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Internment
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Morrissey,
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Internment
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ONLINE FESTIVAL!

Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council Remembers

During the first twenty days of June, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council celebrated the centenary of the end of the internment of Ukrainians in Canada from 1914-1920. The commemoration took place in the form of informative and artistic videos and written works posted on various social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) and on the UCC-APC website.

Ці онлайн-презентації висвітлювали історії інтернованих та їх сімей, відображені у творах художників, дослідників, істориків, політиків та інших діячів, які увічнили пам'ять таборів інтернування в Канаді протягом Першої світової війни. Домагався визнання починаючи з 1985 року, але офіційно його підтвердження не було отримано аж до 25 листопада 2005 року після затвердження Закону "Про інтернування осіб українського походження".

До сьогоднішніх днів українські та східноєвропейські канадці прагнуть визнання [масштабу цієї трагедії] від уряду Канади. Ще й досі незліченна кількість канадців не знають, що у 1914–1920 рр. понад 8 579 людей серед них жінки та діти, були інтерновані та заслані до трудових таборів у видонання канадського Закону "Про воєнні заходи".

Internment 100 Commemoration - 20 Days in Review

DAY 1

June 20th commemorates the 100th anniversary of the closing of the last internment camp in Canada. Twenty days of remembrance to honour the 8,579 individuals who were interned by the Canadian Government under the War Measures Act in 1914.



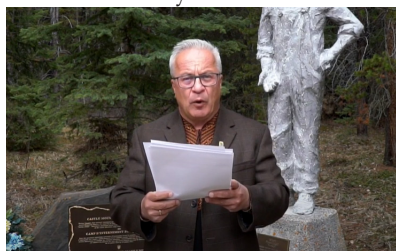
Orysia Boychuk - President of UCC Alberta

DAY 2

There were 24 internment camps across Canada: Amherst, and Halifax, Nova Scotia; Castle Mountain, Cave & Basin, Jasper, Lethbridge, and Munson, Alberta; Beauport, Montreal, Spirit Lake, and Valcartier, Quebec; Brandon, and Winnipeg, Manitoba; Edgewood, Fernie/Morrissey, Monashee-Mara Lake, Nanaimo, Revelstoke Field - Otter, and Vernon, British Columbia; Kapuskasing, Kingston, Petawawa, Sault Ste. Marie, and Toronto, Ontario; Eaton, Saskatchewan.

DAY 3

Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk asked Mary Manko Haskett, a survivor of internment camps if she wanted compensation or an apology and she responded: "your campaign should be about memory, not money". Many internee statues and plaques are placed at former internment camps. As well, artifacts like small crucifix, a cross made from barbed wire are preserved at the Canadian Museum of History.



Borys Sydoruk - UCC National Internment Centenary Committee Chair

DAY 4

A diary that was found serves as a testimony about what had happened during a time when people were not allowed to speak up for themselves. The arts continue encourage the expression of individual experiences of internment. These contributions of murals, poems, music and creative non-fiction are used to broaden and bring attention to Ukrainian Canadian internment.

DAY 5

"In 1954, the government actually destroyed the records, all personal records that were for any individuals who were in these camps, they were actually destroyed. There are many theories as to why they were destroyed". - Ryan Boyko, director of the film documentary *That Never Happened*.



Cave & Basin, Banff National Park

DAY 11

"Internment labour was both profitable and useful." - *Enemy Aliens, Prisoners of War: Internment in Canada During the Great War* by Bohdan S. Kordan. Internees were put on the national project of building Canada's national parks, and they built with impressive precision, but were treated like slaves. These internees were Canadians.

The arts—poetry, visual arts and dance—all provide a method to facilitate expression. They are also a channel through which we can demonstrate the emotions, feelings and pain of internment better than any informational source.



Children at Munson, Alberta Internment camp monument

DAY 12

DAY 13

Tools used to escape from the Lethbridge internment camp were made out of materials that the prisoners had scavenged from around the camp. The materials included box crates, scrap metal, string, a kitchen knife; some other tools they made included shovels, a fake gun, a club, a tunnel fan, and many others. These artifacts are at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. With the use of three-dimensional printing and augmented reality, people and students across the country are able to hold and see the artifacts.

DAY 14

It is important to assist in promoting critical thinking skills and foster the development of values and attitudes that enable students to participate actively and responsibly as citizens in a changing and pluralistic society. All Canadians deserve to be informed about the exploitative actions of the government under the War Measures Act during the First World War.

DAY 15

As with the Ukrainian people, those of other cultures (Croatian, Serbian, German and Austrian) were interned by the government of Canada. Indigenous peoples have also faced persecution by the Canadian government. Those being interned where like those who first forced them out from their own lands, however, these individuals were being treated like animals, "cattle in a corral" — Sandra Semchuk and James Nicholas, *Enemy Aliens*.

Відзначення століття інтернування - підсумок 20-ти днів

DAY 6

107 internees died as a result of the internment camps during Canada's first internment operations from 1914–1920. We acknowledge and thank Premier Jason Kenney for all his tremendous efforts in securing recognition and restitution. As Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity Jason Kenney signed an agreement establishing the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.



Jason Kenney - Premier of Alberta

DAY 7

Paul Wynnyk, Federal Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and former Vice Chief of the Defense Staff, describes that although his grandfather was not interned, he did have to register as an enemy alien for he had Austro-Hungarian citizenship. Wynnyk's grandfather also had to report to the RCMP frequently. Yet his grandfather was so grateful for all that Canada gave him that he encouraged his sons to join the war efforts of WWII. His eldest son died in the line of duty.

DAY 8

Ukrainian community leader Amil Shapka highlights how growing up Ukrainian he did not understand why his grandparents had to change their names and chose not to teach their descendants Ukrainian, but after learning about Ukrainian Canadian internment he better understood why his family chose to hide their culture.



Petawawa Internment Camp

DAY 9

Marsha Skrypuch reads an excerpt of her book, *Prisoners in the Promised Land: The Ukrainian Internment Diary of Anya Soloniuk* which depicts the strength and faith of a Ukrainian family and community after being publicly tormented. While her book is fiction, the true values and resilience of the Ukrainian pioneers shine through.

DAY 10

William Perchaliuk turned himself in to the authorities in order to receive work at the Lethbridge internment camp. This camp was rumoured to have good conditions — allowing internees to leave and play sports. He was moved and assigned different, hard labour, which was made more difficult by his breathing ailment. When he was given leave, he went to Calgary and enlisted with the Canadian Army. He was recognized as an "enemy alien" and was sent to jail. He committed suicide in his cell. Personal stories like William's provide a deeper understanding as to what internees truly endured and why we continue to remember.

DAY 16

The Castle Mountain Internment Camp opened on July 14, 1915. The workday required eight hours of labor six days a week but the march to and from the work site sometimes stretched the work day into 13 hours. Conditions were harsh and supplies, including food, were scarce. There were frequent escape attempts. The internees of this camp completed some 10 kilometers of road and part of the original Banff Springs golf course.

DAY 17

On November 25, 2005, Internment of Persons of Ukrainian Origin Act was passed in Parliament. On May 9, 2008, Andrew Hladyshovsky Q.C., Lubomyr Luciuk Ph.D. and Paul Grod LL.B. signed an accord with the government of Canada on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian community. This accord led to the creation of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

DAY 18

After the WWI armistice not all internees were simply free to go, Vernon and Kapuskasing remained open until February 1920. Resistance of internment was extremely widespread, and frequent escape attempts, both successful and unsuccessful. Work slow downs, strikes and tool damages happened often at great personal cost to the internees as they were punished for this. But they continued to fight, exhibiting their strong spirit, sense of desperation and resilient community that was present at these internment camps.

DAY 19

Ukrainian Catholic or Orthodox, religious or not, all individuals have the right to be treated fairly. Intolerance and the loss of rights and freedoms for any segment of our population is unacceptable in a just and democratic society such as Canada.

DAY 20

June 20, 2020, we commemorate the centenary of the end of Canada's first national internment operations. UCC-APC remembered with UCC National's 'panaxyda' that included Metropolitan Yuriy Kalishchuk, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak and commentary from internee descendant Donna Korchinski.



Enemy Alien: A Graphic History of Internment in Canada During the First World War by Kassandra Luciuk

Our National Parks

Baba laughed when we suggested
camping,
the Rockies peaked with our hopes
of clear minds
and sculpted thighs, our high, round
behinds
as smooth as stone under glacier
water.

*Why you fools want to do
that?
your Gedo, he knew mountains,
he not want you to go to
mountains
alone. Your Gedo he not want
you girls climb those
mountains.*

And we laughed in return – we
knew
our grandfather had never been
camping, had never left the farm.
What could he know about our
national parks?

*Later, his name on the
registry:
Banff/Castle Mountain.*

He knew the mountains, his hands
blistered
with them, the frost slicing off a
finger.
he knew how he and the other
prisoners lay
on ground near hot springs but
never felt the heat,
waking stiff in tents iced by steam.

When it warmed and his bones
juttied against
his thick skin he knew what it meant
to be
on his knees, laying perfect sod over
tennis courts
nestled in the crotch of mountains,
the ease the greens would speak,
how people would come from all
over the world,
majesty ringing their vision as they
lobbed
their balls over nets or spectated,
parasols shielding their eyes.

-Laisha Rosnau
From the collection of
Our National Hunger

Thank You! Подяка!

UCC-APC would like to thank the
individuals who were involved and assisted
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH - громадська допомога

FOOD DRIVE - ЗБІРКА ХАРЧІВ



Volunteers with donation truck in Vegreville



Food Drop off location from St. Martin Ukrainian Bilingual Catholic Elementary School Edmonton

UCC-APC hosted two food drives to support rural communities in Alberta. The first was on April 11th for the Lamont County Food Bank and food support office in the town of Bruderheim. This drive successfully resulted in 600 kg of food items being donated!

UCC-Alberta donated \$500 to the Town of Two Hills Society that in return provided grocery vouchers to those in need in the area.

The second food drive took place on May 9, 2020. Individuals and organizations from the Alberta Ukrainian community raised almost \$6,000 in support of rural food banks, along with local communities raising an additional \$2,500.

UCC-Alberta distributed food items to several Food Banks in Vegreville, Smoky Lake, St. Paul and Edmonton.

We are forever grateful to each organization and individual who helped us share food with those who need it most. Your generosity highlights the caring qualities of our Ukrainian community.

CANADA DAY CARE PACKAGES - ПАКЕТИ ДОПОМОГИ ДО ДНЯ КАНАДИ

UCC-APC delivered Canada Day Care Packages to seniors in Alberta's rural communities, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 140 packages were distributed to independent care lodges in the towns of Andrew, Chipman, Bruderheim, Lamont, and Mundare.

The Canada Day Care Packages contained cloth face masks, a bilingual information sheet which simplified face mask protocols, hand sanitizer, soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, lip balm, tissues, tea, Canada Day crossword puzzle, pencil and greeting card.

We had the opportunity to give care packages to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, a Ukrainian Catholic order founded in Western Ukraine through the initiative of St. Josaphata Hordashevsky. The Sisters have supported the Ukrainian immigrant community by providing a hospital, an orphanage, as well as care to those in need. It was our chance to show that we appreciate their contribution and are thinking of them!

In speaking with the staff we learned how the pandemic has impacted the lives of the seniors. In these uncertain times, they have found joy in the little things. The staff continues to hold bingo nights, facilitates residents to eat meals together while social distancing, and have family visits outdoors.

MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk informed UCC-APC of various grants designed to support communities throughout Alberta during these unprecedented times. Optimistically with our grant application we are able to support different demographic groups. We are preparing Creative Kids Boxes for vulnerable children aged 3-12 later this month.



Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate



Receiving the Canada Day Care Packages



Delivery at Beaverhill Pioneer Lodge

Ukrainian Days Festival - Віртуальний фестиваль "Українські Дні"

In response to the ongoing pandemic, Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council has decided to go forth with the festival with the desire to bring our community together in celebration. Although we have had to change the way we format our tradition, it is still as rich, beautiful, and as exciting as ever.

Ukrainian Days Online Festival will start on August 16th and end on August 24th, День Незалежності (Ukrainian Independence Day).

Increasing our festival to eight days gives us the opportunity to exhibit talent from many different dimensions of Ukrainian identity in Alberta and beyond.

Ми адаптували наш фестиваль до нового формату і плануємо 5 тем – мистецтво, українська кухня, танці та співи, коріння (традиції та історія) та День Незалежності України.

Some of the highlights of our program:

- Exclusive interviews with Joyce Sirski-Howell, Audrey Uzwyshyn, Myroslava Oksentiuk, discussing visual art.
- Dance masterclasses will be taught by instructors from Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society in Calgary and Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Company in Edmonton
- Shpyliasti Kobzari will play an exclusive set. Along with performances from Neech, Verkhovyna Choir and more!
- Masterclasses led by baker Nataliia Shevchenko!
- Beekeeping with Johnnie Samycia, Mushroom picking with Untamed Feast.
- Children's story - reading with Ed Stelmach and Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton.

We hope you will join us in August for Ukrainian Days Festival online!

Like our **Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/UCCAPC> as the content will be shared through our page.



SHPYLYASTI KOBZARI
ШПИЛЯСТІ КОБЗАРИ

Monday, August 24 at 6pm MST
Virtual Performance Followed by Q&A
Send in your questions to bandura.style@gmail.com
Link: Event on the UCC-APC Facebook Page

Понеділок, 24 серпня о 18:00 год.
Віртуальний музичний виступ та відповіді на ваші питання
на нашій Фейсбук сторінці



MASTERCLASS
with Nataliia Shevchenko

11 AM - AUG 22
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U A D A Y S S C H E D U L E

August 16 - 24, 2020

Sunday, August 16th

Canadian and Ukrainian Anthems
Opening Greetings
Throwback Photo Contest Submissions
Embroidered Memories with Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn
UCC - Member Spotlight - AUDA, AFUSE and URDC
Tryzub Dance Society Performance
Children's Storytime with Olia Myc

Monday, August 17th

How to Make Pyrohy, Holubtsi and Kolach
UCC - Member Spotlight - AUSRL, UWAC
Verkhovyna Choir
ACUA Artist Showcase - Embroidery with Joyce Sirski-Howell
Children's Storytime with Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine

Tuesday, August 18th

The Art of Homesteading - Beekeeping & Woodworking
ACUA Video Tour
UCC - Member Spotlight - ACUA, FOUVS
Dzherelo Theatre Studio - Children's Play

Wednesday, August 19th

ACUA Artist Showcase - Pottery with Audrey Uzwyshyn
UCC - Member Spotlight - UBPAS, AUCC and UCSS
Kvitka Red Deer Ukrainian Dance Club Masterclass
Vykrutas Ukrainian Dance Society Masterclass
Children's Storytime with Ed Stelmach, Former Premier of Alberta

Thursday, August 20th

COVID Care Packages Project Review
UCC - Member Spotlight - UCWLC, UCBC, Bishop Budka Society
Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Company Masterclass
"Neech" Band Premiere Performance

Friday, August 21st

2020 Youth Art Reflection Submissions
ACUA Artist Showcase - Beading with Myroslava Oksentiuk
Comedy Time with Luba Goy, Famous Canadian Comedian
Paint Night Party with Alexis Alford

Saturday, August 22nd

The Art of Homesteading- Foraging with Untamed Feast
Nataliia Shevchenko Baking Masterclass
UCC - Member Spotlight- UCC Edmonton, UCC Calgary
Ukrainian Shumka Dancers "Seniors Can Shumka" Masterclass

Sunday, August 23rd

Influential Ukrainian Albertans Segment
Nataliia Shevchenko Live Masterclass Q&A
International Ukrainian Hour

Monday, August 24th

Ukrainian Anthem Sung by Carla Hudyma
UCC - Member Spotlight- UCC-APC
Ukrainian History Videos
Independence Day Children's Content
Shpylyasti Kobzari Performance From Ukraine and Q&A Session

We Need Your Help!
Ми потребуємо вашої допомоги!

Please help us by signing the petition that will help the Ukrainian word "Holodomor" be recognized in major English dictionaries. This is important for the word "Holodomor" itself means death inflicted by starvation" or "extermination by hunger" and to this day Russia continues to deny this genocide.

The Holodomor was a man-made famine against the Ukrainian people by the hands of Joseph Stalin and the Soviet-Communist regime from 1932-1933. Millions of innocent men, women and children perished from forced starvation.

For decades the world was unaware that the Holodomor had ever occurred, because Stalin and the Soviet-Communist regime fought to erase it from history. They executed an international propaganda campaign and divulged foreign markets with Ukrainian grain exports. The USSR prevented any journalists from reporting on Ukraine and instead presented a thriving USSR with lies and actors.

Today, more than 17 countries, including Canada have recognized the Holodomor as an act of genocide perpetrated against the Ukrainian people, however, to this day, the word "Holodomor" remains absent from major English dictionaries.

Please support this petition, and our efforts to raise awareness of the Holodomor, increase the number of countries that recognize it as an act of genocide, and unmask the truth about modern-day genocides that continue to be perpetrated around the world today.

To sign this petition please visit our website at <https://uccab.ca/holodomor>.

HOLODOMOR
NATIONAL AWARENESS TOUR
TOURNÉE NATIONALE

WANT TO SEE MORE? ЧИ ВИ ХОЧЕТЕ ПОБАЧИТИ БІЛЬШЕ?



UCC-APC represents over 365,000 Ukrainian Albertans in all their diversity before the government and people of Alberta.

Support our work of community development, government liaison and promotion of Ukrainian arts and culture. Please help us continue to respond to our community needs and express our Ukrainian culture.

**DONATE NOW BY VISITING OUR
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Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/ucc_apc/)



and our website (<https://uccab.ca/>).

Or visit our office
#8, 8103-127 Avenue,
Edmonton, AB, T5C 1R9

As a result of COVID-19, UCC-APC has been engaging with our virtual community more than ever! We are fortunate that we are able to stay active during these times when we must remain distant.

We hope to further expand this reach and stay connected with our virtual Ukrainian Days Festival.

Please help us deliver more services during these times of uncertainty. Your monthly contributions give us and the community confidence for the future.

Want a Ukrainian Inspired Face Mask?

Drop by our office and pick one up for \$20!

Or donate \$100+ and receive one as a gift for your generous donation.

All proceeds will go towards helping children return to school in September.

These are some of the styles we have available.

