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"Rack 'Em Up!!!" Hilliard Pool Hall Arrives!!!

The Hilliard Pool Hall was added to the extensive collection of historic structures from east-central Alberta at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

The Hilliard Pool Hall, built about 1925, was originally intended to be used as a dance hall and contained living quarters at the back of the building for the owner and his family. It served as a pool hall from the late 1920s to the 1950s, and is one of the last remaining pool halls from that era associated with a town site in the region.

Pool halls were common throughout east-central Alberta in the 1920s until recent times, reflecting the rise in disposable income and time for leisure activities that resulted from improvements in agricultural technology and techniques. They were usually frequented by men, and were sometimes targeted by moral "guardians" of communities as being dens of iniquity, which promoted gambling and other such bad habits.

Hilliard is located approximately 70 kms east of Edmonton. It was developed on the earliest railway line constructed in east-central Alberta during 1905-06.

The structure arrived at the Ukrainian Village at the end of October. It will be



Hilliard Pool Hall hits the road!

on display at the main entrance until funding becomes available to restore it to its original appearance. Once restored, it will join the rest of the Heritage Village on the historic side of the site.

*Did you know...
The Hilliard Pool
Hall is likely only one
of two remaining
unaltered early pool
halls in Alberta!*

Events & Exhibits 2007!

Celebration of Dance

Monday, May 21, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Ukrainian dance groups will dazzle you with their vibrant costumes and boundless energy as they perform throughout the day. Watch historic settlers prepare fields and welcome the new spring season. In addition to a fabulous quilt display, there are children's activities, a Village Market, musical entertainment, and sheep shearing.

Vintage Day New!

Saturday, June 30, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Calling all vintage car enthusiasts! Gear up to see a colourful collection of over 150 vintage vehicles, proudly shown by their owners from across North America. Other activities include a Village Market, roving musicians, and special historic activities throughout the day.

Kalyna Fest – featuring Kalyna Idol

Sunday, July 15, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Embark upon a festive journey as Kalyna Country presents a spectacular lineup of talent at the first *Kalyna Idol* concert. Mix & mingle with an assortment of Kalyna displays at the *Kalyna Country Community Showcase* and expect some old fashioned fun with children's activities, wagon rides, Village Market and musical entertainment.

Ukrainian Day – featuring “A Taste Of Ukraine”

Sunday, August 12, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Live a day the Ukrainian way! Everyone is welcome to celebrate all things Ukrainian: “A Taste of Ukraine” Food Fair, Ukrainian Community Showcase, Musical Concert, and more. Visit the Historic Village; take in the Church Services, Memorial Services, and Centenary Pioneer celebrations.

Friends' Ukrainian Music Fest

Sunday, August 26, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Come for the music. Stay for the food, fun and festivities. Non-stop main stage performances will feature a great lineup of bands with a good mix of both new and old favorites at the 23rd annual Friends' Ukrainian Music Festival. The concert is accented with a visit to the Historic Village, traditional Ukrainian food, Village Market, exhibits and more!

Harvest of the Past and A Taste of Heritage

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Described as one of the best autumn events in Canada! This spectacular harvest and food extravaganza starts with an early-bird breakfast followed by an abundance of Alberta-produced foods such as buffalo, elk, organic foods, and Ukrainian food. Travel into the past and take in the nostalgic harvest activities and historic demonstrations including binding, stooking, baling and threshing. Purchase specialty food items & crafts, watch demonstrations, and listen to all-day musical entertainment.

Music Exhibit – Sounds of the Prairies

May – October

This exhibit is a celebration of a unique style of music that combines the traditions of old world Ukraine with the flavours of the Canadian prairies. Historic photographs, musical instruments and related artifacts and sound recordings will present the images and stories of this music and people who kept it alive.

Genealogy Project Launched!

Alberta and Ukraine help families trace their ancestry

An innovative and exciting new project has been launched by Alberta Community Development, which will provide new opportunities for families interested in exploring their past in Alberta and Ukraine.

The Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project has evolved from the signing of Memorandums of Understanding on Cooperation between the Government of Alberta and: the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast (August 2004), the Lviv Oblast (September 2005), and Premier Klein's trip to Ukraine in June 2006.

This project has received a three-year financial commitment totaling \$200,000 from the Government of Alberta. This support will assist in the establishment of genealogical research offices in Lviv and Edmonton to provide a link between archival institutions and record depositories in Western Ukraine and those in Alberta. It will provide a foundation for opening doors for families interested in learning about their past in Ukraine and Alberta, and assist in reuniting families where contact which may have been disrupted during Soviet times. It will also strengthen affiliations between Alberta and archival institutions and record depositories in Western Ukraine, particularly in the

oblasts of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Chernivtsi, and Lviv.

The Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project will generate finding aids, registers, and documents for accessing over the internet by students working on



Participants in the launch of the Alberta- Ukraine Genealogical Project during Ukrainian Day festivities at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Left to right: David Makowsky, Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Andriy Nahachewsky, Radomir Bilash, Jerritt Pawlyk,

school projects, amateur genealogists, or anyone researching their family histories. It will also coordinate a research service for those who are unable to undertake such work themselves.

The Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project will also include a consortium of partners in both Alberta and Western Ukraine, who will assist in projects that convert archival finding aids, registers, and other print information into electronic form for accessing through the Internet. In Alberta, the consortium includes: The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, The Provincial Archives of Alberta and its Friends Society,

The Alberta Genealogical Society and its Ukrainian Special Interest Group, The Basilian Fathers Museum in Mundare, The Ukrainian Folklore Centre at the University of Alberta, The Ukrainian Genealogical and Historical Society of Canada

Work in both offices is well underway. The project is managed by Radomir Bilash, and the Alberta office coordinator is David Makowsky. Details regarding the Lviv office will be announced in the near future.

For more information, please contact David at the Alberta genealogical research office at:
(780) 431-2324.

Those calling in Alberta, but from outside of Edmonton, call toll-free 310-0000 then (780) 431-2324.
or e-mail

AB-Ukraine.Genealogy@gov.ab.ca

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A picture is worth a 1000 words...

By David Makowsky and Stefan Sokolowsky

As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. This proverb is especially true for the research associated with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Enrichment Project.

Since 2001, the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society has worked in partnership with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village to identify, obtain and relocate historic buildings to the Village that support the site's major theme of Early Ukrainian Settlement to East Central Alberta to 1930. The Village Enrichment Project aims to preserve and present the histories of these buildings, as well as the histories of the people who lived and worked in them, to all Albertans and to the thousands of visitors from around the world who visit the Ukrainian Village each year.



David Makowsky interviews Mrs. Sarah Kunas of Radway about the Radway Post Office building and barn.

As part of the Village Enrichment Project, research has been undertaken on the following historic buildings and structures: the St. Michael harness and shoe repair shop and house; Morecambe School; the Radway Post Office and barn; the Luzan Post Office; and the Hilliard Pool Hall. The cement shed from the Alberta Lumber Company in Lamont; and the teacherage from the South River school have also been researched as part of this Village Enrichment Project.

The onus is on the researcher is to locate, collect and organize oral history recollections, archival documents, photographs and all other relevant information into three research reports. These reports serve as the blueprint to restore, furnish and interpret the historic building at its new home at the Ukrainian Village. Therefore, the foundation of a visitor's experience to the Ukrainian Village - what they see, hear, and smell - can be attributed back to the research undertaking at the beginning of the restoration process.

In recent years, the process to record first-hand recollections of a historic building, especially prior to 1930, has become increasingly difficult. If there were perhaps twenty candidates to interview ten years ago, today a researcher may only have a few to interview. It is never clear whether the initial meeting is the first of many, or whether the meeting is the first and only, as the age and/ or health of these individuals can be quite fragile.

Nonetheless, there can be nothing more satisfying than to meet these individuals and listen to their recollections of life in east central Alberta during the first half of the 20th century. Their recollections of events and activities that occurred in east central Alberta, especially prior to 1930, provides insight into a community's history that cannot be found within archival documents, photographs, or the community's local history book. It is exciting to think how their recollections will be represented at the Ukrainian Village once the building has been opened for the public to see.

Since 2004, small segments of these research efforts have been presented to Ukrainian ethnologists across North America at the annual conference for the Canadian Association of Slavists (Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences), as well as at other academic conferences.

One day soon, with your support of the Village Enrichment Project, the entire story of each of these buildings, and the communities they represent, will unfold at the Ukrainian Village.

In Other Friends' News.....

2006 Music Festival Raffle Winners:

**Jennifer Gizowski
Kay Topolnitsky
Dave Neale
Val Gizowski
John Gregory**

**CONGRATULATIONS &
THANKS FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Did you know...

*The mission of the
Friends of the
Ukrainian Village
Society is, to provide
strong and visionary
leadership for the
sustainability and
growth of the
Ukrainian Cultural
Heritage Village so
future generations
can enjoy an
authentic pioneer
experience.*

***During the winter,
the Ukrainian Cultural
Heritage Village is open
for school & group
tours.***

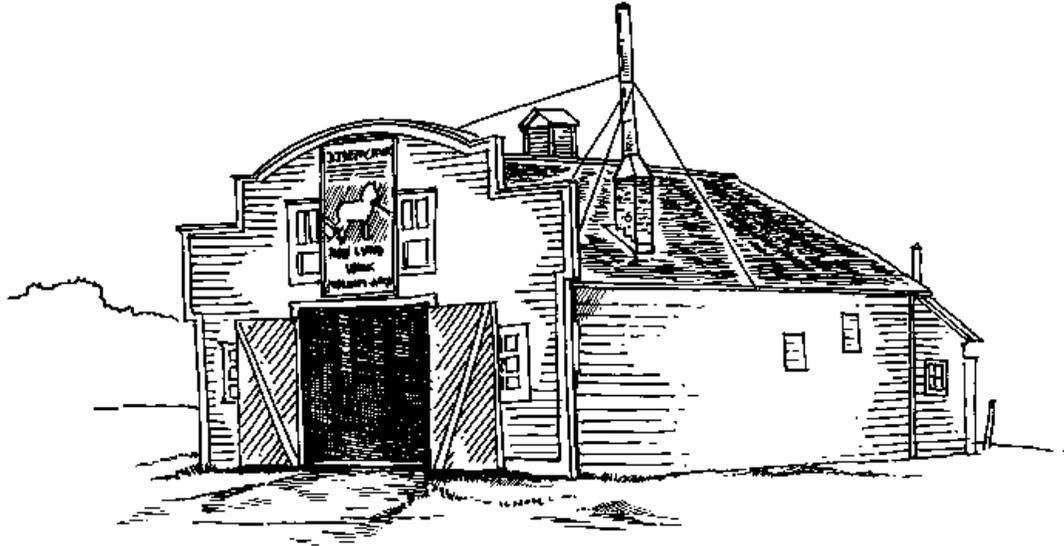
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www.cd.gov.ab.ca/uchv
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310-0000, then
(780) 662-3640*

Lightning Strikes Village Trees!

On the evening of Tuesday, August 1, 2006 there was an electrical storm where at the Village a number of black poplar trees were struck by lightning. Two trees received extensive damage. Trees were located just east of the main visitor centre and were located approx. 300 meters apart.



Focus on the Village



Demchuk Blacksmith Shop

Built 1927

Restored to 1929

John Demchuk had been trained as a blacksmith in Galicia before he immigrated to Canada at the turn of the last century. Even while he farmed in the Lake Eliza district, people came to him to shoe horses, sharpen tools and repair farm implements and machinery. The demand for his skills was so great that he moved to the town of Myrnam and began smithing full-time. The shop was considered advanced for its time, for Mr. Demchuk had partially mechanized it by adapting a Model T car engine as a power source for his tools.

Кузня Демчуків

Збудована 1927 року

Рестарована до вигляду 1929 року

Іван Демчук був ковалем ще в Галичині перед виїздом до Канади. Навіть коли він фермерував в околиці Лейк Ілайза люди приходили до нього, щоб підбити коням підкови, наточити інструменти чи направити фармарське знаряддя та машинерію. Попит на його роботу був такий великий, що він перебрався до містечка Мирнам, де займався виключно ковальством. На ті часи його кузня вважалася модерною, бо пан Демчук навіть пристосував мотор з Форда "Т", як джерело енергії для свого робочого знаряддя.

Historic Children's Program Grows!!!

by Slavko Nohas

Once again, the Friends' Historic Children's Program provided an unforgettable experience in living history for children six to 12 years old!

The Historic Children's Program has been in existence for almost two decades. Because of this long history, the Friends Society is now hiring summer Historic Interpreters and Tour Guides that were participants in the program in the late 1980's and early 1990's! I guess there is something to the adage "you reap what you sow!"

Interest in the program continues to grow. In the past two years, enrollment in the program has increased from 97 participants in 2004 to 187 participants in 2006! The target for 2007 is 200 participants, to maximize program enrollment. Better program marketing and a re-formatting of program activities has contributed to the increased enrollment.

The program is a week long day camp for children grades 2 to 6 operating in July and August every summer. It teaches children about immigration as experienced by early Ukrainian settlers to east central Alberta during the period 1892 to 1930. The children dress in historic costume and live the life of a young person in the historic period depicted by the site. During the course of the week, the children become a part of a family and participate in chores and activities such as carrying wood for the wood burning stove, feeding farm animals, and grinding wheat to name a few. Throughout the week, they also visit and learn about all other site buildings including the Blacksmith Shop, Bellis Train Station and Grain Elevator and spend a day as a student in 1928 in Russia School. Crafts, games and many other FUN activities make this a memorable week for all participants!

For registration information please call:

(780)662-3855 Ext. 1105 or

E-mail: nohas@telusplanet.net

Did you know...

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FORE! 2006 Rescuing Heritage Open - Another Great Success

by Slavko Nohas

On Friday, August 18th, 2006 the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society proudly presented the 2006 Rescuing Heritage Open. The event was held at the beautiful Broadmoor Public Golf Course in Sherwood Park as a charitable fundraiser for the *Rescuing Heritage* project. 84 golfers enjoyed a sunny day on the links in support of this great cause. The day featured a scrumptious buffet breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a ring of Widynowski's garlic sausage, a practice swing with the infamous "pyrohy putter", fantastic prizes and a hearty steak dinner.

Plans are underway for the 2007 Rescuing Heritage Open. We'll keep you posted!



Did you know...

Over \$6000 was raised from the 2006

Rescuing Heritage Open!

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