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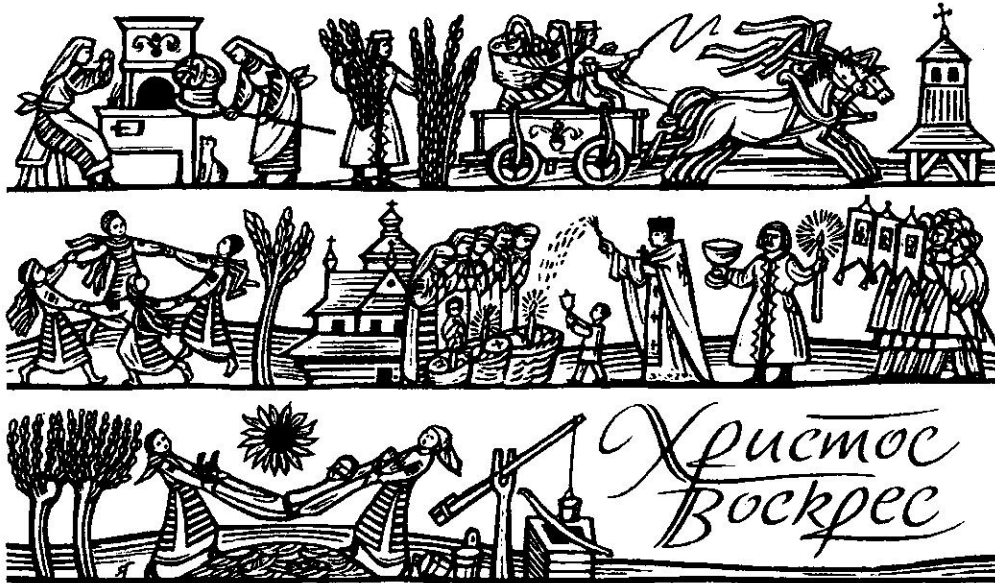


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Easter greetings to you from everyone at the Ukrainian Canadian Society of Ivan Franko!



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 16 April, 2 - 4pm; and Sunday 17 April, 2 - 4pm

Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$3

* Register early to ensure a place in this popular workshop

Pre-registration and inquiries: 604.274.4119 or 604.275.8169

* No experience required.

* Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Workshop will be led by Joan Brander of Baba's Beeswax

The **14th Annual European Festival** is on **Saturday 28 May 2011** at the Scandinavian Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC. There will be food, dancing and entertainment from a multitude of European nations, including Ukraine.

Myrna Arychuk will be co-ordinating the **Ukraine cultural information display**.

Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre will be taking the stage at **6.35pm**.



Make our Annual Golf Tournament a Swinging Success

The Annual Ukrainian Community Golf 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 is a limit of 52 players due to tournaments before and after ours, so make your intention to play as soon as possible.

The tournament has been a fun experience for many years, and this year's will be no exception. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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

When: Sunday 11 September 2011. First tee-off at 12pm (noon).

Cost: Member \$55; Non-members \$65. Make cheques payable to Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko and mail them to 5311 Francis Road, Richmond, V7C 1K2

Banquet and prizes will follow at our community centre after the last playing foursome arrives.

Prizes: We appreciate donations so that all golfers can have the opportunity to receive a prize.

Contact: George Brandak at 604.274.2025 or leave a message at the Centre at 604.274.4119

Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism visits the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko

A roundtable with Jason Kenny - Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism - and the Ukrainian community was held at our Cultural Centre the afternoon of 5 February 2011.

Mr Kenny spoke briefly on the activities of the ministry relating to Ukraine and the Ukrainian Community in Canada. This was followed by ten questions submitted to the Minister on issues of interest, and ended with questions from the floor.



Questions centred around the immigration process from Ukraine, which appeared to have unnecessary obstacles, and information about the Youth Exchange Program. There was also a request to see more ready acceptance of the academic credentials of newcomers trained outside of Canada.

During the roundtable discussion, Prime Minister Harper and the Government of Canada were commended for their principled position in recognizing the Holodomor famine in Ukraine as genocide, as well as formally recognizing the injustice perpetuated on Ukrainians and others during the Canadian Internment Operations in 1914-1920. Mr Kenny was asked, however, to address the planned inequities in the exhibit design of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Mr Kenny, accompanied by Alice Wong, Richmond MP, was forthright and sincere in answering questions presented to him. The Lower Mainland Ukrainian Community was pleased for the opportunity to meet him in this kind of format.

by George Brandak

Meet the 2011-2012 Board of Directors

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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. Book club members consist of an enthusiastic group of women and men of varying ages and occupations who travel to our meetings from near and far. New members are always welcome!

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.

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.



Ukrainian Film Night

Our first Ukrainian Film Night on 30 November 2010 featured Sergei Parajanov's *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*. A full house enjoyed an evening filled with magic, mystery and ancient traditions in a comfortable theatre setting.

Both the DVD movie and the book by Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky (in English translation) are available for borrowing from our library.

Past and Current Reads

On 1 February 2011 we met to discuss *Ukrainian Wedding* by Larry Warwaruk. Members came to a general consensus that the content was true to the lives and character of Manitoba Interlake Ukrainians in the 1950s. We enjoyed the references and subplots borrowed from Parajanov's film *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*.

Our current Book Club selection is *Night Work: the Sawchuk Poems* by Randall Mags. We will meet on 31 May to discuss this "compelling portrait of a character, a game, and an age". Excellent books on our "to read" list include *The Good Angel of Death* by Andrey Kurkov, *Bequest* by Anna Shevchenko and Marina Lewycka's new book, *We Are All Made of Glue*, by Theresa Herchak

For information on the Book Club or Ivan Franko Library, phone Theresa at 604.295.0693

Ivan Franko Library News

For the past several weeks work in the library has included cataloguing, sorting, cleaning, and organizing the library and kitchen area with help from Halina Timofiriv and Halyna Shribak.

Recently, the library has received many book donations, and the members' lounge is starting to be used for Ukrainian conversation and socializing.

The Library and members' lounge are open Saturdays

from 11am to 2pm where you can enjoy perusing and checking out fabulous books, meeting friends for tea and conversation (practice your Ukrainian!). On your way out you can stop in the kitchen to pick up some borsch, pyrohy and holubtsi for a fast and delicious supper! The perfect "Ukrainian Connection".

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 phone

Stephanla: 604.728.7915

Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre is looking for guys and girls over 16 to join our performing group.

No previous Ukrainian dance experience required.



*Tropak
Ukrainian
Dance Theatre*



Вічна пам'ять ~ Memory Eternal

Leona Chaikovsky

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine, in November 1929, Leona Chaikovsky passed away peacefully on 27 February 2011.

Leona lived in Richmond for many years, and was a dedicated volunteer for our Society and the Ukrainian Catholic Church on Railway Avenue. Her bright smile and cheerful disposition are remembered by all who knew her.

Leona was predeceased by her husband, Ihor Chaikovsky, and is survived by her three children: Irene Laudan, Roman Chaikovsky and Vera Bartolo.

Leona will be greatly missed.

Marie Louise Pawluk

Marie Louise Pawluk (Michalchuk) was born in Angusville, Manitoba, on 11 January 1928. Marie died peacefully at her home in Richmond, BC, on 26 November 2010 at the age of 82.

Marie married Walter Pawluk 9 June 1946. They farmed in the Rossburn, Manitoba, area until they were semi-retired. Marie was predeceased by her husband Walter (2 March 1992).

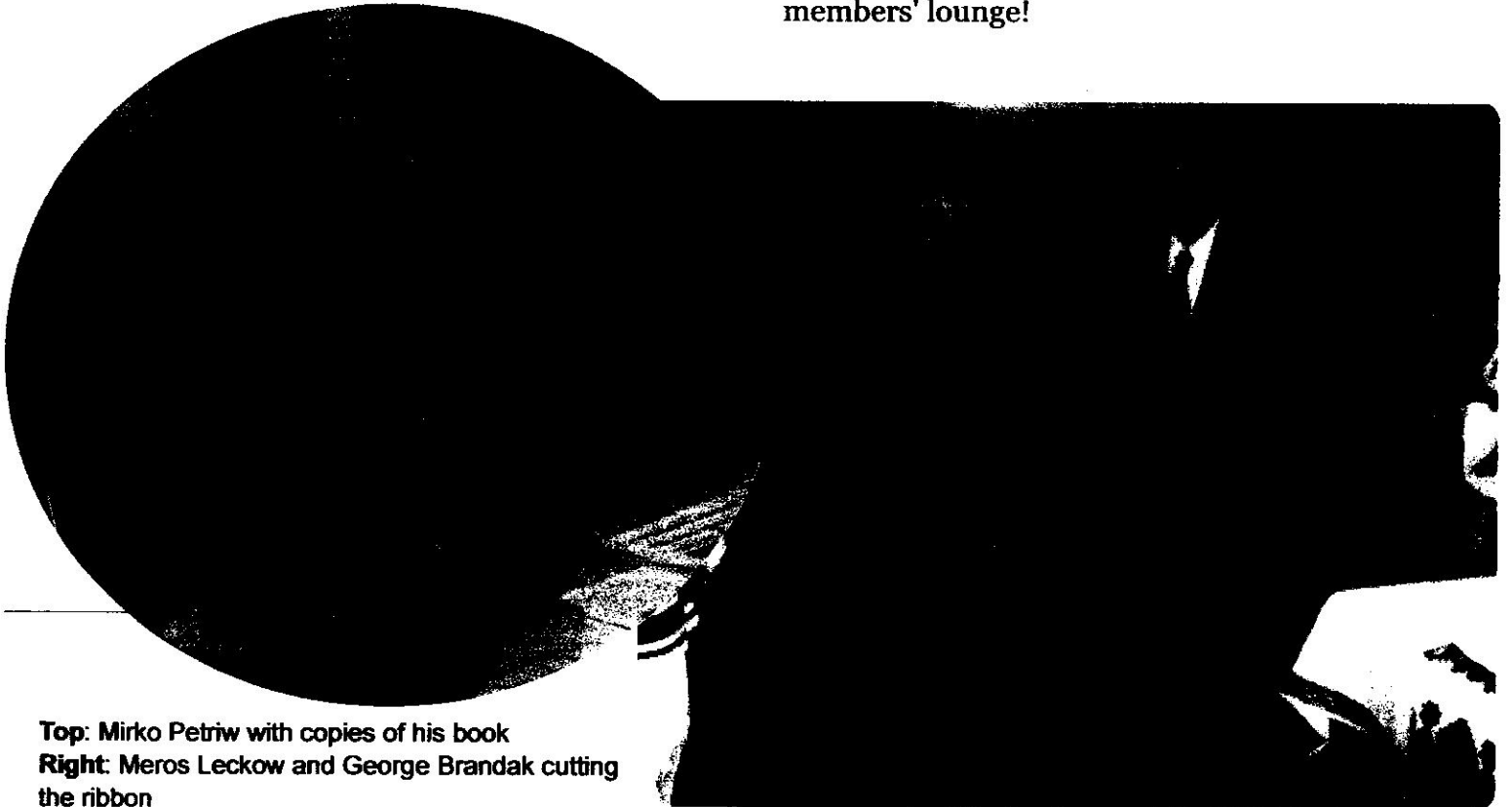
Marie looked forward to Tuesday perogy making at the Hall and Wednesday perogy making at the church. She had a positive outlook on life, a kind word to everyone and lived each day to the fullest, making her greatly missed at the hall, the church, and the Village of Ivan Franko, where she lived.

Library Grand Opening and *Yaroslav's Treasure* Book Launch

The Ivan Franko Library Grand Opening and Book Launch of Myron Petriw's *Yaroslav's Treasure* held on 21 November 2010 was a huge success.

Members and guests enjoyed the ambience,

speeches, ribbon cutting ceremony, presentation by Tropak, children's table, champagne, baking, door prizes not to forget the beautifully rejuvenated library, fabulous books and cosy members' lounge!



Top: Mirko Petriw with copies of his book

Right: Meros Leckow and George Brandak cutting the ribbon

