



UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY
SOCIETY of IVAN FRANKO



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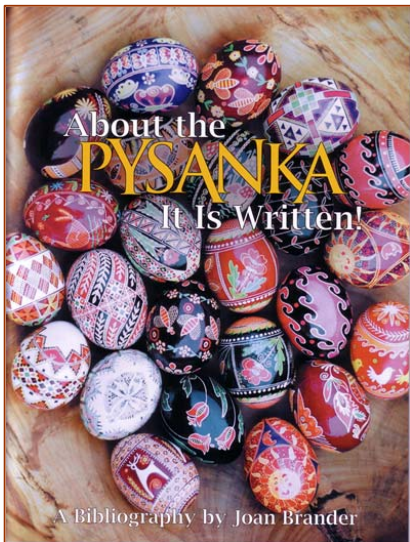
Book Launch

*About the Pysanka – It Is Written!
A Bibliography*

This book launch is an opportunity for our members to hear author Joan Brander talk about her experiences in the art of pysanka and her research for this bibliography. On display will be many of the new and rare titles in Joan's collection.

Copies of "About the Pysanka - It is Written! A Bibliography" will be available for purchase, and Joan Brander will be available for book signing. Refreshments will be served.

The Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko was a major sponsor of this unique project.



PYSANKY WORKSHOP

Discover the magic of the unique colourful eggs known as PYSANKY in Ukrainian folk art in a HANDS-ON WORKSHOP.

Where: Ukrainian Community Centre of Ivan Franko,
5311 Francis Road, Richmond, BC

Date: Saturday, March 21, 1 - 4:30pm and
Sunday, March 22, 1 - 4:30pm

Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$3

Pre-registration and inquiries: 604-295-0693

No experience required.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday March 15, 2009 at 2pm

There will be a summary of past activities and future plans. If you have suggestions for executive members, contact the Nominations Committee Chair, John Tymchuk, at 604-275-7804.

A Tribute to Taras Shevchenko

Canada Day Salmon Festival 2008

Performing: Svitank Chorus; Olga Zachary, poetess (Victoria); Adam Kozak, tenor; Adrian Petriw, actor; and children from Ukrainian schools at Holy Eucharist and Holy Trinity parishes.
Guest Speaker: Anna Vyshnevskia

When: Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 2pm

Where: Ukrainian Catholic Centre, 3150 Ash Street, Vancouver

Info: 604-291-1191 or 604-929-2581

Sponsored by UCC Vancouver Branch



A rich display of pysanky and Ukrainian wood carving at the Canada Day Salmon Festival 2008.

Society Scholarships

Scholarships will once again be awarded by the Society to deserving applicants.

There is one \$500 scholarship for post-secondary education. It is open to all students graduating from high school in 2009.

The other scholarship for cultural purposes in the amount of \$250. It is open to all those 13 to 18 years of age.

Scholarship applications will be sent to all secondary schools in Richmond. They will also be available from the Society at 5311 Francis Road as of February 28.

The deadline for applications to be received is May 15, 2009.

For any questions regarding scholarship applications, please contact Tanya Zukewich at 604-241-2300.

Larry and Theresa Herchak enjoyed answering questions about Ukrainian culture, traditions and the Society to the many interested people that stopped by the table.

It was amazing that almost everybody had a Ukrainian connection: "My Baba used to be Ukrainian!", "My boyfriend is Ukrainian!", "I still have my very first pysanka from 30 years ago!" Many people showed an interest in the Society and were happy to take the new, updated informational brochure for future reference.

**The Society website is ready for viewing:
www.ivanfranko.ca**

March is Membership Renewal Month

The Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko is a registered charitable non-profit society dedicated to preserving and sharing Ukrainian culture within the Canadian mosaic.

As a member, donations to many cultural and educational organizations, individual projects, scholarships and charities are made in your name.

You also receive benefits with your membership. Some of these are:

- * Substantial discount for hall rental
- * Discount for the annual Ivan Franko Golf Tournament
- * Ivan Franko Library privileges
- * Ivan Franko Book Club membership
- * Film Club membership(coming soon)

* Advance invitations to special events (Malanka, pysanka workshops, guest speakers and book launches)

* Ivan Franko Ukrainian Community Society Newsletter delivered to your door

* Members Only access on the Ivan Franko Community Society website

* Simply belonging to a society with other like-minded, fun-loving, young at heart, Ukrainian-connected individuals is a huge bonus

Renew your membership at the AGM

Single \$15; Family \$25; Seniors \$5; Tropak members \$5; Kitchen Volunteers - no dues



THE READING ROOM

About the Club

The Ivan Franko Ukrainian Book Club is beginning its third successful year. Now is the perfect time for you to join!

The purpose of the Book Club is very simple: to read Ukrainian books in English translation, and books in English on Ukrainian themes and topics. Then, in our comfortable Mezzanine Library, the club has fun discussing the characters, plots, settings, historical backgrounds and our own connections with these books.

Reading four books with four meetings a year has worked very well so far. At present, book club members consist of an enthusiastic group of 14 women and men of varying ages and occupations who travel to our meetings from as far as North Vancouver and White Rock, and as near as Richmond.

The ties that bring the book club together are our Ukrainian heritage, a



love of reading, and the enjoyment of sharing our ideas. We do not always agree with each other's interpretations but we always enjoy the discussions and the camaraderie.

Current Read

Strawberry Fields by Marina Lewycka invites us to join a group of migrant workers from Eastern Europe, China and Africa who have come to England

to find a better life. Their story begins in the strawberry fields in Kent and takes us along an exhausting journey through England.

We meet two young Ukrainians who represent "two halves of one country". They have very different views on the political and social issues surrounding the Orange Revolution.

They, and each of the other characters, experience the complexities and dangers of the new globalized labour markets.

This book depicts a very different and darker immigrant experience than *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*, Lewycka's first novel, which we thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing.

Theresa Herchak

For information on the Book Club or Ivan Franko Library, phone Theresa at 604-295-0693.

Ivan Franko Library News

To date we have catalogued over 1 000 books in our library representing about two thirds of our collection.

In the near future we will need assistance with bundling magazines and newspapers, applying

location labels and repairing books.

For information about joining the Book Club or helping in the Library, phone Theresa at 604-295-0693.

Tropak Dance Studio

children's Ukrainian dance classes

Register your kids now - All ages welcome

For more information - Email: contact@tropak.ca

Phone Christina: 604-738-0380

Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre is looking for guys and girls over 16 to join our performing group. No previous Ukrainian dance experience required.

For more information: contact@tropak.ca



MALANKA

Malanka 2009 was once again a huge success. Partygoers packed the hall, enjoying fabulous appetizers and a grand buffet.

Toe tapping entertainment was supplied by The Ukrainian Dulcimer Ensemble. Original and exciting Malanka-inspired dances were performed by our very own Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre. Everyone then danced the night away to the music of deejay T.J. Vegas.

A huge thank you goes out to the many people that made this evening such a memorable experience.

Two large banners (right) were completed in time for Malanka . A maiden in Ukrainian attire welcomes members, guests and visitors to our Ukrainian Centre with gifts of the earth symbolizing various seasonal festivals.

Community Society of Ivan Franko Annual Golf Tournament 2009

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

When: Sunday, September 13. First tee-off time 10:32 am.

Banquet and awards ceremony at our centre, 5311 Francis Road, after the tournament.

Cost: Members: \$50, Non-Members \$60. Cheques made payable to "Ukrainian Community Society".

Contact: George Brandak, 604-274-2025

