

2013 Spring



Hungarian-American Club of New Mexico

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2013 Events:

**1848 Revolution
March 10**

**Magyar Picnic
June 2 to be announced**

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August 25**

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October 20**

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Greetings from the President

by Anna (Panni) Powless

Hello fellow Magyars in this sunny Land of Enchantment. As for myself, by now I am very ready for spring and the even longer days of sunshine.

2012 has been a great year, with some fun events and good people in attendance. As usual, our holiday celebration did not disappoint; Mikulás showed up in good time to entertain the children and Walt showed up to entertain the adults with his music. Thanks to both!! There were at least 5-6 couples and many happy children who got up to the dance floor to "rock" to the music. J Thanks for all the delicious desserts and appetizers that you brought to share. Everyone helped but Rose and Eva were instrumental in making the tables look so pleasing. Check out our website for the photos!

We have also been able to find an organization in Hungary who provides help to children and elders. We donated \$300 at Christmas time which will be allocated to those in the greatest need. The organization is called "Oltalom" and their website in both languages is accessible through Oltalom.hu in

case you would like to learn more about them.

March will be a fun event where we can indulge in eating Hungarian gulyás and enjoy Hungarian music and dancing. We invited Gary Diggs and his dancers for authentic Hungarian folk dance demonstrations and again he also promised to teach us some basic steps. Amazing as it is Gary knows way more about Hungarian folk dances and traditions than most of us Hungarians. I have great respect for his knowledge and skill and appreciate the fact that he enjoys sharing it with us.

March will also be my last event as President of the Hungarian Club together with Fred as Vice President. "My, how time flies when you are having fun" – it has already been two years! Moving ahead we would like to suspend our current by-laws for a year and try something new. Our plan is to do a better job of sharing the responsibilities and operate more as a board, rotating the leadership from event to event in the form of an event Chairman/woman. We will share more of the details with you on March 10th. We look forward to seeing you again in March! Viszontlátásra!

A Word about 1848

steve borbas

People ask me "what do you celebrate at your Hungarian events?" Well, sometimes we just like to get together and exchange recent lies. They laugh when I also say that we celebrate 2 of our failed revolutions. However, 1848 was won on many different levels. For example, the 12 Points, also called the Nation's Wishes, were forwarded to the Hapsburg king and the National Assembly - and were approved (the March Laws). Hungary achieved mostly independence from Austrian rule.

Another important event was Sandor Pe-

tofi's recital of the Nemzet Dal (the National Song/Poem which we recite every year), which reminds us that "freedom" has to be won back..... won back from the Ottomans, from the Habsburgs in 1848, from the Soviet occupation in 1956 and 1989. But also to win it back from internal occupation by heavy-handed leaders, rulers, perhaps dictators. Petofi's poem is applicable more recently when the extreme left wing and then the extreme right wing leaderships have suspended many of our freedoms and were/are heavy-handed in their leadership. As Petofi said " we swear to our god that victims (of bad rule) we will not be!"

Simone Debbas - Painter, Chef, Friend

steve borbas

We have all met Simone and tasted her delicious Hungarian foods at many of our events. But Surprise! Her primary passion and activity is painting. Oils. Portraits. Commissioned paintings of individuals and families, mostly done from a collection of photographs to find just the right lines, angles, details, shadows, colors for the painting.



The Chef Simone evolved early in her art school days in Rome, Italy, living in a residence hall with 30 girls and some nuns, when she was asked to cook a Lebanese meal for the group. Looking for help, she reached the chef for the Lebanese Ambassador to Italy. The meal was a great success. She never looked back.

Simone was born in Lebanon. Her Mom was touring in Lebanon as a Hungarian dancer who studied at the Opera School in Budapest, and met her father in Beirut. After they married, Lebanon became their home. Simone grew up speaking French, Lebanese and Hungarian (her grandmother's teachings), and she speaks 3 other languages as well. For college, she moved to Rome. Italy introduced her to great art, her first marriage and 2 kids - Dominique, (biologist lives in Chile) and Patrick (sculptor lives in Italy). A cordon bleu Italian chef friend and Simone had a TV cooking show, emphasizing healthy and fat free cooking. Interestingly, she cooks by sight, not based on ingredient measurements. We remember the Riviera Cafe restaurant she had here in Albuquerque for some years, with its multinational foods - she ran it with her brother Richard.

In the later 1980s, she came to New York. met Oscar, also a painter, and eventually

ended up in Albuquerque, because Oscar had a show here. They fell in love with the sky, mountains, weather and light. Oscar's MADI style of painting and fabrication was also recognized here and they started a gallery. MADI is an abstract art movement of constructive geometric ele-

ments, flat colors, and irregular forms in order to be explosive, vigorous, inventive and fun. Simone is working on a documentary about Oscar's art, while continuing to paint, cook and be a friend to our Hungarian Club.

Hódmezővásárhely

Hódmezővásárhely is a southeastern Hungarian city on the Great Hungarian Plain. It is on the meeting point of the Békés-Csanádi Ridge along the Tisza River. The town's name means, "Beaver Field Market Place."

History

Evidence of human habitation close to the modern town dates back 6,000 years. Archaeological evidence suggests that the area has been continuously inhabited by a variety of different cultures. Remains have been found from the Copper, Bronze and Iron Ages and the great migration period. The present town of Hódmezővásárhely developed in the 15th century once small villages grew together and the market town was established. Hódmezővásárhely was part of Csongrád comitatus. After 1542, the region between the Tisza and the Danube belonged to the Ottoman Empire, while the area to the east of the Tisza, including Hódmezővásárhely, belonged to Transylvania. After 1552, the whole of Csongrád County was occupied by the Turks, and remained so for the next 150 years.

Independence

At the time of the Rákóczi War of Independence (1703-1711), the town was under the control of Count Bercsényi Miklós. From 1722 to 1818, the Károlyi family

controlled the town. In the 1848-1849 revolution for freedom, Hódmezővásárhely played a significant role in national events. Troops from Hódmezővásárhely took part in fighting back the southern Serbian attacks.

Hódmezővásárhely seceded from Csongrád County in 1873 and received independent municipal rights. In 1890, Hódmezővásárhely was the fourth largest Hungarian town, with 55,475 inhabitants.

The Town Hall

The modern picture of the town was established at the turn of the century. Seventy percent of the population was engaged in farming and animal husbandry. Quality horse breeding was both an export product as well as a need internally for agricultural use. It was also profitable. Animal husbandry was gradually replaced by corn production, which became the basis of the town's economy.

World War I hindered the town's development and its people suffered losses. In the first decade of the Horthy era, the market for agricultural products was strong. Hog farming grew, as did the export of poultry. Dozens of medium-scale factories sprung up, global economic crises undermined the new-found prosperity. Unemployment increased until a new economic boom occurred in the late 1930's.

World War II interrupted development again. The damage to both humanity and the built environment was not as great as the damage to the industrial sector and infrastructure. At the end of the 1960's, large-scale factories were established. Full employment was realized, but the town's industry proved inefficient. Political and economic bankruptcy, however, only emerged at the end of the 1980's. After the transition in 1990, Hódmezővásárhely became a municipal town of county rank. After the

municipal elections, its government was established. Hódmezővásárhely became an outward-looking town, aspiring to the ideals of European integration and making efforts to develop infrastructure and to protect the town's environment.

The town is now a destination for domestic and foreign tourism. Museums, churches, wells, statues, parks and a thermal swimming pool are all notable attractions.



Kossuth Square

Black Eagle Cafe



2012 Christmas party

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food, and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I go on Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Tennessee.
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for

our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

Will be continued in the next issue !

Nyaryláskor.

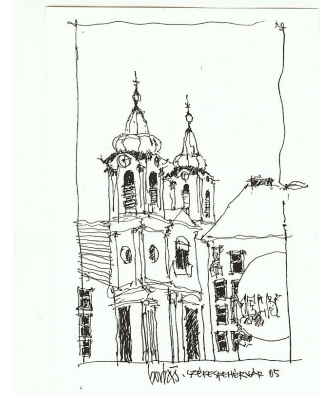
Borbás Gyula

Forron süt a déli nap az égről,
Nyaralni mennek sápadt pestiek
És a vidék sok-sok furcsaságán
Ámul-bámul a pesti kis gyerek.

Birkanyáj, a konda és a csorda
Mind, mind szokatlan érdekes dolog,
És a papa nem győzi mesélni,
Hogy a parasztok milyen boldogok.

Két szamár s egy kis csacsi az estben
Vigan veri az országút porát:
-Látod fiam ezek is úgy élnek
Békességben mint egy-egy por család.

Apikám! Hát ezek is nősülnek?
S tátva marad a kislegény szája.-
Sőt fiam, hogy őszintén beszéljek
Csak szamarak házasodnak máma!



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From:
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To:

**You are cordially invited to join the
Hungarian Community's 1848 Revolution event
at the German-American Club on Sunday,
March 10, 1-5 pm - 4821 Menaul Blvd, ABQ**

The program includes greetings, food, the Hungarian
Dancers, poems, elections/discussion, raffle, socialization.
Lunch is Gulyás Soup, bread, & turós lepény by Simone.
Meal and entry is \$10, \$5 under 12

Cash bar provided by the German Club

REMINDER: Hungarian Picnic is on June 2, 2013 -
details will be sent out to our members.