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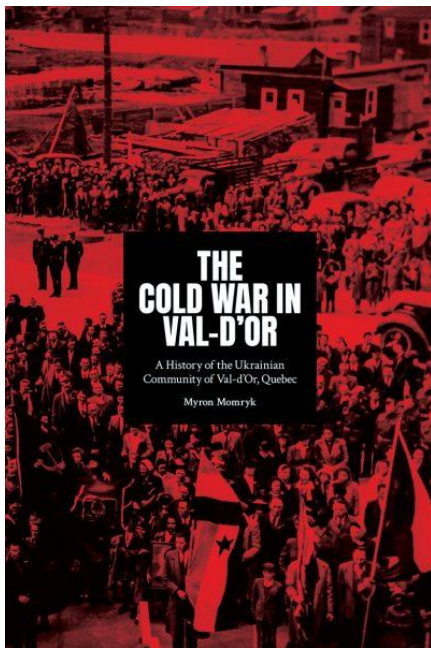
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January 26th 2021 Meeting

This presentation was a Virtual Book Launch of *The Cold War in Val-d'Or, A History of the Ukrainian Community in Val-d'Or, Quebec* by Myron Momryk published by Mosaic Press in October, 2020. Myron began the power point presentation by identifying the geographical location of Val-d'Or in northwestern Quebec and the geology of the region that gave rise to the 'belt' of mining towns from Kirkland Lake, Ontario, east to Val-d'Or.



Cover of Myron Momryk's new book

He briefly mentioned the Spirit Lake Internment Camp near Amos during the First World War and the Sheptetsky Colony (Lac Castagnier) founded by Fr. Josaphat Jean. The isolation of Val-d'Or from the larger urban centres, the local mining economy and the

French-Canadian environment did influence the unique history of this community. The Ukrainians formed an important part of the many immigrant and ethnocultural groups from the 1930s until the 1980s.

The Ukrainian community was divided by the left-right political divisions that shaped its history for many decades and is the main theme of the book. The building of the Ukrainian National Federation Hall in the late 1930s was an important part of this history. The arrival of the Displaced Persons in the late 1940s and early 1950s reinforced the community and also, provided much of the manpower to build the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 1954-1955. However, the lack of further Ukrainian immigration, the departure of many of the Displaced Persons once they completed their contracts, the uncertainties of the mining economy, the aging of the work force and the isolation from the large urban centres encouraged out migration that contributed to the gradual decline of the community.

Today, the Ukrainian Catholic Church remains as a monument to the contribution of Ukrainians to the development of Abitibi. This story is a record of their experiences in Val-d'Or and a contribution to Canadian history. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

The book may be purchased from the publisher or by contacting your local bookstore.

<http://www.mosaic-press.com/product/the-cold-war-in-val-dor-a-history-of-the-ukrainian-community-in-val-dor-quebec/>

Iconography Workshop - Video

Our February Webinar will feature the presentation entitled: **Ukrainian Icons: The What, When, Where, & Why** by **Olenka Hanushevka Galadza**.

Olenka is a life-long student and researcher of Byzantine iconography and as part of the 2020 Capital Ukrainian Festival offered an online “How to” workshop on Byzantine Iconography. You can view the video on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2dZHK9ixVc>

Rationalisation of 490 raions (counties) to 136

Submitted by Ted Lomatski

Among the criteria for the formation of new raions are these: location within one oblast, a population of at least 150,000 inhabitants in accordance with European standards, compactness and continuity of the territory. The primary purpose of the change is to make it easier for the government to organize various structures on the ground that deal with such matters as courts, taxes, social security, pension funds, police, etc. Thus, a raion is an administrative-territorial unit for the government.

Raion authorities are partially responsible for medicine, education, social protection and logistics. Raion councils will support those institutions that communities are not able to afford. These include local hospitals, out-of-school educational institutions, children’s and youth sports schools, orphanages and homes for the elderly. A raion’s budget will now be replenished mainly by utilities and institutions that remain on its balance sheet and subsidies from the national budget.

For the genealogist, this will mean new territories, within which their forefathers came from and where records will be held.

Recordings of UGG Webinars

For those who might have missed any of our live webinars, recordings of these presentations are available on our website at this page:

<http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

Nashi Predky Annual Conference (Apr 10)

This year’s Nashi Predky Annual Conference will take place on Saturday April 10 in an online format. The conference title is “*East meets West*”.

Watch for announcements with program details & registration information in early March at this link:

<https://www.ukrhec.org/civicrm/event/info%3Fd%3D120%26reset%3D1>

UGG-NCR Memberships and Donations

This year we have instituted an e-transfer capability to allow our members to forward us their voluntary annual membership fees (*suggested amount of \$20 per person/couple*) or donations from the comfort of home. We are a not-for-profit organization and use this revenue to defray our operating costs.

The e-transfer procedure is as follows:

- Log onto to your Bank or Credit Union’s online or mobile banking app and select the account your dues/donation are to be paid “from”.
- Choose or Add the **UGG Treasurer** and the email address: **uggncr1@gmail.com**
- Enter the amount (\$20.00 for annual memberships dues or any amount for donation). Note: This is an Autodeposit eTransfer!
- Click “Send”. An email acknowledgement will be sent to you.

If you still wish to pay/donate by cheque or other means, please send us an email at uggncr1@gmail.com .