House of Lithuania

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HOUSE OF LITHUANIA'S DAY TO SHINE!!!

LOCAL & LOS ANGELES DANCERS!!

ANNUAL LAWN PROGRAM

VIDEO SHOW &CULTURAL DISPLAY
&
LITHUANIAN FOOD BOOTH

July 23, 2006

IINTERNATIONAL COTTAGES
BALBOA PARK
SAN DIEGO

VIDEO SHOW & FOOD BOOTH
WILL OPEN AT NOON
DANCES AND PROGRAM 2-3 p.m.

Contact Food Booth Committee 858-733-1504 to volunteer for the Food Booth.

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Lithuanian Word for July
"Liepa"

In the heat of the summer the air is redolent with linden ("liepa") blossoms and resounds with the buzzing of bees as they gather clear golden honey. Lithuanians are known as beekeepers and the linden is a decorative tree favored in villages and forests. The name of this month is thus very significant and appropriate. [The blossoms of the Linden (or Lime Tree as known in England) are also brewed as a medicinal tea..] From:http://lithuanian-merican.org/educate/tradicijos/months.html

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NATIONAL DAY THE BIRTH OF THE LITHUANIAN NATION

In this month of July, the House of Lithuania celebrates the birth of the nation in whose history its members share by birth or cultural heritage. Lithuania has a long and convoluted history. Lithuania was found at the outer edges of a developing Europe, and first recorded in 1009 in German chronicles.

A period of Crusades from the west ensued, seeking to convert the pagan Balts. Uniting the Lithuanian tribes, Prince Mindaugas sought to stop the Crusading knights by consolidating the Baltic tribes and becoming the ruler in 1236 of a Lithuanian state. Later, he also accepted Christianity, so that he could be crowned king.

On July 6, 1253, Mindaugas was crowned by order of Pope Innocent IV, thus becoming the first and only King of Lithuania. He was in 1263 to be assassinated by his pagan nephews. It was not until 1385 that Lithuania was converted to Christianity.

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House of Lithuania
Meeting
Saturday, JULY 8, 2006

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center /

GARDENS ROOM

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

Potluck Hosted by Jack & Mary Murray