

# FREE SEMINAR

## Russian Iconography: 1,000 Years of Tradition Interactive and Beautifully Illustrated Presentation

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:30 AM**

**Atlantic Design Center – in the Eldredge Lumber Building  
627 US Route One, York, Maine**

Traditional Russian icon painting is truly one of the great artistic movements in the history of the world and has been a living and evolving art form for more than 1,000 years. Russian icons reveal a deep inner spirituality, incomparably matched by an intrinsic rhythm of line and harmony of coloring. Using numerous exhibits, including examples of her own work, Marina Forbes will examine the history of icon painting in Russia and will discuss the unique multiple nature of the icon as a sacred object, a product of an artistic tradition, a work of art with its own inherent aesthetic value, and a major example of our world cultural heritage. Anyone who has personal icons may bring them for examination and comment.



**Mother of God of Vladimir**  
(wood, gesso, egg tempera, 23-K gold)  
by Marina Forbes



**Marina Forbes**

**Presenter Marina Forbes** is a lecturer, historian and award-winning artist and Master Iconographer who has lectured extensively on Russian traditional arts, history and the rich tapestry of Russian culture. She is licensed with the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, and is featured on the New Hampshire Humanities Council Roster as a speaker on Russian Arts, History and Culture as well as NH Council on the Arts Rosters for Arts in Education and Traditional Arts. She is a Master Iconographer and the recipient of three awards for **Artistic Excellence** granted by The National Endowment for the Arts. Each year, Marina leads cultural tours to Russia where she always participate in the icon restoration efforts at the Russian monasteries and churches and she regularly updates her scholarship, gathering photos and documents, visiting craft factories, GULAG sites and monasteries, and interviewing journalists, political figures and scholars on the current state of affairs in Russia. Marina has a distinctive ability to generate energy and

enthusiasm in the audience and to bring the rich fabric of traditional Russian art and folklore to life for children of all ages through memorable and thought-provoking programs.

**Please Make Reservations**

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Light refreshments will be served.