

# Village Voice ГОЛОС ЦЕЛЯ

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by Dr. Brian Cherwick

Each year the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village welcomes thousands of visitors. We are fortunate to have this valuable resource as a place to step back and relive the ways of the past and as a place to teach our children about life in east central Alberta in the early 20th century. It is noteworthy that the Village stands as an international model for open-air historical museums, and is a highly respected world-class facility - a beacon in the ever-developing discipline of museum and historical-interpretive arts.

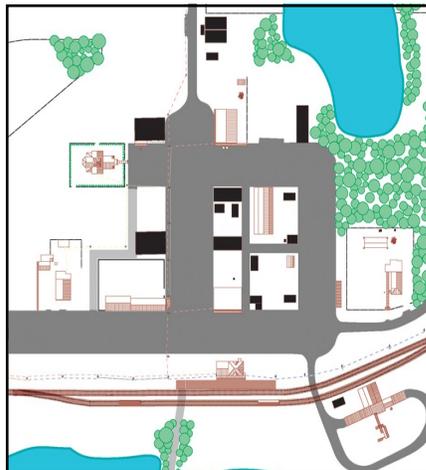
The buildings that are located at the Village have been carefully selected from among the most representative examples of various aspects of pioneer life. Thousands of hours of interviews have been conducted with people who had experiences in those buildings in order to gather information about the structures, the interior and exterior furnishings, how the buildings were used, and the lives of the people who built and used them.

Many do not realize that a visit to the Village is like stepping into a time machine that actually takes you back to 1929. The people you encounter are not just museum workers of the year 2002, but real people from the period up to 1929. The activities they are engaged in and the stories they tell you are based on actual accounts of the



lives of real people living in those buildings in the early part of the 20th century.

This is one of the features that makes this site one of the most



*Village Townsite—Dark Black indicates missing buildings listed on page 6 & 7*

unique in all of North America. For visitors, no two trips to the Village should be the same. Each day at the Village is like another new day in the lives of the people of east central Alberta of the 1920s, with new events to experience and new stories to hear.

Many visitors also do not realize that the Ukrainian Village is currently

only half completed. When the Province of Alberta acquired the Village from private developers in 1975, it made a commitment to continue the enhancement of the site. After visiting the Village for Ukrainian Day in 1980, Premier Peter Lougheed recognized the importance and scope of this project and the level of support from the Ukrainian community. The Premier asked then-Minister of

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Culture Horst Schmidt to immediately prepare and present Cabinet with a capital development plan for the Village.

Once prepared, this Capital Development Plan was presented to the Ukrainian community in a public forum. In 1981 a Historical Development Proposal was developed that outlined how the Village was to be completed. This plan established the layout that is currently seen at the site, and called for over 70 buildings to be located to the site. Presently there are just over 30.

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## Welcome to the Best Outdoor Site in Alberta!

By Susan Sava

This summer the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village was the recipient of a prestigious national award. Attractions Canada selected the Village as the “best outdoor attraction” in Alberta! An award like this should remind us that our Village is a world class historic site and its unique program of interpretation is something the entire Province should be proud of.

This summer, the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village was also the first historic site to be granted the Communities in Bloom Award.

Judges from the Communities in Bloom program visited the site in early August and looked at the various aspects of our historic garden and farm programs. Judges also considered the site’s overall landscaping and maintenance.

What the judges were most impressed with was the fact that *all* of the vegetation on the site of the Ukrainian Village was planted especially for the Village according to historic specifications. This means that even the trees that visitors see around the site were planted according to the information collected in the course of research. Twenty five years ago, this same land was a farmer’s field!

Judges also had a look at the historic gardens. As closely as possible, each garden on site is planted according to the historic garden plan of the family whose house is being interpreted. For example, the Pylipow garden has no potatoes, because the Pylipow family historically planted an

entire crop of potatoes in a separate field. The Grekul farmstead has a beautiful flower garden at its entrance, which was historically tended by *Mr. Grekul*. And, the Slemko farmstead has a little-known onion patch tucked away behind the granary.

The *burdei*, or sod hut, has the most time honoured garden. The earliest settlers in East Central Alberta initially planted their gardens the same way they would have in the old country. This meant that each type of vegetable was thickly scattered in its own raised, square bed. In Galicia and Bukovyna, at the turn of the last century, land was limited for many farmers – some families had as little as 8 to 12



acres. While it’s much easier to weed and to walk among plants

when vegetables are planted in rows, the raised square beds were the most efficient way of using the limited land.

By the end of the summer, the *burdei* garden looks like a patchwork quilt of different plants. It’s definitely a favourite among visitors to the site.

What makes the winning of this award even more remarkable is the fact that there was very little rainfall this year. Despite the

drought-like conditions, the summer interpreters managed, yet again, to plant, weed, water, and nurture all the beautiful gardens, and deserve a special bouquet of thanks!

Senior Historian Radomir Bilash explained to the judges the evolution of

the Village and the way garden plants, trees and other vegetation were selected for inclusion and why they were situated in their current locations. We’re sure that Radomir’s presentation clinched the judges’ decision.

So, how did we do with the Communities in Bloom competition? At the 2002 provincial awards ceremony in Brooks, Alberta on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Village was awarded 5 out of 5 blooms, with a mark of 88%! We were the first historic site to ever be involved with the Communities in Bloom program, and others are now following our lead. Iris Olinek, Head of Interpretation Services, traveled to Brooks to accept the award on behalf of the Village. The Village is now eligible to compete in the 2003 National Program. Way to go and good luck with the competition next year!

### **Did you know...**

*The Village offers historic garden tours! This summer, visitors from across Canada toured our gardens!*

## Friends of All Ages Attend Annual General Meeting

by Susan Sava

On Sunday, March 17, 2002, the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society held its Annual General Meeting, at the remodeled barn (*Silska Domiwka*) at the Village Site.

Friends members who attended the AGM reviewed the business of the Society for the past year. They were shown a very dynamic multimedia presentation about the Village Enrichment Project. A highlight of this year's meeting was the participation of a significant number of young Friends members, many of whom were former summer staff. It's encouraging to see that another generation has taken

up the torch of preserving and protecting Alberta's Ukrainian-Canadian history and culture.

The 2003 AGM will again be held in the *Silska Domiwka*. Notification of the meeting date will be sent to Friends members by mail. We encourage all Friends members, young and old, to attend. The AGM is a great opportunity to learn more about the Friends Society, and to meet your fellow friends. Plus, there's always a tasty pyrohy dinner served!

The 2002-2003 officers are:

Dr. Brian Cherwick – President,  
Anna Steblyk – Vice President  
Dale Mandrusiak – Treasurer  
Mae Adamyk – Secretary  
Andrew Antoniuk – Past President

**Directors:**

Cheryl King  
Mary Plawiuk  
Donna Koziak  
Brian Hlus  
Fred Pewarchuk  
Dr. Peter Savaryn  
Susan Sava  
Lifetime Director  
Dr. Mary Lobay

***Did you know...***

*The purpose of the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society is, with the cooperation of the Government of Alberta, to expand and enhance the Ukrainian Village through fundraising, promotion and the development of specific programs with an active and increasing membership.*



***Did you know...***

*This year, volunteers from the Friends Society were out at the Vegreville Pysanka Festival, spreading the word about the Enrichment Project. Directors from the Friends Society will also be traveling to various communities throughout East central Alberta this winter, to inform the public which buildings are still desperately needed at the Village. If you know of any community group who would like to help with or know more about the enrichment project, please contact the Friends Society..*

## Dr. Bohdan Medwidsky Retirement

by Dr. Brian Cherwick



For over 20 years, Dr. Bohdan Medwidsky has been a tireless worker for the cause of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. He was a member of the inaugural UCHV Advisory Board, and has served on that Board in the capacity of representative of the academic community for those twenty years. Throughout his term, Dr. Medwidsky has made every effort to use his position on the Board to help keep Government officials aware of the unique situation of the Village.

In addition, Dr. Medwidsky has been an active member of the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, serving as a Board member for many years, and as President from 1992-1996. As a member of the Friends Society Board, Dr. Medwidsky

was responsible for the development of several significant projects.

He was among the initial organizers and one of the strongest supporters of the Friends Ukrainian Music Festival, which has grown into one of the Village's most successful special events. He was also instrumental in the planning for a food service and hospitality centre. It was during his Presidency, that the idea of reclaiming a historic barn, which has evolved into the Sil's'ka Domiwka, was advanced. He also took an active part in the acquisition by the Friends of the Hilliard Hotel, ensuring that it be accurately restored to serve as a historical corner piece of the townsite area of the Village.

Apart from his visible contributions as a member of these organizations, Dr. Medwidsky has made invaluable behind-the-scenes contributions to the development of the Village. As the founder of the Ukrainian Folklore Program at the University of Alberta, Dr. Medwidsky trained numerous students in ethnographic field research techniques. Many of his students went on to conduct the research that was used to restore and interpret the buildings presently found at the Village, interviewing hundreds of people throughout east central Alberta.

He was also responsible for the development of a unique University course "Ukrainian 327: Early Ukrainian Canadian History." This course serves as part of the training for the Village's summer interpretive staff, providing them with an in-depth understanding of the immigration of Ukrainians to Alberta and the evolution of our province in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Dr. Medwidsky has organized academic conferences held at the Ukrainian Village and has personally guided a countless number of dignitaries from around the world through the site.

Dr. Medwidsky has also done his share of work "in the trenches." He has always been among the first to volunteer to sell Friends memberships, raffle tickets, or to work at an endless number of casinos and fund-raising events.

Dr. Bohdan Medwidsky has recently retired from his position on the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Advisory Board. In recognition of his work with this organization and with the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, and of his efforts in promoting the development of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, the Bohdan Medwidsky Endowment Fund has been established to ensure that the Village is completed in due time.

The official launch of the fund will take place Wednesday, December 4, 2002 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM in the St. Michael Room, Chateau Louis Conference Center 11727 Kingsway Avenue. The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, will be in attendance

Please come and acknowledge the contribution that Dr. Medwidsky has made to the Province of Alberta. Support the completion of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Bohdan Medwidsky Endowment Fund. For tickets or further information, contact the Friends office at 662-3855, ext. 1111.

## Everyone's Falling For This Event!

by Susan Sava

Attendance at the Ukrainian Village has been quite strong. To the end of August, 39 230 visitors attended the site. Our most outstanding attendance, however, was for the Harvest of the Past, which was held on Sunday, September 15, 2002. Almost 5000 people came out to take in our time-honoured harvest activities, to taste the selections offered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Food Festival, and, of course, to experience the beautiful fall colours.

For those who enjoyed seeing the Village wrapped in the browns, reds, orange, and yellows of autumn, there will be an opportunity to see the Village in yet another season this year. Put on your toques, your mitts, and your coziest coat, and come out to the Jordan celebration being held Sunday, January 19, 2003, from noon to 5 pm.



**2002 Music Festival Raffle Winners:  
Don Remeika, Sam Werstiuk, Steve Yurkiw, Georgina Eccleston, Genevive Kutash  
CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS!**

## Volunteering at the Ukrainian Village

by Hessen Zoeller

My typical summer day changed quite drastically this year, as I traded khustkas and tour-guide talk for a computer screen and air-conditioned office. Sadly, it was inevitable my days of summer employment at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village would have to end.

It should be understood that my love for the Ukrainian Village grew from working as a tour-guide and historical interpreter. Being on site throughout the summer left me with a wealth of knowledge and a new appreciation for my ancestors. and a new-found love for cooking on a wood burning stove. In other

words, my experience, both positive and profound instilled a desire to return for more.

Being cooped up in my modern day office instead of collecting eggs in the chicken coup cultivated a longing for just a little piece of life in the 1920s. Ultimately, there is something to be said for

dirt roads, picking fresh lettuce from the garden, and the sound of Ukrainian accents filling the air. I longed for an experience that would transport me to a different time and place, far away from fax machines and photocopiers. Luckily I was able to rekindle my Village spirit by taking the time to volunteer.

*Did you know...  
In 2002, over 1200  
individuals volunteered  
12,000 hours in various  
positions at the Ukrainian  
Village!*

In a time when it seems every dollar is stretched the limit, volunteering has become more important and vital to the future of the Ukrainian Village than ever. Whether it is volunteering beyond the magical causeway, within the car filled-parking lot, or at the bandshell, the time and effort involved in volunteering is essential for special events and day-to-day 1920s living to run as smoothly as possible.

I reflect on my volunteer experience with a sense of satisfaction both because it has enhanced my own life, and because I know I have given back to an organization and concept that I believe in.

## The Enrichment Project continued...

We are currently facing a crisis situation. No new acquisitions have been made at the Village for over ten years. It has been the belief that there is a wealth of resources in east central Alberta and these could be acquired and moved at any time in the future. However, in recent years many of the buildings identified as potential additions to the Village have disappeared, as a result either of neglect, vandalism or the changing priorities of their current owners. As small family farms give way to large corporate entities, old houses, barns, granaries and chicken coops are no longer viewed with nostalgia and a sense of history. Rather, they are considered to be potential fire hazards, or seen to be taking up space that could be used for increased agricultural production. Small towns are also rapidly losing their buildings as their populations decrease and new land-owners focus solely on fiscally practical agendas.



In addition, we are losing an even more valuable resource: the people who can recall and describe life in east central Alberta, as it was in the early 20th century. Even the youngest members of the generation that lived in this era are now in their seventies. Those who were adults during the 1920s are at least ninety years of age. Their life

stories are the very life-blood of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.

If qualified researchers do not soon collect these stories, they will be lost to us forever. If this happens, even though buildings may continue to exist, we will no longer have the detailed descriptions necessary to properly restore and interpret them.

The time to act is now! The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, recognizing the imperative need to complete this project, has established a Village Enrichment Task Force. The job of this Task Force is to work with the government to develop a plan for the timely completion of the Village. This group is also making efforts to inform Albertans, and especially members of the Ukrainian community, of the importance of giving this project immediate attention.

Public presentations to community groups, outlining the project, are being organized. In addition, this group has taken to reminding the Government that there is widespread community support for the Village, that it is an important resource for all Albertans, and that it deserves to be completed according to the Government's previously

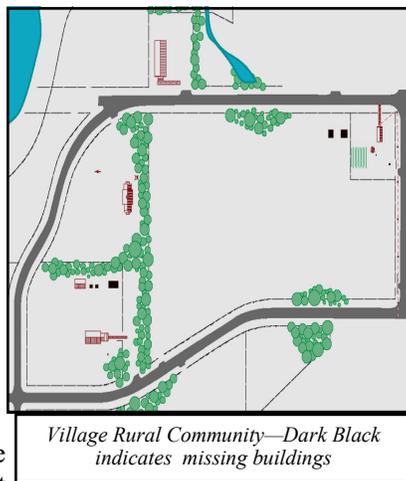
established development plan. As the clock ticks, we need to make this project a priority. At its 2002 Annual Meeting, the

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Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council passed a motion to offer support to the Village Enrichment Task Force and to encourage other Ukrainian organizations to do the same. As a community, and as individual citizens of Alberta, we need to let the Province know that we cannot imagine such a rich resource and treasure to fall by the wayside in the name of fiscal expediency and revised political agendas.

Let the Village, the community and the world know you care! Contact the Friends office for more information or to see how you can make a difference.



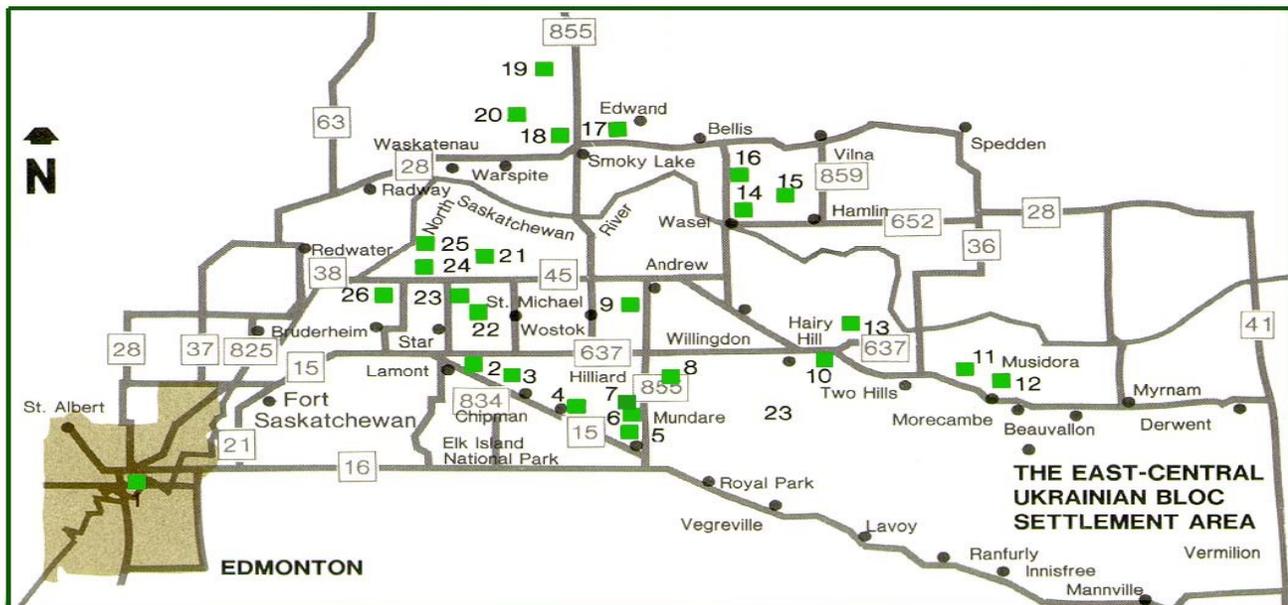
## The Enrichment Project continued...

Enrichment: Resources Required

**Resource built prior to 1930:**

- Community Hall
- General Store
- Harness/Shoe Repair
- Pool Hall
- Generic Railway Ave. Residence
- Generic First Ave. Residence
- Recycled Bank Structure
- Railway Box, Flat, Grain, Cattle Cars & Bunk House
- Garage
- Implement Dealership
- Townsite Post Office
- Two-Room School
- Townsite Teacherage
- Coal Shed
- Telegraph Poles & lines
- Telephone Poles & Lines
- APP Outhouse
- Alta. Lumber Co. Outhouse
- Alta. Lumber Co. Cement Shed
- Townsite Merchant & Activity Signage
- Power Poles & Lines 1930 1930

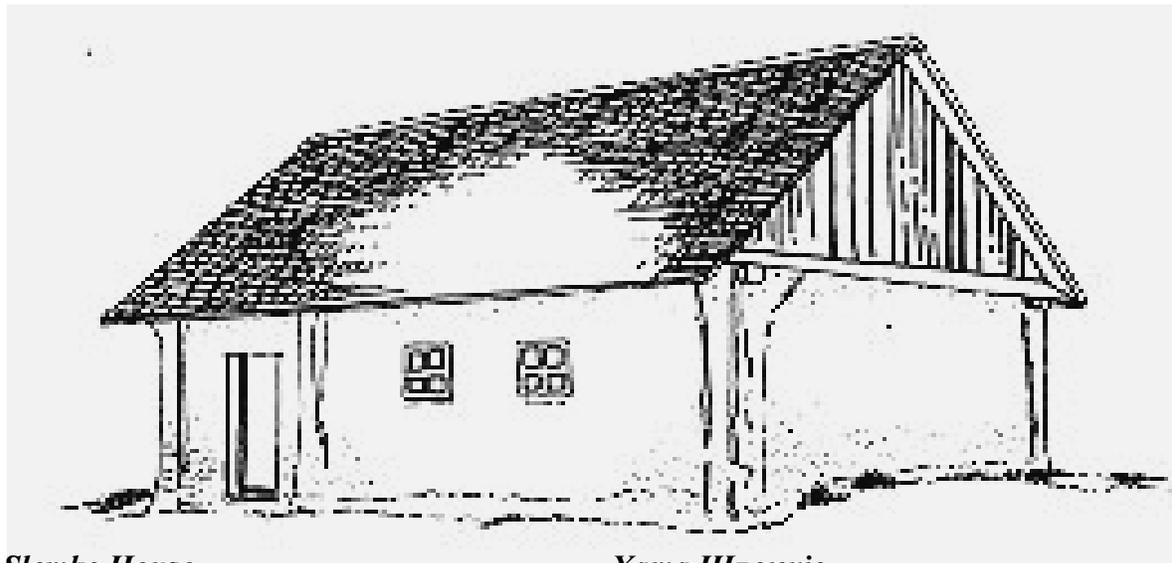
*Did you know... Many buildings are still missing from the site , including the teacherage, Galician Farmstead, wells, chicken coops, summer kitchens and more than half the townsite! These important buildings are key to an accurate portrayal of rural Alberta at the turn of the last century. With each passing month, more and more of these buildings are forever lost, due to the prairie elements and the growth of farms. We have to preserve these buildings now, because it will be **too late** to do so in a couple of years!*



## Focus on the Village

In this issue of our Newsletter, we are highlighting the house found on the Later Immigrant Farmstead, better known as the Slemko House. Visitors to this house often notice the cosy, but somewhat smoky, atmosphere. This is because the house does not have a chimney! In some parts of Ukraine, houses with chimneys paid an extra tax, so villagers devised a way to vent their stoves without a chimney. Upon arrival in Canada, many did not know that similar laws and taxes did not exist, and replicated the kind of buildings they remembered from their old villages.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Slemko family to Canada. In recognition of this milestone, let's visit their family house.



*Slemko House*

*Built 1912*

*Restored to 1919*

*Хата Шлемків*

*Збудована 1912 року*

*Рестарована до вигляду 1919 року*

The Jacob Slemko family farmed in the South Kozman district. Their one-roomed house, which was built as a temporary accommodation until a bigger, more permanent home could be built, was styled after one of the oldest forms of domestic folk architecture known in Ukraine. One of the main traditional features found in this chimneyless house is its large pich (clay oven), characteristic of many Ukrainian homes in east central Alberta well into the 1920s. As usual, it was built with its windows and doorway facing south.

Родина Якова Шлемко фермерувала в околиці Південний Кіцмань. Їх однокімнатна хата була збудована як тимчасове житло, поки вони могли побудувати більш постійне помешкання. Стиль цієї хати належить найстарших форм народної архітектури в Україні. Однією з головних традиційних рис цієї хати без комина є велика піч, характерна для багатьох українських жителів східно-центральної Альберти ще до 1920-их років. Такі хати будувалися переважно з вікнами та дверима оберненими на південь.

## Internment Monument Unveiled

by Slavko Nohas

Ukrainian Day on August 11, 2002, featured the unveiling of the Internment Monument by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development took part in the unveiling ceremony which was highlighted by moving remarks by Otto Boyko, Son of internee Maksym Boyko.

The Ukrainian Civil Liberties Association is an independent, not-for-profit, educational group dedicated to articulating and promoting the Ukrainian Canadian community's interests. Since 1994, UCCLA has unveiled trilingual historical markers and statues at many of Canada's internment camp sites.

To offer your support please contact the Ukrainian Civil Liberties Association, Suite 227, 3044 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2Y8



*The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky and Mr. Otto Boyko unveil the monument at Ukrainian Day, August 11, 2002*

## Historic Children's Program—Summer Fun 2003!

by Slavko Nohas



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 child in the historic period depicted by the site. During the course of the week, the children will 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!

Once again, the Friends' Historic Children's Program will bring the Village experience to life! The program is a week long day camp for children grades 2 to 6 operating in July and August every summer. This program is designed to teach children about immigration as experienced by

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## Old Visions, New Ventures: Education Program

by Anna Eliuk

The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village offers schools and community groups new ventures: innovative day programs in the fall and winter and two-hour structured education programs from mid-May to September.

Education programs complement current school curriculum and are based on thorough historical research. Following the living history approach, students from pre-school to undergraduate levels learn by using reproductions of artifacts with specially trained, costumed interpreters: a blacksmith, hardware vendor, rural school teacher, police constable, or a pioneer settler housewife.

Facts and figures come to life for children as each program assists in developing their imaginations and helps them understand life in days gone by. These encounters with the past become lasting memories. For many students it is their only experience of rural life.

Current education programs offered:

- A specially structured half-day program, *Children Were Also Pioneers*, shows Kindergarten children how young settlers worked and played in pioneer households. Children are realistically engaged in activities alongside "role player guardians", doing chores like feeding chickens, feeding lambs or collecting eggs.
- In programs *Old Days Old Ways* and *Golden Rule Days*, primary and intermediate grade levels learn how pioneers struggled to survive and develop a

community using their old world skills, farming knowledge, and religious faith. Children assist role players with baking and preparing household food using garden vegetables. Learning activities reveal pioneer lifestyle, traditions, values, and Ukrainian settler resourcefulness.

- During seasonal education programs such as: *Rizdvo – Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas* and *Velykden' – Ukrainian Pioneer Easter*, students in Grades 1-9 discover historical Ukrainian traditions and join role players in re-enacting the celebration activities of the holidays as was done by early settlers of east central Alberta.
- Junior and senior high classes discover challenges of developing citizenship and of maintaining traditions while adapting to new technologies. The program *Emigration Gamble* gives students character roles to discover and learn as prospective immigrants from *Galicia* and *Bukovyna* making decisions to stay or to go to Canada. A simulated historical debate and visits with role-players help students form opinions on immigration and its impact on Alberta at the turn of the century. Experiences enable students to then deliberate present issues.
- In *Past Visions For Today*, high school students see old visions transformed into new ventures and learn about roles of pioneer descendants, the changing local economy, and the Ukrainian Village as a player in the tourism industry. Visiting classes learn about the operation of the Village: structure, and various occupations behind the

scenes. Occupational skill level requirements are outlined to students, with information on how to expand student resumes with personal experiences for attaining jobs and careers.

School reservations receive confirmation packages containing brochures, guidelines and program fact sheets to assist in lesson and travel plans prior to their program visits. After program completion, participating classes receive additional resources for in class reviews and extension of learning. For program reservations or additional information, please phone 1-780-662-3855 ext. 1125 or e-mail Anna.Eliuk@gov.ab.ca



## Friend's Forum

While many people know that the Friends Society exists to help support and promote the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, many are not aware of the numerous day-to-day activities for which we are directly responsible. The Friends directly manage a great number of the services that visitors to the Village experience. Some of these include:

**Gift Shop:** Stocked, staffed, and managed by the Friends.

**Food Kiosk:** Stocked, staffed, and managed by the Friends.

**Special Event Food Service:** In addition to successful pyrohy dinners run by our Friends volunteers, we provide catering services to other groups using the Village for events.

**Interpretive Staff:** The friends hire and manage the entire staff of summer interpreters and tour guides who work in the historic buildings.

**Wagon drivers and assistants:** Responsible for hiring and managing the wagon drivers and assistants.

**Wardrobe/Costuming:** Employ experts in the field to provide historic costuming for interpretive staff.

**Admission Gate:** The Friends provide staff to greet the visitors and collection admissions.

**Historic Children's Program and the Junior Interpretive Program:** The Friends run these successful, exciting summer camp experiences, attended by hundreds of children each summer.

**Special Events:** The Friends are a vital part of many special events at the Village, most notably the annual Friends Music Festival. We will be substantially increasing our involvement with the Jordan Special Event, which will be held Sunday, January 19, 2003.

**Historic Buildings:** The Friends have taken a more active role in helping to complete the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village site, beginning with the restoration of Hilliard Hotel.

**Hospitality Centre:** Our most visible project, in recent years, has been the restoration and development of a historic dairy barn into the Friends Centre. This is a space for food service facilities, special displays, and public events.

As a non-profit Society, the Friends are involved in these activities solely for the enhancement of the Visitors' experience when they visit the site. The Village needs the continued support of the Friends, and the Friends need the continued support of you, our valued members and volunteers.



## More Friends Please!

One of the goals of the Friends Society is always to increase membership. Last year, we increased membership from 300 to 530. This year we'd love to increase membership even more.

The number of members is an important statistic when reporting to the Government, especially when applying for funding and grants. It also provides us with an important contact base when we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare pyrohy, cart kovbasas, tear off tickets, direct traffic, sign up for our golf tournaments, and help out in many, many other ways. The more volunteers we have, the more people are sharing in the fun!

**Remember to renew your membership with the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society. It's the best way of showing our Government that this site is important to Albertans!**

**Celebrate the final day of the Ukrainian Christmas season and one of the most important holidays of the Eastern Rite.**

## **Feast of Jordan**

**Sunday January 19, 2003**

**Noon to 5:00 pm**

*Featuring*

Church services

Ice cross water blessing

Ukrainian Entertainment

Sleigh rides

