



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group National Capital Region

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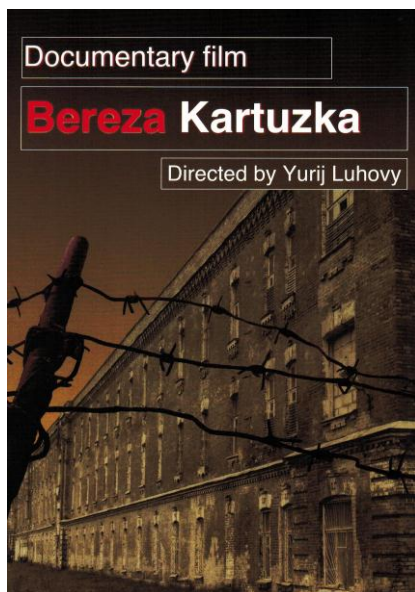
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## April 28 2015 Meeting

*Film: Bereza Kartuzka*

The historical documentary, Bereza Kartuzka, the topic at this meeting, outlined the history of the Polish concentration camp in which thousands of Ukrainian nationalists were imprisoned between 1934 and 1939. The documentary focused on the Ukrainian nationalist inmates although among those imprisoned, were also Polish, Ukrainian and Jewish Communists, suspected anti-Polish Germans and Belarus nationalists, in addition to common criminals. The ruins of this camp are located in present-day Belarus.



*Bereza Kartuzka film by Yuriy Luhovy*

Former camp prisoners were interviewed and filmed in Canada, United States, Belarus, Poland and Ukraine. The film examined the political situation in the Western Ukrainian territories under Polish occupation between the First and Second World Wars. Events were portrayed through rare archival footage, historical

photographs and commentaries by historians and scholars. Several members of the Ukrainian community in Ottawa had family members who were imprisoned in this camp. Borys Gengalo provided additional historical information on this camp, the background to historical events and also mentioned his uncle who was imprisoned in the camp. The viewing of this documentary was followed by a discussion on historical and political events during this period.

The Director of this documentary, Yuriy Luhovy, is an award-winning filmmaker and member of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television whose other documentaries include: Freedom Had A Price (Canada's First Internment Operations 1914-1920); Harvest of Despair (1932-33 Famine in Soviet Ukraine) - producer/editor and Genocide Revealed (1932-1933 Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine).

Members who are interested in obtaining their own copy of the documentary may contact Yury Luhovy at <http://yluhovy.com/MML/BK.html>

## Upcoming Genealogy Conferences

*May 29-31 OGS Annual Conference*

The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) will be holding their annual conference "Tracks through Time" at Georgian College in Barrie on 29-31 May 2015.

For more information consult the conference website <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference>

*Saturday June 20 Voices from the Dust*

The Ottawa Family History Center (FHC) is hosting the conference "Voices from the Dust - Ottawa's Rootstech" on Saturday, June 20th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 1017 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Canada.

This is a free family history conference. Learn from a variety of speakers, visit displays in the cultural hall done by local family history societies, and various organizations. Enjoy light refreshments.

For more information see the FHC website:  
<http://www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca/>

#### *Saturday Aug 1 EEGS 2015 Seminar*

The East European Genealogical Society's 2015 Seminar takes place in Winnipeg on Saturday Aug 1. For more info: [info@eegsociety.org](mailto:info@eegsociety.org) or <http://eegsociety.org/Seminar2015.aspx>

#### *Aug 6 to 9 SGGEE Conference (Gatineau)*

The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE) will hold their 2015 Convention in Gatineau, Quebec August 6-9 at the Ramada Plaza Manoir du Casino. For information about the schedule, speakers, and registration see the website:  
[https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention\\_news.html](https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html)

#### *Aug 11-15 Eastern European Family History Conference*

The Foundation for East European Family History Studies (FEEFHS) is hosting the "Eastern European Family History Conference" from Aug 11 to 15 at the Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City Utah.

For program information and resources see:  
<http://feefhsworkshop.org/>

#### *Saturday Oct 24 Nashi Predky" Conference*

The full-day Fall 2015 "Nashi Predky" conference will take place on October 24 in Somerset, New Jersey. The final agenda for the event will be available by June, and online registration will begin in early July. For the latest updates and to sign up for their mailing list see: <http://ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

#### **2015 Capital Ukrainian Festival (July 24-26)**

Ottawa's first Ukrainian Summer Festival starts off on Friday evening July 24 with a Pub Night at the Orthodox Hall on 1000 Byron, and then moves to the St. John the Baptist Shrine site on 952 Green Valley Crescent for Saturday and Sunday (July 25-26), where there will be

Ukrainian food, drink, entertainment and a variety of cultural experiences – including a vibrant Yarmarok (market) featuring art, crafts, food and a selection of Ukrainian merchandise. The festival will feature performers such as *Lemon Bucket Orchestra, Ukraina, DoVira, Zirka* and Ottawa's *Svitanok* dancers.

For more information regarding the festival see <http://www.capitalukrainianfestival.com>

Donations to support the festival are also welcome. To donate see the following website: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/capital-ukrainian-festival#/story>

#### **Community Events**

##### *Wednesday May 27, 6:30pm*

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (UCPBA) – Ottawa. Meeting with Liberal MPs Marc Garneau and Chrystia Freeland on Policy towards Ukraine on Wednesday, 27 May, at 6:30 p.m.

The speakers are the two main spokespersons of Liberal Party policy on Ukraine.

Mr. Marc Garneau  
MP for Westmount — Ville-Marie  
Foreign Affairs critic

Ms Chrystia Freeland  
MP for Toronto Centre  
Trade critic

Black Rose Room  
The Heart & Crown Pub  
67 Clarence St  
Byward Market (Lowertown)

Admission: voluntary silver collection

##### *Friday, May 29, 7pm*

Volodymyr Verminsky concert 'Neskoreni'. At Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral hall, 1000 Byron Ave. For information about Verminsky, see:

<http://umka.com/eng/singer/volodymyr-vermins-ky.html>