



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 Meeting

At this meeting, Sterling (Slavco) Demchinsky gave an informative presentation on *Pioneer Bukovynian churches in Canada: Their art, architecture, and roots in Ukraine*.

For many years, Slavco has dedicated his time and efforts to documenting and photographing churches built by pioneers from Ukraine in Canada and in this particular presentation, by settlers from the Bukovyna region of western Ukraine. Slavco made a recent trip to Bukovyna where he studied and photographed the iconography and architecture of Bukovynian churches.



*Slavco Demchinsky – our January Speaker*

During his presentation, Slavco focused on the transfer of centuries-old architectural and religious traditions to western Canada by the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants. He began his presentation with a brief history of the first

wave of Ukrainian immigration to Canada. He described the similarities and differences in the architectural and church-building styles, iconography and folk art that were influenced by the geographical conditions and availability of building materials in western Canada.

He described the important role of the iconostas in the church, examples of the decorative styles and also the cemetery art and markers. He included a few examples of religious illustrations and decorative items that were included in the pioneer churches but were the products of pioneer and local conditions. Slavco's presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

A recording of this webinar/presentation is available on our UGG-NCR website as follows: <http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

Slavco is a nationally recognized expert in this field and he has donated many of his photographs to Library and Archives Canada. Slavco's photograph collection is preserved in the Sterling Demchinsky fonds [graphic material] R13154-0-0-E. He also has a web page:

[http://www.ukrainianchurchesofcanada.ca/general/about\\_author.html](http://www.ukrainianchurchesofcanada.ca/general/about_author.html)

### **Ontario Genealogical Society webinar**

The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is offering a free Webinar on March 5 entitled:

*Ute Brandenburg (Hidden Gems in German And Polish Archives and How To Find Them)*

For more information about this webinar and to register .. consult the following page:  
<https://ogs.on.ca/zoom-meetings/webinar-2020-march/>

### **Nashi Predky 2020 Spring Conference**

The Nashi Predky 2020 Ukrainian Family History Conference will be taking place:

April 3rd-4th, 2020  
Ukrainian Cultural Center  
135 Davidson Avenue. Somerset, NJ

This conference features experts in Eastern European genealogy, including lectures, a film presentation, opportunities for one-on-one consultation with genealogy experts, and mutual sharing of knowledge in structured conversations

Registration is open. For more information about the conference and how to register go to:  
<https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2020>

### **Gene-O-Rama 2020 (Apr 3-4)**

Ottawa Branch - Ontario Genealogical Society  
Presents the 35th GENE-O-RAMA

April 3-4, 2020  
Confederation Education Centre  
1645 Woodroffe Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario  
(Corner of Hunt Club & Woodroffe)

This conference includes a "Beginner's Workshop" and a Marketplace in addition to a programme of genealogy-related presentations given by a variety of expert speakers.

For more information and to register, go to:  
<https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/geneorama/>

### **Community Events**

*Feb 27, Thu. 7:30 pm*

#### **University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students Club Movie screening**

*Cyborgs: Heroes Never Die* (Ukrainian language with English subtitles)

UOttawa, Faculty of Social Science  
Building, room 2005

Admission is free, and light refreshments will be provided. We will also have a Postcards for Prisoners booth set up, to give people the opportunity to write and send postcards to Ukrainian political prisoners, wrongly imprisoned by the Russian Federation.

*Mar 1, Sun. 2:30pm*

#### **Ukrainian Traditional Songs Vocal Workshop**

Presented by Folkcamp Canada with Iryna Voloshyna from Khmelnytsky, Ukraine, who now sings with Ukrainian Villages Voices in New York City. \$20.00 - \$25.00 suggested donation. Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 1000 Byron Ave.

For more information:

<https://www.folcamp.ca/workshop-events>  
or contact Bozena Hrycyna (647) 864 5641

*Mar 4, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

#### **UCWLC Embroidery Group monthly meeting.**

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Cres

*Apr. 4 Sat. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.*

#### **Ukrainian Easter Bazaar.**

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres. For information contact  
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