

AKHBOR: News of Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities

Education Committee Collecting 2000 NEW Books for Dushanbe Cyber Café

The BDSC Education Committee seeks donors of new books and other educational materials that will be a major component of the Cyber Café gift to the people of Dushanbe. The committee is a quarter of the way to reaching its goal of 2000 new books. Boulder school children and their parents, members of YOAB (Youth Opportunities Action Board), a City of Boulder-sponsored group, as well as local bookstores and distributors, are stepping forward to help with the effort.

A project poster and book plate were created and donated by local children book's illustrator, Janet Stevens. Posters were placed in local schools during their book fairs, the image was used on flyers, and a bookplate with the donor's name will be placed in each book sent for the cyber-café library collection

Books West, The Boulder Bookstore, Blackwell Publishing, and Iran Books, Inc. have been agreed to either donate new books or to allow us to purchase them at a discount.

Those interested in helping out should call George Peknik at 303-883-1025 or Jackie Frischknecht at 303-413-0955.

Upcoming Events

Navruz Celebration – Sunday March 20th – Noon-5:00 – Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse – *Free*

The annual celebration of the Persian New Year with food and entertainment. Contact Anita Mock (303-440-6283) for more information or to help out.

Navruz Dinner – Sunday March 20th – 5:00-9:00 pm – Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse – *\$35/person*

The nice folks at the **Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse** will host a fundraiser following the Navruz celebration. A 5-course Tajik family-style feast will be served with \$10/person going to the Cyber Café fund. Contact the Teahouse 303-442-4993 for more information. Reservations are highly recommended!

Fashion Tea – Thursday April 7th – 3:00-5:00 pm – Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse – *\$45/person*

Our 2nd Fashion Show to recruit new members. Tea, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served while you view the latest in women's fashions from **Nina's of Niwot, Atmosphere, Blue Skies, Frolic, Beijo Handbags, and artists of Boulder Arts & Crafts Cooperative (Dee Sapper, Katy Haas, Cynthia Wallmo, Carolyn Beezley, Sharon Tuke)**. Nancy Taylor Farel, Creative Style Consultant, will help you discover your Spring Fashion Statement. Contact Leslie Hindes (lhindes@comcast.net, 303-652-3329) for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteers are Needed!

BDSC needs your help! This is a good time to get involved in BDSC's many activities and projects as a volunteer. Here are some of our volunteer needs and opportunities at this time:

- Someone to help coordinate and assist new volunteers.
- People to host Tajik visitors from time to time, usually for short periods of time, and and/or to show them around Boulder – a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, learn about Tajikistan, and build good will and understanding between Americans and Tajiks—at a person-to-person level. That's what Sister Cities is about!
- A Public Relations person to help write press releases and web site content, especially once the Cyber Café gift is being built in Dushanbe. BDSC needs help in getting this compelling story out to the public!
- People to help recruit new BDSC members.
- Cyber Café Gift: the Gift Committee is always looking for people who wish to get involved in its work.

If you are interested, contact

Don Mock at donmock@hotmail.com or Jackie Frischknecht at Janablep@aol.com.



Cyber Café Architect, David Barrett, speaks at the Colorado Academy of Art

Speakers' Bureau Opportunity

Do you know, or belong to, an organization that would like to learn about BDSC and/or the Cyber Café project?

Our board members – and an active group of volunteers – are available to speak to civic organizations, schools, church groups, book groups, and others.

We can show you a slide show, tell you more about the history, background and current activities of BDSC and answer your questions. Check out our web site, www.boulder-dushanbe.org and give us a call at 303-444-9004.

Progress is being made on the Cyber Café for Dushanbe

Stay posted for a major announcement and exciting details!



Watch for the Rollout of Our New Website

Our website will get a new look in April (it will be at the same address www.boulder-dushanbe.org)!

Contacting Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities

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Book Explores Teahouse

Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities member George Peknik is author of *The Meaning of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse*. This book describes and interprets the art, architecture, and gardens of Dushanbe's spectacular gift to its American Sister City as well as the cultural context of the Teahouse. It includes chapters about Central Asian teahouses, Tajikistan tea culture; the history of the Teahouse; information about the Cyber Café and resources for the study of Central Asian and Islamic art and architecture.

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

For each book sold at the Teahouse, Peknik and Teahouse proprietor Lenny Martinelli will **donate \$5** to the Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities Cyber Café Gift Fund.

The Meaning of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse is now 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.

George will give a talk about the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse on Thursday, April 7, from 10:00-11:00am at the Teahouse. The talk will be a concurrent event for the Conference on World Affairs at CU. It is free and open to the public.

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 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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