



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group National Capital Region

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## **January 22, 2013 Meeting**

Shirley-Ann Pyefinch gave an informative presentation entitled, *Features of the FamilySearch.org Website*.

She described the role of the Family History Centres (FHC) and the services they provide to researchers. By visiting the local FHC, researchers have free access to on-line portal-premium websites. Of particular interest to our group are recently digitized Western Ukraine Greek-Catholic and Kyiv Orthodox Consistory Church records that are on-line.

Shirley-Ann provided an example of the Greek Catholic Church records from individual parishes in Ukraine and displayed documents located by Mike Dowhan relating to his ancestors.

She also mentioned other services such as the Learn Section – Get Started and Research Courses. In addition, Shirley-Ann outlined the Indexing Project if researchers wish to contribute their time to increase the information available. Another service is Free Cloud Storage of Family Tree information.

Further information on any of these services can be obtained by visiting the FHC or at the FHC website at [www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca](http://www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca) Information on ordering microfilm reels online can be located at [www.film.familysearch.org](http://www.film.familysearch.org)

The meeting was followed by a question-and-answer period.



*Shirley-Ann Pyefinch presenting in January*

## **Our Roots**

Members may be interested in examining this site for publications on local history including some family histories. These are local, community, church, school historians published by individuals and local committees.

[www.ourroots.ca](http://www.ourroots.ca)

On the upper right-hand corner of the web page, there is the heading 'Find a Book'. If you include 'Ukrainian' there are approximately 273 books where this term is mentioned. However, some books deal with other ethnocultural groups and Ukrainians may have been mentioned only in passing.

## **Canadian Headstone Photo Project**

*Submitted by Angela Woloschuk*

This website assists researchers to find relatives in cemeteries in Canada. The Website has over 570,000 gravestone photo records from across Canada and can be searched according to province or territory, Canadian Armed Forces Personnel Interred in Foreign Countries and the Halifax (Sailors') Memorial.

"The mission of the project is to capture digital images and the complete transcription of headstones of our ancestors. As decades pass, it is becoming harder - if not impossible - to read the inscriptions these stones originally contained. By archiving the images and transcriptions, these important records are saved. This Headstone Photo Project is a non-profit organization. Success of the Project depends completely upon the activities of many volunteers and other individuals who contribute photographs to the archive."

Their website is <http://canadianheadstones.com>

## **OurOntario.ca**

According to the information on the home page, this website <http://ourontario.ca/> provides access to digital collections of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, community groups, government agencies, and other institutions.

Material that can be viewed include newspapers, photographs, maps, and government documents. Please inform other members of the Ukrainian Genealogical Group about your experiences searching for information on this site.

## **Gene-O-Rama 2013**

Gene-O-Rama 2013 originally scheduled for 5-6 April, 2013 has been cancelled due to difficulties arranging an adequate event at Library and Archive Canada.

In its place, the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society announced a one day genealogy event at City of Ottawa Archives May 4, 2013 at James Bartleman Centre, 100 Tallwood Drive, Ottawa ON.

More information and details will be available via:

OGS Website: <http://ogsottawa.on.ca/>  
e-mail: [conference@ogsottawa.on.ca](mailto:conference@ogsottawa.on.ca)

## **Community Events**

*March 2, Saturday*

Perogy Night Family Dinner, Saturday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$20.00; Children (7-18): \$10.00; Children (under 6 years): Free  
St. John the Baptist Shrine Hall

*March 17, Sunday 1:00 – 3:30pm*

Traditional Ukrainian egg decorating 'pysanky' workshop. Learn how to create traditional Ukrainian Easter eggs using beeswax resist and dye. Join Jennie Aliman for this fun and 'eggciting' workshop. All materials included in the \$53. At Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Avenue. Registration: 613-564-1058 or 613-233-8713 or <http://www.gnag.ca>

*March 5, Tues. 6:30 pm.*

ORESTA organic skin care & UCPBA-O invite you to an informative evening to discuss the safety of your beauty products and which ingredients to avoid. Please bring your favourite beauty products to review. An organic make-up demonstration will follow. \$15 UCPBA members, \$20 non UCPBA members. As spaces are limited, please contact gallery location at 613.695.0137. 137 Beechwood Ave.

*April 20, Sat. 8 pm*

Ewashko Singers. Roman Hurko's Vespers at St. Joseph's Church. Ottawa premiere