

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Vladimir/Canterbury  
Sister City Committee**

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**Collection Information**

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## Brief History

Citizen visits to the Soviet Union, the Portland-based Ground Zero Pairing Project and the Northwestern University 1986 conference on U.S.-Soviet Relations provided the impetus to form a group of citizens to initiate a sister city relationship with a Soviet city. A group of 22 local citizens organized a trip to the Soviet Union to meet with officials in three cities – Chernigov, Orel, and Vladimir. Vladimir was chosen, and the citizens approached the Mc Lean County Board and the city councils of Bloomington and Normal for official support.

## Scope

The collection was compiled by the Vladimir/Canterbury Sister City Association Historian, Ann B. White. The scrapbooks contain news articles, photographs of events, event publicity, annual reports, and newsletters that cover the history of establishing the relationships, association events, and exchange of visitors. Additional folders provide more in-depth material on the establishment of educational and medical exchanges, association newsletters, meeting minutes, committee reports, grant programs, and miscellaneous projects from 1986 – 2016. Box 6 contains books, magazines, pamphlets, and media items (DVDs, VHS tapes) related to Vladimir, Canterbury, or Bloomington-Normal.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Box 1

#### Scrapbook Volume 1: September 1986 – July 1989

Listed below are some of the events covered.

July 1988 Twenty-two Bloomington-Normal citizens met officials in Orel, Chernigov, and Vladimir to explore a sister city relationship. Vladimir, which most closely reflected B/N interests, was chosen, along with its sister city of Canterbury, England.

January 1989 Association's newsletter, *The Communicator*, began its twice yearly publication.

Spring 1989 The McLean County Board, Normal and Bloomington City Councils approved official recognition. Illinois and the Soviet Union signed formal trade agreements.

April 1989 Sponsored Glasnost Film Festival which featured 3 USSR documentary directors who introduced some films for their United States premiers.

April 1989 First visit of Vladimir city officials to Bloomington/Normal.

May 1989 In Vladimir, Normal Mayor Paul Harmon signed sister city protocol agreement with Vladimir city officials

**Scrapbook Volume 2: August 1989 – October 1993**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

August 1989 Illinois State University track students & coaches participate in Vladimir Days

April 1990 First official Canterbury delegation visited Bloomington/Normal

August 1990 Vladimir Pedagogical University exchange students arrived at ISU.

October 1990 Official recognition of the Canterbury and Bloomington/Normal link took place in England along with the first three-way talks with Canterbury, Vladimir, & Bloomington/Normal citizens.

January 1991 IWU's Camerata orchestra performed in Vladimir. They carried Association donated humanitarian aid consisting of 6,000 pounds of food and 50 boxes of clothing, toys, and medical supplies.

Summer 1991 Bloomington Mayor Jesse Smart met with Vladimir officials in Russia.

May 1992 Humanitarian campaigns sent medical supplies and equipment worth \$2 million to Vladimir, Seventeen Bloomington/Normal medical professionals accompanied these deliveries.

September 1992 Sponsored Vladimir Puppet Troupe appearances at local schools

January 1993 Second Humartarian Medical Aid Drive sent #1.2 million in supplies

April 1993 Six Twin city public educators visited Vladimir's Public School # 23

**Scrapbook Volume 3: October 1993 – October 1997**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

October 1993 Seventh Anniversary banquet & celebration held at Jumer's Chateau

November 1994 Medical delegation presents workshops in Vladimir

1995 Medical exchange program with Vladimir began. In 2005 this annual exchange marked its tenth year of physicians and nurses of both countries exchanging professional information.

April 1995 First Canterbury Tales Celebration held with series of concerts and lectures.

1995 & 1996 Facilitated two Business for Russia grants which provided 18 Russians a 5-week study of American business practices.

August 1995 Initiated the first Russian high school exchange students for a yearlong education. We have continued to sponsor two Vladimir students every year.

April 1996 Tenth Anniversary Celebration Week - Canterbury and Vladimir visitors came for a week of concerts, lectures, displays, and a banquet. Honored guests included the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, the Governor of the Vladimir Oblast, and officials of the Illinois Chapter of International Sister Cities.

Spring 1997 Third Canterbury Celebration features lectures and music events

April 1997 Sponsored local soccer camp led by British soccer coaches

1997 The Association newsletter, *The Communicator*, won 1st prize in the Sister Cities International/ Illinois State Chapter competition.

July 1997 Sponsored community trip to Vladimir and other Russian cities

## **Box 2**

### **Scrapbook Volume 4: January 1998 – April 2001**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

August 1998 Sponsored the “Sounds of the Sun” art exhibit at ISU’s Gallery which featured seven Russian artists. Several of the artists attended the exhibit opening.

November 1998 Annual Meeting at St. John’s Lutheran Church – entertainment provided by visiting Russian musicians – Vasilii A. Khoroshev, Tatyana V. Savostyanova, Marija V. Vlasova, & Olga V. Panfilova

March 1999 Russian garden planted along the Constitution Trail in Normal.

October 1999 The Association’s Medical Partnership committee organized Vladimir’s first medical conference.

April 2001 State of Illinois Sister Cities convention held at Jumer’s featured Sergei Khrushchev

**Scrapbook Volume 5: April 2001 – May 2005**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

Summer 2001 Initiated a two-week trip to Vladimir for American high school students.

September 2002 Open World Russian Women in Leadership September 25 – October 3, 2002

June 2003 Sponsored community trip to Russia and Vladimir

November 2003 Medical Partners committee established a Medical Resource Center in Vladimir, Russia

September 2004 Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration Week with program at ISU Bone Student Center – The Founder’s Suite

September 2004 Facilitated a Rule of Law program for visiting Russian lawyers and judges.

November 2004 Initiated decorating a Russian tree at the Baby Fold’s Festival of Trees.

2005 USAID \$165,000 grant provided 4-week education opportunities for Vladimir physicians and nurses, three citywide health conferences, and curriculum development at Vladimir Medical College

April 2005 Sponsored Heartland Theatre’s play “Russian Dressing” featuring Russian actress Lyudmila Kizer.

**Scrapbook Volume 6: September 2005 – December 2007**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

October 2005 Initiated Fall Forum with featured speaker the Honorable U.S. District Judge, Michael Mihm, discussing his work as First Chairperson of the Committee on International Judicial Relations.

November 2005 Canterbury Three Towns Association’s 20th Anniversary celebration – VCSCA Members and city officials, including Mayors Chris Koos and Steve Stockton, and city manager Mark Peterson attended. Official meetings were held with Canterbury and Vladimir counterparts.

November 2005 Annual Meeting held at St. John’s Lutheran Church - Delegates to Canterbury’s Twentieth Anniversary Celebration discussed their experiences

November 2005 Association members decorated a Russian-themed tree for the Baby Fold’s Festival of Trees

March 2006 Medical Partners committee sponsored a two-week exchange for Russian

physicians to observe B/N family-practice physicians and examine the residency programs that prepare physicians for this practice

April 2006 First Annual Borscht Bash, a fund raiser supporting the Russian high school exchange program, included a silent auction and entertainment by the University of Chicago's folk choir, Golasa

July 2006 Summer potluck held in Ron and Jo Ropp's historic barn home featured a program on the two-week visit of American students Jenny Crow and Hari Mani to Russia

September 2006 Facilitated Ken Kashian's visit to Canterbury for a photographic project in Canterbury and the surrounding Kent countryside

October 2006 Second Fall Forum featured Marina Balina discussing her book "Politicizing Magic: An Anthology of Russian and Soviet Fairy Tales"

November 2006 Annual meeting at First United Methodist Church – Program featured piano solos by Lawrence Campbell, the Fern Rosetta Scherff Professor of Music at IWU

November 2006 Decorated a Russian tree at the Baby Fold's Festival of Trees.

February 2007 Marjorie Lyle, Canterbury historian and author, traveled to B/N for a series of lectures on Canterbury history and its famous writers. She was guest speaker at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts prior to their Aquilla Theatre Company's "Canterbury Tales" performance.

May 2007 Second annual Borscht Bash fund raiser – Entertainment, guitarist Oleg Timofeyev

August 2007 Summer potluck - University High senior Stephen Gillies talked about his June exchange experience in Vladimir

October 2007 Facilitated an Open World delegation of Russian librarians for a workshop with local elementary, middle, and high school librarians and visits to the Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan University libraries.

October 2007 Third Fall Forum featured Keith Jeffries on his experiences in Siberia

November 2007 The Russian tree at the Baby Fold's Festival of Trees brought the angel price

November 2007 Annual meeting at First United Methodist Church – Program featured Ken Kashian's photography of *Canterbury and the Kent Countryside*

### **Booklets**

1 Business for Russia – Internship Program

2 Business for Russia – Final Report 1995-1996

- 3 Business for Russia – Final Report, Appendices 1995-1996
- 4 Business for Russia – Financial Report May 15, 1995 – July 31, 1996
- 5 “What Happens When Sisters Embrace?” by Joseph L. Grabill, April 1996, 2 copies
- 6 “Sister Cities in Our Hands,” Editor, Joseph L. Grabill 1989- 2009, 2 copies
- 7 “Educational Exchanges Transform Lives,” Editor, Joseph L. Grabill 1989 – 2014, 2 copies
- 8 “A Journey: Teaching, Learning, Culture, Medical Partnerships” by Jana Edge, 1992-2008

### **Box 3**

#### **Scrapbook Volume 7: January 2008 – December 2009**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

March 2008 Observed a special “Canterbury Week” with Canterbury’s Lord Mayor Cyril Windsor, Lady Mayoress Leslie Windsor as guests. Other members of the delegation included Civil and International Manager William Pettit, and Cities Association members John Kemp and Gabrielle Lockley. The activities included historical tours, luncheons, official meetings, and American-style potlucks, and a Victorian Tea at the David Davis Mansion.

April 2008 Third Annual Borscht Bash – Entertainment, Dmitry Volkov, folk singer/guitarist

May 2008 Sponsored Community trip to Vladimir. Jana Edge led a tour for 23 participants to Vladimir, Moscow and St. Petersburg

July 2008 Summer picnic held at Bill Semlak’s Mackinaw Lake home

September 2008 George Conyne, of the University of Kent in Canterbury, spoke at an Association event held at CJ’s Restaurant. His topic was “*A British Perspective on American Politics and the Upcoming Presidential Election*”.

October 2008 Fall Forum featured Jana Edge’s program “Russia: Then and Now, 1988-2008”

November 2008 Five Vladimir nurses participated in an Open World Program

November 2008 Annual meeting at Immanuel Bible Foundation – Program given by the Immanuel Chorale

November 2008 Russian tree at the Baby Fold’s Festival of Trees brought the angel price \$275

April 2009 Sponsored the play “Russian Dream” at Heartland Theatre

April 2009 Annual Borscht Bash, entertainment by Vadim Mazo & Momoko Gresham

October 2009 Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Week – Guests from Canterbury and Vladimir attended the week-long activities of reception, Green Initiatives, Lincoln lecture,

Banquet Published an 80-page full-color history of personal stories *Sister Cities in Our Hands*

November 2009 Annual meeting at Immanuel Bible Foundation – featured Dmitry Volkov, Russian folk singer & guitarist

November 2009 Co-sponsored a Richard Tempest lecture series with Academy for Seniors

**Scrapbook Volume 8: January 2010 – November 2013**

Listed below are some of the events covered.

April 2010 Fifth Annual Borscht Bash featured Chicago Cossacks, a Russian folk ensemble

June 2010 Canterbury, England celebrated its 25th sister city anniversary - sent Andrew François to Canterbury as American participant in world premiere of Matthew Brown's "Three Conversations," a musical composition commissioned by the Canterbury Three Cities Association

August 2010 Welcomed Russian high school exchange students Ilena Isaeva & Yarislov Timantsey for their year of study at Bloomington High School

October 2010 Fall Forum featured *The Italian*, a Russian film on adoption followed by a discussion with local families who have adopted children from Russia

November 2010 Annual meeting at Immanuel Bible Foundation – featured musical selections by violinist Andrew Francois, pianists Jiyoun Chung & LuLiu, with cellist EunKyung Son

April 2011 Sixth Annual Borscht Bash, entertainment by Andrew François

May 2011 Medical Partnership Visit & Joint Medical Conference held in Vladimir, Russia

July 2011 American students Reid Fleming & Jason Chien spent 3 weeks in Vladimir

August 2011 Russian high school exchange student Anastasia Pavlova began her year of study at U-High

September 2011 Welcome reception for Anastasia Pavlova at home of Steve & Ruth Ann Friedberg

October 2011 Fall Forum featured Dr. Ron Pope sharing the story of the American Home he founded in Vladimir twenty years ago

November 2011 Annual meeting at Immanuel Bible Foundation – featured Vivian Carter's program "Contrasting Russian & American Cultures"

March 2012 Facilitated an Open World delegation of Russian health professionals, hosted a potluck at Broadview Mansion for the delegation

May 2012 Seventh Annual Borscht Bash, entertainment by The Chicago Cossacks

June 2012 Farewell reception for Anastasia Pavlova at home of Judie Bey

August 2012 Summer Potluck at Maxwell Park Shelter

Summer 2012 Installation of the McGraw Park Sister Cities Memorial

October 2012 Fall Forum featured Dr. Donald E. Davis speaking on the topic “*On the Occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Gorbachev & the Collapse of the Soviet Union*”

November 2012 Annual Meeting at First Presbyterian Church – speaker Bill Semlak sharing “*Stories of Moscow*”

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**Folder 3: Grant, Rule of Law 2004**  
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**Vladimir Sister City Garden photo album**

**Folder 1: By-laws 1995 & 2006**  
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- Folder 9: State S.C. Conference 2001**
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- Folder 26: Assn. Minutes 2014-2016**
- Folder 27: Assn. Minutes 2017-2019**

## **Box 6**

### **Books**

- 1 *A Picture History of Russia*, Edited by John Stuart Martin  
Revised and Augmented Edition, Crown Publishers, Inc. New York 1956
- 2 *Vladimir, Bogolyubovo, Suzdal, Yuryev-Polskoi: Old Russian Towns*, translated from Russian  
by Kathleen Cook, Progress Publishers, Moscow 1971
- 3 *Around the Golden Ring of Russia*, written & compiled by Yury Bychkov & Vladimir  
Desyatnikov, Planeta Publishers, Moscow 1980
- 4 *Vladimir/Suzdal: An Illustrated Guidebook*, compiled by Tamara Lapshina and Vadim  
Tuzhikov, Planeta Publishers, Moscow 1988, 2 copies
- 5 *Vladimir Architectural Landmarks*, introductory essay by Nikolai Voronin, Aurora Art  
Publishers, Leningrad 1988
- 6 *Vladimir Architectural Landmarks*, introductory essay by Nikolai Voronin, Aurora Art  
Publishers, Leningrad 1988
- 7 *Vladimir: Glimpses of the City* 1995, 2 copies
- 8 *There It Stands Now, in Beauty Bright*, Postcard views of Old Vladimir, compiled by Valery  
Mashkvitsev, Text & poems by Tatyana Timofeyeva, Posad, Vladimir 1997
- 9 *Vladimir* – Photos of important Vladimir sites with title & text all in Russian

## Magazines

*Soviet Life*, December 1988, published monthly by the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, printed by Holaday-Tyler Printing Corp. Glenn Dale, MD, U.S.A.

*Soviet Life*, September 1989, published monthly by the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, printed by Holaday-Tyler Printing Corp. Glenn Dale, MD, U.S.A.

## Brochures, Pamphlets

*Vladimir*, Production of Industrial Enterprises by Lisa A. Choate and Dan E. Davidson, eds.

*Cultural Orientation Handbook for U. S Exchanges with the Russian Federation*, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELAS, Washington, D. C.

Pamphlet on Vladimir in Russian Cyrillic

*Canterbury's Civic Buildings*, [www.ccanterbury.gov.uk/lordmayor](http://www.ccanterbury.gov.uk/lordmayor)

*The St. Augustine Trail*, leaflet & interpretation panels by Kent Creative Associates, London

## Multi Media Items

### DVDs

1985-2005 Moments for Friendship, Vladimir Sister City Association

2005 Canterbury Three Towns Association 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, copy #1

2005 Canterbury Three Towns Association 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, copy #2

2005 Canterbury-Canterbury-Bloomington-Normal, Sister Cities Program, Steve Stockton

2006 Sister Cities International Toolkit

2007 Marjorie Lyle's Visit to Bloomington-Normal

2008 Heartland Theatre's "Russian Dream", sponsored by VCSCA, copy #1

2008 Heartland Theatre's "Russian Dream", sponsored by VCSCA, copy #2

2008 John Kemp [Canterbury photographer] Visit to Bloomington-Normal

2009 Sister Cities Photos – Ken Kashian

2010 The Anniversary Trio – Andrew Francois, Ivan Hussey, Sergey Vasiliev

Undated: *Amadeus* – Vladimir Vocal Ensemble

Undated: Vladimir – Titled in Russian

Undated: Vladimir: The Town on Seven Hills

### VHS Tapes

1987 Young Storytellers in Russia

1988 Bloomington/Normal – U.S.S.R. trip

1989 Dan Rather's Russia

1992 Vladimir with Ron Pope, Anna Nadakavukaren, Phil Kneller, Heinz Russelmann, Clark Oberlag – Environmental Visit

1993 Vladimir Puppet Theatre #1

1993 Vladimir Puppet Theatre #2

1996 Canterbury Concert with V. Khoreshev, M. Vlasva, T. Savostyanova

1998 Russian Crises – Environment & Health, Laurie Garrett, Journalist

1999 Promotion tape Vladimir School # 8 – in Russian

2001 State Sister City Convention Highlights

2001 Sergei Khrushchev's speech at State Sister City Convention held in Bloomington-Normal

2004 Visit of American students Craig & Leanna to Vladimir  
 2007 Canterbury Tales, Marjorie Lyle's press conference  
 Undated: Vladimir Association of Producers & Entrepreneurs  
 Undated: Vladimir Water Filter Plant & Vladimir Children's Home/Hospital

**VHS: PAL format**

*Vladimir: The Museum City*

*The Golden Map of Russia and Goose Chrystal* – PAL format in Russian

**Cassette tape**

1992 "All Things Considered" – NPR news story on Vladimir – reporter Schamov

2003 Floppy disc – Gary Speer's sister city files

**Loose Items**

U.S.S.R poster

Six small Soviet-era Vladimir pennants

Small scarf with printed image of Vladimir's Golden Gates

Postcard of the Dormination Cathedral

Russian Language primer

Set of postcards from the Museum of Artistic glass in Gus-Khrustalny

Pamphlet of sites in Vladimir & Suzdal with text in Russian & English

Replica of U.S.S.R-style passport cover

Sample lapel pin with USA/Japan flags with note on ordering

*Communicator*, newsletter, Spring 2018.

**Box 7**

**Folder 1: Treasurer Reports 2003-05**

**Folder 2: Treasurer Reports 2006-09**

**Folder 3: Treasurer Reports 2010-13**

**Folder 4: Treasurer Reports 2014-16**