



# ВІСТІ ОСЕРЕДКУ

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### 2018 Spring Fair at Oseredok

*Friday, March 9, 2018: 10 am - 4 pm*  
*Saturday, March 10, 2018: 10 am - 4 pm*

This year Easter (Velykden) falls on April 1 for the Gregorian calendar and April 8 for the Julian calendar. This is the most important feast for Christians. Come to buy your pysanka supplies, books with pysanka designs, beautifully crafted Easter eggs of various sizes and styles, "rushnyky" for Easter baskets, CDs with Easter music, and gifts for family and friends.

**15% discount and FREE PARKING  
guaranteed for members of Oseredok**

### Legends about Pysanka

There are many legends about the first Easter eggs. Christian and folk beliefs mingled and firmly attached the egg to Easter celebrations. One of the legends is about the Virgin Mary, who gave eggs to the soldiers at the cross. She hoped that they would be less cruel to her son. She cried, and her tears dropping upon the eggs, turned bright colours. Another legend is about Mary Magdalene who went to the tomb of Jesus with a basket of eggs. She uncovered the eggs when she approached the tomb. She was astonished because the white shells of the eggs became coloured. One of the Ukrainian legends says that the world will exist as long as the egg decorating custom continues.



### Reflect Your Vision When Decorating Easter Eggs

#### Family Pysanka Workshop

For families to experience the joy and challenge of making pysanky. Learn about the symbols and techniques, then make a beautiful pysanka to take home and enjoy.

This year we will have two classes for **Family Pysanka Workshop**:

*Saturday, March 10, 2018: 1 pm - 3 pm*  
*Saturday, March 24, 2018: 1 pm - 3 pm*

Register for either date. Class size is limited. Pre-registration required: \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members.

#### Etched Pysanka Workshop

Etched Pysanka became popular in Canada and in Ukraine. It involves a new technique in which the eggs are treated with acid and then etched to give it a three-dimensional aspect. **Etched Pysanka Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, March 17, 2018: 1 pm - 3 pm**: \$20.00 for non-members, \$15.00 for members. Class size is limited. Pre-registration required.

Call us (204) 942-0218 or email [info@oseredok.ca](mailto:info@oseredok.ca)

## Ukrainian Embroidery

The Ukrainian art of embroidery has an ancient origin which reaches back to the Neolithic age. Embroideries were already known in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC.

Initially, embroidery was an art of the ordinary people. Later it became more of a craft. The woven Byzantine fabrics had a great influence on the character of the embroidery. The embroidery on a white shirt of Ukrainians was mentioned by Byzantine writers in the XI-XII centuries. The famous drawings on miniatures and frescos in Ukraine are dated by the same period of time.



**Maria-Oranta with ornamented handkerchief over the belt.**  
(Fresco in the Saint Sophia Cathedral in Kiev dated by XII century.)

The interest in Ukrainian embroidery has not diminished in our days. We have the opportunity to contribute to the growth of such an interest.



Ukrainian Embroidery Workshop with Iryna Deneka (standing) at Oseredok (February 3, 2018)

### Hours of operation

Monday to Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

### Holiday Hours

Friday, March 30, 2018 - Good Friday - Closed

Friday, April 6, 2018 - Ukrainian Good Friday - Closed

## Spotlight on ...



**Sash from Slutsk, 1780**  
Source: Prof. Borys Zhuk

One of the exhibits of Oseredok's current exhibition "Legacy of the Cossack Elite" is a Sash from Slutsk. This is a four part reversible sash richly woven with silk, gold and silver threads. It is a testament to the artistry of Jan Marzarski and the craftsmen of the Potocki textile factory in Stanyslaviv (presently Ivano-Frankiv'sk), and later Prince Radziwiłł's factory in Slutsk (presently in Belarus). The Cossack elite wore it folded in half lengthwise. The colour on the outside, or the gradation of colour, corresponded to the occasion attended: white or the lightest tones for weddings, red or a light tone for social occasions, grey or a darker tone for official functions, and black or the darkest tones for funerals.

### **Mark Your Calendar for Coming Events**

**"Ukrainian Statehood: the Ukrainian National Republic (1918-1921)"** exhibition opening – March 27, 2018 @ 7 pm

**International Vyshyvanka Day** – May 17, 2018 - a national holiday which salutes the traditional Ukrainian costume.

**Doors Open Winnipeg** – May 26-27, 2018 - for those who love history and appreciate unique architecture.

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