

WINDHAM/SUZDAL SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

Windham and Suzdal, Russia have been in a Sister City relationship since 1992. Over the years, we have enjoyed personal exchanges back and forth between our citizens. Although no one from our committee has traveled to Suzdal for three years now, there is happy, interesting information to report.

We have kept up a continuing relationship with the women of the quilt club in Suzdal, called “*Suzdal Swatch*”. The quilters have been happy to incorporate American fabric into many of their wall hanging quilts, which depict fairy tales, churches and landscapes. Over the years, much fabric has been hand carried over to the quilters. A substantial amount of really great fabric came into the Senior Center from a donor, and we decided to attempt to send a box of fabric by mail, which safely arrived to the quilters. As a result of the first successful delivery, we sent a second box of fabric by mail. Needless to say, the women were thrilled. We shall gather more fabric to send in 2016.



Each year the Town of Windham includes \$500.00 in the budget for Suzdal support. It has always been our plan to hand carry cash to Suzdal. Since there has not been a personal trip there in three years, some of this money has been sitting in the committee’s account. As luck would have it, a local family, the Heberts, were planning a trip to Moscow in October to meet their son who had been studying there with his university. The family agreed to hand carry a \$1000.00 donation for us. The son of the family with whom I stay when in Suzdal traveled to Moscow, met the family representative and the donation was transferred easily. The instructions were to have Doctor Olga Kitaeva, Head of the Poly-clinic use the money for some improvements to the facility which serves all Suzdal residents.

We continue to have regular communication with our friends in Suzdal. Email and texting makes this interaction easy to accomplish. Many of us look forward to the time, hopefully soon, when we shall again see our friends in Suzdal face to face. We have friends there whom we think of as close family members, and miss them and think of them often.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Coish, Chair