

Croatia Fest

Newsletter
Summer
2023

CROATIAFEST IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

CroatiaFest 2023

Saturday, Sept. 30th

Kickoff Dance and Sing-Along

7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Parish Life Center

7000 25th Ave SW, Seattle

Music by Trubaduri and Sinovi

Sunday, Oct. 1st

CroatiaFest

12 pm

Seattle Center Armory

305 Harrison St., Seattle

*Music & Dance Performances,
Historical Exhibits, Lectures, Art
Gallery, Cooking Demos, Crafts,
Croatian Food Booths, Vendors,
and Much More!*

Look for updates at
www.croatiafest.org and at
facebook.com/CroatiaFest

Unless otherwise specified,
CroatiaFest activities are FREE and
open to the public.

Your CroatiaFest planning committee is proud to announce that our 19th annual festival is growing to be bigger and better than ever! Our team often mentions at our monthly meetings that we are “bursting at the seams.” This year, we will feature content that is familiar from past festivals and will introduce new additions to keep our event fresh and interesting.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE AND SING-ALONG RETURNS

After a long four years and by high demand, the CroatiaFest Kickoff Dance and Sing Along will return, featuring the music group Trubaduri from Pittsburgh. With their expansive repertoire, the highly talented “Trubs” will entertain you by performing your favorite popular and old-time Croatian songs and kolos for your dancing pleasure.

Our own Sinovi of Seattle will share the stage and will lead you all in a delightful sing-along.

We are pleased to announce the Kickoff Dance will be held in West Seattle at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Life Center, located at 7000 35th Ave SW. The venue is easily accessible from I-5 and Hwy 99 and has ample free parking in the adjacent lot. Admission is only \$15.00, and doors open at 7:00pm. A traditional Croatian à la carte menu, catered by Seattle Jr. Tamburitzans parents, will be available for purchase, as well as a wine and beer no-host bar.

Mark your calendars! Bring your friends and family! Have fun dancing and singing to Trubaduri and Sinovi! Enjoy delicious food and drink at the beautiful new venue!



MAKE CROATIAFEST A STAYCATION

Relax and enjoy the Saturday Night Kickoff Dance and Sing-along and Sunday's CroatiaFest by spending the weekend at one of our partner hotels.

The Mediterranean Inn, at 425 Queen Anne Ave. N., returns this year to offer CroatiaFest attendees a 15% discount off their best available rate, good from mid-September to mid-October. Please use the code CroatiaFest23 when booking online at www.mediterranean-inn.com or by calling 206-428-4700.

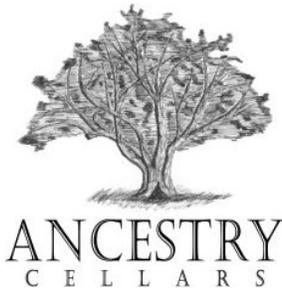
The Maxwell Hotel, at 300 Roy St., is one block north of the Seattle Center. The hotel is offering a 15% discount off their best available rate, and the discount is good from September 26 to October 6, 2023. Book online at <https://www.staypineapple.com/the-maxwell-hotel-seattle-wa> or by calling 866-866-7977. Use Promotion Code CRF.



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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 cultural events that honors the richness and diversity of our region.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As we celebrate the spirit that keeps us close to our Croatian roots — the spirit that stayed alive for a millennium to make a nation sovereign — we hope you will enjoy our annual Pacific Northwest celebration of Croatian heritage and culture.

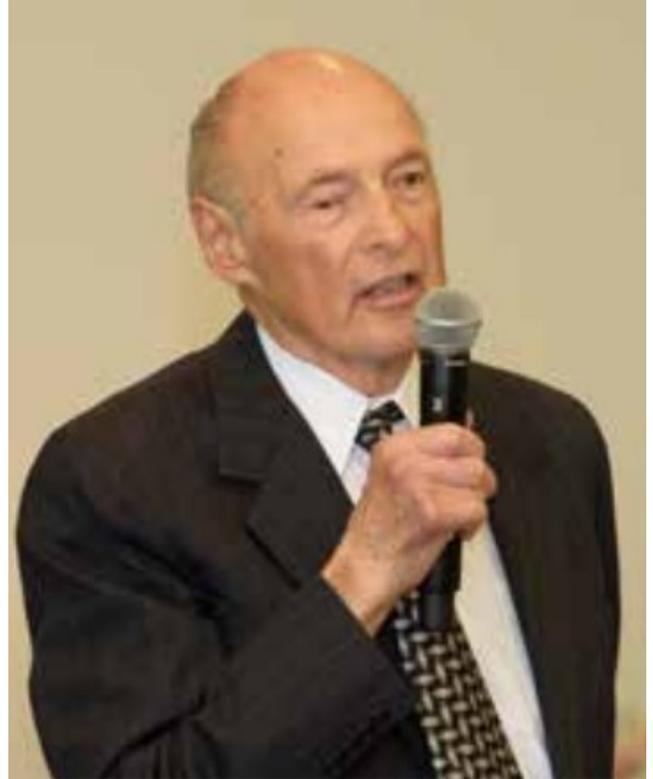
In the words of Croatian novelist August Šenoa, whose 1873 patriotic “Long Live Croatia” was originally simply titled “Croatian Song” (Hrvatska Pjesma):

Glasna, jasna od pameti,	Loud, clear since immemorial,
Preko dola, preko gora,	Over lowlands, over hills,
Hrvatska nam pjesma leti,	The Croatian song flies to us,
Sve do našeg sinjeg mora,	All the way to our blue sea,
Čas je meka, čas ko grom...	At times soft, at times like thunder...
Nek se slože grla bratska...	Line up the voices of brothers...
Živila, živila, živila Hrvatska!	Long live, long live, long live Croatia!

We welcome you to join us at CroatiaFest to recognize Croatian American contributions to the United States — and take part in the richness, beauty and brotherhood that represent Croatia.

Živila Hrvatska,

Frank Brozovich, Honorary Consul, Republic of Croatia



CONSULAR DAYS ARE BACK

The Consulate General of Croatia from Los Angeles, California will be available for Consular Days on Sunday October 1st from 12:00 – 4:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the Seattle Center Armory for passport renewal, citizenship applications, and notary services. Please make sure to bring copies of all required documents - they will not be able to accept incomplete applications.

Citizenship applications require two packets with all required documents: one original set and one complete copy for each individual applying. Copies cannot be made on site.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The office will start taking appointments September 1st. Please call or e-mail the Consulate at 310-477-009 or losangeles@mvep.hr. Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that they only accept personal checks or money orders payable to the Croatian Consulate.

HRVATSKI NOGOMET—CROATIAN FOOTBALL



The beloved Croatian national football team — colloquially known as *Vatreni* (“the Blazers”) and *Kockasti* (“the Checkered Ones”) — has qualified for every major football tournament since 1994, except for Euro 2000 and the 2010 World Cup.

Croatia’s national team, in fact, has become a fixture at recent FIFA World Cups, qualifying for six of the last seven tournaments, including Qatar 2022. At the World Cup, Croatia has finished second once, in 2018 (losing to France in a heroic effort), and in third place twice (1998 and 2022.) Croatia’s surprise run up to the 2018 World Cup final was a fairytale story, clinching the team a spot among football’s international elite.

The Croatian football team’s modern-day history is illustrious — a source of pride for Croats both within Croatia and outside. In 1990, an unofficial Croatian football team was formed; in 1991, Croatia declared its independence; in 1992, the new country was ‘readmitted’ to FIFA (the International Federation of Association Football). In 1990, the Croatian squad played friendly matches against the U.S, Romania, and Slovenia, winning all three. This was the first time that

Croatia played in its signature red-and-white checkered jerseys, inspired by the country’s checkerboard coat of arms.

Most recently, in the 2023 Nations League (55 member nations), the *Vatreni* topped their group, knocking out reigning champions France and advancing to the finals. Croatia ultimately lost to Spain in a heartbreaking overtime penalty shootout (5-4). Despite being beaten at one of their core strengths, the team played well in an open and even game — Croatian fans could be proud.

Although Croatia is close to last in World Cup nation population size (ahead of Uruguay, Iceland, and Qatar), Croatia’s *nogometna reprezentacija* has distinguished itself in the international arena of the world’s most popular sport.

The Croatian football team is the pride of Croatia and its people. Names like Modrić, Perišić, Brozović, and Livaković, not to mention Šuker, Boban, Prosinečki, are emblazoned in Croatia’s sports pantheon — and in football history.

Croatia — a newly minted nation — became known to the world through football. Our Croatian football team, in all its glory, embodies the spirit of a nation to become sovereign.

Frank Brozovich, Honorary Consul, Republic of Croatia



GETTING TO CROATIAFEST 2023

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

If you are in Downtown Seattle, hop on the Monorail at Westlake Center Station, located at 400 Pine Street, 3rd floor. Passengers arrive right at the Armory.

Explore light rail and bus routes from your neighborhood or a nearby park & ride. Check out triplanner.kingcounty.gov/#/app/tripplanning. There are several bus routes that stop at the Seattle Center. For more ideas, visit <https://www.seattlecenter.com/visitor-info/parking>.

If you drive to the Seattle Center, here are some 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.)

MERCER STREET GARAGE - 650 3rd Avenue N., Seattle, WA, 98109 (Entrance on 3rd Avenue N. between Mercer St. and Roy St.)

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 North)

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

There are several smaller parking lots around the area, and there are several parking apps that can help find available lots and their prices. Street parking is free on Sundays.

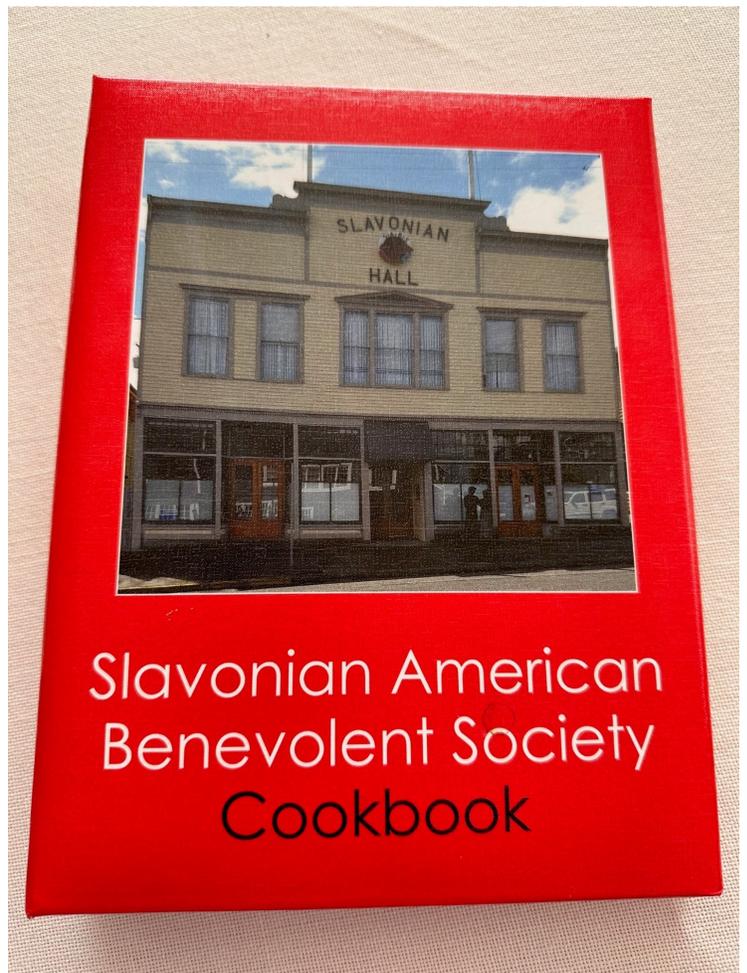
SABS GIFT BOOTH

The Slavonian American Benevolent Society (SABS) is one of the oldest Croatian organizations in the State of Washington. Their Dom (hall) is located in the historic "Old Town" of Tacoma and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

CroatiaFest welcomes SABS as one of the new merchant vendors on the main floor of the Seattle Armory. Known for their baking of traditional Croatian pastries, SABS will feature a variety of delicious cookies for you to buy to take home or enjoy at the festival. They also will be selling cookbooks, mugs, t-shirts, and baseball shirts.

Proceeds from each sale will go to the SABS building fund to preserve and maintain the historical building.

Stop by the SABS booth to help support this extraordinary organization.



WHAT CAN CROATIA DO FOR YOU?!

Croatian Consul General Renee Pea is returning to CroatiaFest to present an interesting lecture on what Croatia has to offer its diaspora. Croatia welcomes millions of tourists from around the world each year. However, the country also provides several programs to attract Croatian descendants to learn about its rich history, language, business opportunities, and more.

THE DOMOVINA BIRTHRIGHT PROGRAM

This is an unforgettable experience for young adults of Croatian descent between the ages of 18 and 30 who want to learn about their Croatian heritage, explore the beauty and excitement of Croatia, connect with their Croatian identity, and meet other young Croatian adults.

“I CHOOSE CROATIA—WORKFORCE MOBILITY”

The aim is to strengthen business activities and increase their range in most parts of the Republic of Croatia.

Scholarships for members of the Croatian diaspora to study in Croatia

The main goals of this project are to strengthen educational and scientific cooperation with the Croatian community abroad, strengthen the roles of educated individuals in their local communities, and promote the involvement of Croats abroad in Croatian social and political life.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT QUOTAS

Several higher education institutions have provided special enrollment quotas for members of the Croatian national minority and the Croatian diaspora: University of Zagreb, Catholic University of Croatia, Josip Juraj



Strossmayer University of Osijek, University of Split, University of Zadar, University North of Varaždin and College of Applied Sciences “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar.

FREE A1 AND A2 LEVEL ONLINE CROATIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

One of the most important identity features of both a person and a nation is language. Therefore, we have provided free and high-quality online Croatian language courses both to those of our compatriots who have little or no command of the Croatian language and to all other people wishing to learn it.

These are all programs of the State Office for Croats Abroad. The State Office also issues two tenders a year, which Croatian societies and clubs abroad can apply for. The funds, which are quite significant, can be allocated for specific projects.

Make your way upstairs to the 3rd floor lecture room #2 at 1:30 pm to take in this informative lecture.

MERCHANT BOOTHS

If you're looking for gift items, imported Mediterranean foods, crafts, or Croatia-themed apparel, come to the main floor of the Armory. Our vendors have unique and hard-to-find items as well as Croatian candies, cookies, ajvar, and Dalmatian olive oil. We are excited to welcome back five of our favorite Croatian vendors and will welcome a few new ones this year as well.

Our returning vendors are:

Balkan Store: Imported Croatian and Mediterranean food and beverage products

Drusk Trading Company: Olive oil from Croatia

Croatian Fixation: Croatia-themed apparel and gifts

Andy's Fine Woods: Bowls, platters, and gifts made from exotic woods

Croatia Gifts: Handcrafted ceramics and gift items

CroatiaFest Souvenir Booth: One-of-a-kind CroatiaFest souvenir apparel

Our new vendors are:

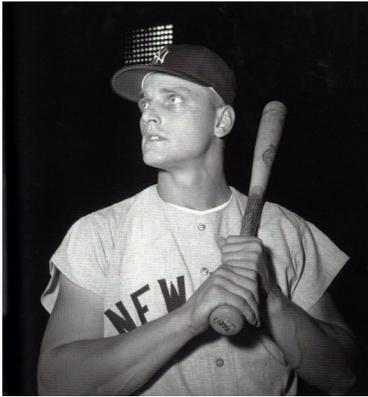
Candles by Tina: Candles and gifts

J.P. Designs: Croatian themed items - cutting boards, boxes, and trivets

SABS: Cookies, cookbooks, and gifts

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





CROATS IN SPORT EXHIBIT RETURNS

A lot has happened in the world of Croatian sport since our exhibit first debuted in 2010, so we have decided to add to our collection of museum quality panels, chronicling Croats in sport. We will highlight Croatian Americans locally and nationally and will have a look at Croatia's participation in international competitions, particularly soccer's famed Euro Cup and World Cup.

Did you know that Roger Maris was born to Croatian parents in Hibbing, Minnesota? Maris (Maras) was a baseball right fielder who played 12 seasons in Major League Baseball. He is best known for setting a new MLB single-season home run record with 61 home runs in 1961. The record remained unbroken until 1998 and remained the American League (AL) record until Aaron Judge broke it in 2022.

Are you familiar with Visco Grgich? Grgich was born on the island of Zlarin, Croatia, but grew up in West Seattle's Riverside neighborhood. He attended college at Santa Clara and was a lineman in the All-America Football Conference and the National Football League, where he played seven seasons for the San Francisco 49ers. Grgich was known as a tough and sometimes vicious two-way lineman who loved to intimidate Norm Van Brocklin. Grgich was also known for his rousing pep talks prior to games and was even brought back by Coach Frank Albert to give pep talks after his playing days were through. At the end of his pep talk, Grgich would say "This is the way you've gotta do it!" and would promptly deliver a forearm shiver to the nearest door, wall, or even one of the wooden support posts in

Kezar Stadium, which was rumored to be felt throughout Kezar Stadium.

Do you remember Paul Skansi? Born in Tacoma and with roots that trace back to Sumartin on the island of Brač, he played wide receiver in college for the Washington Huskies. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and spent most of his NFL career playing for the Seahawks.

Did you happen to watch the 2015 Super Bowl, where Pete Carroll and Bill Belichick, the head coaches of the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots, made history when, for the first time, two coaches of Croatian descent faced off in the Super Bowl?

Any Mariners fans out there? How many of you cheer for Jarred Kelenic? Were you one of the hundreds of fans dressed in the iconic red and white shirts who attended Croatian Heritage Night at the Mariners in 2022 and 2023?

We will look at the careers of Goran Ivanisevic, Ivica and Janica Kostelić, Iva Majoli, Borna Ćorić, Marin Čilić, the late Dražen Petrović, Krešimir Ćosić, and many more.

A panel will be devoted to the Sinjska Alka equestrian event held in the Dalmatian town of Sinj, which has been added to the UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Please visit this special exhibit in the Art Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Armory.

If you have interesting memorabilia which would add to our display and you could loan to us for the day, please contact us at info@croatiafest.org.

FAVORITE FOOD VENDORS RETURN & ĆEVAPI AND LAMB ARE BACK!

Come to CroatiaFest hungry! A variety of traditional Croatian foods are available for purchase both inside and outside of the Seattle Center Armory.

OUTSIDE THE ARMORY

Yes, our favorite grilled meats are back! Balkan Store will be grilling ćevapčići (Croatian-style sausages) with lepinja (flatbread) and condiments and BBQ lamb sandwiches with accompaniments.

INSIDE THE ARMORY

On the main floor of the Armory, the Balkan Task Force will 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 will be selling povitica, a 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.

Baked in Bosnia will serve traditional Croatian sarma (stuffed cabbage rolls). They will also be selling slices of their delicious apple and bee sting cakes and some new surprises—pita/burek and princes krofne (cream puffs).



CROATIAFEST WINE CELLARS

Join us this year at the CroatiaFest Wine Cellars located upstairs on the 3rd floor of the Armory from 1:00 – 5:00 PM for a day of wine tasting with our Croatian-American vintners and wine shops. Tickets are only \$15.00 at the door. With your admission, you will receive a beautifully etched commemorative CroatiaFest wine glass, or, new this year, you may choose to receive an etched CroatiaFest shot glass to use to taste Šljivovica (plum), Maraschino (cherry), Kruškovac (pear), or Orahovac (walnut) liquors from Croatia.



We are thrilled to welcome back Jason Morin and his Ancestry Cellars of Woodinville. Jason is a Croatian-American vintner who began learning to make wine with his grandfather. True to the winery name, each of Ancestry's wines are created with purpose and a family story behind each bottle. Balkan Store will also return to the wine room with wines imported from Croatia that you can find at their Lynnwood store.

You will be able to purchase tokens for additional pours, merchandise, and snacks at the door. Watch our website at www.croatiafest.org for details as plans are finalized.

Stop in and taste the best of California, Washington State, and Croatia, sit and enjoy live music, and buy a bottle or two. The holidays are coming!

ŽIVJELI!

SCAVENGER HUNT IS BACK!

This year, kids of all ages will be able to enjoy the challenge of hunting for authentic Croatian accessories placed throughout the main floor and upper level of the Armory. A hat from Prigorje, a sash from Vrlika, a beaded wristlet from Slavonija, a decorative knife from Dalmatia, and a hand-beaded necklace from Bratina are just a few items on the list. Players can pick up their game sheets at the information booth and turn in their completed answer sheet at the same location to receive a tasty, imported treat from Croatia, while learning about costume accessories along the way. All are welcome to participate!



VIDEO SPOTLIGHT: ANACORTES AND GIG HARBOR

During 2020 and 2021, CroatiaFest had to get creative when thinking about how to put on a virtual festival. One of the first projects we decided to take on was to spotlight towns within the Pacific Northwest where Croatians have a long history. We wanted to get the stories behind these dynamic neighborhoods right from the source, so that's just what we did.

During our 2021 virtual festival, we produced and aired programs highlighting Anacortes and Gig Harbor—two communities with deep ties to Croatia. We will be re-airing those programs during our 2023 festival.

In these programs, we interviewed locals of Croatian descent and some who even immigrated from Croatia themselves. They shared heart-felt stories of the joys, challenges, and triumphs they experienced growing up Croatian. They talked about what being Croatian meant to them, and what the Croatian community as a whole meant to their lives, their towns, and the industry that these two towns shared—fishing.

We visited notable sites and spoke with historians and museum curators who were an encyclopedia of knowledge, specifically regarding the impact Croatians had in the early days of these two towns.

Please join us in the 3rd floor lecture room #2 at 2:15 for our presentation on Anacortes and at 3:30 for our presentation on Gig Harbor.



COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

CroatiaFest is pleased to have two live cooking demonstrations again this year!

Sisters Marija Mataja and Toni Stipetić will demonstrate *Knedle sa Šljivama*, Croatian plum dumplings made with a mashed potato dough that can be eaten as a dessert when sprinkled with sugar, as a meatless main course, or as a starch accompanying a meat dish.

Joanne Martinis is back, this time demonstrating the late Margaret Barhanovich's signature cookie, *Pol*

Mjeseć (half-moon). Joanne has very fond memories of enjoying these cookies as a child at the Barhanovich house in Everett, and as a young adult over coffee, always with Margaret. The cookies are made from cake, which is cut into crescents using a water glass after it's cooled. The cake is made with rum and lemon peel and is topped with finely chopped walnuts and sugar.

Both demonstrations will be held upstairs at the third-floor cooking stage.

STAY INFORMED

We would love to keep you in the loop about CroatiaFest and other Croatian community events. We send emails about 4 times per year to communicate events that may not have made our newsletter.

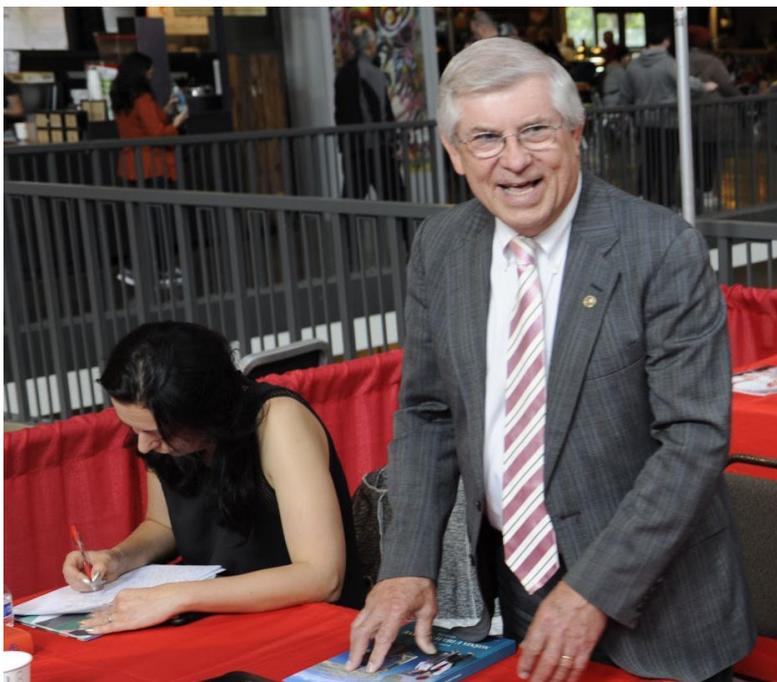
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<http://www.croatiafest.org/contact>.



KAKO SE KAŽE

Washington State University professor Nicholas Lovrich and Jasmina Cernak will be manning the *Kako Se Kaže* booth upstairs at the Seattle Center Armory at the entrance to the 3rd floor art gallery. Bring copies of your precious old country letters and birth/baptism/marriage certificates for Jasmina to translate. There will also be a display board of various objects for you to identify with your family's dialect. After participating in this fun activity, you can discuss your findings with Professor Lovrich, who has done extensive research of different Croatian dialects.



PINTAR, MAKER IN WOOD

John Pintar has always had an interest in woodworking, but didn't get into it until after he retired a few years ago. The name Pintar is from the Udbina region of Croatia, in Lika-Senj County, and loosely translates to barrel/cabinet maker or worker in wood.

"I guess somewhere in my genes, I've been destined to build things with wood," said John about his newfound hobby.

Beautifully inlaid patterned wooden boxes, coasters, cutting boards and trivets will be available for purchase in the J.P. Designs booth on the main floor of the Armory. Treat yourself to one of John's creations or pick out a perfect gift for someone special.



CANDLES BY TINA

CroatiaFest is pleased to welcome new merchant vendor Tina Meaney to the main floor of the Seattle Center Armory with "Candles by Tina." The candles are beautifully fragranced with a variety of scents including lavender, lilac, holly berry, and even strudel and spice, just to name a few. Each candle is hand-crafted with soy wax that is formulated to burn cleanly and evenly.

Tina is a 3rd generation Croatian who recently visited Croatia, specifically, the Island of Šolta, where her great grandmother, Tonina Bilanko Kucich, was born. She had the wonderful opportunity to see the home that Tonina lived until immigrating to the United States in 1920.

"Candles, to me, are warm and inviting just like I want my guests to feel when they come to visit my home," said Tina.

Christmas is just around the corner. Stop by Tina's booth to purchase a specialty candle for a gift for yourself or for someone special on your holiday list. To preview Tina's candles, visit her website at tina-meaney.square.site.



MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCES

In addition to welcoming Trubaduri from Pittsburgh to CroatiaFest this year, we are excited to once again welcome on our main stage a number of talented local groups performing Croatian songs and dances. Performances will range from dance suites to a capella singing to full tamburitza orchestras. These groups have put countless hours into researching authentic material, sourcing costumes, learning songs and dances, and rehearsing, and we are lucky to have such a rich collection of performers of Croatian culture in the Pacific Northwest.



This year, we welcome the aforementioned Trubaduri, Tamburaski Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac, Klapa Doo Wopella, Seattle Junior Tamburitza, Sinovi, Radost, Dunava, Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble, Ruze Dalmatinke, and Gorani. Our opening ceremonies start at 12:00 PM and main stage performances immediately follow, lasting until almost 6:00 PM. Enjoy!

2023 HONOREES

For the past several years, CroatiaFest has had the pleasure of honoring Croatian-Americans for their outstanding contribution to the preservation of the Croatian culture and heritage. We have also showcased young people who deeply appreciate their Croatian roots and ancestry by their involvement in the large Pacific Northwest Croatian community.

This year, for the first time, the ceremonies will include the swearing in of recent recipients of Croatian citizenship by the Croatian Ambassador to the United States, Pjer Šimunović and Croatian General Consul of Los Angeles, Renee Pea.

The ceremonies will take place on the main stage of the Seattle Center Armory at approximately 2:40 on Sunday afternoon. Show your support for these outstanding Croatian-Americans by attending the special ceremony.



2022 Honorees Pictured Above

THANK YOU, DONORS!

The 2023 CroatiaFest committee would like to express its deepest thanks to our donors for supporting CroatiaFest. Gifts from donors provide the financial support needed to promote Croatian culture in the Pacific Northwest.

We acknowledge donors who contribute \$100 or more by invitation to our Donors' Brunch. This year's brunch will again be held 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 Croatian Consul Frank Brozovich, Croatian Ambassador to the United States Pjer Šimunović, and Croatian Consul General of Los Angeles Renee Pea.

If it weren't for faithful supporters like you, we wouldn't exist. The culmination of your dollars brings Croatian music, dance, history, genealogy, art, and traditions to not only Croatians but to the general public. Simply put, you are the reason for CroatiaFest's success.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude. We at CroatiaFest are continually inspired by and grateful for our donors' dedication and generosity.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 CROATIAFEST DONORS

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Danica Kaloper - *In loving memory of Vic Kaloper*

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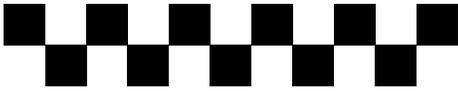
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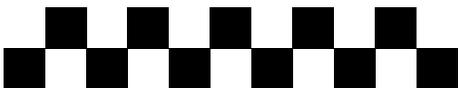
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