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September Meeting

Meetings of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will not be held in June, July or August but will resume on September 23, 2008 (fourth Tuesday of each month). The tentative topic will be - Your DNA.

The Annual Report for 2007-2008 will be prepared during the summer and contributions are very welcome. Short articles, book reviews, research problems are all appreciated.

If you wish to contribute, please contact Myron at momryk@rogers.com

April Meeting

Daniel Galadza gave an interesting and informative presentation on Ukrainian Canadian Church Architecture.

Ukrainian church architecture styles including religious symbolism and arrangement of the interior and exterior of the church are part of historical traditions. The Ukrainian church architecture is the result of Byzantine influence from over 1000 years ago, the traditions based on stone and wooden building techniques in Ukraine

and in Canada, on modern architectural styles. During the pioneer period, many Ukrainian churches were built by recent immigrants and their architectural plans were based mostly on memory. Fr. Philip Ruh (1883-1963) a French priest who served the Ukrainian Catholic Church, designed and built over 20 churches in Canada.

According to Daniel, there are no specifically Ukrainian-style church domes as a large variety of styles may be seen in Canada.

Daniel has conducted research on the architecture of Ukrainian Canadian Churches and this research was included in the publication by Douglas Scott Richardson and Peter Richardson, photographs by John de Visser, *Canadian Churches: An Architectural History*, Firefly Books, Richmond Hill, Ontario, 2007; 438 pages.

Return To The Source

Folk Costume & Folk Art Study Tour of Ukraine August 5-21, 2008.

Tour manager/guide -- Ukrainian culture specialist Orysia Tracz. Embroidery, weaving, pottery, woodcarving, beadwork, pysanky. Museums, artists, folk art masters,

antiquity, tradition, excellent shopping and food. Special sessions at four museums. Visits to ancestral villages arranged.

Kyiv, Kam'ianets'-Podil's'kyi, Khotyn, Kolomyia, Kosiv, Yaremche (Carpathian Mountain region), Ivano-Frankivs'ke, Lviv

Depart from Winnipeg, connections from Toronto. \$4,199.00 (Canadian) - taxes and insurance not included.

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Steve Huziak - Prairie Faces

Prairie Faces is portrait photography from a by-gone era. It serves as a wonderful historical record and a lasting legacy for the settlers of the Wroxton and Calder area in Saskatchewan.

Steve Huziak was born in 1900 on the family homestead near the villages of Wroxton and Calder. A dedicated farmer, he lived on and worked that farm most of his life. In his youth, he played the tsimbali at dances and weddings earning the money to buy a camera. He began taking pictures in the early 1920s, the sole photographer in the area.

Steve photographed his friends from the neighboring farms. They were the families of just a few out of thousands of Ukrainian immigrants who settled the Canadian West. He photographed them on their own land dressed in their Sunday best. In his learning of the science and art of photography, he captured on film the expressions of these everyday people. He shared his enjoyment of photography with them, generating Sunday-afternoon excitement in the

community - "Look, here comes Steve with his camera!"

After Steve died in 1990, his daughter Iris Kuzina salvaged seventy-eight photographs from his farmhouse. Faded and damaged, many have been digitally restored by Iris's daughter Jan. These are the Prairie Faces collection showcased on this web site: <http://www.prairiefaces.ca>

Multimillion Dollar Grant from Ottawa Recognizes First World War Internment

On May 9, 2008, the federal government announced a \$10 million grant to recognize the internment of Eastern European immigrants in Canadian work camps during the First World War. The money is going to the Taras Shevchenko Foundation in Winnipeg, an endowment fund that will allow the Ukrainian community to better educate Canadians about the forced labour camps.

The internment lasted from 1914 to 1920 and mostly affected immigrants and new Canadians with Eastern European heritage. Thousands of people were stripped of their possessions and forced into work camps while thousands more were labeled enemy aliens and were required to report regularly to police. The announcement was made in north Winnipeg to several dozen representatives from the Ukrainian Canadian community. North Winnipeg has been historically the center of Ukrainian culture in Canada.

Through the years of lobbying, the Ukrainian Canadian community campaigned for the federal government's recognition of the internment along with educational programs. Various projects are planned such as commemorative plaques and interpretive centers in some of the national parks that

once housed the work camps. Though the Taras Shevchenko Foundation will manage the funds, other ethnocultural communities who were affected will be able to apply for money. A similar grant announcement took place on May 8 in Toronto. Jason Kenney, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity, gave \$5 million to create programs to educate Canadians about the Chinese head tax and other prejudicial immigration policies

Blurb Books

Members who have completed their research and writing and wish to publish their family history may be interested in examining the webpage by Blurb Books at <http://www.blurb.com/>.

Blurb Books is a commercial enterprise and provides step-by-step information on preparing a book for publication. They also include examples of other books they have published on a variety of topics and also they market these books through their website. There are other companies that provide this service on the web and the UGG may invite some representatives for a presentation at a future meeting if members express their interest.