



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **September Meeting**

Presentations by Dr. Jennie Dutchak to our group are always interesting and the September presentation was among the most informative. The topic of this meeting was: The History of the Pioneer Church at Mamornitz, Saskatchewan - 100th Anniversary. Dr. Dutchak was responsible as writer and producer for the production of a forty-five minute historical documentary DVD entitled '*Mamornitz, A century of faith and tradition*' and the publication, '*Ukrainian Orthodox Church Dormition of the Holy Mother of God, Mamornytsia, Saskatchewan, 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book*'.

Dr. Dutchak described the planning and organization of the anniversary. Over 400 people were present and name tags were issued. Visitors came from five provinces from Ontario to British Columbia. She was a member of the organizing committee of five members. A small grant was obtained from the Provincial Government to cover some of the expenses. The memorable event was a success and the planning and organization of this anniversary can serve as a guide to others interested in organizing similar events.

The DVD is a ground-breaking study of the pioneer church built a hundred years ago in Mamornitz, Saskatchewan. The historical documentary covered all of the important aspects of a rural pioneer church. The topics included: history of the church building, bell tower, names of pioneer members, parish cemetery, priests and cantors, war effort, weddings, baptisms, funerals, Christmas caroling, Easter traditions, church executives and councilors, church membership.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer period with contributions by her son, Mark Zayachkowski. Dr. Dutchak donated a copy of the

DVD and the publication to the UGG and we are very grateful.

### **Questions Regarding the Ukrainian Genealogy Group**

(Based on the recent survey, the answers were placed in the order of preference).

In your own research on your family history, you are more interested in your family background

- 1) in both Canada and Europe;
- 2) in Ukraine, Poland, Eastern Europe;
- 3) in Canada

Regarding previous speakers, the topics that interested you most dealt with

- 1) specific genealogical topics;
- 2) general historical topics;
- 3) folklore and general cultural topics.

Periods in Ukrainian and Canadian history that are of particular interest in your own research are

- 1) Pre-First World War (before 1914) - Pioneer period - First wave of immigration;
- 2) Second World War (1939-1945)
- 3) Post-Second World War (1946-1956) - Third wave of immigration - Displaced Persons;
- 4) First World War (1914-1918);
- 5) Inter-War period (1918-1939) - Second wave of immigration.

Some of the suggested speakers, topics and issues that would be of particular interest to you:

- Local history;
- Soviet Exile/Siberia;
- Holodomor/Ukrainian Famine;
- Contemporary Ukraine;
- Ukrainian Church History.

These submitted suggestions will be considered when planning future meetings. Further suggestions, comments, questions are always welcome.

### **Opening the past: Ukraine to put Nazi archives on-line**

*Based on the article in Kyiv Post, September 6, 2010 by Leigh Turner, British Ambassador to Ukraine since June 2008.*

The German-language documents that describe in detail the art, archives, books and other cultural valuables stolen in Nazi-occupied countries during the Second World War are in Kyiv, Ukraine. Under an initiative supported by the State Committee on Archives of Ukraine, they are being made available on-line.

The Central State Archive of Supreme Bodies of Power and Government of Ukraine (TsDAVO) is joining the Joint International Project to Extend Access to Records Relating to Holocaust-Era Looted Cultural Property. At a ceremony in Kyiv, representatives of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany and the national archives in Germany, the United States, England and France, which have supported the project, described the importance of this material. These are records of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR), one of the main agencies responsible for looting cultural valuables in Nazi-occupied countries during the Second World War.

After the Second World War, the records of the ERR were scattered and are now found in twenty-nine repositories in nine countries. The collection of ERR records, seized by Soviet forces at the end of the war and now held by Ukraine, is the largest in the world. This important collection of documents was classified as secret in the Soviet Union and is now being made available for all researchers.

### **Community Events**

*October 28 – 30*

The Sixth Annual Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine, at the Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa. Main themes: politics of memory, and the political economy of Ukraine. Program at [www.ukrainianstudies.uottawa.ca](http://www.ukrainianstudies.uottawa.ca).

Also, lecture by Yuri Scherbak, former Ambassador, on the current political situation in Ukraine. Seminar: Thursday, 1-6 PM (Desmarais Bldg, 55 Laurier E, Room 12102), Friday 9 AM-6 PM (The Lounge, New Residence, 90 University Private), and Saturday 10 AM-5.30 PM (also in The Lounge). Opening reception Thursday, 6.15 PM.

As seating is limited, please register at [chairukr@gmail.com](mailto:chairukr@gmail.com) or 613 562 5800 ext. 3692. Registration is free.

*October 28, Thursday 4:30 pm*

Multi-media launch of the book *Modernism in Kyiv: Jubilant Experimentation*, dealing with art, music, theatre, and culture in Kyiv in the 1920s, by Dr. Irena Makaryk and co-editor & collaborator Virlana Tkacz. At the University of Ottawa, Desmarais Bldg, 55 Laurier E., Room 12110.

*November 2, Tuesday 7:30 pm.*

The famous Virsky National Dance Company of Ukraine, with 50 dancers on their cross-Canada tour, performs at Centrepointe Theatre. Tickets available now, 613-580-2700.

*November 6, Saturday,.*

Annual Ukrainian Night Dinner and Dance, at the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, Green Valley Crescent. Presented by Knights of Columbus. Divine Liturgy 5 pm, Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm, Entertainment 8 pm, then dancing. Major benefactor from proceeds: SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE. Cost per person \$40. For tickets contact Mike Jaz-613-830-7787, John Chychrun 613-599-4791 and Frank McGoldrick 613-828-7531

*November 12 -13, Friday-Saturday*

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Chair-of-Ukrainian-Studies-Chaire-detudes-ukrainiennes/118719488148610>

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies will host a “Model Ukraine Conference”, organized by the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP), which annually brings young Ukrainians to serve as parliamentary interns. CUPP interns and alumni will present papers on the electoral system, education and governance in Ukraine.

*November 12, Friday. 6:30 pm*

UCPBA Ottawa in association with the Embassy of Ukraine and the Model Ukraine Conference presents "MODEL UKRAINA" 20th Anniversary COCKTAIL EVENING RECEPTION with Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program 2010 (CUPP'10) At Foundation Restaurant, 18 B York St in the Market. UKRAINIA band.

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