

AKHBOR: News of Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities

BDSC Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

The BDSC annual membership meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15th at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Our members elected a slate of new and returning directors to serve two year terms ending in 2007 as our board of directors:

Jancy Campbell	Joe Stepanek
Sylvia Chaney	Peter Stoller
Linda Jourgensen	Sophia Stoller
Allen Sparkman	Ron West

Rounding out the board are directors with terms that expire in Fall 2006:

Miriam Allen	Scott Raderstorf
Jacqueline Frischknecht	Vern Seieroe
Jim Gerwin	Jack Stoakes
Don Mock	

We are very fortunate to have representation of a cross section of Boulder citizens serving on our all-volunteer board including 3 current or former city council members, a former Mayor, prominent educators, activists and business people. We thank all for their contributions!

Per our by-laws, officers for 2006 will be elected by the board at the next board meeting (December). Look for an announcement of the officers in the next newsletter.

BDSC Volunteers of the Year Announced

At the annual meeting on November 15th, the board recognized three people who have made outstanding contributions to the efforts of Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities over the past year. These people are *Leslie Hindes*, *Lori DeMersseman* and *Karla Friar*. All are active contributors to the BDSC Membership and Events committee.

Leslie has organized the very successful Annual Fashion Tea fundraising event for 2 years in a row (and plans to do so again in 2006). Lori organized our first corporate membership breakfast which brought in local businesses as new members. Karla took on the planning of our annual dinner this year and has just recently agreed to serve as co-chair of the Membership and Events Committee. Their combined efforts, directly or indirectly, contributed to a majority of funds for the BDSC general operating budget.

In appreciation, each will receive either a copy of George Peknik's book, *The Meaning of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse*, or a gift certificate for a dinner at the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse. A warm thanks to all outstanding volunteers!

End-of-Year Donations

As you are planning your end-of-year charitable contributions to take advantage of 2005 tax deductions, please think about giving to the *Cyber Café for Dushanbe Fund*. Every bit helps bring this worthwhile project to conclusion and your donation is fully tax-deductible. See the backside of this newsletter for information on how to contribute.

2006 Events

The Membership and Events committee is beginning to set tentative dates for annual events in 2006:

Fashion Tea – Tentative date – Thursday May 18, 2006

Our 3rd Fashion Show to recruit new members. Contact Leslie Hindes (lhindes@comcast.net, 303-652-3329) for more information or to volunteer..

Boulder Business Networking Breakfast – Tentative dates – September or October

A networking breakfast to encourage businesses to join as members of BDSC. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lori DeMersseman at colodems@comcast.net

Annual Dinner – Tentative dates – Autumn

The annual members' dinner at the Teahouse. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karla Friar at 303-786-8015 or by email kcfriar@hotmail.com.

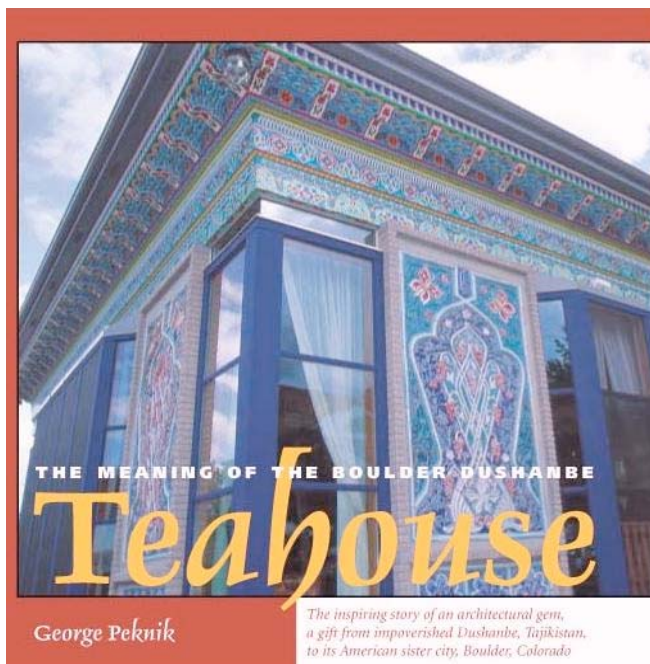
If you have ideas for other events, please contact Karla Friar.

A Great Holiday Gift Idea

As you are shopping for holiday gifts this year, consider giving a true gift of Boulder: BDSC member George Peknik's book, *The Meaning of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse*. Not only does the book represent Boulder and its spectacular gift from Dushanbe, but sale proceeds go toward another gift: *the Cyber Café for Dushanbe*.

The book is available for purchase (\$18.95) at the Teahouse (303-442-4993) and local Boulder bookstores. Books can be ordered by mail by sending a check for \$22 (includes tax and handling) made out to Hoopoe Publications, PO Box 20871, Boulder, CO 80308.

This 154-page book has more than 100 rich color photographs, including 20 outstanding close-ups of the Teahouse art by Boulder photographer Rodger Ewy.



Purchases of this book are a double gift: one from you to your family and friends and one to the people of Dushanbe!

Volunteers are Always Needed!

Newsletter Editor

A new editor is needed in the new year for putting together and mailing this newsletter. Estimated time commitment is eight to ten hours every two months. Responsibilities include collecting and editing articles, working with printer to publish this newsletter 6 times per year. Skills with MS Word, HTML and email are required.

Fundraising Committee – Don Mock (Chair)

Eight volunteers are needed to help raise funds for the construction of the new Cyber Café in Dushanbe. Estimated time commitment is two to four hours per month.

Public Awareness Committee – (Committee Chair open)

The newly created Public Awareness Committee is seeking a chairperson and volunteers. The Committee's task is to generate public awareness of BDSC and its projects. Estimated time commitment is two to four hours per month.

Volunteer Coordinator Lois Leonhardi asks you to contact her for more information about filling important roles in BDSC (email: Lois@Leonhardi.com or work phone: 303-302-6448).



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Bidding Process Underway for Cyber Café

The Cyber Café for Dushanbe Project continues to move forward. The Construction Committee and their consultants, Tajik Swiss Project Professionals (TSPP) of Dushanbe, have received nine statements of qualifications from Dushanbe general construction contractors. These statements are being reviewed to create a short list of contractors who will be invited to provide Tender Offers (bids) for construction of the Cyber Café in Dushanbe.

Boulder architectural consultant, Barrett Studios, has also received some of the civil engineering drawings from TSPP. Architects are reviewing the drawings received thus far and expect to have the rest of the drawings by the end of November.

Hopefully the construction drawings will be finalized by mid-December and TSPP will be able to submit all the documents to the city of Dushanbe. The city will then issue a building permit and the mayor of Dushanbe will issue a final decree approving the start of construction.



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If you are receiving this newsletter and you are *not* currently a *member* of BDSC, please consider joining or renewing by sending a check for \$30 (basic individual/household membership) to:

Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities - Membership
PO Box 115
Niwot, CO 80544

To make a contribution to the Cyber Café Gift project, send a check made out to:

Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities - Cyber Café
PO Box 4864
Boulder, CO 80306

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