

Holiday of the week



Professional holiday — Firefighting Service Day — celebrated in Belarus on July 28

Exhibitions

NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Permanent exhibition
Belarusian Artists from the 19th-early 20th Century
From 6th April. *Amazing Belarus*

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS

116 Nezavisimosti Avenue

From 28th January. *Great Talent, Great Work, Great Heart*
From 19th October. *Italian Books in Belarus from Bona Sforza's Times*
From 10th October. *Eternal Jazz*

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF BELARUS

12 Karl Marx Street

Permanent exhibition *16th-18th Century Belarus in Portraits and Heraldry*
From 8th May. *Reflections of Military Glory*

From 6th May. *Medieval Instruments of Punishment*

YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM

4 Y. Kupala Street

Permanent exhibition *Poetry from Kupala's Land*
From 27th October. *Planet Belarus*

CULTURE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

1 Oktyabrskaya Square

From 4th May. *Something*

AIR ENGINEERING MUSEUM

Borovaya village, Minsk District

Permanent exhibition *Aviation from the Past and the Present*

Additional kiln launched for ceramics fair



By Vladimir Laptsevich

International Open-Air Ceramics Workshop — ART-Zhyzhal — launched in Mogilev Region's Kirov District

The village of Kolbovo has welcomed 23 artists from Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine for the 'Ceramics in Architectural Space' fair.

"The open-air workshop aims to develop Belarusian ceramics, while perfecting artists' experience and mastery," explains the Head of the Culture Department at

the Bobruisk City Executive Committee, Vadim Shcherbich. "The event gathers not only specialist-ceramists but also teachers from foreign arts academies who can apply theoretical knowledge in practice, while participating in the development of technological processes."

Artists enjoyed the use of three kilns at the event, while two new states — Kazakhstan and Turkey — took part this year. After the event closes, Bobruisk's exhibition hall will showcase all the ceramic articles created and, some time later, the exhibition will move to Mogilev and Minsk.

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

July and August of decades and centuries past come to life

29th July. In 1908, Belarusian poet **Yurka Levonny** (Leonid Yurkevich) was born.

30th July. In 1870, Belarusian church historian and teacher **Konstantin Kharlampovich** was born.

31st July. In 1802, Belarusian geologist and mineralogist **Ignat Domeiko** was born.

31st July. In 1898, Belarusian art expert **Sender Palees** was born.

1st August. In 1520, **Zygmunt August** was born — the last ruler of the independent Grand Duchy of Lithuania, who became the first ruler of the Rzecz Pospolita.

1st August. In 1922, state figure of Belarus **Ilya Glazkov** was born — a Belarusian scientist in machine building and laureate of the State Award of Belarus.

1st August. In 1923, Belarusian literary expert and critic **Mikola Grinchik** (Nikolay Mikhailovich) was born.

1st August. In 1937, Belarusian conductor **Yuri Yefimov** was born — an Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus and People's Artiste of Belarus. From 1971, he was the chief conductor of the State Academic Symphony Orchestra of Belarus.

2nd August. In 1901, Belarusian and Russian singer **Ilya Muromtsev** was born — an Honoured Artiste of Belarus.

2nd August. In 1888, Belarusian historian **Ivan Vitkovsky** was born.

3rd August. In 1925, Belarusian painter and set designer **Mikhail Chepik**

was born.

3rd August. In 1946, Belarusian painter **Nikolay Dranenko** was born — a representative of Vitebsk's watercolour school.

4th August. In 1838, Belarusian painter **Yuzef Berkman** was born.

4th August. In 1917, People's Writer of Belarus **Yanka Bryl** (Ivan Antonovich) was born — an honorary academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

29th July. In 1965, Minsk's planetarium opened.



29th July. In 1977, the Belarusian Scientific-Research Institute of Cardiology was founded in Minsk.

31st July. In 1751, Grodno's Royal Palace was finished in its construction.

1st August. In 1948, the Konstantin Zaslunov Memorial Museum opened in Orsha.



2nd August. In 1993, the Marc Chagall Museum was founded in Vitebsk.

2nd August. In 1927, the first issue of the *Rabochiy* (Worker) newspaper was released (since 1937, known as *Sovetskaya Belorussiya*).

2nd August. In 1840, Russian Emperor Nikolay I released a decree to abolish the 1588 Statute of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania across Vilno, Grodno and Minsk provinces.

3rd August. In 1944, Pervyi, Belarus and Rodina cinemas opened.

3rd August. In 1964, Minsk's Kinodetal Plant began to manufacture mobile cinemas — inside vehicles.

In July 1568, Zabludovskaya printing house, which printed Cyrillic books in Old Slavonic, began operations on Duke Khodkevich's estate in the Grodno District.

In July 1613, Minsk's baroque St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral was completed, situated near the Lower Market.