



NEWSLETTER

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Come join us at Malanka 2018

We invite you to join us for our New Year celebration at Malanka on Saturday, January 13th. Imagine walking into a hall transformed by shimmering lights and festive decor; being welcomed by the Prairie Band playing Ukrainian melodies on ancient and traditional instruments; sampling delicacies at the hors d'oeuvres table; feasting on a traditional Ukrainian and festive grand buffet; being entertained by a dynamic



group of Ukrainian dancers and then dancing the night away to the famous and ever popular S-Bahn while winning fabulous door prizes. At midnight the party favours come out with complimentary sparkling wine and after the singing and dancing - a late night snack for the road home.

This is Malanka at the Ivan Franko Centre - a night to enjoy and to remember!

Tickets are now available at \$65 per person. **Reserve your tickets by phoning the office at 604-274-4119.**

Upcoming Events

Friday Night Suppers

Friday Night Suppers take place from 5:00-7:30pm on:

- November 17th
- January 26th
- February 16th

Please note—there will be **NO SUPPER IN DECEMBER.**

Saturday Sales

We continue to have Saturday sales from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. You can get perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, and Ukrainian sausage. Stock up for the holiday season and for your Christmas Eve dinner.

Also, we will have beets and horseradish relish on December 16th and 23rd.

The Centre is closed for the Holidays from December 24th to January 13th, 2018. Saturday Sales will resume on January 13th, 2018.

Thank You to our Volunteers

We are very grateful to all our Volunteers at Ivan Franko. We couldn't do it without all their help in our kitchen, hall and library. To show our appreciation for the time they so generously donate to our Society, we recently

hosted a thank you luncheon at the River Rock. A **big thank you** to all our volunteers and for everything they do to help us!



Membership Payments For 2018

Current, previous, and new members are reminded that their membership dues for 2018 should be paid no later than **January 31, 2018**. For those who have not paid their 2017 dues, payment is waived for 2017 at this time, and their membership continues with their 2018 payment. Please complete and return a membership form that is attached to your mail out or email for processing by our Office Manager.

Recent Additions to Our Library

For those seeking something a little out of the ordinary and somewhat magical, we recommend the following two recent acquisitions.

Baba's Kitchen Medicines: Folk Remedies of Ukrainian Settlers in Western Canada by Michael Mucz

Imagine that you are living on an isolated prairie homestead in 1896. It is winter. Your frostbitten fingers have become infected. Even if you could afford a doctor, getting to one is problematic and the usual treatment is amputation. What would you do? What the early settlers did do, may surprise and amaze you.

In his book, **Baba's Kitchen Medicines**, Michael Mucz describes many traditional healing practices of Ukrainian immigrants. Detailed information on wild and cultivated plants used in healing includes their preparation and administration. A section on common ailments lists traditional treatments used for each. Squeamish readers should be warned that remedies include the use of cow manure, leeches, dog saliva, other unsavoury substances along with the usual home brewed alcohol, pickle juice, honey and garlic.

The Witches of Kyiv and Other Gothic Tales: Selected Works of Orest Somov

If you enjoy fantasy with a twist of mystery and even horror, you will love **The Witches of Kyiv and Other Gothic Tales**. Here the supernatural is present throughout Ukraine, from a cemetery in Kyivan Rus, to an isolated forest cottage in the 17th century Kozak era, to the society ballrooms of the early 19th century. Gothic horror appears in many guises including witches, warlocks, demons and vengeful "rusalky". Native folk traditions, ghost stories and European Romanticism are twisted together in Somov's tales most of which are published here in English for the first time.

Our library is open on **Saturdays from 11am to 2pm** - except for the last Saturday of the month when we host Lunch Time Movies. Contact Theresa Herchak at books@ivanfranko.ca or at 604-274-4119 if you have any questions, particular interests or requests.

Ivan Franko Book Club Hosts a Special Movie Event



The Ivan Franko Book Club meets 4 times a year to discuss excellent books and view films on Ukrainian themes and topics. On November 21st we will be watching an exciting and informative movie: **Battle for Sevastopol**. (I particularly liked the Eleanor Roosevelt connection.)

Battle for Sevastopol

(English subtitles) (2 hours)

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 value to the Red Army as a crack-sniper, notching up 309 lulls 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.

If you are interested in learning more about the Book Club please contact Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca

Saturday Lunch Time Movies

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. Last month we watched the acclaimed movie **Bitter Harvest** which played in Greater Vancouver theatres for a limited engagement last spring.

We will resume our Lunch Time Movies in the new year. For information or suggestions, contact Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca

Taras Schevchenko Ukrainian Language School

Ukrainian language classes for beginners, intermediate, and advanced speakers who would like to attend classes to learn and improve their language skills. Classes take place Mondays from **6:45 – 9:00 pm** at **St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church located at 550 W. 14th Ave in Vancouver**. Enter the parking lot from 16th Ave and Ash. School entry is through the side door on the right side of the church beside the parking lot. A 10

week term begins every September and mid January. Cost is \$210 per term which includes books. Classes are fun and informal.

Check out the following website: www.ukrainianclasses.com.

Call Susan at 604 – 733-3756 or email at info@ukrainianclasses.com for more details or to register.



The Holodomor National Awareness Tour

The UCSIF was honoured to host the Holodomor National Awareness Tour on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 in the Ivan Franko Centre parking lot.

The Tour is a project of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation supported by the Government of Canada, to raise awareness about the Holodomor and help build a strong democratic, diverse and tolerant society in Canada.

The Tour featured the Holodomor Mobile Classroom, a state-of-the-art, interactive mobile learning space to engage and educate students and the public. Several films on the Holodomor played throughout the hours it was open to the public.



Holodomor Bus at Ivan Franko Centre

Golf Tournament – Another Swinging Success

A little bit of rain never hurt anyone, especially our hardy golfers as they played the Country Meadows Golf Course on Sunday, September 17th. In the inclement weather, only three groups shot under par, but we had an eagle on the Par 4 ninth hole thanks to two superb shots by Bill Humenny. The team of George Daschko, Ingus Silgailus, Amanda Hopkins, and Roman Herchak shot -4 to finish first in the tournament.

The teams of Myron Kynach, Kevin McGilligan, Les Schweitzer, and Ian Reid (-3) and Sean Dashko, Kenton Boldt, Mitch Kean, and Nick Kutin were close behind. The longest drives of the day were by Lesia Dawydiak and Bruce Cameron and the balls shot closest to

the pin were by Lesia Dawydiak and Aaron Steitzer.

After the game, players came to our Centre for a banquet, distribution of prizes, and refreshments served by Tanya Zukewich who also registered the players prior to tee-off. Thanks to the generosity of private donors, individual golfers and our Society, all golfers were able to receive prizes after the meal. The prizes included two quality golf bags, a gift basket, B.C. Lions tickets, a wireless bluetooth speaker, a private golf lesson, and many gift certificates. The donors included Savage Creek Driving Range, Richmond Driving Range, Country Meadows Golf Course, Jennifer Wyatt, Amron Meats, Vancity,

Shaw Communications, C&D Logistics, ECCO Supplies, C & D Logistics, Camfill Farr, and Envirotech. Sean and George Daschko and George Brandak were able to collect prizes from our generous donors.

We are grateful to our kitchen staff who spent much time and effort to prepare a wonderful meal. The Country Meadows Golf Course hosted in a courteous and efficient manner. Kudos to all our golfers, many who participated in the tournament in the last century and those who participated in their first tournament. We hope you will continue to support our tournament and our Society.

Vancouver Hosts Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Leadership Conference

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Leadership Conference was held in Vancouver the weekend of October 14, 2017. A highlight of the conference was a banquet at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre attended by community members and dignitaries with a special keynote address by The Honorable Harjit S. Sajjin, Minister of Defence. The evening also included traditional Ukrainian music, singing and dancing which was enjoyed by all.

The evening was attended by several UCSIF members and board of directors including Darlene Scribilo (President), Vera Adams (Vice President), Lidia Slobodian (Cultural Director) and George Brandak (Director at Large).



Ivan Franko Executive members with Hon. Harjit S. Sajjin



MALANKA ~ МАЛАНКА 2018

Ukrainian New Year Celebration

Ukrainian Community Centre of Ivan Franko
5311 Francis Road, Richmond

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

Cocktails 6:00 pm
Deluxe Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm
Dancing
Champagne and Party Favours
Entertainment
(Tropak Dance Theatre and Dulcimer Ensemble)
Door Prizes
Semi-formal
Free Parking

Tickets must be purchased in
advance for this popular event.

☎ **Call: 604.274.4119**

\$65⁰⁰ per person

(non-refundable)

Website

A reminder to our members to check our website www.ivanfranko.ca for upcoming events at our Society and in the Ukrainian Community.

We update our website on a regular basis and information on our homepage is current.

You may also want to checkout **the** www.ukrainianvancouver.com website for other events taking place in Metro Vancouver.

**NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS NOVEMBER 17TH
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