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May 28, 2013 Meeting

Slavco (Sterling) Demchinsky gave a detailed and well-researched presentation on Early Ukrainian Canadian Churches. Slavco has been photographing and documenting Ukrainian churches of various denominations throughout Canada for several years. This presentation was based on this research as well as on a recent research trip to western Canada.

He began with an explanation of the basic shape of a church interior with the Sanctuary (alter area), Nave (main part of the building) and Narthex (entrance area). In many cases, the interior shape is in the form of a cruciform (cross shaped) or variations on this shape. He described the evolution of Ukrainian Church architectural styles in particular, vernacular styles of the Boyko, Lemko and Hutzul styles familiar in western Ukraine. Each style was distinguished by the general floor plan and the dome and roof styles. The interiors were decorated with icons and religious images and he mentioned the work of early iconographers from Ukraine.

The early pioneers built their wooden churches based on their experience and memory of churches in Ukraine. However they were limited by the availability of lumber in western Canada and, in some cases, did not have access to the large timbers similar to those that were available in the forested and mountainous areas of western Ukraine. As a result, they were obliged to use the local trees that, in some cases, proved to be inadequate.

Members may wish to visit Slavco's webpage, *Ukrainian Churches in Canada*, at:

http://www.ukrainianchurchesofcanada.ca/general/site_map.html



Slavco Demchinsky presenting at our May meeting

Ukrainian Conversation Group

September 30, Monday 7 – 8 pm. Ukrainian Conversation Group resumes at Sunnyside Ottawa Public Library, 1049 Bank Street.

The group meets Monday evenings 7- 8 pm. September 30, October 07, October 28, November 04, November 25, and December 02. Free. Beginners welcome.

To register, contact the Library (tel: 613-730-1082).

For information contact: Mary Borsky (tel: 613-730-7005).

Ukrainian immigration to USA, Canada, Brazil and Argentina,

Submitted by Mark Zayachkowski

On YouTube, there is a short Ukrainian film (14 minutes) on Ukrainian immigration to Canada, USA, Argentina and Brazil titled Невідома Україна "Через океан" (Unknown Ukraine "Across the ocean"). It can be viewed at the following link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qixwWXa1skU&feature=player_detailpage

Democracy at War: Canadian Newspapers and the Second World War.

During the Second World War, the staff of the Hamilton Spectator newspaper kept a newsclipping record of the war. This collection of more than 144,000 newspaper articles, manually clipped, stamped with the date, and arranged by subject, includes news stories and editorials from newspapers, mostly Canadian, documenting every aspect of the war.

It is possible to explore the online database. You can begin by accessing the Canadian War Museum home page at:

<http://www.warmuseum.ca/home/>

- Click on Virtual Exhibitions (View All)
- Scroll to and click on: Democracy at War: Canadian Newspapers and the Second World War
- Click on Detailed Search

For example, in Search Terms include the term Ukrainian and you will receive over 1000 'hits.' These 'hits' include newspaper articles on the war in Ukraine and also on activities of the Ukrainian community in Canada. It is also possible to search for names of Ukrainian Canadian soldiers in the casualty lists published in newspapers, names of towns and cities and organizations.

Community Events

September 25, Wednesday 7:00 pm

Ukrainian National Federation (UNF)

September 25, Wednesday 7 – 9 pm. UNF Ottawa-Gatineau invites you to a presentation "An Overview of the Ukrainian National Federation in Ottawa and Discussion about the Future" by Wolodymyr Yarosh, a Founder of UNF Ottawa. Ukrainian Community Centre 911 Carling Ave.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission at the door – voluntary donations in support of the Paul Yuzyk Institute on Youth Leadership, a UNF initiative, appreciated.

October 24, Thursday 7:00 pm

UCPBA Ottawa Ukrainian Night

The Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association will hold a social evening on October 24, 2013.

Location: Ukrainian Orthodox Hall, 1000 Byron Avenue; Wine and cheese reception at 7:00 pm.

Greetings from UCPBA President with a brief summary of our year's activities. Silent Auction with proceeds to Canadian Cancer Foundation. Special Community Builder Award to Bill Teron. Music by Markian Pergat from 8:00 to 10:00 Cash Bar.

Free for UCPBA Ottawa members. Free admission for University, SUSK, and CUPP students; \$3.00 for non-members.