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November 26, 2013 Meeting

Our November meeting featured the presentation entitled, *Footsteps of the Cossacks Along the Dnieper River* by Christine Spearin and André Thouin.

During the summer of 2013, Christine and André took a 12-day Viking boat cruise along the Dnieper River from Kyiv to Sebastopol, Crimea and then traveled to Odessa. They described their visit to Kyiv and visited some of the local historical and tourist sites. They commented on the conditions and services on the boat and their trip down the river.



André Thouin and Christine Spearin presenting at our November meeting

There were various stops along the way including one in Zaporizhia, the headquarters of the historical Zaporizhian Cossacks, where they saw re-enactments of horse riding skills. They also visited the palace of the former leaders of the Crimean Tatars and the Yalta Conference Center where the Allied leadership met to decide the course of the Second World War. They also visited the famous wine cellars in Crimea and participated in various wine tasting opportunities.

They concluded their presentation stating that this was a pleasant trip and they had no difficulties or problems. They were able to communicate with the staff on the boat in English and in some cases, with the tourist representatives along the trip. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. The Ukrainian Genealogy Group sincerely thanks Christine and André for this presentation.

For information on River Cruises through Ukraine, see the information at:

https://www.vikingrivercruises.com/regions/russia_ukraine/countries/ukraine/index.aspx

Immigrants to Canada 1930-1950

This is a new database of names of immigrants to Canada and their sponsors during the years 1930-1950. The names were indexed from Orders-in-Council of the Privy Council of Canada for the years 1930-1950. Please note that there is a fee included if researchers wish to obtain copies of requested documents.

<http://www.orderincouncillists.com/205496157>

Adult Ukrainian Language Classes

A new session of Ukrainian Language Classes is starting this week at the Assumption Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral hall at 1000 Byron Ave for both beginner and intermediate levels:

- Beginners starting Tuesday Jan 28
- Advanced starting Thursday Jan 30

10-week sessions are offered at \$125 (or \$15 per lecture). For info: Oleh Belkin 613 842 4782
olever@bell.net

Community Events

Wednesday, January 29, 7:30 pm

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa, presents a round-table discussion on EuroMaidan on Wednesday January 29 at 7:30 pm. The participants will be Natalia Stepaniuk, who recently returned from Ukraine and Prof. Dominique Arel.

The event will take place in Desmarais Building, Room 12110 (12th Floor), 55 Laurier Avenue. For information, contact 613-562-5800, ext. 3692 or chairukr@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 22, 6:00 – 1:00 a.m

Masquarade Zabava featuring Burya, Ukrainian food, door prizes, dancers, kolomeyka circle dance. Prizes. Cocktails, dinner, dancing. Ukr Orthodox church hall, 1000 Byron Ave.

Adults \$80, students and seniors \$60, children 8-12 \$40, 7 and under \$10. Zabava only \$35. Advance tickets and pre-seating only. Buy early and reserve a table.

Tickets: from Michael Reshitnyk, e-mail: mj.reshitnyk@gmail.com, 613 277 4664,

All Galicia Database

Submitted by Ted Lomatski

The Geshher Galicia site is worth checking for anyone with Galician roots!
<http://www.geshhergalicia.org/>

This site contains many genealogical resources including the "All Galicia Database". This is an online database with over 200,000 records, covering more than 600,000 people! It is updated at least four times a year.

Pamela Weisberger posted a note to the JewishGen website (<http://www.jewishgen.org/>) explaining that Geshher Galicia reported a huge year-end update to the "All Galicia Database," due largely to the efforts of "data-meister, Brooke Schreier Ganz." Many of the records

cover entire communities, so Polish, German, and Ukrainian Galitzianers' names are included.

Passenger Lists, 1881-1922

Access to the *Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922* collection can now be found at FamilySearch website:

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1823240>

These records include indexes and images of ships' passenger lists (also known as ships' manifests or seaport records of entry) and contains records for the ports of:

- Quebec City, 1900-1921;
- Halifax, 1881-1922;
- Saint John, 1900-1912;
- North Sydney, 1906-1912;
- Vancouver, 1905-1912;
- Victoria, 1905-1912;
- New York, 1906-1912;
- Eastern US Ports, 1905-1912.

The lists for United States ports include only those names of passengers with intentions of proceeding directly to Canada.

The Canadian government did not keep lists of emigrants. Before 1947 there was no Canadian citizenship separate from British, and Canadians moved freely throughout the British Empire. Before 1895, when the United States government began keeping border-crossing records, Canadians moved to the United States with few restrictions.

During the early 20th century, consular officials of the Russian Empire stationed in Canada and the United States kept files on former empire residents who sought their aid (to help in filling out naturalization and passport applications or to obtain proof of military service in Russia).

These are especially helpful for documenting Jewish immigrants. Although this collection is considered a list of Jewish immigrants from Russia, many of the records are for other-ethnic immigrants, including Ukrainians and Finns.