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JUNE MEETING & POTLUCK

Saturday, June 14, 2008

1 P.M. – Allied Gardens Recreation Center

GARDEN ROOM

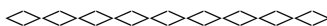
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

HOST IS JOSEPH GURSKAS

Visitors welcome! Be our Guests!

For directions please call Julie-Meilute Benedict

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REGRETS

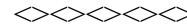
The House of Lithuania, at the last minute, was unable to take part in the Annual Ethnic Food Fair in Balboa Park this year. We look forward to participating next year for all those whose missed our Lithuanian favorite Šaltibarščiai!



MULTILINGUALISM IN LITHUANIA

Most Lithuanian parliamentarians would never be confused when visiting foreign countries: they speak several languages and feel at home in the most distant and exotic locations. However, some Lithuanian MP's completely rely on their interpreters when visiting abroad. Lietuvos Zinios newspaper has studied the issue... All members of Lithuania's parliament have stated that they are fluent in Russian...But most ...claim proficiency in 2-3...and some have working knowledge of even 4-5 languages, [including Polish, English, German, Portuguese, French, and Yiddish.]

-Excerpted from the Baltic Times



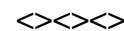
THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

Excerpted from:

ITALY – LITHUANIA: INTERACTION OF CULTURES

By Audrone Kasperaviciene, Historian

[Even] before...1387, a distinctive Lithuanian culture formed under the influence of the Hansa cities and Byzantine Russia, however, from XIV century, the input of Ital[y]...becomes very substantial...[At] the beginning of XVI century the culture of Renaissance was entrenched in the estate of Grand Duke of Lithuania. [Even] before marriage with the princess of Milan and Bari, Bona Sforca, Žygimantas Old was familiarised with the aesthetics and culture of Renaissance. [Grand Duchess] Bona Sforca,... started growing ...vegetables, which were unknown to Northern East Europe countries and the names of which show their Italian origin – cabbage (in Lithuanian – “kopūstai”, in Italian – “kapucci”), cauliflower (in Lithuanian – “kalafiorai”, in Italian – “cavolo fiore”), kohlrabi (in Lithuanian – “kaliaropė”, in Italian - “cavolo rapa”), leek (in Lithuanian – “poras”, in Italian - “pori”), parsley (in Lithuanian – “petražolė”, in Italian - “petrosello”), cannabis (in Lithuanian – “kanapė”, in Italian - “cannapa”), tomato (in Lithuanian – “pomidoras”, in Italian - “pomi d'oro”)...From <http://www.lithill.it/vic-italy/>



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