
WINDHAM~SUZDAL SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

The Town of Windham and the Town of Suzdal, Russia have enjoyed a Sister City relationship since 1992. Over the years we have engaged in visitations to each other's towns and, as a result, warm and long lasting relationships have developed that continue to this day.

Thanks now to computers and the internet, it is far easier to continue the contact with one another when personal visits cannot happen. During this past year, our relationship with the members of the Suzdal Quilt Club "Suzdal Swatch" has continued to be very strong. We have mailed two boxes of cotton fabric to them; a gift that is greatly appreciated by the group. The members of the Club especially enjoy incorporating some American fabric into their wall hanging quilts and other works of art. We were thankful for a personal donation this year to help with the mailing costs.



On December 20th, I received a phone call from Suzdal from Mila Yurastova, who was among the first four visitors from Suzdal to Windham. Mila brought me up to date on some happenings there. For the most part our friends there are well, and an old friend, Larisa Maiorova, is now serving as Mayor of the Town. This would seem to be a good sign, as mayors seem to come and go fairly often. A stable leadership would seem to me to be a real benefit.

There was happy news of two new baby girls born to very close young people who we have known for 25 years now. Welcome to little Sofia and Anna and congratulations to the happy parents!

The Town of Windham includes \$500.00 in the annual budget that the Committee transfers to Suzdal when people are traveling to Russia. This aid is used to assist the orphanage and the polyclinic, and is only transferred there when it is safe to do so. We continue to enjoy watching the growth of the three Normans adopted from Suzdal Orphanage #5. Three beautiful adults now citizens of Windham!

As always, we dream of our next visit to see our friends face to face. May it not be too far off.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Coish".

Barbara Coish, Chair