



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group National Capital Region

The Ukrainian Genealogist

April 2016

913 Carling Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4E3

Website: [www.UkrainianGenealogyGroup-NCR.org](http://www.UkrainianGenealogyGroup-NCR.org)

eMail: [uggncr1@gmail.com](mailto:uggncr1@gmail.com)

Contact: Myron Momryk (613) 731-1870

Editor: Mike Dowhan (613) 521-3449

## **March 22 Meeting**

### *Using Genealogy Software*

The topic of the March meeting was 'Using Genealogy Software' presented by Donna Law, Mike Dowhan and Jerry Fikis.

Donna suggested that perhaps the best method to organize a family tree on your computer is to use a commercial software package such as Family Tree Maker (FTM) – though there are other products on the market which are just as effective.



*Examples of Genealogy Software*

Using FTM as a representative software package, Donna demonstrated how you can begin documenting your family tree by entering information about yourself and then include parents, grandparents and other relatives. Donna gave a few examples from her family tree. A 'recipe card' with information from newspapers, obituaries and family stories can also be included. She gave examples of various family tree charts with a variety of styles of family connections.

Donna also explained how these programs can help you share your genealogical information with others on the internet using popular sites such as Ancestry. Family tree information can be sent and received electronically by e-mail and printed as hard-copies for preservation purposes.

Mike Dowhan then demonstrated how these programs can help genealogists organize their source documents in one central location. These

sources can be as diverse as parish records from Ukraine, Ocean arrivals forms, and almost any type of genealogy record that can be downloaded from Ancestry, FamilySearch, or other Internet websites. Copies of records on microfilm can be included if captured in digital format. As well using a scanner, paper records (e.g. family letters, newspaper clippings, photos) can be digitized and included. You can incorporate anecdotes, photos, and even audio & video recordings of family members. Information from these varied sources can then be linked to various family members and to specific facts pertaining to these individuals. Mike mentioned the use of several fonts including the Cyrillic font to document original family names and places of origin.

Jerry Fikis spoke about current industry trends and mentioned that the future of genealogical software is toward "mobile" device applications. He gave several examples using the "Reunion" software package where information can be input through either an iPad, iPhone or laptop/desktop and updates would be instantly synchronized with all other devices. This can be of great advantage when research information is needed to be accessed and/or updated away from home.

It was noted that these mobile device applications often use the digital "cloud" for permanent or temporary storage -- which can be a great advantage as the "cloud" can provide an effective back-up for your valuable information. Jerry compared various computer packages and indicated that all genealogy software today provides essentially the same capabilities, including report generation, Internet functionality and input/export functions but did emphasize that packages have a 'life span' and some can be expected to disappear with the transition to mobile formats. He also stressed the need for computer security and to check security options when selecting various genealogical software.

The session was followed by a questions and answer period that indicated the need for further sessions on this interesting and useful subject.

### **The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies**

The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) at the University of Alberta is increasing its outreach to the Ukrainian Canadian community. If you would like to be on the CIUS e-distribution list, please e-mail Halyna Klid at: [ciouscomm@ualberta.ca](mailto:ciouscomm@ualberta.ca) with the subject heading 'subscribe' or phone 780.492.2026. The CIUS web site: <http://www.cius.ca>

### **“Genealogy on Facebook” Lists**

Lists of English-language Facebook pages dedicated to genealogy can be found at the following website:  
<https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

Both a 245-page list of 8000+ International Facebook pages as well as a 14-page list of Canadian Facebook pages can be downloaded from this site.

### **Ukrainian-language Genealogy sites**

Genealogy is also becoming an increasingly popular pastime in Ukraine. Below is a sample of on-line Ukrainian-language websites which can be of help in genealogical research:

<http://libraria.ua/>  
<http://avr.org.ua/>  
<http://maidan.org.ua/arch/hist/1143458356.html>  
<http://archive.odessa.gov.ua/>

As well, a Ukrainian-language genealogy ‘webinar’ can be found at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rViMEtaVECc>

### **Polish Mission Webinars**

And speaking of ‘webinars’, there is information about a series of Polish historical webinars at:  
<http://www.polishmission.com/next-installment-of-polish-mission-webinar-series/>

For example, the May 25 Webinar is entitled “*An In-Depth Look at Galicia*”

### **Community Events**

*May 3 – June 14 (day TBA, 6 – 8 pm)*

Ukrainian Classes Spring-Summer, 8 weeks. Registration on May 3. At 1000 Byron Ave. Ukrainian Hall, Day selected by the majority of students. Materials provided by Instructor Oleh Belkin, International Languages Instructor. Contact 613-842-4782, e-mail address [olever@bell.net](mailto:olever@bell.net)

*May 6, Friday*

Korchma Pub Night Launch Party. Find out who will perform at this summer’s Capital Ukrainian Festival. With the Balkan-klezmer-gypsy-party-punk super-band, Lemon Bucket Orkestra, and Toronto’s own Zapovid. Dine on Ukrainian food and drinks. Tickets \$35 in advance or \$40 at door. Buy your tickets early - now on sale at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/myevent?eid=21736256729>

*July 21-24, 2016*

Planning is well underway for the second annual Capital Ukrainian Festival in the nation’s capital. From July 21-24, 2016, the Ottawa region will be awash in everything Ukrainian ... culture, heritage, art, cuisine, and more.

Visit [www.capitalukrainianfestival.com](http://www.capitalukrainianfestival.com) for more information about the Festival schedule and location. Admission and parking are free!

*July 22, 2016 7:00pm*

A Chamberfest Gala Performance celebrates the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. Includes the Ottawa premiere of Larysa Kuzmenko's sumptuous oratorio, Golden Harvest. Presented in collaboration with Capital Ukrainian Festival. At Dominion Chalmers. See more information at:  
<http://www.chamberfest.com/concerts/2016-0722-04/#sthash.kY1dG5v7.dpuf>