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March 24, 2015 Meeting

Tracing Your Ukrainian Ancestor To and Within Canada

We were very fortunate to have Donna Law speak on 'Tracing Your Ukrainian Ancestor To and Within Canada'. Donna was invited to make this presentation because she has conducted extensive research on her family based on her knowledge and experience in family history.

She spoke about her own family history from Winnipeg and, at this meeting Donna spoke about her father's side of the family. Her grandfather, Ivan Zadorozny immigrated from Western Ukraine to Port Arthur (Thunder Bay) in 1911 where he worked on the railway. Donna displayed various documents that assisted her in her research – birth certificates, marriage certificate, passports, travel documents and manifests. She also had newspaper stories and photographs.



Donna Law presenting at our March meeting

She brought several binders with copies and originals of these documents for the members to examine. Donna described the immigration itinerary from Ukraine to Canada with the use of these documents. She also provided advice based

on her own research experience – begin your research by talking to family; take notes and keep your notes and documents organized; use the scrapbook method; use a variety of sources, written, published, oral accounts; document your evidence; meet with other family history researchers.

Donna also mentioned her research on her husband's side of the family that dated back to their connection with important historical events in the history of the United States. She also gave examples of her research on family members who served in the Second World War.

The presentation was followed by a lively question-and-answer period. Donna agreed that a future meeting, she will give a presentation on her mother's side of the family

Searching for Your Polish Roots in the USA

There are nine Polish genealogical societies in the United States. The PSA-America (www.pgsa.org) headquartered in Chicago, was founded and incorporated in Illinois on August 23, 1978. The Society is open to anyone doing research within the borders of the old Commonwealth of Poland.

The Society has over 2,000 members from 11 countries and provides access to books, bulletins, meetings and an annual workshop. The Society encourages members to communicate with each other and share leads and research sources polishamericanstudies.org/genealogy.html

2015 Capital Ukrainian Festival (July 24-26)

Ottawa's first Ukrainian Summer Festival starts off on Friday evening July 24 with a Pub Night at the Orthodox Hall on 1000 Byron, and then moves to the St. John the Baptist Shrine site on 952 Green Valley Crescent for Saturday and Sunday (July 25-26), where there will be Ukrainian food, drink, entertainment and a variety of cultural experiences. One of the features of the festival will be a vibrant Yarmarok (market), which will include art, crafts, food and a selection of Ukrainian merchandise to satisfy the most particular shopper.

Vendors interested in participating in the launch of this amazing event, are asked to apply now. The deadline to submit Vendor Applications is May 15, 2015. As well, the Festival is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join the team of volunteers. High school students will earn volunteer hours. For information regarding vendor applications or volunteer participation, please refer to capitalukrainianfestival.com

Ukrainian Records on "Family Search"

A premier source of genealogy records are the Family History Centres (FHC) sponsored by the Mormon Church. Their research website familysearch.org also publishes on-line versions of genealogy collections from throughout the world including Ukraine.

Currently the website has the following collections from Ukraine:

- *Births and Baptisms, 1784-1879*
- *Donetsk Church Books, 1809-1928*
- *Kyiv Orthodox Consistory Church Book Duplicates, 1840-1845*
- *Odessa Census Records 1897*
- *Sumy Civil Registers, 1918-1922*
- *Western Ukraine Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1937*
- *Zaporizhia Poll Tax Census (Revision Lists), 1811-1858*

Some of these collections are indexed, while others only display scanned images. Collections are frequently added/updated, so we recommend that you check often. Note that some collections can only be viewed from FHC computers.

Community Events

Thursday April 30, 8pm

Jaffa Road and Lemon Bucket Orkestra [as part of Ontario Scene]. St. Alban's Church, 454 King Edward St. Admission \$20. Tickets at: NAC Box Office or Ticketmaster 1.888.991.2787.

Jaffa Road draws from Jewish songs, Arab and Indian music, modern jazz, rock, and dub. Lemon Bucket Orkestra is a 15-piece Balkan-klezmer-gypsy-party-punk-super band. <http://nac-cna.ca/en/event/11396>

April. The film 'Tortured Femininity'

Ukraine Today documentary is on YouTube and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q0ypWBPKaY&feature=youtu.be>.

April. The Ottawa Ukraina Soccer Club

The Ottawa Ukraina Soccer Club is looking for new members, of any skill level, to participate in the season starting May. Contact Marc Lapointe-Denysewych at marclapointe@rogers.com

Saturday, May 9, 5pm to 6pm

Canadian Premier of Liturgy No. 3 by Roman Hurko. At St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine <http://www.ewashkosingers.com/>

Saturday, May 30, 7:30pm

The Svitanok Ukrainian Dance Society (School and Ensemble) presents "Sparks!" at the Centrepointe Studio Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Drive. Over 100 performers of all ages.

Sold out last year, tickets go on sale April 27. Tickets: 613-580-2700 or on-line at centrepointetheatres.com.

Monday – Friday, July 20 – 24

Pokrova Children's Ukrainian Arts Camp 2015. <http://www.pokrovanetwork.ca>