# House of Lithuania

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## HOUSE OF LITHUANIA'S

## ANNUAL LAWN PROGRAM

## July 27, 2008

**DANCES AND PROGRAM**
**2-3 p.m.**

**VIDEO SHOW & CULTURAL DISPLAY**
**HALL OF NATIONS**
**&**
**LITHUANIAN FOOD BOOTH**
**Noon to 4:30 p.m.**

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**IINTERNATIONAL COTTAGES**
**Off Pan American Road East & President's Way**
**BALBOA PARK**
**SAN DIEGO**

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**Contact Food Booth Committee 858-733-1504 to volunteer for the Food Booth or Video Show**

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**JULY MEETING & POTLUCK**

***1 P.M Saturday, July 12, 2008***

**Allied Gardens Recreation Center**
**GARDEN ROOM**
**5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego**

**Lina Kisielus, Hostess**

**VISITORS WELCOME! For directions please call Julie-Meilute Benedict at 619-507-7156**

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**NEWS FROM LITHUANIA**

**Vilnius - Hackers from an unknown location have infiltrated over 300 Lithuanian Web sites in the past week, attacking the pride of Lithuanians in the nation's historic past and its restored role in modern Europe. – Baltic Times, July 2, 2008**

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## NATIONHOOD— FROM THE SWORD TO THE WRITTEN WORD

**The Annual Lawn Program of the House of Lithuania commemorates the founding of the Nation of Lithuania in the mists of Europe's medieval past.**

**To quote, "The first Lithuanian principalities come into existence in the ninth century. In 1250 the Lithuanian tribes a re-united into the Principality of Lithuania, later named Grand Principality of Lithuania, including the area of present-day Lithuania and Belarus. The state is mainly populated by Belarussians and includes also Baltic tribes. The state language is Belarussian and the Belarussian culture dominates the country."**

**This was the kingdom that the first King of Lithuania, Mindaugas, established. The educated spoke Latin and official writing was in Belarussian. Three hundred years were to pass before the language of the native Lithuania tribes was to be in written form. It was the Duke of Prussia, newly converted to Protestantism, that ordered catechisms be written in 1547 for his Lithuanian subjects (Lithuania Minor).**

**Another three hundred plus years were to pass before the declaration of the rebirth of Lithuania in 1918, due in major part to the "Book Carriers" bringing forbidden Lithuanian books across from, then, German Lithuania Minor. It was the spoken language and its books that had preserved Lithuania's historic past and its culture.**

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For information about the House of Lithuania,
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