Join Us At Malanka 2020

We invite you to join us for our New Year celebration at Malanka on Saturday, January 25th, 2020.

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. Tickets sell out very quickly.

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!
Golf Tournament 2019—Another Swinging Success!

After heavy rains throughout the prior evening, our golfers were fortunate that the rains stopped just in time for our annual tournament on the morning of Sunday, September 15th. The signs on the golf course said, “Watch for Sandhill Cranes,” but our golfers did not see any of them or Canada Geese, only trees and water.

The teams were evenly matched with scores ranging from -3 to +3 and a +7. The two foursomes Vera and Glenn Adams, Vicky Brkich and Neil Wickson and Bill Humenny, Sue North, Susan Lazaruk, and Sid Axelrod tied for the best score at -3 with the former team having the lower score on the 18th hole to claim first prize. The longest drives of the day were by Vera Adams and Bill Humenny and the balls closest to the pin were by Jeannie Baker and Geoff Smith.

After the game, players came to the Centre for a banquet, distribution of prizes and refreshments served by Tasha Zukewich who also registered the players prior to the 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 travel bags, a gift basket, a private golf lesson, a good wine selection, and many gift certificates. The donors included Vancity, C & D Logistics. Hansentek, Camfil Farr HVAC, Bash Sheet Metal, Envirovent Air, Savage Creek Driving Range, Country Meadows Golf Course, Jennifer Wyatt, and Amron Meats. Sean 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 us in a courteous and efficient manner. Kudos to all our golfers, some on participated in our tournament in the 19th century and those who participated in their first tournament. We hope you will continue to support Come Explore The 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. Two new acquisitions that we have added to our library’s “Chernobyl” collection are:

Chernobyl: History of a Tragedy by Serhii Plokhy

From a customer review: “I read this book as I was watching the HBO series and enjoyed the additional depth and nuance Plokhy provided. While the HBO series simplified and idealized some characters and aspects, Plokhy dives deeper into the true complexity, harrowing uncertainty, and constant brushes with painful death that a nuclear disaster really implies.”

Springtime in Chernobyl by Emmanuel Lepage

This hard cover, 162 page adult graphic novel is a unique and amazing book!

In April 2008, a group of nuclear energy-adverse activists and artists visit Chernobyl to document the lives of survivors and their children living on the highly contaminated land. Among them, Emmanuel Lepage, is surprised at the unexpected beauty he encounters. There is beauty in the landscape as it is reborn, beauty in the detritus of mankind as it decays. There is beauty in the people they meet who huddle around the area. Within the horror of the story itself, there is beauty in the resolve of those who faced the disaster.

"Powerful... Springtime In Chernobyl is superb comics journalism that covers the facts, and Lepage’s account of his residency shows what we think we know isn’t always reality." - Comics Beat

If you have questions about our Library, Book Club or Saturday movies, email us at books@ivanfranko.ca or call our Society at 604 274-4119 to leave a message.

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.
Membership Payments For 2020

Current, previous, and new members are reminded that their membership dues for 2020 should be paid no later than January 31, 2020.

For those who have not paid their 2019 dues, payment is waived for 2019 at this time, and their membership continues with their 2020 payment.

We encourage you to continue as an active member of our Society. We inform our members through email of upcoming events at Ivan Franko and in the Ukrainian community. Our members also receive Newsletters three times per year.

Please complete and return a membership form that is attached to your mail out or email for processing by our Office Manager. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

MALANKA ~ МАЛАНКА
2020 Ukrainian New Year Celebration
Ukrainian Community Centre of Ivan Franko

5311 Francis Road, Richmond
Saturday, January 25, 2020

Cocktails 6:00 pm
Deluxe Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm
Dancing
Champagne and Party Favours
Entertainment
(Ukrainian Dancing and Dulcimer Ensemble)
Door Prizes

Tickets must be purchased in advance for this popular event.

Call: 604.274.4119
$65.00 per person
(non-refundable)

NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS JANUARY 17 — NO SUPPER IN DECEMBER

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