



"Skanaus!" Cookbook Celebrates 55 Years of Lithuanian-American Culinary Heritage

Camp Neringa's recipes draw on decades of sleepaway camp sessions and cultural events

Brattleboro, VT, May 29, 2024 – "Skanaus!" invites readers on a flavorful journey through five decades of Lithuanian-American culinary tradition at Camp Neringa, Vermont's beloved Lithuanian sleepaway camp and cultural heritage center. This bilingual cookbook, meaning "Bon Appétite!" in Lithuanian, offers a tantalizing glimpse into the rich tapestry of Neringa's culinary heritage, making it a must-have for food enthusiasts and cultural aficionados alike.

Compiled by a passionate team including Jana Sirusaitė Motivans, Rebecca Liudzius, Ray Stemplys, Dana Vainauskienė, Orinta Kalibatas, and Austėja Galinytė, "Skanaus!" is a celebration of Neringa's 55th birthday and the vibrant community it has fostered over the years.

Featuring a total of 78 recipes, "Skanaus!" showcases the culinary creativity of Neringa's community members, with each recipe lovingly crafted and perfected during various camps and events held at the camp. From traditional Lithuanian dishes to beloved favorites passed down through generations of campers and staff, "Skanaus!" offers a diverse array of flavors and tastes.

The cookbook is generously illustrated with photographs that capture the vitality of the Neringa community and underscore the importance of preserving cultural traditions and heritage.

Printed in both Lithuanian and English languages, "Skanaus!" bridges cultural divides and invites readers of all backgrounds to savor the flavors of Neringa's rich heritage. Each recipe is a testament to the camp's enduring legacy and its role in preserving Lithuanian culture for future generations.

"We are thrilled to share the flavors of Neringa with the world through 'Skanaus!'," said Jana Sirusaitė Motivans, a principal contributor to the book and long-time Neringa chef. "This cookbook is not just a collection of recipes; it's a celebration of the memories, traditions, and friendships that have flourished within Neringa's welcoming embrace."

"Skanaus!" is now available for purchase at www.neringa.org/skanaus. For more information about the cookbook and upcoming events, like the camp's first ever Lithuanian Summer Festival in Vermont on August 4, please visit www.neringa.org.

About Skanaus!:

Skanaus! is a collaborative project celebrating the culinary heritage of Camp Neringa, a Lithuanian-American sleepaway camp and cultural heritage center. Through cookbooks, events, and community outreach, Skanaus! seeks to preserve and promote the rich culinary traditions of Neringa for future generations.

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