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Board Member Takes a Job in Mexico

We bid farewell to Board Member Stacia Horbay. She obtained her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan as well as her Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies. Stacia has accepted a position at the Americana English School of Pachuca in Pachuca, Mexico. She is teaching Grade 4 English, Math, History and Science. Pachuca is a vibrant city of 300,000 approximately 100 km north of Mexico City. What an adventure! It is a wonderful opportunity for her to use her bilingual expertise. She will probably return with Spanish as her 3rd language. Hasta luego, Stacia! We wish you well!

Memberships are due January 1 and expire December 31

Membership fees are applied to the Museum's operational costs. Benefits include voting privileges according to the Museum's constitution, newsletters and a discount from the Museum sales shop. Membership also creates a sense of ownership. We encourage you to lend your support to the Museum and all it is striving to do.

Fees: Individual: \$20; Family: \$30; Senior (60 years) or Student: \$15

Please make cheques payable to:
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Dr. Stephen & Michelene Worobetz Foundation



Donations made to Musee Ukraina Museum in Honour of Jacob & Gloria Leniuk's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Jacob and Gloria Leniuk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2010 at a Liturgy and Blessing at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Moose Jaw. Following the blessing, parishioners joined the family for a luncheon in the church auditorium. Jacob and Gloria were married on July 16, 1960 at Sts Peter & Paul Church in Canora.

Musee Ukraina Museum extends sincere appreciation to the Leniuks for their kindness in suggesting family and friends make donations to the Museum in honour of their anniversary in lieu of gifts. We wish them God's Blessings and many more happy years.

Mnohaya Lita

Musée Ukraina Museum extends its sympathies to the families of these 2010 calendar featured Veterans who have passed on to their eternal reward:

Jacob Lesko

John Galon

and

John Katerynych

Vichnaya Pamyat

Calendar Lottery 2011

We are excited to present the 2011 Fundraising Calendar which will be available shortly. The theme is "Dancing Across the Saskatchewan Prairies" and features 11 Ukrainian Dance Groups from our beautiful province. The cost of the calendar is \$20 and there will be a draw for cash prizes every day of the year. A total of \$12,490.00 will be awarded in prizes. A new feature for the 2011 calendar will be an early bird prize of \$500.00 on January 1, 2011. All calendar stubs received by January 1, 2011 will be eligible for this draw.



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A Critical Time for Musée Ukraina Museum

First, let's look at some background information:

The Museum began in 1955 under the umbrella of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada with 224 items. With the continued efforts of dedicated volunteers and financial supporters, the collection grew rapidly and today it holds a collection of over 20,000 artifacts. It went from a one room area in Sheptytsky Institute on College Avenue to the Prosvita Hall next to St. George's Cathedral. The Museum operated from that location for over 40 years until 2007, at that time the artefacts and collection were packed and moved into a small leased property allowing the Cathedral parish to proceed with their building plans. The storage facility has no room for exhibits or public viewing.

What has been happening presently?

Fundraising continued with a goal of constructing a new building on land that was purchased and paid for in 2003 for \$100,000.00 with Museum funds. In 2007 an application to the Provincial Government's Building Communities Program was successful and \$534,625.00 was allocated for the construction of the new building. Also, in 2007, a 3 year Eparchial Campaign to raise funds was launched at the fall Eparchial convention netting over \$300,000. In 2008 the Worobetz Foundation granted \$350,000.00 towards the creation of the Dr. Stephen and Michelene Worobetz Archive Centre which was to be a part of the new Museum building.

In 2010, the original building plans were reviewed. The decision was made to downsize the project by 35% by removing the basement, modifying the design, and investigating some new construction methods that would reduce costs. A Building Advisory Committee was formed to help with these decisions and plans. This Committee consisted of the Architect, Maurice Soulodre; Paul Machibroda, Geotechnical Engineer; Bill Muzyka, retired businessman; Ron Chelak, former Board Member; and current Board Members - Patricia Mialkowski and Martin Hryniuk.

Upon the completion of the revised building plans the Board endorsed the next step to hiring a construction manager. Six Construction Companies were invited to submit their presentations for this project. Through a structured evaluation process the Building Advisory Committee then chose a Project Manager that would best meet the needs of the museum. The architectural drawings were further revised. The process of tendering and construction phases was reviewed. Clearly building in phases was an option that the Board felt would best meet our financial situation. The main floor could be finished and the second floor only to the point where an "occupancy permit" could be obtained. The collection would be moved out of the leased facility and storage would be on the second floor. The Museum could function as a museum with some galleries available for public viewing and a gift shop on the main floor. Aggressive fundraising would continue for funds to finish the second floor.

A rough estimate of the Phase 1 project was presented to the Board of Directors for approval. At the last Board of Directors meeting held September 21, a motion was made to proceed to tender to validate costs, ensuring we have a clear understanding of what this project will cost (11 for, 1 against). An application for a Building Permit was sent to City Hall. The Museum is not obliged to accept the Building Permit. The Museum has \$1.6M in capital and pledges (this includes the Provincial Grant). The Museum has secured a \$700,000 line of credit with Affinity Credit Union. The estimated rough budget was \$2.3M.

His Excellency Bishop Bayda has communicated his strong support for preserving the artifacts and history that enriches our Ukrainian Catholic identity for future generations. He has also expressed his concerns and opposition to the construction of a new Museum building at this time because we do not have all the money in place. The Eparchial Financial Council has stated that the fundraising pressure on the Eparchy of Saskatoon is also very high.

The Museum Board feels a strong responsibility to ensuring the collection is maintained and protected. The storage and protection of the Museum's collection at this time is costing approximately \$20,000.00 a year. The collection is not accessible to the public under these circumstances. Fundraising by loyal volunteers has been going on for more than 20 years with the goal of having a suitable place to share and protect the collection. Generous donors have stepped forward to make the new museum building a reality, valuing the importance of what has been so generously donated to the Museum's collection.

The Museum Board of Directors has worked very hard to be accountable and transparent. In planning for the new museum building the fund raising committee has worked diligently, not only raising funds for the building, but also inviting donors to establish endowments. Currently these endowments number six. The Board knows sustainability is key to the success of the future of the museum and every effort must be made to grow these endowments and find other sources of support. The Board wants to do the right thing, working with all members of our Eparchial community ensuring the Museum will continue to be a valuable asset to our Eparchy.

According to its Constitution, the Board is made up of 51% UCWLC members. It has been supported by the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, and the Knights of Columbus, the faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon and by numerous individuals within and beyond our provincial borders.

What does the future hold?

We have gone to tender. The tendering process will close on November 16, 2010 and the results will be available on November 19. A Museum Board Meeting is scheduled for November 20 in Saskatoon and at that time the Tendering Report will be presented, reviewed, discussed and the next step will be defined.

A letter from the Ukrainian Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Saskatchewan's solicitor dated October 15, 2010 has been received by Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. The letter states that the Episcopal Corporation wishes to transfer the title to the land it has been holding in trust for the Museum - to the Museum. The letter also states that the primary objective of the Episcopal Corporation in transferring the title at this time is to ensure that the independence of the two corporations is maintained. The indication here would be that the Museum would no longer be an Eparchial project. The Museum wishes to point out that at no time did it attempt to jeopardize any fundraising the Eparchy was or will be conducting for their needs.

Submitted by Pat Mialkowski

Calendar Lottery Draws go on the Road

In an attempt to involve the participants in the 2010 Museum Calendar, *Honouring Our Ukrainian Veterans*, some of the calendar draws were held in various places this year. The February draw was held at **St. Volodymyr Villa** in Saskatoon on March 3rd. The Veterans living there were invited to help make the draws along with their spouses and friends. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of the procedure.



Pictured above: Veteran, William (Bill) Kondra pulls the first calendar stub.



Pictured to the left: The happy group at St. Volodymyr Villa



*Pictured above: Veteran William Shuya with Patricia Mialkowsky & Martin Hryniuk
Picture to the right: The smiling Yorkton group*

On April 10, some Board members were in Yorkton attending a workshop on Grant Writing so the March draw was made at **St. Mary's Church Meeting Room**.



May's winners were drawn at **St George's Senior Citizens' Residence** in Saskatoon on June 3rd. It was a wonderful experience for the Museum Board Members and the participants enjoyed the excitement.



Veteran Frank Huchkowsky is surrounded by friends at the Seniors' Residence



Morris Korpan and Veteran Frank Huchkowsky have something to smile about

Board members, Stacia Horbay and Klarissa Komarnicki travelled to Regina on May 2nd to facilitate the April draw. A group of parishioners from **St. Athanasius Church** met together after their Praznik event and made the draw for the April winners.



Klarissa Komarnicki records the stub number drawn by Josie Vantour and verified by Ernie Paluck



Veteran Harry Prystai and Olga Klewchuk pose with the August 2010 calendar page featuring Harry

*Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. Congratulates
Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble
on their
50th Anniversary*