House of Lithuania

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Meeting

Saturday, AUGUST 12, 2006

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center /

GARDENS ROOM

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

Potluck Hosted by Jack & Mary Murray

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Editor's Note: The July Hosts were Henry and Sophia Gorodeckas, mistakenly identified as the Murray's in last month's newsletter. The entrée for the August potluck will be Pork Roast.

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LITHUANIAN CULTURE

Long hidden behind the deep forests along the Baltic, the Lithuanians have kept to their agricultural roots into modern times. Deep ties to the world of nature around them are reflected in the dances and even in the language of naming the months. These names reflect the changes of the seasons and activities of daily life--the Lithuanian way of life.

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Lithuanian Word for August
"Rugpjutis"

August is a time of toil. Because rye ("rugiai") was Lithuania's major grain crop and life without daily rye bread was inconceivable, the harvest month is named after the cutting (pjauti) of the rye (in years gone by, rye was cut with sickles), thereby the name of the month "rugpjutis"- month for cutting the rye.

From:http://lithuanian-merican.org/educate/tradicijos/months.html

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HOT-HOT DAY! HOT SAUSAGES & KUGELIS!!

The House of Lithuania's annual Lawn Program of Food and Dance on July 23, 2006, was a sell out! The Spindulys Dancers of Los Angeles, under the direction of Danguole Varniene, joining with the Performing Folk Dancers of Balboa Park, led by John Odenwalder, presented a delightful program of dances with Lithuanian agricultural life as the theme and in a style of calmness and pleasure in the rituals of daily life on the farm. The Food Booth sold out! Though the day was extremely hot, as the afternoon cooled the Food Booth helpers dished out the last of the sausages, kugelis and sauerkraut. The hard working, production line volunteers included Regina Lisauskas, Jack and Mary Murray, their daughter Eileen Maus and a neighbor's son, with Marianna Bacilla . The Hall of Nations video program was presented by Jim Balnis. A highly successful day all around!

NEXT BALBOA PARK EVENT

November 12, 2006
HALL OF NATIONS
Video Program & Exhibits
Noon-4 p.m.

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News of Our Members: Dr. Vytas Dukas, San Diego State University recently published in WORLD LITERATURE TODAY, a. literary quarterly of the University of Oklahoma. His was a commentary on the work of the prominent critic of Lithuanian poetry, Rimvydas Šilbajoris. Copies of his review, published in the January-February 2006 journal will be available at the meeting.