

THE EXCHANGES CONTINUE

This summer, the city of Wilmington, NC and surrounding areas welcome 8 Russian students, a Russian music teacher, a Russian artist, and our good friend and Foundation member, Zoya Semonova. The delegation will arrive on June 28, 2017 and depart on July 27, 2017.

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) is partnering with the Foundation in the SUMMER ENGLISH ACADEMY. The Russian students will join others from Argentina for an exciting and adventurous camp. They will attend classes and activities Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or later.

The artist, Konstantin Miroshnik, is internationally recognized for his exceptional ability. The Foundation is partnering with Leland Cultural Arts Center and Konstantin will be offering classes and workshops for local artists. His work can be seen at:

<http://www.kn-miroshnik.ru/>

Zoya is accompanying this group as the chaperone. Many of the Foundation members in West Virginia and South Carolina have had the pleasure of working with Zoya and meeting several members of her family. She has chaperoned previous group to America and entertained many Americans travelling to Russia.

All the Russians have host families and international understanding will be continued.

Just as a note to those who are new to the Foundation and reading this – this Foundation was formed after our delegation of 25 travelled to Russia in 1992-93. Most of us were “victims” of the cold war and had so many misunderstandings about the Russian people. We were almost in culture shock when we met these warm, kind and giving humans. As we sat and talked in our rooms at night, we vowed that our children and grandchildren and future generations would not be swayed by the propaganda that we had consumed. We decided to form a Foundation that would promote exchanges in business, education, culture, and community. We wanted people to know each other personally and not through the media or governments. To date, we have promoted over 400 such exchanges.