



NEWSLETTER

March 2018

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Annual General Meeting

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 2018 must be in good standing to be eligible to vote. If you have not renewed your 2018 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.

When: Saturday, April 7,
2018 at 2:00 pm

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

Malanka – Ukrainian New Year's Eve 2018

There was anticipation and excitement on **Saturday, January 13th, 2018** at our Ivan Franko Community Centre as people gathered 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 on tsymbaly, fiddle, accordion, and guitar under the leadership of Gladys Andreas.



Guest were treated to a traditional dance by Dovbush Ukrainian Dancers

This was followed by a **sumptuous buffet dinner** including pyrohy, holubtsi, kasha, sauerkraut, salmon, roast beef, a variety of salads and other items that would give everyone the energy to dance the night away.

After dinner, Tamara Pitts introduced our program of a selection of Ukrainian dances performed by **Dovbush Ukrainian Dancers** of Vancouver and **Kvitka Ukrainian Dancers** from Surrey. Their energized performances were very well received by our guests.

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. Everyone also thoroughly enjoyed listening to a great selection of Alpenhorn music performed by Jim Hopson. The dance floor was full as S-Bahn played and sang a wide selection 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.

The MC duties were ably handled by our President Darlene Scribilo. She and Cultural Director, Lidia Slobodian ensured all of the door prizes found new homes by the end of the evening. One of the highlights was the opening of the 'signature prize' which was hilariously shared with many of the guests by the winner.

Many thanks to our Malanka Committee for its organization and preparation for this year's festivities. Fran Zukewich, our Volunteer Director, ensured we had volunteers to help with the food preparation, setup, decorating, ticket sales and various other tasks and staff that prepared and served an outstanding meal. Malanka would not be possible without the hard work and efforts of many.

We are also very grateful to **Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel** for its generous donation and sponsorship of Malanka 2018. With its financial support, we are providing our guests with a fabulous evening of entertainment. Thanks so much Dixon Mitchell for your support!

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Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Ukrainian Community Centre of Ivan Franko.

Friday Night Suppers:

- March 16th
- April 20th
- May 18th
- June 15th

All suppers take place from **5:00-7:30pm**

Please note - there will be **no suppers in July and August.**

Saturday Sales:

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

Take Out:

We have the following prepared items for take out: perogies, cabbage rolls, roasted sauerkraut and sausage, and pickled beets. To place your order, call 604 274-4119 to leave a message or email us at info@ivanfranko.ca. Someone will return the call or email back to confirm your order.

Golf Tournament

Mark **Sunday, September 16, 2018** on your calendars for this year's Golf Tournament.

Youth Scholarships

Application forms are due **May 18, 2018.**



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than \$2 billion in private and institutional assets. It is recognized for the strength of its investment professionals, disciplined investment process and unwavering commitment to its clients. To find out more about Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel go to www.dixonmitchell.com

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Malanka on Saturday, January 12th, 2018.

Youth Scholarship Applications

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 18, 2018** for both types of scholarships. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Tanya Zukewich at **604 241-2300**.

Ukrainian Cultural Night

On Saturday, February 24th, 2017, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Vancouver Branch held another successful annual Ukrainian Community Night event at our Ivan Franko Community Centre. The atmosphere of the event was very warm, friendly and positive – over 170 guests from all over Greater Vancouver gathered together to celebrate our Ukrainian community and to strengthen community ties. Our guests represented many Ukrainian organizations, different generations and waves of immigration.

Everyone enjoyed an amazing dinner, as potluck tables were full of delicious homemade dishes. During the evening our guests were entertained by wonderful Kvitka Dancers group, that performed three traditional Ukrainian dance routines. Marichka Hahalovska shared with the audience a few contemporary Ukrainian songs in her vocal interpretation. And the band *New Wave* with their new program exceeded all our expectations and powered the guests with a tide of positive energy. The evening ended with many enjoying opportunity to dance to a variety of popular tunes.

Our Society was pleased to support and volunteer at the Ukrainian Community Night, a memorable and enjoyable event for all those present.



Kvitka Dancers Group performing a traditional Ukrainian dance routine

Book Club

The Man With The Poison Gun is one of those rare gems that reads like a novel but is in fact a historical account. You have to keep reminding yourself as you read along that this is not just another 1960's fictional spy novel. The real assassination events in this book would later be incorporated into a scene in Ian Fleming's last Bond novel **The Man With The Golden Gun**.

The events and their outcome in this book lead to major changes in the European legal trials of World War II war-criminals and changed the attitude of many post-war Western countries to the extent of the menace posed by the Soviet regime.

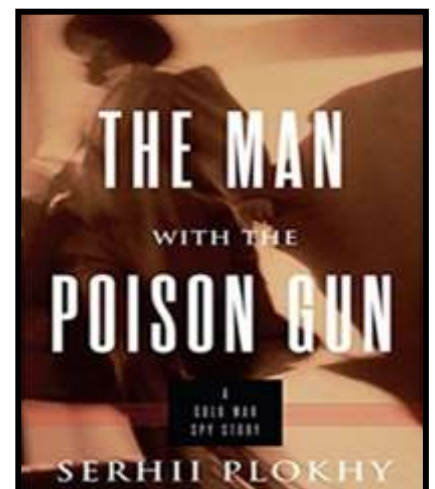
This book is also very relevant today with its

eerie parallels to the death of Aleksandr Litvinenko in London by radioactive Plutonium poisoning in 2006, which the British government investigation in 2016 concluded was an operation orchestrated by the Russian Federal Secret Service.

Most recently, on March 4, 2018, the use of a nerve agent was used to poison a former Russian double agent, Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia. Suspicion has turned to the Russian government, which jailed Mr Skripal for "treason" in 2006.

If you are interested in learning more about our Book Club please contact:

Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca





Ivan Franko Library

Our library is a warm and inviting place to spend some time perusing excellent historical, cultural and literature books and archival material. Members are invited to sign out books for a one month period. Please phone ahead if you have a particular interest or request.

The Library is open on Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm - except for the last Saturday of the month when we host lunch time movies.

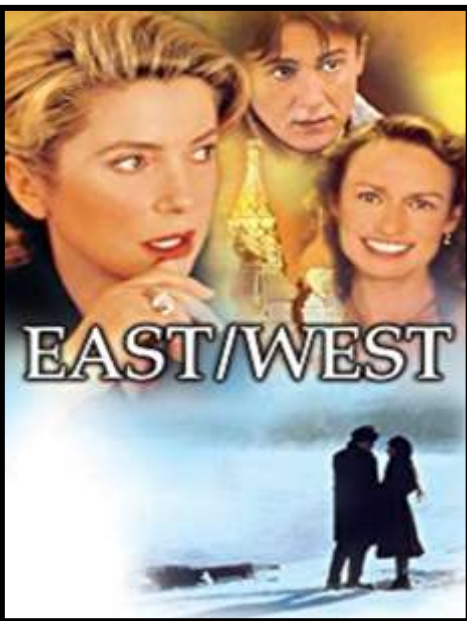
For information or to make library donations, contact Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca or 604 274 4119.

Saturday Movie Time at Ivan Franko

On the last Saturday of the month Ivan Franko members and friends enjoy watching selected movies in our comfortable mezzanine. We enjoy the shared experience, snacks and lively discussions. We find the time of our gathering - **11:15am to approx 1:00pm** - perfect for breaking up a busy Saturday with a relaxing

and entertaining interlude.

Often our post movie discussions lead us to agree to watch the movie again. Such is the case with **East/West** and **Everything is Illuminated** which is on our programme for March and April.



East/West is an award winning and 1999 Oscar nominee: Best Foreign Language Film. English subtitles. French-Ukrainian-Russian-Spanish-Bulgarian film directed by Régis Wargnier, starring Sandrine Bonnaire, Oleg Menshikov, Sergei Bodrov Jr. and Catherine Deneuve.

In June 1946: Stalin invites Russian emigres to return to the motherland. It's a trap: when a ship-load from France arrives in

Odessa, only a physician and his family are spared execution or prison. He and his French wife are sent to Kiev. She wants to return to France immediately; he knows that they are captives and must watch every step. By chance, she meets a touring French actress and pleads for help. She also takes a young swimmer under her wing, and several years later, he makes a bold attempt to escape. Meanwhile, the KGB is suspicious, and hope for freedom is dim. Patience, her husband's

self control, and her good looks may be their only assets.

Everything Is Illuminated is the story of a young Jewish American man who tries, with the help of 2 eccentric local guides, to find the Ukrainian woman who saved his grandfather during World War II in a Ukrainian village, which was ultimately razed by the Nazis. The movie starts with goofiness and laughter and ends in silence and memory. Language: English, Ukrainian with English subtitles.



Golf Tournament

For more than 25 years our Society has been hosting an **Annual Ukrainian Community Golf Tournament** for it's 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 our Centre afterwards, where prizes will be distributed. We have been fortunate to receive prizes from sponsors and players (gift certificates, gift baskets, golf-related items and two high-end golf bags last year) so that all players receive a prize at our golf event. We are very appreciative of our donors who continue to make our tournament most enjoyable for all levels of golfers.

Where: Country Meadows Executive Golf Course in Richmond (an executive course, par 58, 4 par 4's, 3157 yards)

When: Sunday, September 16, 2018 (mark your calendars.) First tee off is 11:00 am

Cost: Members - \$55 / Nonmembers - \$65

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

A Reminder to Renew your 2018 Membership Payments



Current, previous, and new members are reminded that their **membership dues for 2018 are now due!** For those who have not paid their 2016 dues, payment is waived for 2017, and their membership continues with their 2018 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 2018.



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)

2 Easter Workshops

Date / Time Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm OR
Monday, March 26, 2018 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm OR

Place Ukrainian Community Centre, 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

**UPCOMING FRIDAY
NIGHT SUPPERS:**

**March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th**

Join us for the 23rd Annual
BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival
Dance. Music. Food. Arts. & Crafts



Admission:

Adults & Seniors	\$8
Youth (7-18 Years)	\$5
Children (6 and Under)	\$1

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Sponsored by the BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival Society.



Saturday, May 5th, 2018 9:00-6:30pm

Clarke Theatre, Heritage Park Secondary School, 33700 Prentis Ave, Mission, BC