



APS Newsletter Issue 1

Dear Friends,

We are reviving the monthly Austin Polish Society (APS) newsletter. In it, you will find information about upcoming events and stories of interest to the Polish community in Austin. We hope you will enjoy reading it!

APS PLANS FOR 2023

In 2023, APS plans to bring back the popular events listed below. If you have creative ideas about what to add or improve, or a few hours to volunteer, please let us know. It is fun and always better to do it together! Please, fill out the [FORM!](#)

- * **APS Members Meeting & Reception** (February)
- * **Campfire “Ognisko”** (February or March) – we need ideas for a new location!
- * **Bigos Cook-Off** (March 25th.)
- * **Easter Egg Decorations & Palms Workshop** (April 1st.)
- * **“Majowka” Picnic** (May) – we need ideas for a new location!
- * **Children’s Day** (June)
- * **Summer Potlucks** (July & August)
- * **Austin Polish Film Festival** (October / November)
- * **Polish Independence Day NEW!** (November)
- * **Christmas Market** (December)
- * **New Year’s Eve Party NEW!** – we are looking for a nice venue!
- * **Polish Language Classes for Children**
- * **Polish Language Classes for Adults** – we need a new venue!
- * **APS Library & Book Club**
- * **History Club**
- * **Hikes**

We are looking for passionate people to help us organize these events!

If you have any questions, send us an email: austinpolschsociety@gmail.com



UPCOMING APS EVENTS

A moderate **HIKE** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4th** at Barton Creek 360 Trail Access, starting at 10 am (plan about 2h). Wear comfortable shoes and take plenty of water. The hike is weather permitting. Please check the website or Facebook for weather-related changes.

Contact: Agnieszka @ 512-413-0189

LATEST APS EVENTS

On January 21, Joanna Sokolowska-Gwizdka, editor of **Culture Avenue**, organized an evening of conversation with Ewa Winnicka, a Polish journalist and author working on a book about the history of early Polish settlements in Texas. The book will be a fascinating account of Ewa's personal experiences of meeting contemporary America, exploring Texas culture, and sleuthing for traces of early Polish emigrants' culture still present here. The discussion part of the meeting covered many timeless issues related to being an emigrant and finding your way in a different culture.



INSIDE APS

The election held in November 2022 added three new members to the APS Board of Directors. A big welcome to John Cebrowski, Jacek Gwizdka, and Andrzej Kahl. You can see who is serving APS for 2023 on our website: [BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#).

APS mobile library is running entire year. We bring books to different APS events, but if you would like to borrow or return books you don't have to wait. Please, email us with your request or questions at aps.angelika@gmail.com

The list of books and other information is available on the website [POLSKIE KSIĄZKI](#)

APS offers Polish language classes for children and adults during the school year. For more information, please click on the link: [Polish Language Classes](#).



EVENTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

EUROBASH 24: CELEBRATE 24 YEARS OF EUROCIRCLE

WHEN: Friday, February 3, 2023 @ 6 pm

WHERE: *SUPERSTITION*, 110 E Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78704

More information about this event [HERE](#).

BVSO PRESENTS: POLISH SONGS

WHEN: Sunday, February 5 @ 5 pm

WHERE: RUDDER THEATRE,

401 Joe Routt Blvd., College Station, TX 77843

TICKETS: <http://www.boxoffice.tamu.edu/>



POLISH CLUB AT UT presents:

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO POLAND MR. MARK BRZEZINSKI

WHAT: Speech topic: "U.S. Diplomacy in Poland"

WHEN: Friday, February 17 @ 10 am

WHERE: Zoom (virtual live event)

You can register for this event at this link: texaspolishclub.org



AUSTIN CLASSICAL GUITAR presents: THE ELEMENTS

a new work by MAREK PASIECZNY

WHAT: Polish composer and guitarist Marek Pasieczny will be joined by percussionist Thomas Burritt and cellist Bion Tsang as well as an orchestra of guitarists led by ACG's Artistic Director Joe Williams.

WHEN: Saturday, February 18th at 8 pm

WHERE: AISD Performing Arts Center,

1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd., Austin, TX 78723

TICKETS and more information about this event at www.austinclassicalguitar.org

Austin Classical Guitar offers **35% discount off ticket** prices for APS friends. Please enter the code: **APSMarek**

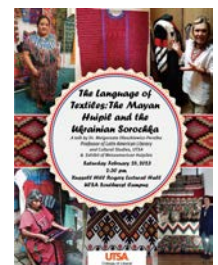


THE LANGUAGE OF TEXTILES: THE MAYAN HUIPIL AND THE UKRAINIAN SOROCHKA

WHAT: A talk by Dr. Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, Professor of Latin American Literary and Cultural Studies, UTSA & Exhibit of Mesoamerican Huipiles

WHEN: Saturday, February 25 at 2:30 pm

WHERE: Russell Hill Rogers Lecture, USTA Southwest Campus



PAST EVENTS

POLISH CLUB AT UT - On January 27, Nathan Silverstein moderated a discussion with Adam Michnik, the first speaker in the Spring 2023 Speaker Series. The event focused on "Anti-Semitism, Freedom of the Press, and the Russian Regime." The Polish Club at UT plans to invite many more exciting guests in 2023.

Please, check their website for past and future events: texaspolishclub.org

The Grand Finale of the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity (WOSP) brought together Polonia from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, and Austin. It was an evening full of music, dancing, and great conversations. All proceeds from donations and silent auctions supported healthcare in Poland. Since 1993 WOSP has been raising funds to purchase equipment for Polish hospitals and clinics. <https://www.wospaustin.org>

SUPPORT POLISH CULTURE IN AUSTIN

By becoming an Austin Polish Society member you help spread knowledge of Polish culture, traditions, history, and art, in central Texas.

Renew your [2023 MEMBERSHIP](#) here.

If you know of any events that could be of interest to the Polish community

CONTACT US

