



NEWSLETTER

March 2020

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Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm. at the Centre.

Friday Night Suppers

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are cancelling our upcoming Friday Night Supper on March 20th. We will keep you updated on our website for when we will resume our Friday Night Suppers.

Saturday Sales

We continue to have Saturday sales from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. You can get cheese and sauerkraut perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, beet horseradish and Ukrainian sausage. Stock up for Easter!

Take Out

We have the following prepared items for take out, perogies, cabbage rolls, roasted sauerkraut and sausage, and pickled beets. To place your order, call 604 274-4119 to leave a message or email us at info@ivanfranko.ca. Someone will return the call or email back to confirm your order.

Golf Tournament

Mark Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 on your calendars for this year's Golf Tournament.

Youth Scholarships

Application forms are due May 15, 2020.

2020 Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm

Where: Ivan Franko Community Centre (5311 Francis Road, Richmond)

Please plan to join us for our Society's Annual General Meeting on **Saturday, April 18th at 2:00pm at the Ivan Franko Community Centre (5311 Francis Road, Richmond.)** Members will be informed of events that occurred during the year and vote for the new Board of Directors and issues that are presented at the meeting.

Your memberships for 2020 must be in good standing to be eligible to vote. If you have not

renewed your 2020 Membership, please complete the renewal form attached to this newsletter and send it in to our office.

Renewals can be filled out and sent to us in advance or filled out at the door.

The Board is looking forward to meeting our members and listening to any of their comments. Refreshments will be served.

Malanka: Ukrainian New Year's Eve 2020

There was anticipation and excitement on **Saturday, January 25th, 2020** at our Ivan Franko Community Centre as people gathered for another sold out Malanka. While enjoying a delicious variety of hors d'oeuvres, our guests were entertained by the Ukrainian Prairie Band playing old-time Ukrainian music on tsymbaly, fiddle, accordion, and guitar under the leadership of Gladys Andreas. This was followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner including pyrohy, holubtsi, kasha, sauerkraut, salmon, roast beef, a variety of salads and other items that would give everyone the energy to dance the night away.



After dinner, Tamara Pitts introduced our program of a selection of Ukrainian dances performed by Dovbush Ukrainian Dancers of Vancouver and Kvitka Ukrainian Dancers from Surrey. Their energized performances were very well received by our guests. Also, back by popular demand, S-Bahn played past midnight. The musicians were vocalist Richard Tyce on accordion and keyboards, Fred Ardiel on guitar, James Bartz on drums and vocalist Kurt Ward-Tyce playing the violin and mandolin. The dance floor was full as S-Bahn played and sang a wide selection of songs including the traditional and highly entertaining kolomayka. As midnight approached, we were handed sparkling wine, noisemakers and hats and the New Year was celebrated by all.

The MC duties were ably handled by Natalie Jatskevich and by George Brandak, our President. (Pictured above.)

Many thanks to our Malanka Committee for its organization and preparation for this year's festivities. Fran Zukewich, our Volunteer Director,



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ensured we had volunteers to help with the food preparation, setup, decorating, ticket sales and various other tasks and staff that prepared and served an outstanding meal. Malanka would not be possible without the hard work and efforts of many.

We are also very grateful to **Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel** for their generous donation and sponsorship of Malanka 2020. With their financial support, we are able to provide our guests with a fabulous evening of

entertainment. Thanks so much Dixon Mitchell for your support!

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find out more about Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel, go to www.dixonmitchell.com.

We look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Youth Scholarship Applications

The **Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko** is pleased to offer two types of scholarships. These scholarships are directed towards students between the ages of 13 and 18.

Type I: Post Secondary Scholarship

For post secondary study at an approved college or university in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Type II: Cultural Scholarship

For the study of Ukrainian culture and/or language in an approved program to the maximum of \$500.00.

We invite worthy candidates to review the application package that can be found on the **Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko** website at: www.ivanfranko.ca. A letter of reference is required from a school representative which could be a teacher, counsellor or administrator. The application form for Type I or Type II must also be completed by the candidate.

The deadline for the application is **Friday, May 15, 2020** for both types of scholarships. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Tanya Zukewich at **604 241-2300**.

Reminder to renew your Membership Payments for 2020!

Current, previous, and new members are reminded that their membership dues for 2020 are now due! For those who have not paid their 2019 dues, payment is waived and their membership continues with their 2020 payment.

Please complete and return the membership form that has been mailed to you OR emailed to you with this newsletter and include your membership dues as outlined in the application form. You are also welcome to email our office manager at info@ivanfranko.ca to update and renew your membership for 2020.

Annual Golf Tournament Set for September 2020

For more than 25 years, our Society has been hosting an **Annual Ukrainian Community Golf Tournament** for members and friends. 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 with a dinner at our

Centre afterwards where prizes will be distributed. We have been fortunate to receive prizes from sponsors and players (gift certificates, gift baskets, golf-related items and two high-end golf bags last year) so that all players receive a prize at our golf event. We are very appreciative of our donors who continue to make our tournament most enjoyable for all levels of golfers.



Where: Country Meadows Executive Golf Course in Richmond (an executive course, par 58, 4 par 4's, 3157 yards)

When: **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020.** First tee off is at 11:00 am

Cost: Members - \$55, Nonmembers - \$65

For more information on this great event, contact George Brandak at 604 274-2025 or at george.brandak@ubc.ca



Ivan Franko Library, Book Club and Saturday Movies

Library

Our library is a warm and inviting place to spend some time perusing excellent historical, cultural and literary books and archival material. Popular research topics are: The Chernobyl Disaster; The Ukrainian Canadian Internment from 1914 to 1920, Historical Ukrainian Maps and Genealogy Searches.

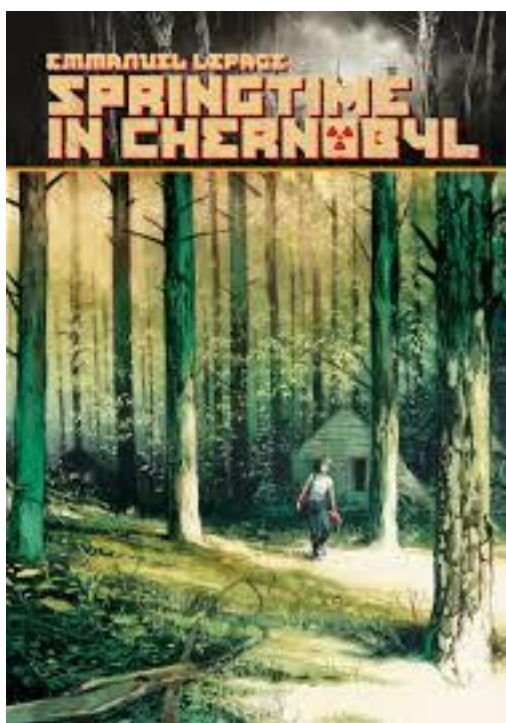
Please phone ahead if you have a particular interest or request. (Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca or 604 274 4119)

Our Library is open on Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm - except for the last Saturday of the month when we host lunch time movies. The library will be temporarily closed due to COVID-19 concerns. Please check our website for updates at www.ivanfranko.ca



Book Club

The Ivan Franko Book Club meets 4 times a year to discuss excellent books and view films on Ukrainian themes and topics. New members are welcome.

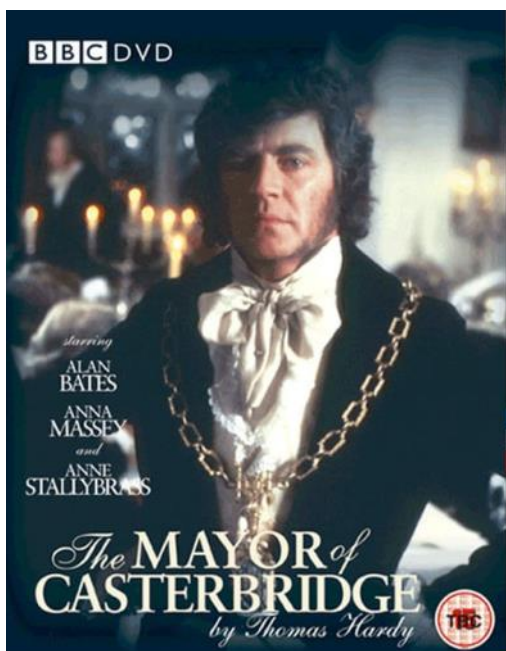
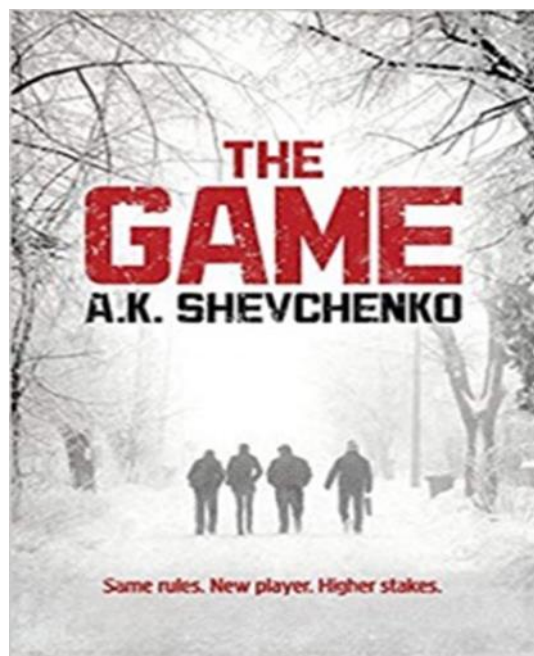


At our next gathering (date TBA), we will be discussing the amazing adult graphic novel, **Springtime in Chernobyl**. It is the true, real-life account of artist Emmanuel LePage's 2008 journey to the site of the 1986 nuclear reactor meltdown in Ukraine. LePage describes and illustrates the horrifying event itself, the international attention and political impact of the Chernobyl accident, and the effect of the radiation on the land and the people who continue to live and work nearby. If you were captivated by the HBO mini-series "Chernobyl", you will love this book!

Springtime in Chernobyl is available in many public libraries in the lower mainland and in our Ivan Franko Library after March 31.

For our June meeting we are reading **The**

Game by A.K. Shevchenko. This is a compelling thriller, a passionate love story and a poignant reminder of how hard it is to fight your war alone. It is set in present time but takes us into the past and the Crimea conference of 1945 where 3 world leaders created a map of Europe after the Second World War.



Saturday Lunch Time Movies

On the last Saturday of the month Ivan Franko members and friends meet to watch selected movies in our comfortable mezzanine. We enjoy the shared experience, snacks and lively discussions.

We will next watch the BBC production of Mayor of Casterbridge (dates TBA). The story is based on universal and thought provoking themes. The movie offers fine acting and superb camera work. Several of the film members remember studying this novel many years ago and are excited about watching the movie version.

For information about the book and film clubs please contact (Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca or 604 274 4119)

Ukrainian Community Night 2020

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, another successful Ukrainian Community Night event was held at our Ivan Franko Community Centre. This annual event was co-organized by the Ukrainian Congress – Vancouver Branch, the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko and the SFU Ukrainian Student Club.

This event was attended by over 120 Ukrainian Community members from the Greater Vancouver area. Our guests gathered together to celebrate our

Ukrainian community and to strengthen community ties. This event united all generations from young children to grandparents and several waves of immigration.

After a delicious potluck dinner, everyone enjoyed a sing along, a guess-the-song contest followed by a dance contest. We were entertained by the following:

Vocalists Marichka Hahalovska and Julia Dovzhyk with folk and contemporary

Ukrainian songs AND Spivanochka, a Ukrainian Children's Ensemble.

All present thoroughly enjoyed the performers and we thank them for contributing to our evening.

Our Society is always pleased to support and help with the Ukrainian Community Night, a truly memorable and enjoyable event for all those present.



Friday Night Supper on March 20, 2020 is cancelled due to concerns with COVID – 19.

Also due to concerns with COVID—19, our Book Club Meeting and Saturday Lunch Time Movie is postponed until further notice.

The 25th Annual BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

Please join us for a day of Ukrainian heritage

9:00 AM - 6:30PM

Clarke Foundation Theatre
Heritage Park Secondary School
33700 Prentis Ave, Mission, BC

Featuring traditional dance & music from Ukrainian dance groups attending from all corners of the province & from Washington State. Come hungry and feast on our classic Ukrainian cuisine. Stop in at the vendor area to purchase Ukrainian arts, crafts, and many other items.

Admission:

\$8 - Adults & Seniors

\$5 - Youth (7-18 Years)

\$1 - Children (6 and Under)

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