



Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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Of Interest

Dec 21, Sat ALL U CAN EAT PEROGIES DINNER / KARAOKE Dinner 4:30-7 pm Karaoke 7-10 pm (or as long as law allows) Ukrainian Orthodox Auditorium 1000 Byron Ave. Ottawa (Near Woodroffe and Richmond) Tickets available at the door. Adults \$12. Students/Seniors \$10. Children 10& under \$6. Please come and enjoy our dinner.

Jan 6, Mon. SVIAT VECHIR candlelight supper. 6 PM. \$25 adults, \$12.50 14 yrs and under, 1000 Byron Avenue. By reservation only to Margret Kopala 722-1372.

Jan. 11, Sat. Annual MALANKA Dinner and Dance. Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Hall, 1000 Byron Ave. Cocktails at 5:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Doorprizes and entertainment. Dance until 1:00 AM. DJ music by Peter Zabchuck. Adults - \$40, Students \$20, Children under 13 \$10. Table reservations available for groups. Tickets available from Michael Reshitnyk, 728-4923, Fr. Okhrymchouk, 728-0856, Buduchnist Credit Union, 911A Carling Ave., 722-7075

Jan. 18, Sat. Opera Appetizer Soiree at Centrepointhe Theater - Baseline and Woodroffe. Opera Lyra Ottawa Chorus and Joanne Kolomyjec perform a unique evening of marvellous music. Led by Chorus Master Laurence Ewashko, the chorus shines the spotlight on some of opera's most accessible music.

The Passing of The Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn



Governor General: 1990 - 1995
Appointed: December 14, 1989
Sworn In: January 29, 1990, Ottawa
Born: March 16, 1934, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Died: December 18, 2002

Rideau Hall has always been one of Ottawa's most interesting landmarks. During the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn's term of office, the official residence began to be known as a tourist destination, with many Canadians enjoying tours of the public rooms and grounds. In 1991, Mr. Hnatyshyn created the Governor General's Summer Concert Series, which became a popular annual music festival. In the winter of 1992, he re-opened the historic skating rink, which had been closed since the 1989/90 season. The rink is used by members of the public on weekends, and by educational institutions and associations throughout the week.

Mr. Hnatyshyn and his wife Gerda were determined to develop Rideau Hall into a showcase for Canadian excellence. In 1994, Mrs. Hnatyshyn co-authored a book, "*Rideau Hall - Canada's Living Heritage*", with the understanding that the proceeds would be used to expand the national collection of art and furnishings at the official residence. Mrs. Hnatyshyn also collaborated with the Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation, an independent charitable foundation, to construct a Heritage Garden as a particular point of interest on the Rideau Hall grounds.

As Canada's de facto Head of State, Mr. Hnatyshyn and his wife received leaders and dignitaries from around the world. Their guests included President Lech Walesa of Poland, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, President Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Jordan, and President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia. Mr. and Mrs. Hnatyshyn also welcomed many members of the Royal Family, including Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1991. The Hnatyshyn's also travelled abroad, representing Canada at the 50th anniversary celebrations of D-Day in France in 1994, and going on several State visits, including one to the Ukraine, which was particularly special because Mr. Hnatyshyn is of Ukrainian descent.

The Hnatyshyn's encouragement of the arts in Canada was one of the important accomplishments of their term. They established the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards in 1992, along with the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Arts in the same year. Every fall, both awards are presented at Rideau Hall followed by the Performing Arts Awards Gala at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, which is broadcast at a later date by the CBC.

Mr. Hnatyshyn demonstrated his commitment to education through his support of a number of initiatives. He gave support to the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies, established by the International Council for Canadian Studies, the Governor General Ramon John Hnatyshyn Education Fund administered by the University Hospital Board and Foundation of Saskatoon, as well as the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law with the Canadian Bar Association. He promoted literacy through the Governor General's Flight For Freedom Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literacy established in 1992.

During their time at Rideau Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hnatyshyn strengthened ties with Canadian youth. They ensured that young people were invited to as many events as possible and stressed the importance of encouraging Canada's young people to achieve their academic potential. In 1992, Mr. Hnatyshyn hosted a rock concert on the grounds of Rideau Hall focussing attention on the Stay in School campaign and the Canadian Scholarships

Program. The concert aired on YTV as "His Excellency's Most Excellent Rock Concert."

Several other awards and scholarships were established during the Hnatyshyn mandate including the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Cup, presented annually to the winning team of the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival, and the Governor General's Canada Scholarships in Environmental Engineering and Environmental Sciences.

As Canada's Governor General, Mr. Hnatyshyn understood the vital need to champion the diversity that enriched Canadian society, and he was a strong advocate of multiculturalism.

Life Before and After Rideau Hall

Mr. Hnatyshyn attended Victoria Public School and Nutana Collegiate Institute. He continued his studies at the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954 and a Bachelor of Law degree in 1956. He married Karen Gerda Nygaard Andreassen on January 9, 1960, and the couple had two sons.

He was called to the Bar of Saskatchewan in 1957, and to the Ontario Bar in 1986. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1974, and on June 4, 1979, he was sworn into the Privy Council, after which he held a number of different ministerial portfolios.

Mr. Hnatyshyn's honours include a 1988 appointment as Queen's Counsel (QC) for Canada, and a year later, an honorary life membership with the Law Society of Saskatchewan. In 1989, he received the St. Volodymyr Medal Award from the World Congress of Ukrainians, in recognition of "outstanding contributions to the cause of justice and civil liberties." Following his departure from Rideau Hall and a return to law practice in Ottawa, he received the Mount Scopus Award from the Hebrew University in 1996 for "demonstrating broad humanitarian concern throughout his career."



The Canadian Genealogy Centre: an Overview January 28th, 2003

Sylvie Tremblay will speak about the creation of the new Canadian Genealogy Centre at the new combined ministry of the National Archives and the National Library.

Sylvie Tremblay was born in Quebec City. She has a B.A. in History and a certificate in archival studies from Laval University. Since 1978, she has been a genealogy addict, beginning as an amateur and then becoming a professional. Her former employers include Archives nationales du Québec, Archiv-Histo, Parcs Canada among others. She was involved as board member for the *Société de généalogie de Québec* and the *Fédération québécoise des sociétés de généalogie* and published over the years many genealogical studies, articles and marriage repertoires. Presently, she is a board member and the genealogist for the Association des Tremblay d'Amérique, the largest French-Canadian family in North America. In November 2001, she joined the staff of the Genealogy and Personal Records Unit at the National Archives of Canada. She is currently acting as a

project officer for the Canadian Genealogy Centre.

Meeting Schedule 2002 - 2003

Our meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 1930h (7:30pm) and are subject to change.

Location:

St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine
952 Green Valley Drive
Ottawa, Canada

Meetings on on the 4th Tuesday of the month
January 28th, 2003 February 25th, 2003 March 25th, 2003
April 22nd, 2003 May 27th, 2003

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The seminars will be held in Room 156, at 395 Wellington Street, unless otherwise indicated, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm., refreshments beforehand beginning at 2:30 pm.

January 21 – **Still Standing, Subdued but Strong: The Works and Worlds of Ethel Wilson in Early 21st Century Canadian Literature** – Simone Nelles, Carleton University.

February 18 – **The French and Indian War: the World's First World War** – William Fowler, Massachusetts Historical Society.

March 18 – **Lorne Pierce of Ryerson Press and Canadian Art, 1920-1950** – Sandra Campbell, University of Ottawa.

April 16 – **Aboriginal Literature Inside Out: Contemporary Issues** – Armand Garnet Ruffo, Carleton University.

May 13 – **Canadian Writers: A New Presence on the National Library's Website** – Susan Globensky, National Library of Canada.

June 17 – **Considering Canada: A Look at Canada through Alphabet Books** – Jeffrey Canton, Children's Book Editor for *Books in Canada*.

For more information, please contact Nina Milner, Coordinator at (613) 996-5867 or by e-mail nina.milner@nlc-bnc.ca.

UGG On-line Group and Calendar

We have started an on-line group for our members to ask questions. You can subscribe at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ugg-ncr/>

We have also put up an on-line calendar for both genealogical and Ukrainian events at:
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/ukrainiangengrp>

Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!

May both your Christmas' be merry and white and have a Happy New Year and a Happy Malanka!

See you on January 28th, 2003