House of Lithuania

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HOUSE of LITHUANIA ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Bylaws of the House of Lithuania and the Bylaws of the House of Pacfic Relations, of which the House is a member, establish the meeting in the month of October as the time for publishing of a slate of officers. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting by members in good standing. The positions to which nominations are open are as follows:

OFFICERS

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Membership Secretary**

OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

- **Sergeant at arms**
- **HPR Member Delegate**
- **HPR Alternate Member Delegate**
- **Allied Gardens Council Representative**

The candidates nominated will be voted on at the November meeting.

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NEXT BALBOA PARK EVENT

November 12, 2006

HALL OF NATIONS

Lithuanian Video Program & Exhibits

Noon-4 p.m.

House of Lithuania

Monthly Meeting

NOMINATION OF 2007 OFFICERS

Saturday, October 14, 2006

1 P.M. Allied Gardens Recreation Center

GARDEN ROOM

5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

Potluck hosted by Julie Benedict

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For directions call 619-507-7156

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Lithuanian Word for October “Spalis”

Spalis (October) - The name "spalis" is related to flax processing which was done in the fall. The fiber from which linen thread is made is encased in the stem of the flax plant. The stem is covered with a hard material similar to bent-grass or wheat straw. The stem must be broken to remove the fiber. The hard shell crumbles and the fiber can then be processed further. The crumbled particles of the flax stem are called strives ("spaliai"). Sometimes the strives were used as insulation and poured over the ceilings of houses under construction, but mostly they were dispersed, buried into the ground to rot.

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

News from Lithuania: **–**VILNIUS - When signed, the German-Russian Baltic Sea pipeline project was seen by some in the Baltic states as the second Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. The pipeline will run under the Baltic Sea from Russia to Germany. **-Baltic Times, Sep 27, 2006**