



59th Eastern USRL Convention: "Our Dream"



Ivanna Franko, Christine Jurychuk, Ivanka Hiltchuk, Olesya Rutkay, and Christina Hiltchuk enjoying the sights of Toronto.

The 59th Eastern USRL Convention took place from Friday August 27th to Sunday August 29th, 2010. The Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (USRL or CYC) is an umbrella organization for UWAC (Women), TYC (Men), and CYMK (Youth), the Ukrainian Museums of Canada, the three Institutes across Canada (St. Vladimir's, Mohyla and St. John's) and the SUS Foundation.

Every two years, the provincial branches of TYC, UWAC and CYMK hold a convention. Through the course of the weekend we hosted over 140 participants – both delegates and guests. This year we were delighted to have Friday and Saturday's sessions take place at St. Vladimir Institute.

The CYMKivtsi played a major role in setting the agenda for this convention and added some new, innovative and informative sessions including a seminar on creativity as a team sport, a session to analyze the Divine Liturgy and a group visioning session – a chance for all generations to brainstorm the future course of the role of our organizations within the Ukrainian community in Canada. The convention theme was "Our Dream".

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Our agenda was full

On the spiritual aspect, we began Friday morning with a panel discussion of the historical and theological development of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy to give us an understanding of why we have the Liturgy that we have today. Participants of the panel were Fr. Bohdan Hladio from St. John's the Baptist Church in Oshawa and Fr. Volodymyr Feskiw from St. Volodymyr's Cathedral, Toronto. Much information was presented, absorbed... and appreciated.

Friday evening vespers and Divine Liturgy marking the Feast Day of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos were celebrated in the chapel at St. Vladimir Institute. We had a brief commentary and a question and answer period on the significance of this feast day and bringing flowers and herbs to church for blessing.

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Christine Jurychuk, Katherine Pohoreski, Stefan Olynyk, Roman Kondra, Orysyia Svystun, Tania Shapka, and Ivanka Hiltchuk on the dance cruise.

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President's Message



Paul Strathdee, President

Where most are left wondering why there are never enough hours in a day, here at the Institute we've been wondering whether there are enough weeks or months in the summer.

For us, the summer flew by primarily due to all the projects we initiated just prior to our students moving out in early May. The largest of these initiatives was the beginning of our resident floor renovation. This project is, by far, the most ambitious we've undertaken in recent years, with a complete decor change adding a new colour scheme, new window treatments, and lighting to all three floors of our residence.

However, this project is far from complete. We will be renovating the bathrooms and replacing all the furniture in the rooms and the lounge areas during the Christmas break or next summer as time and funding permits. In that regard, your donations for this project are a significant boost to our budgeting and I encourage all members to contribute whenever possible.

I am very pleased to report, once again, our residence is full and we don't expect to see any vacancies until Christmas, when we normally see a slight turnover. With the first stage of the renovation complete, our students were very excited to get back to their "home away from home". So far their response to our remodeling has been very positive and they seem to really appreciate what we have done.

Turning to our upcoming events, it's a pleasure to extend a general invitation to everyone to this year's Casino Odessa 10, our primary fundraiser for the Institute. Once again, Casino Odessa will be held at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville on Saturday, November 13th.

This year marks our 10th anniversary and the Casino planning committee for the event has been hard at work making this year's instalment the most memorable yet. Our intent is to increase the number of attendees as well as the number of sponsors that support this event. If you own a business or have contacts in the business community that would be interested in acting as a sponsor, please contact our front office to gain more information about sponsorships and tickets for the event, if you haven't done so already.

Our participation at the Bloor West Village Festival has quickly come and gone. As in previous years, from September 17-19 in the heart of the Bloor West community, SVI had our Ukrainian culture on display. We hope that everyone had an opportunity to pay us a visit, chat with board members, partner organizations and staff to see what we're showing to the community. Many thanks to our members who volunteered their time.

Our marketing committee is planning a restructuring of our website to make it more informative and easier to navigate. There is far too much information on the current site and the events calendar section was not in a format that we felt was easy to use. The adjustments being made will provide for better marketing of our programs and events and will provide for more social networking potential as we update our marketing initiatives. The marketing committee is currently working on updating our membership list with priorities placed on e-mail address updates so that we can better communicate with our members. You will likely be contacted in the coming months to update your contact information.

It was with regret to be notified of the passing of our significant contributor, The Honourable Mr. John Yaremko. We extend our condolences to his family during this difficult time. As many know, Mr. Yaremko was an exemplary member of our Ukrainian community and a strong supporter of Multiculturalism in Canada. In fact, Mr. Yaremko can be considered the "Father of Multiculturalism" since he was the first to use the term. The lengthy list of awards and commendations he received were very well deserved and we are honoured to participate in his legacy as a supportive Ukrainian activist by continuing the example that he set for our students and youth within our community. Many more details of his life and accomplishments are described in his obituary on Pg. 5.

As well, Mr Yaremko was a strong supporter of Ukrainian Heritage within the academic community. His involvement with the Chair of Ukrainian Studies Program at the University of Toronto has made that program what it is today, and the Chair will be renamed in honour of Mr. John Yaremko.

As usual, further information on our upcoming activities is available in this newsletter. It can also be viewed on our website at www.stvladimir.ca.

Until our next Visti, I wish everyone the best during the fall season.

Paul Strathdee
President

MUSEUM NEWS: MINI EXHIBIT

A convention is a great vehicle to keep organizational fires burning, renew old acquaintances, and enjoy the activities that continue to bind us. The 59th Eastern Canada Ukrainian Self Reliance League Convention (USRL), held in August 27-29, 2010, did just that. The ambience of St. Vladimir Institute added to the success of the weekend event.

The Ukrainian Museum of Canada (UMC) as part of USRL, participated in this convention, and was especially pleased that our members and supporters were able to visit the Museum during this time.

The mini exhibit **'З ВАШОЮ ДОПОМОГОЮ – WITH YOUR HELP'** – is our acknowledge-

ment for the contributions of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC) branches from Ontario and Quebec. This exhibit continues until late fall. Some 25 costumed dolls in traditional Ukrainian dress on display include:

- The Canadian Centennial Doll Project of 1967, at which UWAC Branches from Ontario and Quebec produced these beautiful traditionally costumed dolls from various parts of Ukraine.
- Fine heritage dolls, vibrantly intact due to careful conservation.
- A more recent group of exquisite dolls by artist Alla Hryniw from Ukraine, and
- Other donations by the Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada (C.Y.M.K.) and UWAC branches from Ontario.



Museum Volunteers at the exhibit: (l.-r.) Yvonne Ivanochko (President) Claudia Mykytiuk, Nadia Strathdee, Olenka Negrych, and Ernest Krebs discussing new ideas.

The convention program highlighted speakers who made us think.

- Natalie Ostryzniuk, author of the interesting and well researched biography, 'Blossoming of a Ukrainian Canadian – Savella Stechishin'. The museum has stocked this title.
- Prof. Linda Carson, University of Waterloo, guided us through her topic - Creativity is a Skill - with insight and humor. Amongst her advice – 'Do the thing that matters to you'.
- Dr. Peter Kondra led the brainstorming: "What's in the future for us as USRL members and supporters".
- Blue Heart Campaign presented by Orysia Sushko, about

the horrific reality of global trafficking in women and children, specifically mentioning Ukraine. Her challenge to those present was: "When you get home, what are you personally going to do to help erase this nightmare?"

BLOOR WEST VILLAGE UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

The Museum table was under the big St. Vladimir Institute tent at the Festival on Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th, 2010. Cookbooks, *pysanky*, embroidered blouses from Ukraine, and *gerdany* were for sale. Our volunteers all had a good time talking with members and supporters. See you again next year at the Festival!

Ukrainian Museum Of Canada, Ontario Branch
Claudia Mykytiuk

Відкрийте для себе Джерело Знань

Бібліотека Інституту св. Володимира завжди притягує відвідувачів.

Так і цього року ми мали досить багато бажаючих опрацювати старі та нові видання та періодику.

Серед них – наша українська гостя Лариса Головата. Вона – старший науковий співробітник Львівської національної бібліотеки України ім. Василя Стефаника. Протягом довгих днів і вечорів вибирала вона необхідне для написання наукового довідника...

Зміни у суспільному і політичному житті України відкрили великі прогалини – абсолютну непоінформованість про життя та діяльність національно свідомих патріотів, які опинилися у таборах *переміщених осіб* після закінчення Другої Світової війни, а потім стали могутнім генератором дальшого прогресу української діаспори.

Лариса приїхала з України на запрошення Центру ім. Петра Яцика для збору та систематизації інформації про періодику української еміграції у таборах *переміщених осіб* у 1945-50 рр. Найбільше такої інформації збереглося завдяки колекції бібліофіла Івана Лучкова.

У Інституті св. Володимира пані Лариса працювала над рідкісною збіркою таборової преси з табору в Раміні. Такі матеріали важко розшукати, і пані Лариса була захоплена бібліотечним фондом рідкісної інформації в інституті. Зібрана та систематизована документація стане доступним джерелом для українців всюди у світі.

Галина Остапчук, бібліотекар Інституту, вважає, що збережені в бібліотеці рідкісні видання можуть пригодитися ще багатьом науковцям.

Гостинно запрошуємо до бібліотеки інституту.



Лариса Головата - старший науковий співробітник Львівської Національної Бібліотеки України ім. В. Стефаника.

Passing the Torch - Ukrainian Style *(Continued from page 1)*

Cultural highlights included – a presentation on the Blue Heart Campaign by Orysia Sushko, a United Nations awareness-raising initiative to fight human trafficking, the book launch of "Blossoming of a Ukrainian Canadian – Savella Stechishin" by author Natalie Ostryzniuk and – the marking of the 50th Anniversary of Promin (a publication of UWAC) with guest speaker Orysia Sushko, newly awarded Order of Canada member, former UCC president and *Promin* Editor-in-Chief.

Leadership: We created a Joint-Resolution Committee of UWAC, TYC and CYMK members to capture the ideas, inspirations and conclusions reached in our leadership sessions. The Committee's task was to format and present resolutions for approval at the final session of the convention.

To begin the process we first heard the results and recommendations put forward by the Joint-Standing Committee of the UOCC and USRL as presented by Stephania Spytkowski.

Next, we learned about "Creativity as a Skill", a workshop presented by Linda Carson, University of Waterloo professor. She showed us how to solve problems by thinking outside of the box. We took this new skill into the following session, led by Dr. Peter Kondra, and dreamed as to what we wanted from our organizations and from our church, and what we needed to do in the next two years (by our next convention) to get there!

One other new activity included in this convention was a dinner and dance cruise on Lake Ontario. This cruise was also a CYMK reunion and it was wonderful to meet up with former *CYMKivtsi* of all ages. We are grateful to So-Use Credit Union for their generous sponsorship of the cruise.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and after dinner, with the sun setting behind the Toronto skyline and the moon rising from the east. There was dancing to Ukrainian music and polkas, including a "Kolomeyka" on the top deck!

On Sunday, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Demetrius. Officiating was the new Metropolitan of the UOCC, His Eminence, Archbishop Yuriy. The *CYMKivtsi* joined the Church choir in singing the responses but also sang on their own under the direction of *CYMKivka*, Christina Kowalenko. Their fresh energy and voices added much to the spiritual uplift of the Liturgy.

An icon of St. Andrew, the First-Called, was blessed at the end of the Liturgy and presented to St. Demetrius Parish. The National CYMK executive commissioned this icon in memory of Andrew Olynyk, a Long Branch *CYMKivets* who provided leadership and inspiration to his local and all *CYMKivtsi* he met. The icon was written by Dobr. Zenovia Semotiuk-Maximiuk of Winnipeg.

A heartfelt thank you to St. Vladimir Institute's Board of Directors, members and support staff for providing a wonderful venue for our 59th USRL Convention and making us feel at home – a comment voiced by many of our participants!

Natalka Olynyk Kowalenko

On behalf of the Convention Organizing Committee



On the occasion of the blessing of the icon of St. Andrew, the First-Called, written by Dobr. Zenovia Semotiuk-Maximiuk and presented by the National CYMK executive in memory of Andrew Olynyk to his home parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Demetrius.



CYMK seminar at St. Vladimir's Theatre.

John Yaremko: An Accomplished Life

John Yaremko died peacefully in his sleep, three days short of his 92nd birthday. He had brought his dreams to life and his legacy will now continue living with us.



1918-2010

Mr. Yaremko was born in Welland, Ontario to a family of immigrants from Ukraine. He put himself through school while working on farms and the Steel Company of Canada during summer months and nights while attending the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School. He was awarded scholarships for excellence while at university and became a Gold Medalist at Osgoode Hall. He began his political career in 1951 when elected to Ontario's Provincial Parliament as the first Canadian of Ukrainian ancestry to be elected in Eastern Canada.

Mr. Yaremko served in Parliament for twenty-five years – longer than anyone in the history of Ontario. In 1958, he was appointed the youngest Cabinet Minister and served in seven Ministries in the administrations of Premiers Leslie Frost, John Robarts and Bill Davis.

Upon his retirement in 1975, the Toronto Star newspaper wrote of John Yaremko: "His career exhibited a distinct concern for social justice, as Minister responsible for legislation which improved the lot of persons with physical or developmental disabilities, the aged, the poor, and ethnic and cultural minorities."

In 1945, Mr. Yaremko married Myroslava (Mary) Materyn of Montreal. Together they began to assemble one of the earliest collections of Canadiana, including furniture, artefacts and early Canadian glass, some of which is on display at the University of Toronto Library and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Mr. Yaremko was supportive of many community undertakings, including the John Yaremko Centre for Community Living at Bellwoods Centre for Community Living in Toronto, one of the foremost residential facilities for persons with physical disabilities in North America.

Throughout his life he supported the aspirations of all of Canada's ethno-cultural groups and maintained that public offices, including the judiciary, should be open to everyone.

Recognized by many Canadian groups, Mr. Yaremko was awarded the Latvian Medal Pro Merito, the Freedom for Hungary Medal; Life Membership in the Polish Alliance of Canada, Honourary Life Member of the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association of Toronto, the Pisticci Club of Toronto, the Abruzzi Club of Toronto, Honourary Member of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Association of Canada, Honourary Member of the Toronto Greek Community's Canadian Arcadian Association, and was recipient of the Metropolia Award on the 75th Anniversary of St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Toronto.

In 1980, Mr. Yaremko became a Founding Member of

the University of Toronto Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation. He also supported the establishment of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program for university students from Ukraine in the House of Commons and the Ontario Legislature.

A proud graduate of the University of Toronto, Mr. Yaremko supported universities in Canada and Ukraine by establishing the John Yaremko Scholarship at Wilfrid Laurier University, the John Yaremko Scholarship at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, the John and Mary Yaremko Program in Multiculturalism and Human Rights at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, and the Multicultural Heritage Lecture Series at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Yaremko assisted the Ukrainian language program at York University and established the Canadian Visiting Scholars Lectureship Program at Kyiv-Mohyla University, University of Lviv, Ostroh University and Kamianets-Podilskyi University in Ukraine.

For his community work in Canada he was awarded the Order of St. Andrew and for his support of democratic governance in Ukraine, the President's Medal.

In 2009, he received the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism which was established by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to recognize individuals from communities across Canada who have achieved excellence in promoting multiculturalism so that all citizens can take pride in their ancestry and have a sense of belonging to Canada. Notably, he graciously donated the monetary part of this award to St. Vladimir Institute.

The last recognition for the support of his Alma Mater was the establishment of the John Yaremko Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto. The Yaremko Chair will be officially inaugurated in the near future.

Вічна Йому Пам'ять!



John Yaremko and his wife Myroslava.

Ukrainian Students' Club (USC) at the University of Toronto

Ukrainian Students' Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary. Since 1941, USC at the University of Toronto has grown into an influential organization. Blessed with remarkable members and dedicated executives the club has flourished until today.

In the past 70 years there have been many successful events, demonstrations, concerts, recreational tournaments, meetings and donations. While the number of Ukrainian students has fluctuated from year to year, the values of upholding Ukrainian heritage, language and culture have always been maintained. The organization continues to promote community, educational, recreational and cultural events. USC holds a reputation for representing Ukrainian students at U of T while providing a forum for voicing mutual interests and concerns.

The newly elected executive committee encour-



*Cassandra Wysochanska, Julia Drozdowsky,
Christine Turenko and Melania Hrycyna
Photo by: Nadia Gereliouk*

rages all members to continue their support of our club through commitments and enthusiasm. This year's planned events include: the first general meeting and *zabava*, an art show, a Holodomor commemoration, *perogie* making, a Christmas dinner, an annual pre-*Malanka* pub night, *pysanky* making, a commemoration of Chornobyl, the 70th anniversary of USC, and many more.

In order to find out the exact dates and times for the events,

please visit our website at www.ukiestudents.com or our office which is conveniently located at St. Vladimir Institute. Please come and support the work that is emerging from our unique Ukrainian community within Toronto's contemporary and urban society and a new and subtle way of separating the Ukrainian identity from this flux.

Nadia Gereliouk,
USC President

Christina Senkiw's "Blast from the Past"



This summer's art exhibit at the Institute featured Christina Senkiw's abstract art from the 1980s and was aptly named "A Blast from the Past". Her exploration of subtle colour variation, rhythm and linear harmony was a showcase of a popular style of that period. These bold and beautiful paintings surprised many of our visitors, as they were more familiar with Christina's style as an illustrator of children's books. This series of paintings was selected to show our incoming students that everything that is old is new again.

Christina has had 12 solo exhibitions and has participated in numerous group shows in Canada and the United States. Her primary interest is colour. Initially, as a young artist, she painted the large, hard-edged abstracts that we displayed. Her next phase consisted of semi-abstract, figurative compositions. Currently, Christina is painting nature close-up in a semi-realistic style.

Christina has illustrated and written six children's books, and developed two large, ongoing series of drawings for children. She has researched and illustrated a beautiful book on Ukrainian costumes.

Christina is currently working on a new website featuring her fine art. To view Christina's books and art for children, please visit her website at www.christinasenkiw.com

You can view two of Christina's acrylic paintings from her nature series, "Autumn Leaves" and "Sumach", at an upcoming group show at the KUMF Gallery in Toronto.

The show opens November 14 and runs until November 28, 2010.

Upcoming Events Fall 2010

Courses

- ◆ **Ukrainian Language Courses: 7:00-9:00 pm.**
Level 1: Tuesday, September 14 – April 26/11
Level 2: Thursday, September 16 – Apr. 28/11
Level 5: Wednesday, September 15 – Apr. 27/11
 Fee: \$240.00/course (60 hours)
- ◆ **High Proficiency Ukrainian:**
 Monday, September 27 – April 18/11
 Fee: \$200. (50 hours)
- ◆ **Ukrainian for Genealogy Group:**
 Tuesday, September 14 – May 24/11
- ◆ **Icon Writing Workshops:**
6:30 – 9:30 pm.
 - Wednesday, September 22 – November 24
 - Thursday, September 23 – November 25
 Fee: \$250.00/30 hrs. – paint boards included

Lectures and Discussions

- ◆ **Professor Ed Burstynsky Memorial Lecture Series:**
 Lecturer Myroslav Shkandrij, University of Manitoba
 - ◇ "What was Socialist Realism?"
 7 pm. Friday, October 15/10
 - ◇ "How are Images of Jews Reflected in Ukrainian Culture?" 2 pm. Sunday, Nov. 7/10
- ◆ Book Launch jointly with Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation and University of Toronto Press:
"A History of Ukraine", by Prof. P. R. Magocsi
Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Documentary Film Launch jointly with UCRDC
"Norilsk Uprising (GULAG)" (in Ukrainian)
Sunday, October 31, 2 pm.
- ◆ Book Launch, The University of Alberta Press
"Prodigal Daughter. A Journey to Byzantium", by Myrna Kostash
Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 pm.

Culinary Workshops 6:30 – 9:00 pm.

- ◆ **Delicious Tortes with Natalka Valehyuk**
 - "The Pyramide", Monday, October 4/10
 - "Honey Cream Torte", Monday, November 1/10
 - "Christmas Torte", Monday, December 6/10
- Hands-on workshops on baking and decoration
 European style tortes
Fee: \$25. Limited class – 10 participants only

Clubs at St. Vladimir's

Genealogy Group – meets every second Tuesday of each month – 7:30 – 9:30 pm. www.torugg.org
Toastmasters Club – meets every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Art Exhibits

- ◆ **Students' Art Exhibit**
 Currently to October 5, 2010
- ◆ **Art and Politics: The Style of Socialist Realism**
 From the collection of the late Michael Tomas
 October 15-29, 2010



Adria Pelensky. SVI Board member once again trying her luck at the Casino silent auction.

You don't want to miss St. Vladimir Institute's...

Casino Odessa 10

"The fun casino for money and prizes!"

Featuring: "The Magic of Rossini", a magic show

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Cocktails: 6:00

Dinner: 7:00

Show 8:00

Fun Money Casino 9:00

Tickets only \$95.

For tickets please call: 416. 923. 3318

2010 Summer Event Photo Gallery



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC).
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SVI resident and OCAD student Paul Chepesiuk hanging his work in St. Vladimir's gallery.



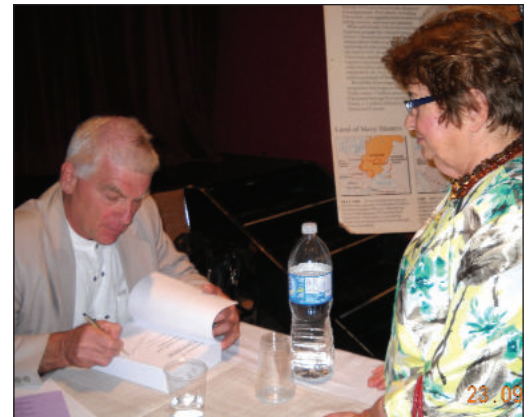
Former SVI resident and PhD candidate Talia Zajac speaking at the Book Launch.



Luba Goy (left), comedian, and Stephanie MacArthur, SVI member. Canada's funniest Ukrainian woman Luba Goy was working on her program at St. Vladimir's theatre this past summer.



Bloor West Village Festival on Friday night.



Prof. P. R. Magocsi signing his book "History of Ukraine" for Iroida Wynnycky of UCRDC.



Borys Wrzesnewskyj, MP and Paul Strathdee at the "History of Ukraine" Book Launch at St. Vladimir Institute.



Natalia Valenyuk, SVI Culinary and Art Instructor (left) with her volunteer helpers offering Ukrainian pastries to the Bloor West Village Festival visitors.

The Writers' Union of Canada - Newsletter Gomittee 1999-2009. L to R: Ann Birch, Anne Denoon, Jack Livesley, Christina Senkiw (artist), Mary Keenan, Mary Frances Coady. See Pg. 6.

