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*The Newsletter of the
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IWA Georgia strives to: welcome and assist newcomers to Georgia; foster goodwill and friendship among association members; build relationships between women of different cultures living in Georgia; provide the opportunity to socialize with each other; and enhance our members understanding of Georgia.

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Dear All,

Welcome back after a long
summer!

Many of us have travelled back
home and around the world,
some of us have stayed in
Georgia and discovered what
this beautiful country has to
offer.

While some of our friends have
packed their bags and moved
on, new friends have arrived.

We are looking forward to
meet you!

Please check out our new website

Community Projects Committee News

Dear members,

At the last general business meeting of the IWA, 6 projects were submitted to voting. All projects were approved and the CPC was very happy!

Playground in Martvili

Purchasing of the playground equipment.

45 Internally displaced (IDP) families currently live in Martvili - IDP settlement, among them 20 children of preschool - and 20 children of primary school age.

As majority of the “old wave” (from Abkhazia) are living in compact settlements, people here are extremely poor. They experience isolation, absence of the agricultural land and unemployment; the only income is the IDP allowance and targeted social assistance (TSA).

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Playground in Octomberi

Purchasing of the playground equipment.

80 Internally displaced (IDP) families currently live in Octomberi - IDP settlement in the Zugdidi Municipality , among them 35 preschool children.

The situation is comparative to Martvili. Poverty, isolation and unemployment are high.



Community Projects Committee News

Democrat Women's Organization of Samtskhe -Javakheti

Purchasing and installation of a green house.

This project is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Working in a greenhouse will not only provide healing therapy and teach the beneficiaries about green agricultural practices but will also provide fresh produce for consumption by shelter inhabitants.



Child and Environment – 2 Projects

Day center ‘Sapovnela’, in Rustavi

Replacement of the dining room floor, sanitary rooms and installation of new windows.

Day center ‘Jejili’ in Chiatura

Installation of new windows.

The buildings of both centers need substantial renovation in order to provide the children with services at the centre in conditions that will be comfortable for their physical and mental development. The most vulnerable children are enrolled as the centre beneficiaries. Both centers serve the children providing them with two meals per day, help in formal and non-formal education, vocational training, cultural arrangements.



Community Projects Committee News

Kera House

Purchasing and installing of a kitchen in the new shelter.

The beneficiaries of the Kera are regardless of religion not only victims of domestic violence but also single mothers.

A new kitchen is needed in the home to enable training for the mothers on how to cook healthy, affordable meals.

This is an essential life skill that will help to empower them and give them confidence to take care of themselves and their children in the future.



Community Projects Committee News

We are collecting children and school books, novels and non-fiction books in Georgian for our CPC projects in the IDP settlements.

Please contact me to discuss where you can bring the books to.

Your CPC chair

Aleid Douma

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Wine season is coming

Georgia is a wine country and has over 400 different grape varieties of which 38 are commercially used. What therefore could be a better time to find out about wine than September/October the main harvesting time?

Winemaking is older than you might know

The knowledge of winemaking in this region probably dates back 6000 years. Some experts even suggest that we might have been making wine as long as 10 000 years.

The earliest known evidence of wine making was found in the village Areni in Armenia. Traces of residual Malvidin - the compound responsible for the red colour of wine was identified by scientists in soaked potsherds. In addition grapes and a crude press were also found.

This summer the headlines of a few newspapers claimed that researchers have discovered another site where wine was produced over 6000 years ago in a cave in Sicily/Italy.



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The residue found at the bottom of terracotta jars shows the presence of tartaric acid and its salt. Also known as cream of tartar this acid component is produced naturally during wine making.

As mentioned before in Areni only Malvidin could be found but not cream of tartar. Whereas scientists are not able to exclude that the residue found in Areni might have come from pomegranates, the Sicilian find can only come from grapes since pomegranates did not grow in this area.

And although Italy might be the oldest wine producing country in Europe Iran might be the oldest in the world. In 2009 [Brendan Borrell at Scientific American](#) reported that the oldest wine from grapes could be dated back from a pottery shard 7400 years ago. The pot was found in the region of Hajji Firuz Tepe in Iran's Zagros Mountains.

Oldest bottle of wine

The oldest bottle of wine is known as the Speyer wine bottle or 'Römerwein'. It was found in 1867 in Germany. The bottle is dated between 325 and 350 ACE.

The find is quite unusual as Roman glass was usually slightly more fragile, leaving as with shards of glass rather than whole bottles.

The bottle was found in a tomb containing two sarcophagi. All in all there were 16 bottles but only one still contained liquid. The bottle is a glass vessel with a volume of 1.5 litres. The colour of the glass is yellow-green, it is shaped like an amphora and has dolphin-shaped handles.

The analysis showed that although all the ethanol was lost, at least part of the liquid was wine. There is clear liquid in the lower third of the bottle and a mixture similar to rosin.



Most expensive bottle of wine

How much would you pay for a bottle of wine? The Liv-ex or London International Vintners Exchange recorded the highest price for a bottle at USD 28 112 – that is over twenty eight thousand dollars.

The Liv-ex is an exchange providing a marketplace for wine merchants. Based on the trading they also publish two wine price indices which gauge the price developments of the general market for 'fine wine'.

And in comparison to the rest of the market the price of wine has withstood two US recessions!



Georgia and wine

In Georgia wine is very important and has a long tradition and is inseparable from Georgia's National identity.

St Nino – who brought Christianity to Georgia - made her cross from vine branches.

The Georgian Rugby team has grapes and vines on their back. This symbolises the tradition of Georgian fighters to strap vines on their back. Should they fall in the fight they hoped that a vine stock would grow and the mothers and wives would have a place to mourn.

The UNESCO honoured the ancient traditional Georgian winemaking methods in Kvevri jars by adding it to the intangible cultural heritage list.

Whether you like red or white, amber or Kvevri in Georgia you can find the wine you like best...



Coffee Mornings



Coffee Morning on Wednesday September, 20th

Will be hosted by Gayle Vandenberg with

Friends of Georgian Ballet

At

Georgian National Opera and Ballet Theatre of Tbilisi

Time: 12:00 am

Please be punctual as we can not wait!

Address: 25 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi 0108, Georgia

Instruction: Meeting at the back entrance of Georgian National Opera Theater (Revaz Lagidze St. with the guard booth)

Program: You will be attending part of the stage rehearsal in the main hall of the Opera House. Please arrive no later than noon at the back entrance of the Opera House (the front entrance will be closed) and Orsolya Sarrossy will escort you to the lovely red hall where you will be greeted by Aleid Douma with a few opening remarks, and then moving on to the beautiful main hall for the rehearsal. Sadly, the canteen is not currently operational due to a flood, so no refreshments can be provided. It is not a dress rehearsal, meaning there will be no costumes, and the ballet will not be staged in its entirety. What you will see is what very few people witness, the actual technical stage rehearsal with orchestra, where Nina Ananiashvili, the Artistic Director, will work out with her company technical dance issues for specific parts of Swan Lake. You may sit where you wish, but it is kindly asked that you remain quiet so as not to disturb the company at its work. There will be two exit times, approximately 1:00 and 1:30. Orsi will escort you through to the back entrance. We are excited for you to have this opportunity for a rare behind the scenes look at the technical aspects of performance. Gayle Vandenberg

Contact: For more information or directions, please contact
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– Caucasus Environmental NGO Network

Brief Info

CENN is a non-governmental organisation working to protect our environment fostering sustainable development throughout the South Caucasus. We specialise in a number of areas including combating climate change, sustainable management of resources, building and developing healthy and prosperous climate resilient communities, and empowering women and girls to participate in creating inclusive solutions.

Since 1998, we have worked with local communities, national governments through to region-wide initiatives to engender green growth at every level. At CENN, we believe that sustainable development is best achieved through networking, cooperation, and engaging with all sections of society. We implement joint initiatives with equal participation across Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to find viable solutions to local and regional environmental challenges.

With representation throughout the South Caucasus, more than 60 full time members of staff, and a network of volunteers across the region, CENN has the capability and commitment to provide a service that is consistent, professional and of the highest quality. We deliver modern solutions for the public and business sectors and communities, assisting them in managing their environmental and related risks and helping them to achieve a competitive advantage through improved environmental and social performance.

Our Slogan

Shaping the future by changing today

Our Mission

Working with communities, governments, and businesses across the South Caucasus to create sustainable solutions for a healthy environment.

Our Vision

To foster modern and sustainable development values, building bridges between communities and their surroundings, to develop a progressive society which protects their environment.

Our Goals

- Work with communities, governments and businesses to develop sustainable solutions, safeguard our environment and improve people's lives
- Be innovative and proactive in response to environmental concerns
- Build a strong and responsible civil society
- Provide open, inclusive and effective multi-stakeholder networking
- Support good governance and accountable business to safeguard our environment and improve people's lives
- Lead by example as one of the foremost organisation in the Caucasus

Our Competences

Civil society development and institutional strengthening



Coffee Mornings

We had our first coffee morning hosted by CENN.

It was both informative and a good occasion for our members to connect and gather information for their own NGO's.

Coffee and cake at the 144 Steps Café



Meeting point the CENN office



For more pictures visit our facebook page...

Interest Groups



IWA Interest group leaders 2017



Interest Groups

Have you signed up for your interest group yet?

Day	Time	Groups	Group Leader/s
Monday	13:00	Walking	Shirin Radzad
	10:00	Argentine Tango	Mariana Fernandez
	11:00	German Conversation	Susanne Fimpel
	11:00:00 (once a month)	Movie Club	Gloria Iacob
	11:30	Art Group	Dali Nazarishvili
	14:00 (once a month)	About Georgia	Iveta Gedvilaite
			Tertia Kapfer
Tuesday	09:00	Tennis	Behnoush Bahramali
	10:30 (once a month)	Cultural Cooking	Hanum Aziz
	11:00	Russian Conversation	Irene Makhtatadze
			Irina Titova
	13:00	Zumba	Keti Zazanashvili
	13:30	Turkish Conversation	Zubeyde Uzun
			Meltem Ulema
			Havva Yilmaz
Wednesday	13:30 (once a month)	Lunch Group	Anush Klimczyk
	14:00 (once a month)	Museum Group	Enid Burki
Thursday	10:00	Craft Group	Francesca Kelly
	(canceled until January)	Georgian Conversation	Manana Chubinidze
	12:30 (once a month)	Book Club	Narges Mahmoudi
	13:00 (every other week)	Georgian Conversation	Nana Shavtvaladze
	17:30	Evening Conversation English	Ruta Casabianca
			Sara Ethell
Friday	09:00	Tennis	Behnoush Bahramali
	11:00	Choir	Nana Kalandadze
	11:00	English Conversation	Sara Ethell
	13:00	French Conversation	Samin Mohebbi
	12:00 (once a month)	City Tours	Marika Nizharadze

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Interest Groups Introduction

IWA Choir

IWA choir was founded in 2011.

Mrs. Maya Frank-Hennig – spouse of former ambassador of Germany in Georgia, offered to invite as a conductor talented Georgian musician Tamar Buadze, the leader of the female choir “Tutarchela” from the city Rustavi. Soon these two choirs sang together on the IWA Christmas Bazaar at the “Sheraton”. Success brought an idea to prepare common program and perform together.

The choir was named “Tutarchela International” conducted by Tamar Buadze. Her professionalism and good musical taste stimulated IWA ladies to sing together with lady singers with long time experience.

Thanks of Mrs. Frank-Hennig “Tutarchela International” mostly practiced at the Goethe Institute Tbilisi, though sometimes rehearsals were kindly hosted by the German ambassador’s residence. For common rehearsals IWA ladies used to visit Rustavi.

First solo concert titled “Musical Bridges” was hold in 2012, June 14 also at this Institute which had a big success.

“Tutarchela International” took part in a Swiss-Georgian Art Festival, which was hold in October 2013 in a Georgian city Tskaltubo to support regional young talents.

In 2014 Tamar Buadze created a large international program “From Alps to Caucasus” ,which successfully was performed in Rustavi. “Tutarchela International” had a great experience to sing with a musical band.



Interest Groups Introduction

Since 2015 IWA choir exists independently.

Due to busy life and numerous travels, it's not easy to say how many members are singing in the choir.

But each of our rehearsals are full of fun, friendly atmosphere and expecting to know as more as possible about multinational cultures. This is one of the reasons to have an international program.

Rehearsals are hold at the IArt Gallery on Uznadze street N 13. Our hostess is also IWA member and our good friend Ika Bokuchava, who kindly offered her gallery for our singing meetings every Friday. On behalf of IWA choir and of course from myself thanks a lot to Ika for giving us the opportunity to use her white grand piano and have such a good Fridays at this beautiful place.

It's the beginning of a new season, thus IWA received many newcomers. Some of our dear new friends already joined the choir. I hope more will come to our rehearsals and share a spirit of music.

Nana Kalandadze

Conductor of the IWA choir





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Georgian Phrases 1

gamarjoba! - გამარჯობა! – Hi!/Hello!
gamarjobat! - გამარჯობათ! – Hello! (plural & polite)
rogor/a khar! - როგორ/ა ხარ? – How are you?
rogor/a khart! - როგორ/ა ხართ? – How are you? (polite)
rogor brdzandebi! - როგორ ბრძანდები? – How are you? (polite)
rogor brdzandebit! - როგორ ბრძანდებით? – How are you? (plural & polite)
gmadlob, kargad! - გმადლობ, კარგად! – Thank you, well!
gmadlobt, kargad! - გმადლობთ, კარგად! – Thank you, well! (plural & polite)
didi madloba! - დიდი მადლობა! – Thank you very much!

by Nana Shavtvaladze

www.lsgeorgia.com

Want to learn more check out IWA
Member, Nana Shavtvaladze's
Language School
<http://www.lsgeorgia.com/>



Holidays and Observances around the World

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/>

<http://www.officeholidays.com/index.php>



The following countries are celebrating their national or independence days between the 15 September – 15 October. Congratulations!

Costa Rica
El Salvador
Honduras
Mexico
Chile
Armenia
Malta
Bulgaria

Saudi Arabia
Cyprus
Nigeria
China
Germany
Croatia
Uganda
Taiwan



Religious Holidays around the world September - 15 October



Eid al Adha
Rosh Ha Shana
Navaratri
Yom Kippur
Sukkot

Islamic
Jewish
Hindu
Jewish
Jewish

Recipes



Simple plum jam recipe

It is the time of year to get sticky....



2 kg
750gram
1 teaspoon
1 lemon

Plums
sugar
cinnamon (optional)

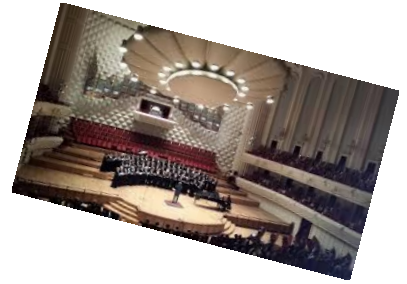


Remove the stone
Quarter the plumbs
Add sugar and cinnamon
Cook for approximately 1,5 hours until the juice becomes thick
Add the juice of the lemon
Boil the jars and lids with water
Fill in the hot jam
Close the lid and let the jam cool off



Events

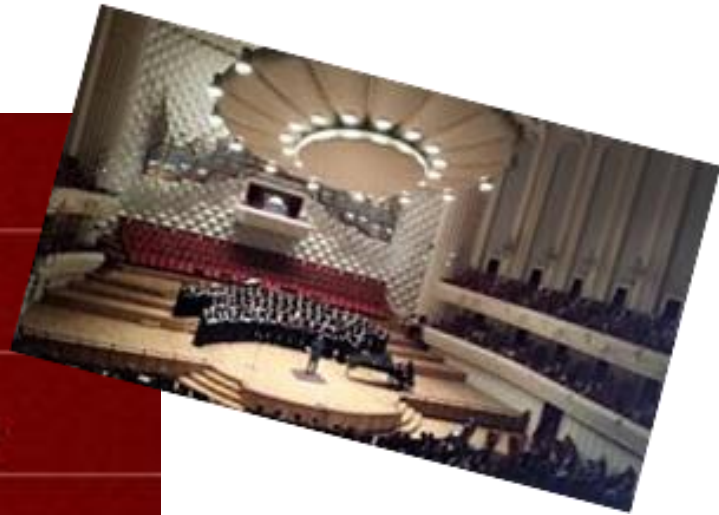
For more things to do please see our facebook page...



Date	Events
6 September	IWA GBM at the Marriott Rustavelli
17 September -19 October	Start of the International Music Festival Autumn in Tbilisi At the Kakhidze Music Centre
18 September – 10 October	Tbilisi International Festival of Theatre
20 September	Coffee morning at the Opera (12.00) punctually
26 September – 25 October	Last Folio Shalva Amiranashvili Museum
11 October	IWA GBM at the Marriott Rustavelli



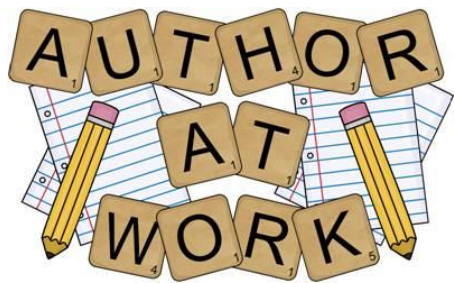
Events



- 17 September, Sunday
Opening concert (19:30)
- 19 September, Tuesday
The concert of chamber music (19:30)
- 23 September, Saturday
Igor Stravinski 135th anniversary (19:30)
- 27 September, Wednesday
The concert of Georgian folk music (19:30)
- 30 September, Saturday
The concert of Georgian music (19:30)
- 3 October, Tuesday
The concert of chamber music (Small hall - 19:30)
- 6 October, Friday
The concert of symphonic music (19:30)
- 8 October, Sunday
The concert of choir music (19:30)
- 11 October, Wednesday
The concert of popular music (19:30)
- 15 October, Sunday
60 years anniversary of ensemble 'Shvidkatsa' (19:30)

Kakhidze Music Centre

IWA Notices



The Grapevine earnestly seeks your participation. Help make this a publications which reflects all the talents, interests, and abilities of our membership. Deadlines are **the fifteenth (15th)** of the month. If that deadline is missed, the submission will appear in the next regularly scheduled issue.



Essays
Articles
Photographs
Painting & Drawing
Favorite Recipes



ed-i-tor
'edədər/
noun

noun: **editor**; plural noun: **editors**
a person who is in charge of and determines the final content of a text, particularly a newspaper or magazine.
"the editor of *The New York Times*"

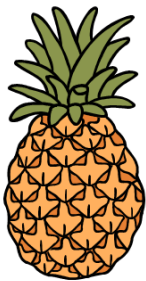
writ-er
'rīdər/
noun

noun: **writer**; plural noun: **writers**
a person who has written a particular text.
"the writer of the letter"
a person who writes books, stories, or articles as a job or regular occupation.

re-port-er
rə'pôrdər/
noun

noun: **reporter**; plural noun: **reporters**
a person who reports, especially one employed to report news or conduct interviews for newspapers or broadcasts.

Tako Megrelishvili Johnson, this year's Hospitality Chair requests that if you have any ideas, comments, or complaints about our events that you give them to her in a formal written document.



In Europe, any guest who was invited to a party where a whole **pineapple** was displayed, knew that no expense had been spared in guaranteeing the guests' enjoyment. It was this that made the crowned fruit the high **symbol** of social events and became the meaning of **welcome**, friendship, and **hospitality**.

<http://www.apartmenttherapy.com/a-brief-history-of-the-hospitality-pineapple-200667>

Reminder: Members in good standing are allowed to place appropriate ads in the newsletter for free. Having a moving sale, crafts to sell, an apartment to rent, an event to announce send it in with text and photos and the ad will be placed as you have written it. As above, deadlines are the **15th**.

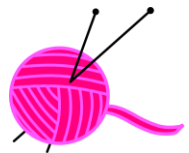
You can advertise:
Houses or apartments for rent,



Household goods or cars for sale,



Your own creations, such as art, photographs, crafts, etc.,



Events that you think may be of interest to our Membership.

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