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The Ukrainian-American Archives and Museum is truly honored to have Alexander Tkachenko's artwork on exhibit at the Museum located on the corner of Commor and Charest in Hamtramck.



Tkachenko is rated as a master artist in Ukraine where he received his degree from the Dnipropetrovsk College of Art. Accepted in 1987 as a member of the National Union of Artists of Ukraine, he worked there as a designer and graphic artist. He is also a member of the Graphics Society of the City of Glasgow, Scotland. In addition, he is a member of the Dolia Artist Association, Chicago, Illinois. Artwork by Alexander Tkachenko has been exhibited at individual and group shows in Canada, Estonia, Holland, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and the United States. Several of his works received prestigious awards at the Graphics Art Show in Antwerp, Holland in 1989.



Since 1991 Alexander Tkachenko has taken permanent residence in the U.S. where he works actively as a professional artist. His current projects include mural fresco paintings in private and public interiors as well as book illustrations and paintings. He also displays his vibrant art at numerous art shows across the country. Articles praising his unique and creative style were published in various periodicals including Ukraine Magazine, Liberty California Chronicle, Art and Entertainment, the Los Angeles Times, and Our World. Tkachenko's work is found in the Dnipropetrovsk National Art Museum in Ukraine, the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago, Illinois, the Opus Gallery in Cleveland, Ohio, the Alla Rogers Gallery in Washington, D.C., Bay Harbor in Petoskey, and Eko Gallery in Warren, Michigan. His work is filled with deep symbolism which results in an enchanting glimpse into the complex mind of the artist. Tkachenko can truly be called a contemporary Renaissance Master.



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A Few Words From The President

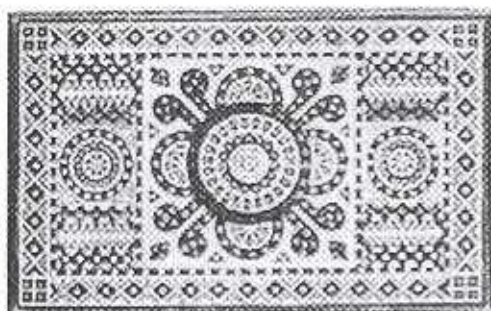


Svitlana Leheta President

The Ukrainian - American Archives and Museum has signed a contract with a consulting association, the Detroit Executive Service Corps. The consultant/ advisory team that will be working with us is made up of Suzanne Dibble, Tom Korn and Tom Whittemore. DESC is an association of retired executives that work with non-profit organizations and provide management consulting assistance. They and designated members of our Museum will facilitate the development of a business and strategic plan with mission, vision, projections and action plans. The strategic plan will include the creation of a financial plan for future operations of the Museum. It was suggested that in order to market our organization, the Museum begin to develop an informational as well as marketing brochure in color. The anticipated length

of time to complete the strategic project will be five months. The Museum is looking forward to an on going successful relationship with DESC and their expertise.

On October 19 and 20 our staff and some of our Board members will participate in an Annual Second Funding Resources Face to Face Grant Resource Workshop for Nonprofit Organizations sponsored by U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Michigan Nonprofit Association, City Connect Detroit, Detroit Helping Neighbors and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. This two day workshop will be held at the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute at 1010 Antietam in Detroit, Michigan. Our participants will be able to meet funders face to face amongst them The Skillman Foundation, Hudson Webber Foundation, Chase Bank, The McGregor Fund, National City Bank, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Comerica Bank, Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund and the Council of Michigan Foundations. Our goal is to network and learn about the resources that our available to us. The grant funding representatives from the city, state and federal agencies will also be in attendance.



News from the Museum Building Committee



*Ihor N. Kunynskij
Chairman
Museum Building Committee*

The Museum Building Committee, the Museum Executive Board and our General Membership had a very exciting and interesting spring and summer. Plans were formed, meetings were held, presentations created, decisions made and celebrations held. Unfortunately, things just didn't work out.

You'll remember that this spring, the Museum Building Committee made a presentation with a request to the St. Josaphat Parish for a narrow strip of land along the St. Cletus fence line which would become the future home of the Ukrainian-American Archives and Museum. The vision was to locate the Museum close to the heart of the Ukrainian community on Ryan Rd. in Warren and fund construction of a new Museum building using public funds. While this was under consideration by the St. Josaphat Parish Council, another opportunity presented itself.

On Friday, August 11, 2006, a Special General Membership Meeting was called to discuss an opportunity to acquire a City of Madison Heights Library that was no longer used by the city residents. After the Special General Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to submit a bid on the building. The 4081 sq. ft. building located on .56 acres at 26550 John R. just south of I I Mile Rd. was built in 1939 and totally renovated in 1992 at a cost of \$500,000. The building had been professionally maintained since renovations were completed and was literally in "move in condition." The building was offered on a "sealed bid" basis with a minimum bid price of \$295,000. On August 18, the bid due date, three bids were submitted: Transforming Love Community Church from Detroit

submitted a bid of \$295,000., Parajan Investments LLC, a janitorial services company from Troy submitted a bid of \$318,001., and the Ukrainian-American Archives and Museum, the high bidder, submitted a bid of \$320,001. Although the Museum submitted the highest bid, the City of Madison Heights reserved the right to award the sale of the building to the group that would be of most benefit to the city and the community. Before the decision was made by the City of Madison Heights on the library building, we received notification from St. Josaphat Parish that the request for the land along the St. Cletus fence line was denied by the Bishop. Shortly thereafter, the Museum was notified by the Immaculate Conception School that due to a shortage of office space at the school, the Museum would have to return the Museum Room, used for exhibits, back to the school.

As they say, things happen in three's...

On Monday, September, 25, the Madison Heights City Council voted to award the sale of the Madison Heights Library building to Parajan Investments LLC, the janitorial services company.

The Museum Building Committee and the Executive Board remain undaunted. We will continue to make plans, search for land to build on or a new building to occupy. One day our vision will become a reality.

I want to thank the Museum Building Committee and the Executive Board for all their hard work this past year. We will continue the work we started a year earlier and one day we will be able to provide a new home for the Ukrainian-American Archives and Museum that our Ukrainian Community can all be proud of.

We anticipated the award of the Madison Heights building and Fund Raising efforts had already started to support that purchase. Although that building will not be ours, fund raising will continue to support our next building project. Tax deductible donations to the Museum Building Fund can be made at the Ukrainian Selfreliance Michigan Federal Credit Union and the Ukrainian Future Credit Union. Checks should be made payable to the Ukrainian Museum Building Fund or "UMBF."

From Our Historical Archives.....

We have in our possession *An Encyclopedia of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Names*. It is a scholarly research and study that includes the lives and works of important people connected with the Academy throughout history. The book, among many others, was graciously donated by Dr. Yaroslav Duzyj who with his late wife Olha started a \$100,000. Fund to renew the Kyiv Mohyla Academy in Ukraine.



Dr. Jaroslaw Duzyj

Did You Know ?

Harold Godwinson, or Harold II of England (c. 1022-October 14, 1066) was the last Anglo-Saxon King of England. He was killed in the Battle of Hastings and is depicted in the famous Bayeux Tapestry. His daughter Gytha of Wessex was married to Volodymyr Monomakh, Veleykyj Kniaz of Kyivan Rus' and is ancestor to dynasties of Halychyna, Smolensk and Yaroslav. Their son was Mstislav of Kyiv who received the baptismal names of Theodore-Harold for his English grandfather.

Facts about the power of a woman.....



In 944 after the death of Kniaz (King) Ihor, his wife Kniahynia (Queen) Olha as Regent for her young child, Sviatoslav, went into battle with the Derevjany who had murdered her husband. She started a war by attacking their cities. Kniahynia Olha rode at the head of her army surrounding the city of Iskorostyn where Ihor was killed. Throughout the whole summer the Derevjany defended the city and Olha was unable to capture it. Frustrated, she cleverly demanded a tribute of three pigeons and three sparrows from each "dvir" or household.



Harold's end in the Bayeux Tapestry

One evening she had the feet of the birds tied with small pieces of bark and thread. When the birds returned to the rooftops of the Derevjany's homes they set the roofs on fire. The city of the Derevjany burned down and the people had nowhere to flee but towards Olha's soldiers who destroyed them or took them into slavery. She enforced heavy tributes that supported Kyiv and her Vyshhorod, her residential "horod." She watched her empire grow in size and commerce. Kniahynia Olha issued new laws and prepared the land of Kyivan Rus' for her son, Sviatoslav and his descendents, unifying the empire that became powerful and strong.



Anna Yaroslavna - Queen of France was the daughter of Kniaz (King) Yaroslav the Wise and his wife Ingegard of Scandinavia. Anna Yaroslavna was born in Kyiv in 1024. Princess Anna married King Henry I of France and had three sons. When the king died, she was "Anna Regina" and ruled the land until her son, King Phillippe I, became king at the age of seven and continued to rule jointly with him until he came of age. She died in 1073.

**And Now a Few Words
About a 21st Century
Space Woman -
An Astronaut and
Spacewalker**

Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper (born February 7, 1963 in St. Paul, Minnesota) is a Ukrainian American astronaut who participated in one of the 159 U.S. space walks and worked on the installation of a new addition to the International Space Station. Astronaut Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper is part of the elite club of U.S. spacewalkers and Atlantis crew on a NASA mission this mid September 2006.

**Archaeologists Discovered
a Rare Bronze Age Find ...
the Remains of a Pyramid
in Ukraine in the Eastern
Part of the City of
Luhansk**

Archaeologists in Ukraine have unearthed a pyramid that predates the Egyptian pyramids by approximately 300 years. It is part of three quarters of a square mile complex consisting of temples and altars. Tombs were also discovered. It seems to archaeologists that the pyramids were used for approximately 2000 years for religious or sacrificial purposes. Archaeologists further uncovered clay plates weighing two tons each arranged in plastered circles.

Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper



Astronaut

**Chornobyl 20 Years
After**

The Ukrainian-American Archives and Museum initiated an Observance of "Chornobyl 20 Years After" with 23 Ukrainian organizations and 300 guests participating and sponsoring the event. On April 28th, Dr. David Marples of the University of Alberta was the guest speaker. At that time, State Representative Steven Bieda of Michigan presented a catalpa tree in commemoration of the Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster. The Ukrainian Community waited until September 15 to plant the sapling at Immaculate Conception Schools with a blessing by Father Daniel Schaicoski, OSMB. Marie Zarytsky-Cherviovskiy, Chair of the Committee, State Representative Steven Bieda and Nicholas Preweda, Senior High School President acting MC, gave com-

memorative speeches. \$1,000.00 was donated by the "Hromadskyj" Committee to the school and \$770.00 put aside for future student essays on Chornobyl.



Museum Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. For special exhibits we are open on Sundays. Please call first 313-366-9764.

Corrections:

In the Spring/Summer newsletter, Dr. George and Mrs. Romana Figacz were omitted. They donated \$200.00 in memory of Mr. Stefan Sawchuk. This listing is on page 59 of the 40th Anniversary Annual Museum Report, Vol. 31 published in 1998. We apologize for the oversight.



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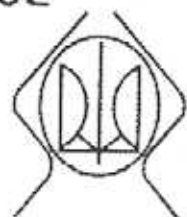
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