House of Lithuania

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Monthly Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 2006

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center

GARDEN ROOM

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

Potluck Hosted by Marianna Bacilla & Julie Benedict

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Lithuanian Word for September

"Rugsejis"

[Last month's word, **Rugpjutis,** notes the harvesting of rye. This month, the word, **Rugsejis**, tells of the sowing of rye for next year's crop.] Because rye is a winter grain, the fields are prepared in the fall when the seeds are sown. The rye germinates and sprouts before the first frost and then hibernates under a thick blanket of snow. Early in the spring it revives and begins to grow vigorously. Lithuania is a northern country where the summers are relatively short, therefore certain cultivated plants cannot be grown to maturity during the summer and must be sown in the fall.

From:http://lietuviu-bendruomene.org/educat/tradicijos/months.html

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NEXT BALBOA PARK EVENT

November 12, 2006

HALL OF NATIONS

Lithuanian Video Program & Exhibits

Noon-4 p.m.

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LITHUANIAN SPOKEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LITHUANIANS TO GATHER AT LA'S ANNUAL LIETUVIU DIENOS

Lithuanians, and friends of Lithuania, from all over Southern California will gather on September 30 and October 1 to celebrate and enjoy the fruits of Lithuanian culture. Just down the road from Los Angeles' Griffith Park Zoo, on the parish grounds of St. Casimir's Church, yellow, green, and red will be the colors of choice. The church is at the corner of St.George's Street and Griffith Park Boulevard. The fair entrance is on the west side, on Evans Street. .

A two-day program of dances, songs, and music in the Lithuanian tradition will entertain the crowds. And the visitors can amble the lines of booths be selling Lithuanian books and maps, clothing and jewelry, food and drink. In the main hall a complete restaurant will be set up to serve Lithuanian specialties to long lines of hungry visitors hungering for a taste of familiar foods. Art shows and displays of amber jewelry and crafts will be set up in class rooms and on the play ground.

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News from Lithuania

VILNIUS - Experts of the Lithuanian army's Juozas Vitkus Engineering Battalion successfully destroyed a World War II anti-tank minefield in a forest near Pravieniskes on Aug. 12. The village is the site of a prison that began with the 1863 Lithuanian uprising against the Tsar, and served as a forced labor camp under the Soviets and as a Nazi concentration camp..