



## Welcome



We are proud to introduce the C-RS Connection, a monthly e-bulletin providing organization updates, national and individual chapter news briefs, upcoming events and more. News contributions from you, our members and readers, are welcomed and appreciated! We hope this communication piece will be valuable to you and we encourage you to share your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

**Please forward this email along to family or friends who would be interested!**

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## Pittsburgh Folk Festival Recap

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society participated in the 60th annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival on September 3 and 4. This well attended event showcased 40 cultures from more than 20 countries through exhibits, song and dance, food, crafts, children's activities and a marketplace of handmade and imported goods. The C-RS set up a cultural display booth manned by Maryann Sivak and Jon Coulter. Jerry Jumba circulated through the grounds singing and playing Rusyn songs on his accordion.

The Pittsburgh Folk Festival began in 1956 with 17 nationalities represented and a mission of promoting unity among the diverse cultures in the greater Pittsburgh area. It is the city's largest celebration of its kind.



Jerry jamming with Viking Horn (Sally Morton)



Visitor to the C-RS cultural display booth



Little girl with Rusyn headpiece

## The New Rusyn Times Newsletter - Fall Issue Preview

The fall issue of the New Rusyn Times is only a few weeks away. Here's a sneak preview of what's to come!

- The Road to Russian Hill - A Story of Immigration and Coal Mining- A feature focusing on Carpatho-Rusyn immigrants to the southeastern Oklahoma coal region in the late 19th century.
- C-RS National News - Updates from National President Maryann Sivak about recent events, announcements and more.
- Rusyn News from Abroad - The Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport has announced the creation of a new working group with the purpose of teaching Rusyn language and culture.
- Meet your Board Members - Learn more about Rich Laychock (Chief Financial Officer) and John Schweich, (C-RS Trustee).
- News from around the C-RS Chapters - Catch up on the latest happenings throughout the organization.



## Save the Dates!

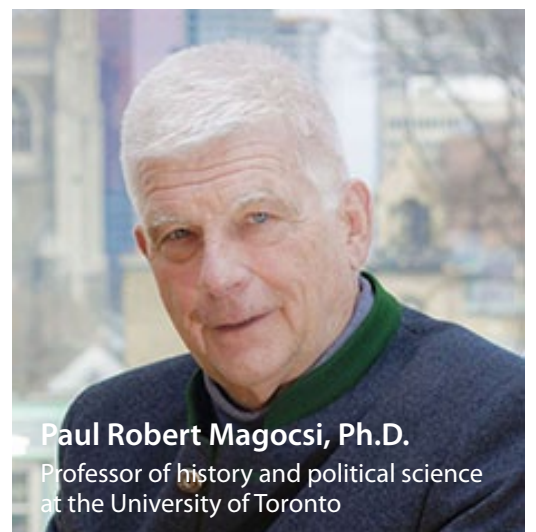
**Sunday, September 18th Cleveland, OH**  
C-RS Cleveland chapter hosts a presentation by the C-RS National President, Maryann Sivak, "C-RS Goals for the Present and Future." Parma Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Cleveland, OH, 2:00-4:00pm.

**Saturday, September 24th Plano, TX**  
"Colors of the Carpathians" full-day seminar - Join us for an exciting day exploring all the cultures of the Carpathian Mountains! Traditions and Customs, genealogy, folk costumes, silent auction and raffle! Environmental Education Center, 6116 Plano Parkway, Plano, TX. 75093, 9:00am-4:30pm.

**Saturday, October 8 Munhall, PA**  
Professor Paul Robert Magocsi will present "Carpatho Rusyns Myths and Stereotypes," and will be available for signing of his book "With their Backs to the Mountains - History of Carpathian Rus and Carpatho-Rusyns." Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural and Educational Center, 415 Dickson St, Munhall, PA 15120, 2:00pm.

**Saturday, October 22 Wilkes-Barre, PA**  
4th Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference "Understanding the Rusyn Heritage" hosted by the C-RS Eastern PA Chapter, King's College, Campus Center, 3rd Floor, 133 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18711, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm. Attendees may bring documents for translation. Registration fee is \$40.00 and will include breakfast buffet, lunch, afternoon snack.

**Sunday, October 30 Uniontown, PA**  
35th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration featuring ethnic foods, baked goods, folk displays, dancers and more. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am, musical entertainment at 1:00 & 4:00 pm, performance by Slavjane Folk Ensemble at 3:00 pm., St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Parish Social Hall, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA, 15401, 12:00 – 6:00 pm. Free admission. For information phone 724.438.6027 M-F 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or 724.438.8412 (evenings)



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