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# Annual Gala Raises over \$10,000 For The New Museum Building Fund



2009 Calendar participants present at the Gala. Seated from left to right: Elizabeth Gabruch, Ann Komarnisky, Johanna Bidulka, Rose Shinkaruk, Doris Sawchen, Eleanor Shumay. Back row: Stan Wychopen, Harvey Heshka, Edward Diakow.



Lorne Calvert and Patricia Mialkowsky smile for the camera

## An Evening to Remember

March 29, 2009 was a special night for more than 150 friends of the Museum. The Saskatoon Travelodge was the location for a Gala evening recognizing the Museum's newest building partners and celebrating the 2009 Calendar artists.

Upon entering the Galaxy Ballroom of the Travelodge guests were greeted by Patricia Mialkowsky, Board President, and Vice Presidents Diane Boyko and Martin Hryniuk. Matthew Gruza and Friends provided the welcoming music on violin, accordion, mandolin and guitar. During the reception hour, people had a wonderful opportunity to view displays featuring the work from eleven of the thirteen 2009 Calendar artists. Guests also had an opportunity to bid on unique auction items that included original artwork, prints and an embroidered blouse and shirt.

Diane Boyko, Master of Ceremonies, opened the formal program with a welcome that included introductions of a number of special guests: Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR; Clergy; Senator David Tkachuk and wife Sharon; Lorne Calvert (Leader of the Opposition MLA Riversdale); David Forbes (MLA Saskatoon Centre); Don Atchison, Mayor of the City of Saskatoon; Pat Lorje, (City Councillor Ward Two).

Bishop Bryan offered the opening prayer and blessing of the food. Guests were treated to a wonderful dinner buffet prepared by the Travelodge Hotel. A unique dessert experience capped off the meal with a Chocolate Fountain Buffet put together by Board Member Eileen Bunko.

Following dinner, the evening program opened with a special video presentation highlighting the beautiful Iconostasis from St. Nicholas Church that will form part of the Religious and Chapel Gallery in the new Museum. Brian & Michelle Syniuk from the Brooksby area were introduced and recognized for their efforts to preserve this Iconostasis. *(Con't page 2)*



Iconostasis in the Church of St. Nicholas

## Do You Know the Brooksby Story?

Nestled on a hilly and partially forested area five miles south east of Brooksby (north of Melfort and Tisdale) sits the Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. Nicholas. The wooden church was constructed in 1912 and blessed by Bishop Nicetas Budka in 1915.

The dedicated parishioners imported a hand carved iconostasis from Halychyna (Galicia) in 1925. It was constructed mostly from pear wood which was one of the preferred materials in the manufacture of high quality woodwind instruments, wood carvings and furniture. Eighty four years later the wood has retained its qualities. Well known iconographer P. Lypynsky of Edmonton, Alberta wrote the icons for the iconostasis. He also provided the large painting of St. Nicholas which hung behind the altar. St. Nicholas was a man of extraordinary character who was beloved and revered as a protector and helper of those in need. *(Con't page 3)*

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At that point Martin Hryniuk, Co-chair of the Fund Raising Committee, introduced and brought recognition to the Museum's newest Building Partners. Individuals were recognized for their donations in three categories. The first category recognized was the Patron Club - \$5,000 to \$9,999. Introduced and recognized were James, Annie, Bobbie, Zenon Derkach; Joseph & Rosalie Kitz; Nick & Jennie Franko (accepted by Gloria Leniuk), Anne Sahaidak (accepted by Gloria Leniuk), Dan & Marguerite Chura (accepted by Morris Korpan); Eugene & Veronica Pryma (accepted by Sylvia Baran).

The second category of Building Partners to be recognized were those who have donated between \$10,000 and \$19,999 – the Bronze Club. In attendance and recognized were Evelyn Kostiuk; Paul & Fran Machibroda ( accepted by Paul); Dr. Darcy & Dr. Carla Marciniuk, (accepted by their children Jeffrey & Tanya Marciniuk).

The third category of Building Partners to be recognized were those who have donated between \$20,000 and \$49,999 – the Silver Club. In attendance and recognized were Dr. Michael & Marie Krochak.

Next on the program was a video presentation showcasing the 2009 Calendar artists and images of their talents. This component was narrated by Maureen Romanchuk and produced by Klarrissa Komarnicki. Upon completion of the video each artist was introduced and escorted to the front. They received a standing ovation and were acknowledged with the singing of Mnohaja Lita. It was such joy and honour to see nine out of the thirteen artists in attendance.

Another highlight of the evening was the live auction featuring original works of art from our calendar artists. Guest Auctioneer Bishop Bryan Bayda with his positive approach introduced each Artist who spoke about the item that they had donated for the auction. City Councillor Pat Lorje and Board Members acted as spotters and the exciting auction began. First item to be auctioned was a hand crafted rolling pin created by Edward Diakow. The auctioneering talent of Bishop Bryan and the fierce bidding saw the rolling pin go for \$235.00. With the standard set the auction was a crowd favourite as many bidders got into the competitive bidding. Some bidders worked hard to ensure they left with an original piece of art. Donated items for the auction were Tortes by Elizabeth Gabruch & Rose Shinkaruk, Wheat Weaving from Johanna Bidulka, Trypillian Pottery Plate from Doris Sawchen & a Korovai from Ann Komarnisky. Overall, the entire live auction raised \$1,670.00. Thank you to Bishop Bryan for his persistence and to the competitive bidders for their support.



**2009 Gala Planning Committee: from left to right - seated: Maureen Romanchuk, Patricia Mialkowsky, Eileen Bunko. Standing: Martin Hryniuk, Klarissa Komarnicki, Stacia Horbay, Diane Boyko, Micheal Mialkowsky.**

Patricia Mialkowsky, President of the Museum Board of Directors, expressed her appreciation to everyone who was involved in the planning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gala. She was very grateful for all the pledges and donations to the Eparchial Campaign to date. This interest and support gives the Board and the Museum members the encouragement they need to carry on with the project. Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that their culture and heritage is preserved.

Diane Boyko closed the evening by introducing the winners of the silent auction which raised nearly \$3,112.00. She also thanked everyone for sharing in this incredible evening and then called on Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, CSsR, for the closing prayer.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to all those guests who attended the Gala and to those who sent their support but could not attend. The commitment from the Museum Building Partners, Calendar Artists and the Gala sponsors made this evening an incredible success.

### **Bishop Michael Wiwchar CSsR Endowment grows by nearly \$3,000**

As a way of saying thank you to Bishop Michael Wiwchar on his retirement as Eparch of Saskatoon, former Board Members and friends were invited to contribute to the endowment that was set up by Bishop Michael Wiwchar. The generosity from this appeal saw nearly \$3,000 added to the endowment fund. Bishop Michael established this endowment fund in the fall of 2007 with a personal contribution of \$5,000. Interest from this endowment will be used to support the programming of the Chapel and Religious Gallery in the New Museum Building

If anyone would like to contribute to the Bishop Michael Wiwchar CSsR Endowment Fund, please indicate this on your donation. Your support will ensure that that the Chapel and Religious Gallery will be able to offer educational programming.

### **Eparchial Campaign Total Continues to Grow**

As of April 5, 2009, the Eparchial Campaign has grown to \$221,265. In the Fall 2008 Newsletter we reported that the Eparchial Campaign had received \$175,553 to date. Since that date many more generous people have contributed to the Campaign allowing the total to grow by more than \$45,000. The Campaign Co-Chairs are reviewing the initial campaign plan and will be contacting those areas that have not had the opportunity to participate.

Your continued support towards the Eparchial Campaign will ensure construction can begin in the near future.

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Bishop Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, began negotiations with the small parish community several years ago regarding the iconostasis. He recognized the deep spiritual value of preserving it and its story for future generations. He also saw it as an important part of the Chapel and Religious Gallery in the new Museum.

In the summer of 2008, Museum members along with Fr. Jeffrey Stephaniuk visited the church site and met with Brian & Michelle Syniuk who were the church's guardians. It was noted that the church had been the victim of vandalism on several occasions, and if the Iconostasis was to be preserved it would have to be removed in the near future, cleaned and prepared for the new Museum building.



Siegfried Rempel, Senior Conservator from the Canadian Conservation Institute of Canada visited the church in November and at that time plans were formulated to remove the iconostasis and store it in a secure place. In late November under the guidance of Master Word Carver Jerry Stadnyk and the prayerful guidance of Fr. Jeffrey Stephaniuk, a team of volunteers dismantled and packed the Iconostasis, tabernacle and patron painting.

The story of this little church community does not end here. To properly tell the story of this community we need your help. In partnership with Saskatchewan Heritage we are working on researching and documenting the history of this community which at one time included a community hall and school. We are seeking anyone who has photographs, documents, invitation or obituary notices that pertain to this little church. The Museum will reproduce these photographs/documents and return the originals to you.

**Please help us preserve and tell the story of this little community in our new Museum.**

## ***Documenting a Legacy***

One of the greatest impacts that the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada received was on July 12, 1912 when Rev. Nykyta Budka was appointed Bishop Elect. The installation ceremony was celebrated on December 22, 1912 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg. It is on this historical date that Canada received its first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop, and it is on this historical date that the efforts of a great man began on Canadian soil.

Bishop Nykyta began his work by traveling to all parts of Canada. His efforts to visit Ukrainian people from small established parishes in villages, towns & cities to the most remote locations held no boundaries. Through his efforts he firmly established the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, and gave hope to thousands of people.

In Saskatchewan it is documented that he visited many parishes and settlements. In honor of the sacrifice and dedication of Blessed Martyr Bishop Nykyta Budka, the Museum is undertaking a documentation project that will culminate with a traveling exhibition in 2012 of his travels and works in Saskatchewan. This will be the first project coordinated under the Stephen & Michelene Worobetz Archive Centre. The primary goal is to collect photographs and documented information on his visits to Saskatchewan.

The 1st stage is the collection of photographs and documentation. We encourage you or your organization to join the Museum in undertaking this legacy project, ensuring that the dedicated sacrifice and work of Blessed Martyr Bishop Budka in Saskatchewan will not be forgotten.

The preliminary work for this project is being coordinated by Martin Hryniuk. He can be contacted at [hrymartin@yahoo.ca](mailto:hrymartin@yahoo.ca) or 306-270-6033

## ***ENDOWMENTS*** ***a gift that will sustain the Museum*** ***for generations to come***

Musée Ukraina Museum is pleased to announce that over the course of the last two years, four endowments have been established to support the future operations of the Museum. Each of these in its own unique way will enhance the programming the Museum plans to offer in the new building.

If you or your family would like to establish an Endowment Fund please contact any one of the Board Members.

### **Canadian Conservation Institute of Canada Senior Advisor Visits Saskatoon**

Siegfried Rempel, Senior Advisor, Collections Preservation and Preventive Conservation expert from Ottawa was in Saskatoon for two days in November. He spent two days with representatives of Musée Ukraina Museum. He visited the storage facility where he was able to view the collections and artefacts. He was given a tour of the proposed New Building site and surrounding area. Siegfried will make recommendations and suggestions to the Museum Board.

### ***What is the Canadian Conservation Institute of Canada?***

**MISSION:** Through conservation science, treatment, and preventive conservation, the Canadian Conservation Institute supports the heritage community in preserving Canada's heritage collections so they can be accessed by current and future generations. This mission is accomplished through conservation *research and development, expert services, and knowledge dissemination.*

## 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 14, 2009 at Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church auditorium in Saskatoon. The Board of Directors for 2009 is as follows:

- President: Patricia Mialkowski, Saskatoon
- Vice President: Martin Hryniuk, Prud'homme
- Vice President: Diane Boyko, Saskatoon
- Vice President: Eileen Bunko, Saskatoon
- Secretary: Bernadine Small, Saskatoon
- Treasurer: Morris Korpan, Saskatoon

### Members:

- Paul Hnenny, Saskatoon
- Elizabeth Zahayko, Yorkton
- Angeline Chrusch, Saskatoon
- Alice Derow, Canora
- Lorraine Senko, Regina
- Klarissa Komarnicki, Saskatoon
- Stacia Horbay, Saskatoon
- Lorna Brodziak, Preeceville
- Ernie Paluck, Regina

### Ex officio members:

- Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, CSsR
- Geraldine Koban, Eparchial UCWLC President

### CORRECTION

Our apologies to William and Sylvia Zacharki from Prince Albert. Their name was inadvertently misspelled in the "Fair 2008 Newsletter" Eparchial Campaign Donations and Pledges insert. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## WE'VE MOVED!

If you were looking for us on the internet at [www.mum.ca](http://www.mum.ca) you would not have been able to find us. Musée Ukraina Museum's new internet address is now:

[www.mumsaskatoon.com](http://www.mumsaskatoon.com)

Please bookmark our new address and tell your friends. The new address came into effect after the printing of the 2009 calendars. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Check the web site for the names of the Calendar Lottery winners. The email address remains as

[ukrainamuseum@sasktel.net](mailto:ukrainamuseum@sasktel.net)

Happy Surfing!

### Congratulations to Three of our Board Members

Honoured at the UCC-SPC 2008 Nation Builders & Community Recognition Awards held on November 2, 2008 at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza in Regina:

**Alice Derow:** recipient of the Volunteerism/Cultural Preservation & Development Award

**Stacia Horbay:** recipient of the Youth Achievement Award

At the organizational meeting of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education held on November 3, 2008, **Diane Boyko** of Saskatoon was acclaimed as the new chair of the board.

## A Special THANKS to our 2009 Gala Sponsors:

Collector's Choice Art Gallery, Handy Special Events, Impact Marketing, Heinrichs Jewellers, Park Funeral Chapel, South Side Concrete, Angela MacPherson, Gerry Zerebecky, Elizabeth Gabruch, Rose Shinkaruk, Brian and Michelle Syniuk (photos courtesy of Judy Ann Chabun and Micheal Mialkowski)



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