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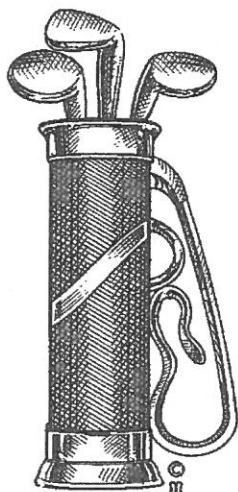
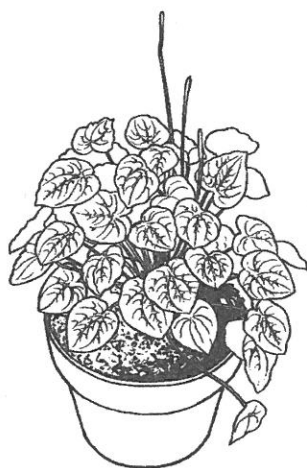
CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS!

**The UCSIF is planning a plant sale
for spring 2014.**

**This fall and next spring consider splitting
and potting up those perennials and self-
seeding annuals that have taken over your
garden and donating them to the plant sale.
Some examples of plants include: calla lilies,
lily of the valley, strawberries, raspberries,
dahlias, peonies, margarites, hostas, chives
and other herbs, geraniums, or any plant that
will pot up nicely in the spring.**

If you need pots, we have some.

**If you have questions or wish to volunteer to
help, contact Darlene at 604.271.7773 or
dscribee@gmail.com**



Make our Annual Golf Tournament a Swinging Success

For over 25 years our Society has been hosting an Annual Ukrainian Community Golf Tournament for its members and friends. Every year has its share of fun, excitement and enjoyment. Last year a full complement of 56 players participated.

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 lunch at our Centre afterwards, where prizes will be distributed after the last playing foursome arrives. We would appreciate donations so that we can continue to offer prizes to all players.

There is a limit on players, so make your intention to play as soon as possible. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Where: Country Meadows Executive Golf Course, No. 6 Road, Richmond

When: Sunday 15 September 2013. First tee-off at 11am (best ball format).

Cost: Member \$50; Non-members \$60. Make cheques payable to Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko and mail them to 5311 Francis Road, Richmond, V7C 1K2

Contact: George Brandak at 604.274.2025 / george.brandak@ubc.ca or Elsa Rojas Marquez, Office Manager, at 604.274.4119 / USCIF@telus.net

Society Scholarships

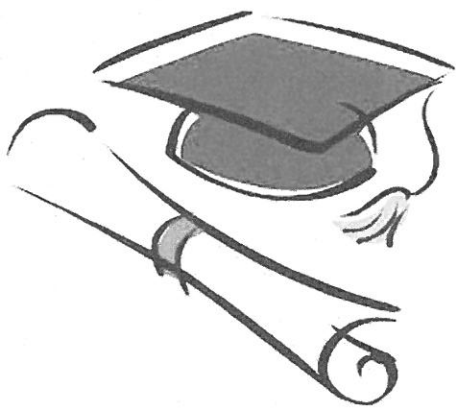
For many years, the Ukrainian Society of Ivan Franko has offered scholarships to our young, aspiring graduates.

Scholarship applications are available in March of each year. Application forms are mailed to all Senior Secondary Schools in Richmond, posted on our website (www.ivanfranko.ca) and can be picked up at the Ukrainian Hall.

We offer a Post-Secondary and Cultural scholarship. We require each applicant to complete the scholarship application, attach a transcript of grades, two letters of reference (one from the school, the other from a person within the Ukrainian community) and an essay to describe why they deserve the scholarship.

This year, the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko is proud to support scholarship winner Rachel Gilder.

We look forward to another successful year.
by Tanya Zukewich



Ivan Franko Library News

The library is open on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm. Drop by to check out some books, look over magazines and periodicals and have a cup of tea! We have a growing collection of books in Ukrainian and English languages that may be difficult to find elsewhere.

On Saturday 17 August from 1pm to 4pm, UCSIF is taking part in a Ukrainian cultural afternoon at the Surrey Museum, 17710 56A Avenue. Come and visit us at the UCSIF Library table where we will have a display of interesting books and artifacts from our library.

A big thank you to Paul Cipywnyk of Language Lanterns Publications, Stephan Petelytsky, Fran Zukovich and Chester Shinkaruk for their recent donations of books and artifacts to our library. Books and cash to purchase new books are always appreciated!

For information about joining the Book Club or helping in the Library, phone Theresa at 604.295.0693.

Meet the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Staff

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THE READING ROOM

About the Club

Now is the perfect time for you to join the Ivan Franko Ukrainian Book Club! All members of UCSIF are welcome. We meet 4 times a year and through our readings we have met unforgettable characters, shared incredible experience and have travelled extensively in time and space.

Our selections are Ukrainian books translated into English or books written in English on Ukrainian themes and topics. They reflect a variety of genres: mystery, thriller, humorous and historical novels; memoirs; classic Ukrainian in translation; poetry, plays and even movies. Some of the books reduced us to puddles of laughter, while others brought upon a stillness born of empathy and reflection.

We all did not always agree on each other's interpretations or evaluations of the books, but we certainly enjoyed the spirited discussions and learned a lot about what it means to be Ukrainian.



Current Read

We met in May to discuss Oles Berdnyk's *Prometheus*. The evening was filled with the usual animated discussion and friendly sparring. We agreed that this book appealed mainly to readers who enjoy studies in comparative religions, philosophy, and Greek and Roman mythology. The love story between Hypatia and Isadore added a tender dimension to the often grim and despondent attempt to unravel the mystery of the fire that burned within them.

We found veiled references to Ivan Franko, who at the end of the

19th and beginning of the 20th century nursed the newly rekindled flame of Ukrainian consciousness. There were some surprising religious pronouncements and thought provoking revelations.

We decided that the main premise of the book was the notion that "truth lies within you, and that this truth shall set you free" and that it was this premise that contributed to Berdnyk's books being banned by the Soviet authorities.

In September we will discuss *For the Home Hearth* by Ivan Franko. This short novel from the book *Behind Decorum's Veil* reads like an Arthur Conan Dole / Edgar Allan Poe mystery. The plot unravels slowly and characters develop convincingly. It is beautifully written, masterfully translated and thoroughly enjoyable to read. Even though it was written 1892, parts are hauntingly contemporary.

by Theresa Herchak

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BC's Own Online Ukrainian Newspaper

www.ukrainianvancouver.com

There are over 80 000 Ukrainians residing in the Great Vancouver area. Some of us belong to different Ukrainian organizations or churches. Others still think about it. But something in the picture was missing: a link between all of us who were organized and those not so much.

When Vitaliy Kubatskiy moved to Vancouver from Ukraine a few years ago, he noticed the need for a British Columbian Ukrainian newspaper. With the help of Mirko Petriw, a very well-known Ukrainian activist, and few other friends Vitaliy started the internet newspaper *Ukrainian Vancouver*.

Since November 2011 we have had an online newspaper where all of the world can read about us, and where we may check on Ukrainian life going on around the corner. We can express our opinion in the comments to articles, or post our own

material. Everybody is welcome to try to be a reporter or a writer. We all have a story or two to tell.

There are more readers of *Ukrainian Vancouver* in Ukraine than in Canada. It gives us an opportunity to influence Ukrainian politics back in our Motherland. Through the newspaper we can share Canadian values with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

As you see, the idea is great, it is working and it is a success. The newspaper is officially registered as a small business in BC. It exists only because of the time volunteered by Vitaliy and his friends. To continue we need help. Come and join our small group (too small). Some money can help too. It is easy to stay in touch – just use contact button on our (and your) site **www.ukrainianvancouver.com**
by Valery Shevchuk

