

July 2016

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All Slavonic

Summer Festival 2016

Sunday, August 7 ~ 12 Noon - 5 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church
3502 N. First St., Fresno

Fabulous Menu

BBQ Chicken and Lamb
Mostaccioli ~ Zeljanica
Salad
Hosted Bar

Ladies, Please bring a dessert to share



Social & Cultural Activities:

Social Hour — 12:00-1:30 pm
Lunch Served—1:30 pm
Bocce Tourney —12:45 pm
50/50 Money Pot Raffle
Scholarship Raffle
Slavic Music—Dancing

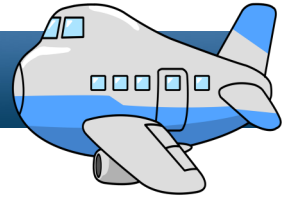
Scholarships Awarded

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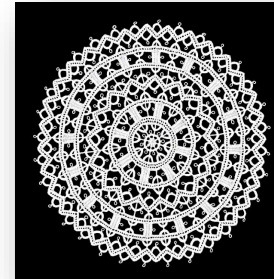


You won't want to
miss this event!

Travel Tips . . . and Shopping !



Jeanne Oliver, writer of **Croatia Traveller** online magazine/travel guide (www.croatiatraveller.com), has some interesting suggestions regarding “Things to Buy” when visiting Croatia. She praises Croatia’s long handicraft tradition that provides a wealth of handcrafted items that are distinct and original and reflect the culture of this beautiful area.



First on her list is **Pag Lace** produced only on Pag Island. This intricate lace once decorated the clothes of Empresses and Princesses throughout Europe. The lace is produced using an ordinary mending needle and you can still see older women at work creating it in Pag Town. It is available in more upscale souvenir shops throughout Croatia.

Her next suggestion is **embroidery**. Croatian embroidery reflects the country’s history. There’s an Ottoman influence in the north and a Venetian influence along the coast. Throughout, the predominant color is red which symbolizes fertility. Jeanne suggests you look for table linens, scarfs and aprons decorated with traditional Croatian designs.

The little town of Samobor is known for its incredible **crystal**. If you’re in Samobor, stop by **Crystal Shop** to get the best, according to Jeanne.

And be sure to check out the **ties**. Croatia is the home of the tie (cravat), a style which was once the rage of Louis XIV’s court at Versailles. Croatian ties are still beautifully made and sold largely through the **Croata** shops which have outlets in all major Croatian cities.

Don’t forget Croatian **wine**! Wine always makes a wonderful souvenir, but even more unusual is a bottle of homemade Croatian **rakija**. The most popular rakija is **travarica**, concocted from grape brandy allowed to marinate in an assortment of herbs. Which herbs? Ah, that’s the secret. There might be up to 20 different leaves and stalks adding their flavor. Rosemary, chamomile, lavender, rose hips, matgrass, juniper, thyme, currants, mint or sage are the most common ingredients but there could be many more. Travarica is produced commercially but the best (and strongest) is homemade.

You can find the commercial variety in a supermarket and homemade travarica in

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many open air markets. There's also rakija made from plums, carob and even mistletoe!

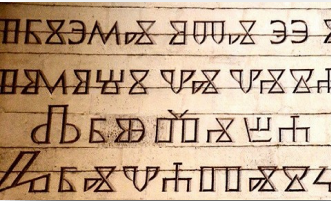
More suggestions: International traveler and travel blogger Matt Long (www.landlopers.com) has his list of “7 things you can only find in Croatia”, items that will help you remember your trip. Authentic *Croata* ties top his list, and if you visit his blog you’ll find some interesting tie history as well! He also recommends **licitar hearts**, a centuries-old traditional gift of love as well as decoration, made of gingerbread. Matt writes that you’ll find the best made by an artisan in Samobor.



And certainly you can find varieties of this next item all over Europe, but Matt praises Croatian **chocolate** and the interesting and innovative way the Croats are crafting their sweet treats, especially the maraschino pralines found at *Vitlov Chocolates* in Zadar.

Matt’s list also includes crystal and **glassworks**, and he writes that if you visit *Kristal Tuk* in Samobor you can watch the glass masters at work crafting new pieces.

And how about a memento (perhaps your name?) written in the **Glagolitic** alphabet. Developed by monks in the 9th century, this form of written language was an attempt to unite all Slavs under one written script.



And don’t forget the amazing food! Much of it is best consumed while in Croatia ! —but for take-home, consider **arancini**, candied bitter orange peels, olive oil, wine, and **Maraschino**.

Last, but not least, on Matt’s list—something you can only find in Croatia— photographs of the countryside. Yep, keep that Kodak handy and snap often. Remember your trip with **photos** of the beauty of the country. He says, “Croatia is a devastatingly beautiful country and I have no doubt that you will find many photo opportunities that will make great prints to share with friends and even display in your home.”

Do you have keepsakes or mementos from a trip, or items that your parents or grandparents saved as memories of their trips or family heritage? Would you consider sharing them with us at out Artifactory? We would all benefit from this sharing of culture.

Please consider participating.

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Birthday Grams . . .

Spring Birthdays!

ASAA extends birthday wishes to all those members who will be celebrating a birthday this quarter ...



July 2 - Matt Schneider	Aug 20—Daisy Vasilovich	
July 4 - David Bronzan	Aug 21 - Richard Vulich	
July 11 - Katy Schneider	Aug 26 - Ken Kovacevich Jr.	
July 11 - Katherine Slaven	Sept - Andrei Romanenko	Sept 15 - Anne Wills
July 12 - Vera Naden	Sept 3 - Stephanie Pandol	Sept 18 - Andrea Turnipseed
July 18 - Winnie Pandol	Sept 7 - Donna Bronzan	Sept 19 - Johnny Zaninovich
Aug 1 - Marie Zaninovich	Sept 8 - Janice Walker	Sept 19 - Donna Smith
Aug 14 - Jeff Bronzan	Sept 13 - Katy Zaninovich	Sept 16 - Rodney Ashley

If we missed you ... please let us know!

Happenings . . .

Opolo Vineyards

Harvest Dinner & Grape Stomp
Fri-Sat, October 14-15, 2015
5:30pm

www.opolo.com



A new specially designed Coca-Cola bottle featuring a visual of the Croatian city of Dubrovnik will hit the Dubrovnik shelves in July.

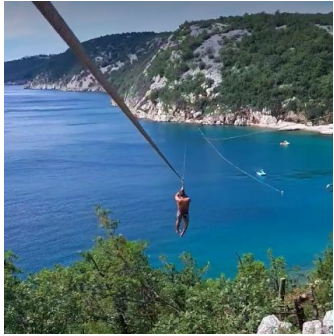
Along with the Croatian city, there are also special limited edition bottle designs featuring Rome and London. (Paris and Venice also took part in the competition to be featured on the new bottles but did not make the cut.)

Says Dubrovnik mayor Andro Vlahušić, “Dubrovnik deserves to be in the company of the world’s largest brands.”

The Dubrovnik glass bottles will go on sale July 1 at souvenir shops and at local cafes and restaurants in the Dubrovnik region.



Bits and pieces . . . this and that . . .



Want to put a little zip in your European vacation? Consider the new zip line over the sea recently opened in Crikvenica, which is located near Rijeka on Croatia's Adriatic coast. Visitors can get a bird's-eye view of the beautiful Kačjak peninsula from 35-metres up and race 500 metres down above one of the most beautiful seas in Europe. Or maybe this: race down the canyon of the famous Cetina River at up to 65 km/h on a steel wire rope, secured with a belt. Sure to be an unforgettable experience!

A bench by any other name . . . First they appeared in Dubrovnik, then Split, Porec, and now Zagreb. What are they? Smart Benches . . . looking like any other modern-style bench, but with "smart" capabilities: wifi access, plus built-in charging ports for your phones, laptops, and mobile tablets. They are solar-powered, so they create the energy they expend, and can detect temperature, air pressure, humidity, and even UV levels.

Young 20-year-old innovator Ivan Mrvoš is the man behind the smart benches, and in addition to his benches in Zagreb, benches have been placed recently in Montenegro, Sarajevo, Hong Kong and outside the European Parliament building in Strasbourg.



What is Brickworld? Brickworld is one of the biggest exhibitions in North America and is aimed at adult LEGO® fans. More than 700 exhibitors from all over the world recently presented their displays in over 12,000 square yards of space at the Brickworld gathering in Chicago. And the first place winner in the large building category?

Gordan Grgurić and his reconstruction of the Osijek (Eastern Croatia) post office. His project took three and a half years to complete; using a ratio of 1:24, Grgurić used 165,000 LEGO® pieces on the 330-lb. display and says he spent around 4,000 hours working on it. Gordan is now looking for a way to transport his creation to Croatia for display there!



Something NEW ! has been added ...

ASAA Artifactory* . . . one day only . . .

August 7, in conjunction with the ASAA Summer Festival

***artifactory** (*noun*): the organized and purposeful display of objects that celebrate and showcase culture

Our artifactory will be a showcase of Slav life, a collection of artifacts, memorabilia or objects that showcase our art, history, music, dance, traditions, pastimes, people, language ... in short, any thing that celebrates and gives information about Slav culture, either here in the U.S., or in Europe. It might be needlework, photographs, pottery, clothing, tools, instruments, books, dolls, etc.

One item that will be on display **for sure!** is our original club State Charter!

and we need you!

Our artifactory will be successful with **your** participation. What artifacts or memorabilia do you have that you would be willing to share? It could be any of the above, or perhaps something that is not

mentioned! Look through that old trunk, photo album, or scrapbook. What you share will enrich all of us.

This would be a **one-day only** display for the benefit of all who attend the Festival.

Help us make this a success . . . Please call Louie (559.348.1927) or Donna (559.308.1553) or send us an email at allslavonic@gmail.org if you have an item to share, or if you have questions/need more information.

Thank you!



**You don't stumble upon your heritage.
It's there, just waiting to be explored and shared.**

Slav Beauties . . .



A beauty pageant ... but without a swim suit category. Instead, a beauty pageant with lovely ladies wearing gorgeous national dresses!



Over 30 girls from more than 20 countries are expected to again compete for the title of the ***Most Beautiful Croatian in National Folk Costume Outside of Croatia.***

Contestants this year are expected to arrive from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Chile, Italy, Kosovo, Serbia, Germany, Hungary, Peru, the United States, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland.

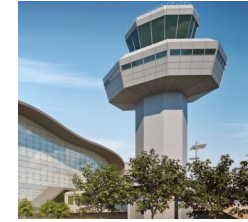
The week-long event, which is organized by the Croatian Homeland Foundation and the Stećak Association in Bosnia, will take place this year from June 28 to July 3. The pageant is aimed at connecting Croatians from all over the world, as well as preserving and promoting traditional Croatian culture. The actual judging for the beauty pageant will take place on July 2, 2016 at in Tomislavgrad, Bosnia.

Who would be ***your*** choice for pageant winner?



Did you know . . .?

A new passenger terminal, Terminal C, is under construction at the Dubrovnik Airport and on-schedule to open in 2017. Located approximately 10 miles south of Dubrovnik city center, near the suburb of Čilipi, the new construction will include a passenger terminal, increased runways and taxiways, and new infrastructure such as storage facilities, access roads and car parking.



Authorities say that once the airport opens next year it will be the pride of the south and one the most modern in the region.

With over 1.5 million passengers passing through Dubrovnik annually, the airport has been voted by the European Airport Council as the second best airport in Europe in the under 5 million passenger category.

**See you at the
ASAA Summer Festival!**

**Sunday, August 7
St. Peter's Church, Fresno**

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**See flyer inside for details and
reservation form**

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