



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 Meeting**

*Report on the Nashi Predky Fall Conference  
(and Archives/Museum)*

Mike Dowhan reported on the Nashi Predky Ukrainian Family History conference that he attended last fall in Somerset, New Jersey.

Nashi Predky is a genealogical organization founded in 2014 whose goal is to assist their members learn about their Ukrainian family histories, trace their lineages, and to document/preserve family records. They have a very active Facebook site, host conferences, and publish newsletters to assist members in their research. For more information refer to: <https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>



*Mike Dowhan – our February speaker*

The fall conference featured 9 presentations. One speaker delivered 3 “virtual” presentations from Budapest covering recent Family Research developments in Ukraine in general as

well more detailed updates on topics specific to the Galacia/Bukovyna and Transcarpathia regions.

Another interesting presentation Mike attended featured a speaker explaining the techniques he used to augment earlier research originally compiled by his Aunt regarding their ethnic German family from a town near L’viv. He then explained the various approaches and tools he used to self-publish a book on the family story through on-line resources.

There was also a presentation on the use Social Media, DNA testing/tools, and collaborative efforts to assist researchers identify potential Lemko cousins and common ancestors. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the conference featured 3 presentations on the use of DNA testing to support genealogical research, as well as considerations pertaining to research standards, as well as legal and ethical issues. Each conference presentation was accompanied by handouts with extensive bibliographies and websites.

Mike also described the organization which hosted the conference - *Ukrainian History and Education Center (UHEC)* – with an overview of their facilities, museum, and archival resources. See: <https://www.ukrhec.org/>

As a final note, our UGG-NCR has begun a collaboration with Nashi Predky in 2019, with UGG making a virtual presentation to Nashi Predky on June 29 on “*Ukrainian-Canadian Genealogy*”, and Nashi Predky presenting “*Historical Overview of Ukrainians in America*” at our Oct 22 meeting.

## Future UGG-NCR meetings

Our April 23 meeting will feature a talk by Kyla Ubbink on Preserving Archival Material.

For our May 28 meeting, the UCC office will report on the Presidential elections in Ukraine and Canada's supporting role.

## Upcoming Conferences/Meetings

### *Nashi Predky 2019 Webinars*

The Nashi Predky Ukrainian Family History Group will be presenting a series of 4 genealogy webinars in 2019. This includes a June 29 presentation by our UGG-NCR group on "Ukrainian-Canadian Genealogy".

For more information about the webinars and how to register, please visit:  
<https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

*Discover Your Roots: Genealogy and Local History Fair - Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointhe Dr.*

*Sat April 27 (10am to 3pm),  
Thinking of starting your family tree?  
Curious about Ottawa history?  
Drop in to:*

- Attend genealogy and local history presentations
- Browse displays by local historical and genealogy societies
- Consult one-on-one with genealogy specialists

Free. Registration not required.

*Voices From the Dust - Ottawa's Rootstech 2019. 1017 Prince of Wales Dr (Family History Centre)*

*Saturday May 11 (1pm to 5pm)*  
This conference is offered for free to the public for those who would like to learn how to begin researching their family history. There will be a variety of speakers for conference attendees to listen to as well as promotional displays.

## Community Events

*April 3, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.*

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

*April 4, Thurs. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

### **We Know Who You Are : Hackers Demonstrate the Importance of Cyber Hygiene**

UNF Ottawa-Gatineau presents "*We Know Who You Are : Hackers Demonstrate the Importance of Cyber Hygiene*" featuring Warren Moynihan, Chris Shepherd, Dmitriy Beryoza from IBM's Ethical Hacking Team. They will discuss how your personal information is stored online and the steps you can take to reduce the possibility of your information being stolen, misused or unnecessarily collected. This presentation is primarily for students and recent graduates.

UNF members and students, free admission, Non-members \$10.  
Mulligans's Golf Bar, 201 Queen St.  
To register and for more information, UNF Ottawa-Gatineau Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/246843259441003/>

*April 13, Sat. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.*

### **St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine parish Easter bazaar**

Easter eggs and decorating supplies, gifts and embroideries, Easter breads and baking, honey and kobassa, handcrafts. Light lunch. Contact [ucwlcottawa@gmail.com](mailto:ucwlcottawa@gmail.com) for table rental inquiries.