



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

Father's Day is a day honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. Fathers are unsung heroes. They set an example of how to tackle the problems in our lives and are the strength of the whole family. Father's Day is an excellent time to show all dads that they are indeed special.

Happy Father's Day!

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
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## C-RS Complies with Anti-Spam Regulations *Courtesy of Tom Brenzovich*

Regulations exist in both the United States and Canada to regulate commercial email messaging and limit unsolicited messages commonly called "spam". Penalties for non-compliance are significant in both cases. The C-RS does not participate in the delivery of spam type emails, only emails that are relative to the C-RS and its activities. These regulations – and how the C-RS Membership Site in conjunction with the Wild Apricot software can comply with them – are discussed below.

To help comply with regulations that require express consent before sending an email to a member/contact, the C-RS Memberships Site now provides an opt-in mechanism so that members/contacts can expressly provide their consent to receive emails from the C-RS.

Opting in means the members/contacts have given their consent to receive emails from the C-RS. They can still pick and choose the kind of messages they want to receive.

Opting out means the members/contacts have specifically denied their consent to receive emails from the C-RS. They will still receive confirmation emails in response to specific actions on their part, such as membership renewal notices or event registration/attendance confirmations, but they will not receive event announcements and other email blasts.

The CAN-SPAM Act of 2003 provides standards for sending commercial e-mail within the United States, and is enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Each separate email in violation of the CAN-SPAM Act is subject to penalties of up to \$16,000.

The Canadian Anti-Spam Law (CASL) applies to any organization that sends commercial electronic messages to recipients based in Canada. Penalties for non-compliance came into force on July 1, 2017. The maximum penalty for violations is \$1 million for individuals and \$10 million for businesses.

A commercial electronic message is an email containing commercial or promotional information including marketing, sales, offers, solicitations, or similar messages. The C-RS does not participate in these types of email; only emails such as announcements (email blast), sponsored events, event registration/attendance confirmation, membership renewals/reminders and the C-RS Connection newsletter.

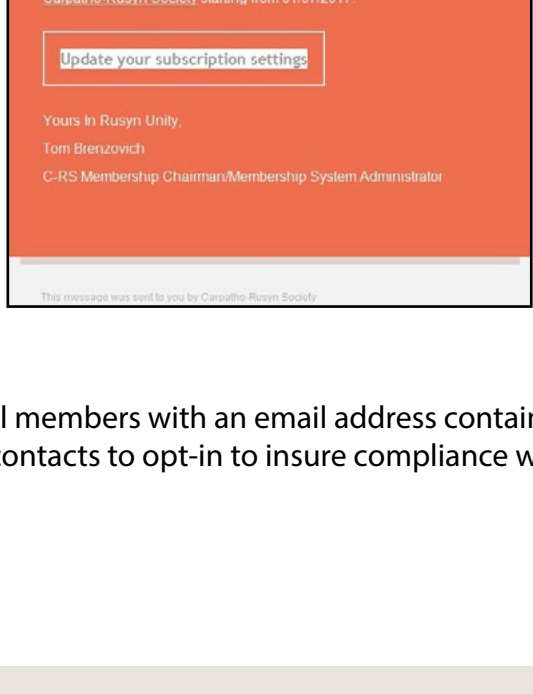
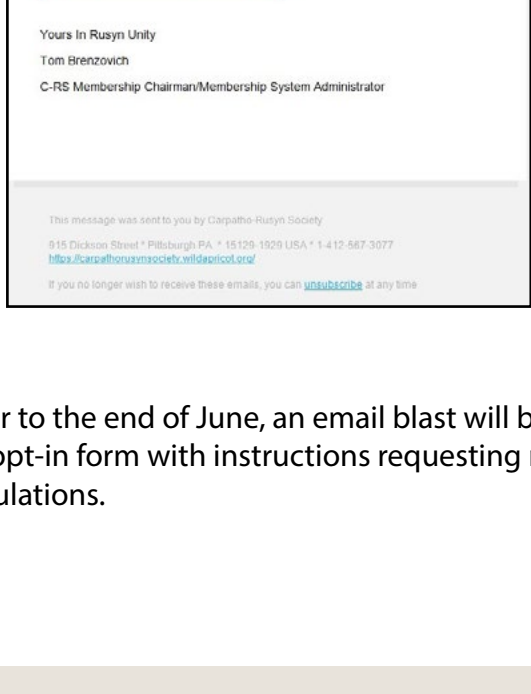
Before sending a commercial electronic message to a Canadian resident, you must obtain consent. You should also be able to prove how and when that consent was given should the need arise. There are two kinds of consent: express and implied.

### Implied consent

- If you are a club, association or voluntary organization and the recipient is one of your members, you have implied consent, as long as the individual remains a member
- If someone submits an application, registers for an event, donates or subscribes to receive emails through your site then consent to receive emails from you is implied.
- However, this implied consent is valid for 24 months from the transaction date, after which you will need to obtain express consent.

### Express consent

- Obtaining express consent requires a user to take a pro-active step to consent to receiving emails from you. It is our understanding that simply agreeing to your "terms of use" for example is not enough – they need to actually agree to receive emails from you.
- Your request for consent must clearly include:
  - Concise description of your purpose in obtaining consent
  - Description of messages you plan to send
  - Your name and contact information (Mailing address and either phone, email or URL)
  - A statement indicating they are free to unsubscribe at any time.



Prior to the end of June, an email blast will be sent to all members with an email address containing an opt-in form with instructions requesting members/contacts to opt-in to insure compliance with the regulations.

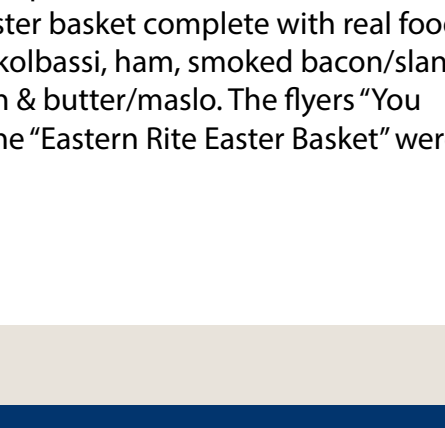
## Chapter Event Highlights

### C-RS Youngstown/Warren/Sharon

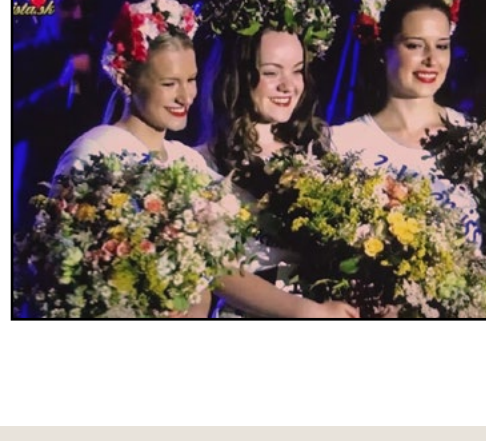


Ray Novotny, Naturalist Emeritus of Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, Ohio gave members of the Youngstown Warren Sharon Chapter an exclusive narrated tour of the park. Jim Basista, president of YW-S organized the event as something fun for the chapter to enjoy.

The chapter participated in the Slavic Fest held in Hermitage, Pa at St. Michael's Byzantine Church for the second year in a row. The event was well attended with many, many Rusyns knowing they were Rusyn!



## Miss World Rusin Competition



The Miss World Rusin Competition was held on May 27 in Svidnik, Slovakia. Pictured in the photo are, left to right: Angelika Hlinka (USA) first runner up; Jana Plassova (Czech Republic) Miss World Rusin; and Jana Edelmiki (Serbia) second runner up. Congrats to all three finalists!

## Save the Dates

### Saturday, June 17, Mahanoy City, PA

Professor Nick Kupensky (Ph.D., Yale Humanities, 2017) is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative Humanities at Bucknell University and the Vice President of the Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center. His noted research involves a project in the Digital and Public Humanities dedicated to the life and work of the Rusyn-American writer [Emil Kubek](#). Sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Eastern PA Chapter, Professor Kupensky will present a lecture on Father Emil Kubek at St. Mary's Ruthenian Church in Mahanoy City, 621 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City, PA 17948 on June 17, 2017. The program will begin at 1 pm at St. Mary's Church with a lecture by Professor Kupensky followed by a walking tour of Mahanoy City and ending with a 4 pm mass at the church. For further information contact Chuck Schneider at [cfsomni@aol.com](mailto:cfsomni@aol.com).



### Saturday, June 17, Youngstown, OH

"Simply Slavic", the festival created specifically to celebrate Youngstown's Slavic community, will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from Noon to 9 pm in the Digital and Public Humanities Center in Downtown Youngstown. The C-RS Youngstown/Warren/Sharon will be participating. The event will include live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, workshops, and ethnic vendors. A full day of entertainment and education is planned. Admission is \$4.00. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.simplyslavic.org/>.



### Wednesday, June 21, Fort Mill, SC

C-RS members of the South will have a summer dinner gathering for all ages at 6:30 pm at the Hickory Tavern meeting room, 8364 Charlotte Hwy. (Rte. 521), Fort Mill, SC. There will be a display of Rusyn items for sale. Reservation required by June 19. Contact Bonnie at: [bb@c-rs.org](mailto:bb@c-rs.org) / 440-729-2045



### Saturday, July 15, Center Valley, PA

"Carpatho- Rusyn Wooden Churches of Eastern Europe." Presentation on July 15, 2017 from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Rd, Center Valley, PA 18034. Dr. Michele Parvensky will present a riveting presentation on her ongoing research over the past 20 years of the wooden churches. Her pictures highlight the architecture and profound beauty of these churches. All are welcome and the event is free. Questions? Contact Sharon Jarrow at 610-759-2628 or email [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com).



### Sunday, July 16, Harrisburg, PA

As in years past, the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will be present at St. Ann's Slavic American Festival. The Festival will be held at St. Ann's Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA, on Sunday, July 16, 2017 from noon to 9 pm. It's a fantastic festival with delicious homemade ethnic foods, bingo, basket raffle and a Eastern European Gift Shop. Something for everyone and all the while music plays with dancing, singing and much laughter. Come and enjoy this great festival with your family and stop by and say "hi." The event is free and the public is invited.



### Sunday, July 23, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland chapter presents "Dining with Duchnovich." Sunday, July 23 from 12-2 pm at the Cleveland Cultural Garden - Rusin Garden, 930 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44108. Bring your picnic basket lunch and a blanket and enjoy the music of Tom Katrenich. Our little garden has been steadily improving in the past few years, thanks to the help of more volunteers. We have plenty of shade and ample parking along East Blvd, as we will be using the upper garden.



### Saturday, August 19, Atlanta, GA

An Andy Warhol exhibition of over 250 prints will be on display at the High Museum of Art. A docent led tour will begin at 10 am. Lunch and fellowship will follow at the Twelve Eighty farm to fork restaurant at the museum. Reservations are necessary. For more information contact: Barb at [bkruising@comcast.net](mailto:bkruising@comcast.net) or Bonnie at [bb@c-rs.org](mailto:bb@c-rs.org).

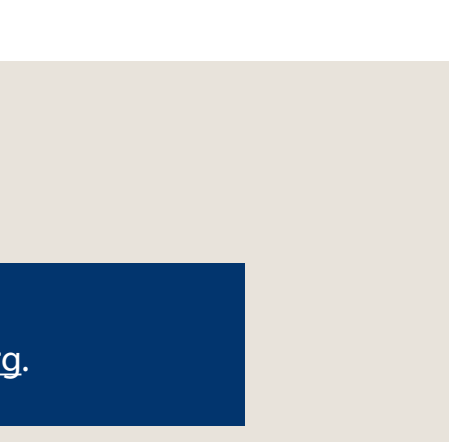
### Sunday, August 27, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland chapter will once again participate in One World Day festivities from 11-7 pm at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, Rusin Garden, 930 East Blvd, Cleveland OH 44108. Come join us in the Parade of Flags and all the ethnic entertainment that takes place throughout the day. A naturalization ceremony will welcome new citizens. Whether you come to help at our table or just come for the entertainment, we can assure a good time and that you will learn something new about other cultures.



### Saturday, October 14, Seattle, WA

The C-RS Pacific Northwest will present Dr. Patricia Krafcik, who will give a program on "Carpatho-Rusyns and Their Historic Folklore" at 2 pm. Dr. Krafcik has lectured at the International Summer School of Rusyn Language and Culture and is on the Faculty of the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. The venue and event registration information will be released in the coming weeks.



### Sunday, November 5, Little Falls, NJ

The C-RS New Jersey presents their Heritage Celebration Dinner from 12:30 to 5 pm at Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, NJ. The event will include the presentation of the John Mihalasky Award, ethnic food and entertainment, a historical and genealogical exhibit by Kathryn and Tom Peters and a basket raffle. For more information, contact Jim Huratiak at 267-421-3210.

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