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Djela koja krase crkvu, stihovi koji se pjevaju...

Stigla je u Melbourne i družila se s grupama društvenih potpora AHDU-a

Štefaniya Soldan, hrvatska umjetnica i autorica brojnih hrvatskih glazbenih hitova, boravi u posjetu Melbourneu gdje je stigla u posjet kćeri koja tu živi. Rado se odazvala pozivu

Australско-hrvatskih društvenih usluga te posjetila njihove kreativne radionice grupa društvenih potpora, za čije je članove naslikala i čestitke na dar.

Jako je ponosna na slikanje Križnog puta za jednu crkvu u BiH. Donosimo i stihove njenih dviju nagradjenih pjesama koje su izvele Jasna Zlokčić i Doris Dragović.

ZAGREB, 24.-29. SRPNJA

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V. Hrvatske svjetske igre

Prijave su do 1. ožujka, a mogu sudjelovati svi koji imaju hrvatske korijene

U Zagrebu će se od 24. do 29. srpnja održati V. Hrvatske svjetske igre, sportsko natjecanje na kojem sudjeluju Hrvati/Hrvatice i njihovi potomci iz cijelog svijeta predstavljajući državu u kojoj žive.

Starosna dob natjecatelja je od 16 godina naviše. Sve natjecatelje čekaju besplatan smještaj i prehrana, kao i oprema te kulturno-zabavni programi, u sklopu Studentskog doma "Stjepan Radić", na Savi.

Troškovi puta su u domeni natjecatelja. Prijave se zaprimaju do 1. ožujka 2023., putem linka www.hsi-cwg.com/ prijave.

SLAVLJE HRVATSKE KULTURE, NASLJEĐA I TRADICIJE



'Lastovski poklad' u Geelongu, večer koja će se pamtiti

Tradicionalni folklorni plesovi Lastova bili su vrhunac umjetničkog dijela večeri, zabava je trajala do kasno u noć

U Centru hrvatske zajednice u Geelongu održan je prošle subote, 4. veljače, Lastovski karneval na kojem je bilo više od 400 okupljenih iz cijelog Melbournea, Viktorije, pa čak i iz drugih država.

Obučeni u šarene karnevalske kostime slavili su kulturu, naslijeđe i tradiciju „Lastovskog poklada“, starog običaja utemeljenog na povijesnim

dogadajima iz 1483. godine.

Goste su dočekale rakija i fritule, večera je bila u tri slijeda, prisutne su zabavljale grupe „Pjevori“ i „Major Minor“, veselo druženje trajalo je do kasno u noć.

Tradicionalni folklorni plesovi Lastova bili su vrhunac umjetničkog dijela večeri. I mala djeca i žene i muškarci - svi su pošli na plesni podij pokazati tradiciju jednog od najljepših hrvatskih otoka. Ovaj događaj pruža priliku za okupljanje hrvatske zajednice i slavljenje zajedničkog naslijeđa, a pomaže i u stvaranju osjećaja zajedništva i pripadnosti.

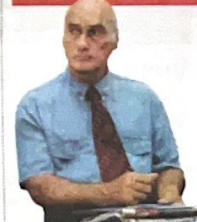


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Šahovski turnir u čast viteza i revolucionara

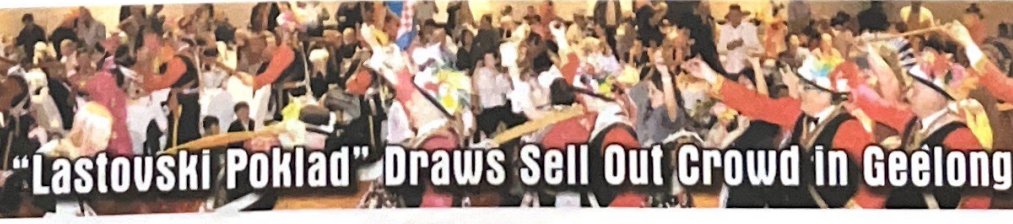
Klub Hrvatske uzdanice u Zagrebu bio je u petak, 3. veljače, domaćin 5. memorijalnog šahovskog turnira posvećenog prerano preminulom hrvatskom vitezu, domoljubu i revolucionaru Nedjeljku Vegaru - Rodu. Iz emigracije se vratio 1991., borio se na prvim crtama bojišta i sudjelovao u ključnim bitkama za obranu i oslobođenje zemlje. Nedjeljko je brat Pave Vegara koji je ubijen 1972. kao jedan od vođa Bugojanske skupine.

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Piše: Zvonimir Hodak

Imam dojam kako se polako javlja nekakav blagi relaks između dva "bratska naroda"



"Lastovski Poklad" Draws Sell Out Crowd in Geelong

Geelong Croatian Community

Zoran Juraj SABLJAK story and photos

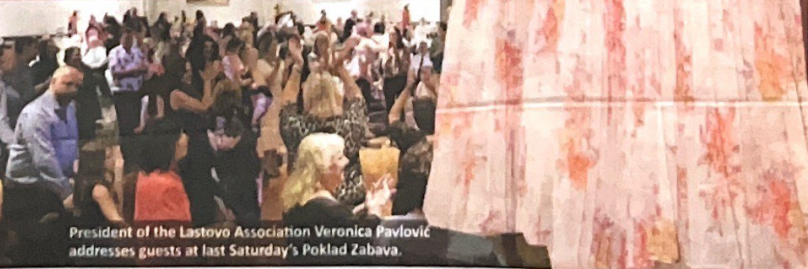
The Lastovo Carnival event held at the Croatian Community Centre in Geelong last Saturday, 4th Feb 2023, was a night to remember. The event marked the first time the carnival was held since the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, and it was a resounding success. Over 400 people from all over Melbourne, Victoria, and even interstate attended the event, dressed in colourful masquerade outfits, ready to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions of "Lastovski Poklad". Upon entering the hall, guests were treated to a shot of rakija and "fritule", which very much set the mood for the evening.

The President of the Lastovo Association, Veronica Pavlović, welcomed all guests in a heartfelt speech, where she thanked all those involved in the organisation of the event. She emphasised the importance of preserving the cultural heritage and traditions of the community and how events like the Lastovo Poklad are crucial in maintaining these and other like values which are ingrained throughout Croatia's colourful and rich history. And with that began a night filled with music, dancing, singing and of course the proud celebration of yet another "Poklad" which is now over 400 years old.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by two groups - "Pjevor" who played some golden favourites from the Island of Lastovo, and "Major Minor" who entertained the crowd with many favourite tunes, well after midnight. The music and singing created a lively and festive atmosphere, and the guests danced and sang along, adding to the joyous celebration.

The three-course meal served to all guests was a highlight of the evening. The hardworking volunteers of the Croatian Community Centre prepared and served the meal, ensuring that everyone had a delicious and filling dinner. The evening was a great opportunity for guests to socialise and catch up with each other, and the atmosphere was warm and welcoming.

The traditional Lastovo folklore dance was the highlight of the evening. The young children, women, and men all took to



President of the Lastovo Association Veronica Pavlović addresses guests at last Saturday's Poklad Zabava.



The origins of "Po

Poklad of Lastovo is centuries-old historical events which happened when pirates (Maures) attacked at Korčula and sent a Turkish messenger to surrender or they would not let themselves to be intact and went on the attack. The Hum barefoot from Lastovo and help and their prayers were answered and the inhabitants of Lastovo to mock him, he was taken through a key and was afterwards sentenced to be banished. The first recorded celebration through the Poklad was just before Lent. The first recorded is from the 16th century. In 1590 a large carnival crowd to bear arms ran the risk of being banished from

Hold Annual Lastovski Poklad



the floor, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the community. The dance was a testament to the importance of preserving traditional customs and traditions, and the audience was in awe of the beautiful and intricate movements performed by the dancers. The women dressed in the masquerade outfits added a touch of mystique and glamour to the performance, and the men dressed in full Lastovo nošnja, completed the artistic part of the evening with their traditional folklore dance and the slaying of the Poklad.



The Lastovo Poklad-Carnival is an important event for the Croatian community, as it brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate their shared cultural heritage. The event is a testament to the importance of preserving traditional customs and traditions, and it is a celebration of the rich cultural heritage of Lastovo. The carnival is a way for the community to come together, share stories and memories, and celebrate their cultural heritage in a fun and festive atmosphere.



In addition to the traditional dances and music, a raffle was also held, adding to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

The evening was a huge success, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time, dancing and singing well into the night. The guests who came from far and wide left the event feeling happy and fulfilled, having celebrated the culture and traditions of Lastovo one of Croatia's most beautiful islands which arguably has the most crystal clear beaches in the world.



The success of the event is a testament to the hard work of the volunteers and the organisers of both the Lastovo Association and the Croatian Community Centre, who made the event possible and ensured that everyone had a fantastic time. The Lastovo Poklad is an important event for the Croatian community, and it serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving traditional customs and traditions.

The event provides a platform for the community to come together and celebrate their shared heritage, and it helps to foster a sense of community and belonging. It provides an opportunity for the younger generations to learn about their cultural heritage and to appreciate the traditions and customs of their ancestors.

"Poklad of Lastovo"

old custom and is associated with... in 1483. Legend says that... besieged neighbouring island of... messenger to Lastovo to tell the islanders... next. The inhabitants of Lastovo... instead they armed themselves... women and children walked to... prayed to Sv. Jure (St. George) for... a storm destroyed the pirates... caught the messenger. In order... the village on the back of a don... and burned to death. This event is... every year over a period of two days... mention of the Lastovo Carnival... the Prince forbade the often r... Those who disobeyed his decre... from the island.

