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United in Space

Americans and Russians are celebrating the space achievements of each other's astronauts and cosmonauts by becoming united in space and through art, a far cry from the 1960's Space Race and the Cold War.

Neil Armstrong Goes to Russia—

Native Russian, Ruslan Bayramov, president of the International Charity Public Fund, Dialog of Cultures – United World, has graciously provided a dedicated place on Russian soil for a sculpture of American space hero Neil Armstrong. The sculpture of Armstrong will be placed in Ethnomir – located close to Moscow.

Sophya Tabarovsky, founder of the Houston nonprofit organization, Kindness Without Limits – Russian School of Houston, and Houston, Texas sculptor Bridgette Mongeon, the creator of the Armstrong sculpture, are now working to raise funds from the American public to create and send the sculpture of Armstrong as a gift from the American people to Russia. They are searching for others who are enthused about space, history, and the union of countries through space and art.

Tabarovsky, Mongeon and their team have put together a website that raises awareness of the space/art project, www.UnitedInSpace.com. The goal of the United in Space team is the installation of the sculpture honoring Armstrong in Ethnomir in late 2013. Tax deductible donations for the project can be made through the project website located at www.unitedinspace.com.

Yuri Gagarin Comes to America—

The presentation by Russia of a sculpture of Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, with an accompanying panel featuring John Glenn is what prompted Tabarovsky to pursue a reciprocated gift from America. The installation of the sculpture of Gagarin and the panel of John Glenn on American soil is scheduled for October 15, 2012. Dialogue of Cultures – United World, donated the art. The final resting place for the celebration of these astronauts is outside the former NASA building at 2999 South Wayside in Houston, Texas.

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The proposed design of the Armstrong sculpture shows him in flight suit. His moon footsteps trail behind him “ ...one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” wraps around the base.

