



**SUMMER 2007
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AKHBOR: News of Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities

CONTRACT SIGNED-- CONSTRUCTION STARTED!

May 28th construction started on the Dushanbe-Boulder Cyber-Café in Dushanbe. With sufficient funds on hand to erect the basic structure and increasing inflation in Tajikistan a real concern, the Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities (BDSC) Board voted approval of a contract with Remstroy Services of Dushanbe in mid-May. We still have \$200,000 to raise to complete the project with solar electric, solar hot water, educational materials, artwork, furnishings, and equipment.

How is the project organized? Remstroy Services are the builders. Tajik Swiss Project Professionals are the engineers and continue to be BDSC's representatives in Dushanbe. Cyber-Café architects David Barrett and Sam Nishek from Barrett Studio of Boulder are overseeing the project. The BDSC Construction Committee team continues to coordinate, monitor, and keep track of the whole project in conjunction with the BDSC Board of Directors.

Boulder architect Sam Nishek has just returned from a very hot week in Dushanbe. He clarified technical issues, chose building materials, and inspected work to date. Sam reports he is pleased with the construction and progress made. "This has been a wonderful trip full of pleasant discoveries and a few unexpected surprises. The important part is that this building is getting out of the ground."

BDSC is planning to post photos on their web site. If you are interested in following along by viewing photos of construction as it progresses, look at www.boulder-dushanbe.org.

We are all very pleased. The project has moved to a new, tangible, and very exciting stage. Thanks to all for "keeping the faith" and moving the project along.

We are close but still working on fundraising the last \$200,000 to complete the entire Cyber-Café. To help, donations may be sent to:
**Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities – Cyber Café,
P.O. Box 4864, Boulder, CO 80306**

For more information contact Don Mock at 303-440-6283



EVENTS CALENDAR

- SEPT. 7, 8, 9** Tajik Independence Day celebrations (see information below)
- SEPT. 9** Tajik Independence Day festivities
Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse
1770 13th Street, Boulder
303-442-4993
- NOVEMBER** BDSC Annual Board meeting and dinner (information to come)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tajik Independence Day is the 16th anniversary of Tajikistan's independence from the former Soviet Union. The local Tajik Community is organizing a series of cultural festivities to celebrate. September 7 & 8 will feature films, art, music, cultural presentations, and more in the Denver area. September 9 there will be an afternoon and evening of cultural activities including music & food at the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse. For more information contact Gavhar Osimi at gavharosimi@comcast.net or 720-251-5130, call Sophia Stoller at 303-444-3196 or call the Teahouse at 303-442-4993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International, award-winning painter/sculptor/filmmaker Rita Blitt of Aspen has donated the future sale of three of her paintings to benefit the Cyber-Café. To view the paintings please contact Sophia Stoller at 303-444-3196. You can visit Rita Blitt's website at www.ritablitt.com

Long time Boulder-Dushanbe Sister City supporter and former board member George Peknik sustained significant injuries earlier this summer when many large tree limbs fell on him during a windstorm. He is currently recovering at the Mapleton Rehabilitation Center in Boulder. We wish him a full, speedy recovery and extend our support and heartfelt best wishes to him, his wife, and family.

SUMMER 2007 CYBER-CAFÉ FINANCIAL UPDATE - \$200,000 STILL NEEDED

Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities has raised a total of \$668,000 from over 1,700 donations. The Boulder Sings for Dushanbe event in April netted \$19,542. The Boulder-Dushanbe Friendship Fashion Tea brought \$4,000 to the Cyber-Café fund. The City of Dushanbe has covered redesign costs and will provide infrastructure for the Cyber-Café at an estimated value of \$125,000.

2007 FRIENDSHIP FASHION TEA

The Boulder-Dushanbe Friendship Fashion Tea May 16 at Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse was a great success. The setting was lovely and the Teahouse had a wonderful selection of food and drinks available for the seventy-nine guests who attended. For the fourth year in a row, Chico's of Boulder graciously provided fashions modeled by a super team of volunteer models. Nancy Taylor Farel was a fabulous fashion show MC. The Candori jewelry sale organized by Sarah Cooper was well received. A portion of those sales were donated to the Cyber-Café fund.



Kathy Kilcullen, modeling a V-necked print top with jacket.

One hundred and four tickets were sold and over \$4,000 raised for the Cyber-Café fund! We would like to thank Leslie Hindes, event chairperson and the BDSC Fashion Show Committee for



Committee members (l to r) Robin Flannery, Leslie Hindes, and Sarah Cooper

an outstanding job organizing the event. Leena Bhagat worked on advertising, Sandy Ross coordinated ticket sales, Nancy Taylor Farel worked with Martha Helton and Stacey Scudder of Chico's along with Robin Flannery to coordinate the

volunteer models. Diane Brown organized the door prizes. Sarah Cooper did the program guide.

We welcome sixty-three new members to Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities who joined at the Fashion Tea. Thank you to the Teahouse staff for their support and a very big thank you to everyone who helped to create such an enjoyable and successful event.



Nance Larson in white top with blue cropped pants.



CITY OF BOULDER SISTER CITIES PLAZA DEDICATION CEREMONY

The City of Boulder celebrated the opening of its long awaited Sister Cities Plaza on the east side of its Municipal Building on May 17. Boulder's six Sister Cities were well represented by mosaics beautifully engraved in an equally beautiful plaza. Each of the six countries — Tibet, Cuba, Mexico, Japan, Nicaragua and Tajikistan — were represented by their members. Boulder's Mayor and City Manager, BDSC's President Don Mock, as well as representatives of other sister cities spoke at the dedication. The Plaza is open to the public and deserves a stroll across our Central Park. A celebratory dinner was hosted by the Teahouse following the dedication.

TAJIK STUDENTS STUDYING IN DENVER

The Center of International Education for the Republic of Tajikistan is a sponsor of forty Tajik young people studying English at Teikyo Loretto Heights University in Denver. Most of them will be here through March of 2008.

If you would like to meet some of the students, contact Luke Henderson at the Teikyo Loretto Heights University Home Stay Office 303-937-4226 or Sophia Stoller at 303-444-3196.

BDSC WEBSITE

Explore the BDSC website to learn more about our organization and about various projects, programs, and activities in Dushanbe.

www.boulder-dushanbe.org

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If you received email notice of our newsletter please feel free to pass the newsletter on to others who might be interested. If you are not a current member consider joining our organization.

To receive future newsletters, event notices, invitations, and to support our efforts, send a check for a \$30 basic membership to:

Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities - Membership
 P.O. 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

Nancy Taylor Farel, MC and Molly Rector (Sister Cities Membership Chair) in tan outfit with turquoise v-necked top.



Committee Members and Models

Back Row (left to right): Helen Gonsalves, Adrienne Singleton, Geri Rincon, Tina Discipio, Kathy Kilcullen, Molly Rector, Nance Larson, Diane Brown, Elle Page, Nancy Taylor Farel. Front Row (left to right) Stacey Scudder, Boulder Chico's store manager, Julie McNeal, and Patty Ross.

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