washington coast, many from the

mountainous Gorski Kotar region of Croatia made

their way to an area that likely reminded them of home—the Cascade Mountains of Washington.

Many of the Croatians who came to the three towns of Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald did so for work. Over 100 years ago, recruiters visited Gorski Kotar (among many other places) to find men to work in the active coal mines of the Cascade mountains, and these men eventually established families, many of whom still live in Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Ronald.

Please enjoy our video presentation on these three towns that share many similarities to Mrkopalj, Delnice, and the other towns in Croatia that immigrants came from. Our visit will be presented at 12:30 PM on the 3rd floor lecture room #1A.

## FOOD VENDORS ARE BACK!

On the main floor of the Armory, the Balkan Task Force will again offer palačinke – Croatian crepes – and baklava. You can also purchase a cup of Croatian kava (Turkish coffee) to go along with these sweets.

The American Slavic Women's Club again will be selling povitica, a very popular sweet bread made with yeast-raised dough layered with dense walnut filling. You will be able to purchase slices of povitica or whole loaves.

A new CroatiaFest vendor, Baked In Bosnia, will serve traditional Croatian sarma - stuffed cabbage rolls. They will also be selling slices of their delicious apple cake.

Just outside the Armory, David Lovrovich will prepare and serve wild-caught barbecued sockeye salmon and John Vukas will demonstrate peka – an "under the dome" method of roasting meat and vegetables.

## MAKE CROATIAFEST YOUR OCTOBER STAYCATION!

CroatiaFest is excited to announce our exclusive partnership with Mediterranean Inn. This independently owned and operated boutique hotel is one block away from the Seattle Center at 425 Queen Anne Ave. N. CroatiaFest attendees will receive a 15% discount off their best available rate; good for the entire month of October. Starting September 1st, please use the code CroatiaFest2022 when booking online at [www.mediterranean-inn.com](http://www.mediterranean-inn.com) or by calling 206-428-4700.



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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

After a hiatus of three years, CroatiaFest is back on October 2, 2022 at the Seattle Center Armory. We Croatian Americans can once again meet and celebrate with old friends, pay homage to our rich identity and immerse ourselves in the vibrant culture that has nourished us from afar.

Please join us on the first Sunday in October as we open our doors again to a festive day of Croatian song, dance, food, wine, exhibits and conviviality.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Frank Brozovich

Honorary Croatian Consul



## GETTING TO CROATIAFEST

Are you tired of driving and the hassle of parking? Let the good people of King County Metro, Sound Transit, and the Monorail do the driving for you.

If you are in downtown Seattle, hop on the Monorail at Westlake Center Station, 5th Ave. and Pine. Passengers arrive at the Seattle Center station at the Armory.

Explore light rail and bus routes from your neighborhood or a nearby park & ride by checking out [triplanner.kingcounty.gov](http://triplanner.kingcounty.gov). There are several bus routes that stop at the Seattle Center.

For more ideas, go to [www.seattlecenter.com/getting-to-seattle-center](http://www.seattlecenter.com/getting-to-seattle-center)

If you are driving to Seattle Center, the following is a list of nearby parking garages:

**5TH AVENUE N. GARAGE** - 516 Harrison Street, Seattle, WA, 98109 (Entrances on Harrison St. and Republican St. just east of 5th Avenue N.)

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**THEATRE COMMONS ADA PARKING LOT** - 2nd Avenue N. & Mercer Street, Seattle, WA, 98109 (Adjacent to the Bagley Wright Theatre. Entrance on Mercer Street at 2nd Avenue N.)

**SEATTLE CENTER 1st Ave N Garage** - 220 1st Ave N., Seattle, WA 98109. (Entrance on Warren Ave. N.)

Street parking is always FREE on Sundays.

## MERCHANTS

We are pleased to announce the following Croatian vendors:

**Balkan Market:** Imported Croatian and Mediterranean food and beverage products.

**Drusk Trading Company:** Olive oil from Croatia.

**Croatian Fixation:** Croatian-themed apparel and gifts.

**Andy's Exotic Hardwoods:** Beautiful hand-made bowls and cooking implements.

**Croatian Gifts:** Lovely gifts from Croatia.

**Adriatic Travel:** Let them help you all your Croatian travel arrangements.

The merchants are located on the main floor of the Armory. Come visit – you will be pleased with the variety of offerings and are certain to find something with that special Croatian touch to take home and enjoy or give as a unique gift.



## CONSULAR DAYS

The Consulate General of Croatia will be available for Consular Days on Sunday, October 2nd, 2022, from 10 am to 4 pm for passport and citizenships applications and notary services. Please make sure to bring originals and at least one set of copies of all required documents. The Consulate's office will not be able to accept incomplete applications. By appointment only, reservations can be made starting September 1st, via e-mail at [losangeles@mvep.hr](mailto:losangeles@mvep.hr) or by calling the Consulate at 310.477.1009. Appointments are available on the first come, first served basis. Please note: the Consulate only accepts personal checks or money orders payable to the Croatian Consulate.

## CONSULAR PRESENTATION

Croatian naturalization, the process of gaining dual citizenship with Croatia, is a wildly popular topic with Croatia's recent changes to their process. Renee Pea, Consul General of Croatia in Los Angeles, will be giving an in-person presentation to explain the process and answer questions. Renee's presentation earlier this year was extremely valuable for anyone considering citizenship – her presentation is a must before you begin the journey to naturalization. Details will follow on our Facebook page, as well as at [www.CroatiaFest.org](http://www.CroatiaFest.org).

## A.E. WOODS - ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

I am Alcena Woods, a homegrown Washingtonian. My Croatian heritage is via marriage; years ago, I fell in love with my husband, John, and the amazing Croatian culture too. My husband's maternal family is from Žeževica, located about one hour inland from Makarska. We have had the pleasure of visiting Croatia and our family several times. The beauty of the land, the people, and the delicious food all made me feel at home, and we look forward to celebrating all things Croatian each year at CroatiaFest.

It is an honor to present fine art Giclee prints of my six favorite original watercolor paintings at CroatiaFest this year; all are printed with archival pigmented inks on archival Arches aquarelle textured watercolor paper.

My creative journey began with words as my art; I wanted to make words dance. Then after years on computers, I decided to pursue a visual art, capturing a story at the best moment without a keyboard in sight, and was looking for the right fit. I found it on a golf course in 2010, when I struck up a conversation with a watercolor instructor and was intrigued by the medium. Soon after I signed up for my first class and over the years, I have had the good fortune to study with both Ann Breckon and Jean Pratt Beuoy, talented artists and instructors from the Puget Sound region. My work was previously displayed at the 2017 sixth annual watercolor exhibition entitled 'Summer Colors' in Mercer Island and resides in several private collections on the West Coast.

Watercolor is my way of bringing my two arts together, telling a story in paint. I hope that the joy, satisfaction, and sense of story I experience bringing these shapes and colors to life is communicated to those who stop by. See you at CroatiaFest!



## FEATURED GENEALOGIST

Robert Jerin of Cleveland, Ohio, will be the featured genealogist at this year's festival. Robert hosts the very popular Croatian Heritage and Genealogy Facebook group, which has over 25,000 members.

Robert has been researching Croatian family histories since 1986, and for the past 20 years he has been conducting Croatian genealogy workshops across the United States and Croatia. As a result of this research, he has self-published a handbook, "Searching for Your

Croatian Roots," which includes the only known database of Croatian given names and their English equivalents. Since 2005 he has been leading heritage and genealogy tours to Croatia.

"As the world's population grows, and life becomes less and less personal, learning about one's own roots gives us the feeling that we are connecting with families through time," said Robert.

We are pleased and honored to have such an expert genealogist at CroatiaFest 2022.

## WINE CELLAR

It has been a long two years, but the Wine Cellar is back! Join us upstairs for a tasting, a glass, or to share a bottle with friends!

This year we welcome back Croatian-American vintner Jason Morin of Ancestry Cellars. Each wine produced by Jason and his family tells a story – a story rich in family history and Croatian wine making heritage. Not to mention, their award-winning wines - with double gold and gold awards at every wine competition they participate in- have been painstakingly created to bring out the most robust and unique flavors each grape varietal can produce. This year consider buying wine for the holidays and treat yourself! Ask Jason about their wine club and benefits that come with membership.

New to the Wine Cellar this year, the Balkan Store of Lynnwood will be pouring and selling wines from Croatia, showcasing wines they offer in their store. A Croatian wine makes a special gift for a celebration, a birthday, or anniversary!

CroatiaFest is excited to welcome from Edmonds, Vinbero Wine Bar and their Bar Manager Devin Olson. Devin developed an appreciation for Croatian wines during his travels and maintains a close relationship with Croatian vintners. Vinbero often has Croatian wine tasting/pairing special events, and this year we are pleased to announce their participation at the

CroatiaFest Wine Cellars. Take home a one-of-a-kind bottle from smaller, unique Croatian wineries.

Participants must be 21 or older and tickets can be purchased at the door. Watch the CroatiaFest Facebook page and [www.CroatiaFest.org](http://www.CroatiaFest.org) for more details!

## DONOR BRUNCH

The Donor's Brunch is back! Let's get together to enjoy each other's company, tell our Croatian stories, and celebrate our commitment to this amazing event. Donors who contribute \$100 or more are invited to our Donor's brunch. It's at the same location this year, in the Seattle Center Armory next to the Art Gallery, from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please join us to chat with your fellow supporters, Honorary Consul of Croatia Frank Brozovich, Croatian Ambassador to the United States Pjer Šimunović, and Consul General of Croatia in Los Angeles Renee Pea.

If it wasn't for faithful supporters like you, we wouldn't exist. Your contributions bring Croatian music, dance, history, genealogy, art, and traditions to not only Croatians, but the general public. You are the reason for CroatiaFest's success, and we are inspired by and grateful for your generosity.

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Thank you to so many sustaining donors who continue to donate year after year. We were also blessed with many new donors in 2021. If it wasn't for all our faithful and new supporters like you, we wouldn't exist. So, thank you for supplying the funds to promote Croatian Culture through performances of Croatian music and dance, historical presentations, and more. As a volunteer-powered organization and with your donations, Croatian Americans and people of all nationalities witness a spectacular event at the Seattle Center. With your ongoing support, we remain committed to putting on another extraordinary CroatiaFest on Sunday October 2, 2022.

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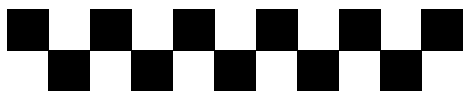
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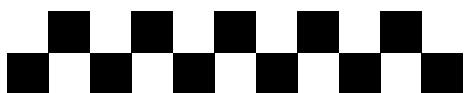
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