



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Friday Night Suppers

The next Friday Night Supper is Friday, March 17, 2017 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Suppers will continue until June and are scheduled for April 21, May 19, and June 16th.

Saturday Sales

We continue to have Saturday sales from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. You can get perohy, cabbage rolls, borscht, and Ukrainian sausage. Stock up for Easter!

Golf Tournament

Mark Sunday, September 17, 2017 on your calendars for this year's Golf Tournament.

Youth Scholarships

Application forms are due May 19, 2017

Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Where: Ivan Franko Community Centre at 5311 Francis Road, Richmond, B.C.

Please plan to join us for our Society's Annual General Meeting. Members will be informed of events that occurred during the year and vote for the new Board of Directors and issues that are presented at the meeting.

Your memberships for 2017 must be in good

standing to be eligible to vote. If you have not renewed your 2017 Membership, please complete the renewal form attached to this newsletter and send it in to our office. Renewals can be filled out and sent to us in advance or filled out at the door.

Malanka 2017—What a night!

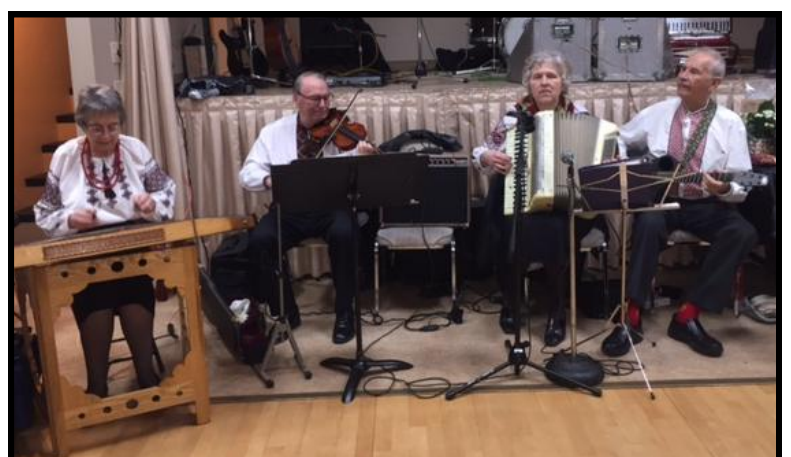
There was anticipation and excitement on Saturday, January 14th at our Ivan Franko Community Centre as people were gathering for another sold out Malanka. While enjoying a delicious variety of hors d'oeuvres, our guests were entertained by the Ukrainian Prairie Band playing old-time Ukrainian music by musicians: Gladys Andreas on tsymbaly, Ed Rys on fiddle, Shirley Kasper on accordion, and Don Olds on guitar. This was followed by an extensive buffet dinner consisting of pyrohy, holubtsi, kasha, nachynka, sauerkraut, salmon, roast beef, and a variety of salads and other items that would give everyone the energy to dance the night away.

After dinner, our program continued with a selection of Ukrainian dances performed by Dovbush Ukrainian Dancers of Vancouver and our resident dance group, Tropak Ukrainian Dance Ensemble directed by Tamara Pitts. Their energized performance was very well received by our audience and



was followed by a standing ovation. Also, back by popular demand, S-Bahn played past midnight. The musicians were vocalist Richard Tyce on accordion and keyboards, Fred Ardiel on guitar, and Loren Etkin on drums. The dance floor was full as they played and sung a wide variety of songs including the traditional and highly entertaining kolomayka. As midnight approached, we were handed sparkling wine, noisemakers and hats and the New Year was celebrated by all.

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Many thanks to Fran Zukewich for her leadership and the many hours she dedicated to organizing this year's Malanka. Also, we are very appreciative to the staff that prepared and served an

outstanding meal and to the many volunteers that helped with the food preparation, setup, decorating, ticket sales and various other tasks. Malanka would not be possible without the hard

work and efforts of many. We look forward to seeing you next year on **Saturday, January 13, 2018.**

Students are invited to apply for our Youth Scholarship

The **Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko** is pleased to offer two types of scholarships. These scholarships are directed towards students between the ages of 13 and 18.

Type I: Post Secondary Scholarship

For post secondary study at an approved college or university in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Type II: Cultural Scholarship

For the study of Ukrainian culture and/or language in an approved program to the maximum of \$500.00.

We invite worthy candidates to review the application package that can be found on the **Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko** website at: www.ivanfranko.ca. A letter of reference is required from a school representative which could be a teacher, counsellor or administrator. The application form for Type I or Type II must also be completed by the candidate.

The deadline for the application is **Friday, May 19, 2017** for both types of scholarships. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Tanya Zukewich at **604-241-2300**.

Ivan Franko Book Club Meeting

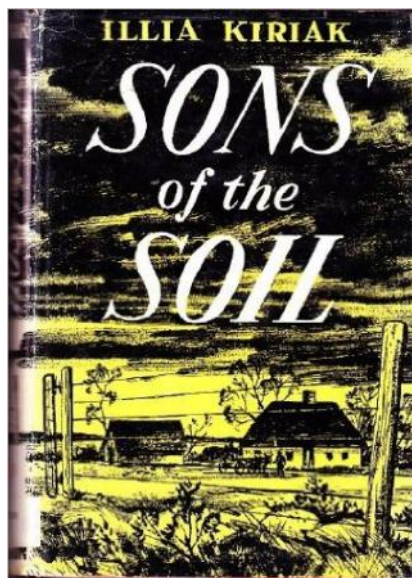
When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 11:30 am

Where: Library, Ivan Franko Community Centre

The purpose of the book club is to read Ukrainian books in English translation, or in the original Ukrainian if possible, and books written in English on Ukrainian themes and topics. Club members come from Richmond, Surrey, Langley, North Vancouver and Vancouver four times a year to discuss the characters, plots, settings, historical backgrounds and our own connections with these books. Ties that bind us are our Ukrainian heritage, love of reading and joy of sharing our ideas.

To start off the new decade, (yes, our club is 10 years old!) we have decided to try a new time for the meetings. Instead of evenings, we will meet at 11:30 in the morning to discuss the book, enjoy lunch and plan for new books and new ventures.

The book we have chosen for March 14th, Illia Kiriak's **Sons of the Soil**, is the translated into English, condensed version of Kiriak's novel, **Syny Zemli**, first published in 3 volumes (1100 pages) by the Ukrainian Institute Press in Edmonton between



1939 and 1945. This book is generally referred to as the most important literary work of the Ukrainian pioneer writers. In it, Kiriak depicts the experiences of three generations of Ukrainian settlers in Canada; showing the process of their integration in the new land with their day to day joys and sorrows and asserting their importance in the settlement of Western Canada.

The English translation (1959) is only 1/3 in length of the original Ukrainian, however, it remains true to Kiriak's insights into the Ukrainian pioneer experience and his deep affection for the peasant farmers he portrays.

Illia Kiriak (1888 - 1955) emigrated to Canada in 1906 as part of the massive migration of approximately 170,000 Ukrainians to Canada between 1891 and 1914. He was an itinerant worker criss-crossing the nation before he settled in Alberta where he trained as a

public school teacher and taught for 25 years.

For information about the book club, contact Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca

Saturday Lunch Time Movie

We have chosen Battle of Sevastopol, a movie from World War 2 that promises to be very engaging and relevant for present day Ukraine.

When: April 29, 2017 at 11:00 am

Where: Ivan Franko Library

You are welcome to bring a snack to share for lunch. The first to arrive get the comfy couches! The movie is 2 hours long.

Languages: Ukrainian and Russian with English subtitles.

For further information contact Theresa@ books@ivanfranko.ca

Description of the movie:

On 22 June 1941 the German war Axis launches 'Operation Barbarossa', with four million troops invading the Soviet Union. By the late autumn Sevastopol, a strategic port in the Crimea on the Black Sea, was still standing defiant. A young Ukrainian recruit, exhibiting impressive skill and prowess with a rifle, proves her immense



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value to the Red Army as a crack-sniper, notching up 309 kills as testament to her marksmanship, making her the number 1 female sniper of WWII,

beating the tallies of many of her male compatriots. 'Battle for Sevastopol' is the thrilling true story of individual courage and prowess during a

prolonged and tempestuous siege against a mighty oppressor less than two years into the Second World War.



Dance, Music, Food, Arts & Crafts

May 6th, 2017 from 9:00am - 6:30pm

**Clarke Theatre: Located at the Heritage Park Secondary School
33700 Prentis Ave Mission, BC**



Admission: Adults & Seniors - \$8.00
Youth (7-18 years) - \$5.00
Children (6 and under) - \$1.00



Inquiries please email: info@bcucf.ca

Website: www.bcucf.ca

Sponsored by the BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival Society
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Mark your calendars for our Golf Tournament 2017

For more than 25 years our Society has been hosting an **Annual Ukrainian Community Golf Tournament** for its members and friends. The tournament is for all golfers, young and somewhat old, regardless of ability. The emphasis is on everyone having a good time.



The tournament is a Texas Scramble format, enabling all players of varying skills to play and enjoy the game.

Refreshments and a snack will be served after the ninth hole. There will be a dinner at the Centre afterwards, where prizes will be distributed. We do appreciate donations so that we can continue to offer prizes to all players.

Where: Country Meadows Executive Golf Course in Richmond

When: Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

For more information on this great event, contact George Brandak at 604-274-2025 or at george.brandak@ubc.ca

Ivan Franko Library - Featured Acquisition

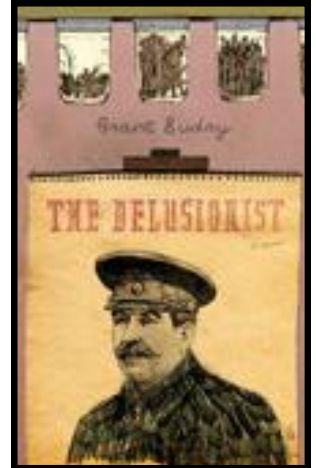
Featured new acquisition: The Delusionist by Grant Buday

- Kobzar Literary Award, Finalist
- Eric Hoffer Award, Shortlist
- City of Victoria Book Prize, Finalist

Cyril is the only Canadian-born member of the Andrachuk family. His parents and older brother having survived Stalin's systematic starving of

Ukraine. His brother's brittle bones are not the only legacy of Stalin. Cyril's famine-free childhood has built up a distance between him and the rest of the household.

Art, love, and history furnish the setting in this tale. **The Delusionist** is a novel of longing, loss and rediscovered joy. Set In Vancouver, B.C. 1962.



Ukrainian Community Night



On Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2017, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Vancouver Branch organized a very successful evening at our Ivan Franko Community Centre. Our large Ukrainian family from all over Greater Vancouver (over 140 people) gathered together to celebrate our Ukrainian community and to strengthen community ties. Everyone enjoyed an amazing dinner as potluck tables were full of delicious homemade dishes. During the evening, many participated in a sing along singing beautiful Ukrainian folk songs led by Kvitka Kozak, Tetiana Zaruba, Natalie Malishev, and Denis Polisschuk. We were also entertained by two young musicians (Illia Swan on guitar and Denis Polisschuk on accordion) playing contemporary music.

Membership Payments for 2017

Current, previous, and new members are reminded that their **membership dues for 2017 are now due!** For those who have not paid their 2016 dues, payment is waived for 2016, and their membership continues with their 2017 payment.

Please complete and return the membership form that has been mailed to you **OR** emailed to you with this newsletter and include your membership dues as outlined in the application form. You are also welcome to email our office manager at info@ivanfranko.ca to update and renew your membership for 2017.

Library volunteer request

Do you have some time between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm a few Saturdays a month to help out in our library?

We are still hoping that someone with a command of Ukrainian and English languages, a working knowledge of computer programmes and a willingness to volunteer a few hours a week will come forward to help in maintaining and building our library. Although

there is much work, I can assure you that there is also much joy. Help in the form of stacking books and organizing archival material is always welcome and doesn't require a working knowledge of Ukrainian Language.

For information please contact Theresa through The Ukrainian Centre at 604-274-4119 or at books@ivanfranko.ca

**NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS
MARCH 17**



Discover the Magic of Pysanky

Ukrainian Easter eggs made the traditional way with beeswax and dyes



Ukrainian pysanky by local expert Joan Brander (artist, author, instructor, lecturer)

Easter Workshop

Date / Time Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Place 5311 Francis Road, Richmond

- Age**
- appropriate for 5+ years old
 - 10 years and under must be accompanied by adult

- Features**
- make a pysanka the traditional way — it's easy, fun, and affordable
 - hands-on activity
 - simple, step-by-step instructions
 - teaching aids (visual, auditory, sensory) encourage creativity
 - eggs have been marked, emptied, and rinsed out
 - no experience necessary

Cost \$25 per person or 2 people for \$40
Bring a friend – all materials provided

Register pre-registration required 604.275.8169 or 604.274.4119