



The 1978 Folklife Festival will take place in the Denver Auditorium Arena, 13th and Champa, Saturday, May 20 from 11 am to 11 pm. and Sunday, May 21, from 12 noon to 9 pm. Admission for entire day is \$2.50 for adults and \$0.75 for children under 12-years of age.

The directors of the Lithuanian Community and of the folk dance group, RUTA, agreed that RUTA shall represent the Lithuanians at this year's festival. They will appear on the program Saturday, May 20, 1 pm. RUTA and their associates will sponsor the display booth where they will also sell kugelis, cakes and pastries. They will likewise sell Christmas straw ornaments which they will have created, the income of which will help RUTA participate in the future Folklife festivals.

We are inviting everyone to take part in this colorful festival. A special invitation is extended to the mothers and those willing, to bake kugelis and cakes in advance and to assist with the sales at the booth. Please call the following committee members for information: Carolyn Steikunas, 494-4453; Jenia Steikunas, 424-3873; Irena Donovan, 494-4453.

Special invitations were extended to Adele Mikelavičius and Irena Bočkus to demonstrate the making of straw ornaments and the weaving of juostu-belts. They will ply their folk arts at separate locations.

The president of the Lithuanian Community of Colorado, Mr. Stepas Steikunas, expresses his appreciation to all who participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day celebration and banquet and for the donations. He also takes this opportunity to express his appreciation to Vytautas Beliajus for training RUTA at a short notice. The group will perform five traditional folk dances. This will be their third year that RUTA is participating in the Folklife Festival, along with 50 other ethnic groups. The president also thanks, in the name of the Colorado Lithuanians, Regina Suffian and Stanley Mickus, for training the group during the previous two years.

Our treasurer, Charles Kowalis informs that the Independence Day event was successful. 65 guests attended the banquet and donated \$283.00. According to the will of the donors this money was sent to the Central Office of the Lithuanian Community in Chicago. \$25.00 was donated to the Chicago Lithuanian Youth Center for the loan of the film "A Christmas Dream." \$40.00 was given toward rental fees for RUTA's dance rehearsals. \$50.00 was deposited toward the annual picnic to be held July 16, at Newton Park. The printing and mailing of ŽYNYs was about \$54.00. The Club also suffered losses: \$75.00 during the last Christmas party; the Independence Day banquet and program at the Heritage Center entailed a loss of \$112.00. Mr. Kowalis thanks the members for paying their dues and urges those who did not pay their dues to do so as this is the sole income for the club.

Special appreciation is extended to Saulius Pluskonis, our member photographer, who for the past many years generously contributed his time and talent to provide with the needed photographs of our important events which were supplied to the Lithuanian media.

Mark on your calendar the picnic date: July 16, in Newton Park. Detailed information in later correspondence.

Petras Suminas is the "modernizer" of our logo (above).