

# EASTER BAZAAR

## ВЕЛИКОДНІЙ БАЗАР

March 2022

We have everything you'll need for your Easter celebration! From food, cards, clothing, pysanka supplies, decorations, candles, napkins and more!

Oseredok is excited to announce that our annual Easter Fair is taking place on April 1st and 2nd this year from 10 am to 4 pm in-person at Oseredok.

Order online at  
Oseredok-  
Boutique.ca



15% off and  
free parking  
passes for  
members !

## Pysanka Workshops

Learn the ancient art of Ukrainian pysanka with us! We have our family workshops for those with less experience or our etched workshops for those looking to learn more advanced techniques. Spots are limited. More information on how to register will be available at Oseredok.ca.



Family Pysanka Workshops March 26 and April 19 from 1:00pm-3:00pm : \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members



Etched Pysanka workshop April 16 from 1:00pm-3:00pm: \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members

# Collections Колекції

Oseredok Museum Collection is honoured to be a home for the unique art created by Ukrainians held in various Displacement Camps in Germany such as Ingolstadt, Berchtesgaden, Landau, and Waiblingen. DP camps provided Ukrainians with an opportunity to lead active civic, cultural, religious, political, educational, economic, literary, and artistic lives within the imposed restrictions. Between 1946 to 1947, the American zone alone included 1820 plays, 1315 concerts, and 2044 lectures. There were 49 choirs and 34 drama groups. Each camp had 2 or 3 events staged every week.



Vase made in Ukraine D.P camp Orlyk in Berchtesgaden, Germany.



Bookends carved in the Ukrainian D.P Camp in Ingolstadt Germany, 1947

Our collection of DP camp artifacts includes numerous wood-carved objects - bookends, containers, boxes, vessels, plaques, plates, as well as clay vases. The DP camp art comes from the heart and speaks to the soul.


## New Staff Members

Annah Coleman and Jillian Chomiak have recently joined our team. They are working hard on cataloging non-textile artifacts from Oseredok Museum Collection, which contains over 1,500 artifacts from as big as a fireplace replica in Kosiv ceramic style to as small as Eugene Konovaletz's razor holder. All artifacts cataloged by Annah and Jillian will soon be available to explore through our Online Catalogue. Stay tuned!

Samantha Schellenberg has joined Oseredok's team as well. She is helping us to digitize the Iwan Bobersky Image Collection. This collection is of extreme historical importance and cultural significance to the Manitoban and Ukrainian-Canadian community.


Samantha has already digitized over 2,000 pictures, and we can't wait to share this collection with you digitally.

# Explore the world of Hard Edge Abstract Art with Christina Senkiw



This spring, Oseredok is pleased to announce a new exhibition exploring the works of Ukrainian-Canadian artist Christina Senkiw. Christina Senkiw was a prolific artist, author, and illustrator whose estate Oseredok acquired in 2018, but has never fully displayed. Senkiw's earlier works were created in the hard-edged abstract tradition and are compositions that feature geometric forms combined with intense, bold colour fields. Please join us in our 2nd-floor gallery to visit these playful and imaginative works!

На весні, Осередок щиро запрошує Вас на нову виставку робіт Українсько-Канадської мисткині Христини Сеньків. Христина Сеньків була талановитою художницею, автором та ілюстратором. Після смерті в 2018 році, її роботи перейшли до Осередку як частина її спадку і будуть вперше виставлятися в нашому Центрі. Ранні роботи Сеньків написані в напрямі геометричного абстракціонізму, який поєднує геометричні форми і яскраві контрастні кольори. Запрошуємо Вас відвідати нашу галерею і пройтися чудовими формами і кольорами.



There's only a little more time to come see our current exhibition, Pause in Plight! You have until April 25th to come learn about internment in Canada and see these beautiful pieces of art!

Залишилось зовсім небагато часу, щоб побачити виставку Перервана Обіцянка, яка відкрита до 25 квітня. Запрошуємо Вас прийти і зануритись у історію інтернування в Канаді та побачити чудові твори мистецтва.



# UKRAINIAN WITH CONFIDENCE

Looking to improve your Ukrainian linguistic abilities? Oseredok has an exciting new opportunity coming up! Starting on April 11th, we will be hosting weekly Ukrainian language classes!

These classes will run for 10 weeks and are intended for those with a little experience in the Ukrainian language.

In these classes, you'll improve upon your grammar, vocabulary and speaking abilities.

The goal is that by the end of these classes you'll be able to hold a conversation with fluent Ukrainian speakers.

Registration is \$275 for non-members and \$250 for members

Spots are limited, find out more on how to register at [Oseredok.ca](https://Oseredok.ca)

Classes will be conducted over Zoom from 6:30-8:30 pm.



## Art Sale Fundraiser

Oseredok will be hosting an Art Sale and Auction of donated pieces of art with proceeds from the sale going towards the Canada-Ukraine Fund and towards our own initiatives to help with the ongoing war in Ukraine, as we anticipate an influx of refugees and items of cultural importance coming to Canada.

The date for the sale has not been confirmed, but will be in April 2022 --please check in with us for a confirmed date soon! If you, or someone you know, has some art (preferably framed) that you no longer want or need, please reach out to us for drop-off information and more donation details.

Email [info@oseredok.ca](mailto:info@oseredok.ca) or call (204)942-0218 for more information.

# **Dr. Myroslav Shkandrij, Professor Emeritus of Slavic Studies, on the War in Ukraine**

As we watch the bombing of cities and civilian areas in Ukraine we must ask ourselves: Why? Putin gives three reasons, all patently false.

First, the claim that Nazis and drug addicts are running Ukraine. This is absurd. Volodymyr Zelensky, who has performed brilliantly as a wartime president, is Jewish and lost his family during the Holocaust. 73 percent of the population elected him and he has the full support of Ukraine's citizens. Whatever their race, religion or ethnic background, they have mobilized to resist the invaders.

Second, the claim that NATO is threatening Russia. The reason why the Baltic states, Poland, Hungary and other East European countries asked to join the alliance after 1991 is because they remember being dominated by Moscow. They remember Russian tanks rolling into Budapest in 1956 and into Prague in 1968. They know that Baltic countries today face cyber attacks and constant violations of their airspace and cyber attacks. East European countries have every right to their own security. Today even a majority of citizens in Finland and Sweden favour joining the alliance. As for Ukraine, it has never been a member of the alliance. It gave up its nuclear weapons in 1994 at the Budapest Agreement in return for security guarantees from the US, UK and Russia. Russia broke those guarantees. It invaded Ukraine in 2014 and has now done so again in 2022.

Third, the argument that Russian-speakers in Ukraine are oppressed. This too is absurd. They are overwhelmingly in the Ukrainian army or national guard and are fighting fiercely, telling Russian troops to stop killing them and go home, that they neither want nor need Putin's protection.

Viewers of Russian TV have heard Putin's arguments for over eight years. The propaganda has been cynical, dishonest and relentless. Viewers today are even told that the bombing of cities is done by Ukrainians themselves. Many ordinary Russians believe this because they have no access to any other sources of information. All media critical of the Kremlin has been shut down. Opposition leaders have been assassinated or imprisoned. Dozens of journalists have been shot or have mysteriously fallen to their death from windows. On the streets of Russia those who protest the war are arrested. Under a new law anyone who reports information not taken from an official source faces fifteen years in prison.

In spite of this, Russians are protesting the war, on social media, on the streets. Word is getting back to them about thousands of Russian casualties. Parents are demanding information about conscripted soldiers, who are often unwilling to fight. Many have deserted. It is important for us to help this dissenting Russian community, which is growing. They are today the conscience of Russia and wish to bring about regime change. Those who live in Zombieland, which is what Ukrainians call Russian TV, are beyond help. They will only change when the catastrophic reality affects them personally. But we need to realize that this zombified population exists. It will cry tears when Putin is removed, in the same way as some Germans cried when they heard of Hitler's death, and many Soviet citizens cried when they learned of Stalin's.

Our immediate task is to get the Russian army out of Ukraine. That will end the war, stop the carnage, and bring peace. As long as the invader is in Ukraine the war will continue. Sanctions should be extended to all oligarchs and their accounts frozen, because this is where Putin's money is held. If a no fly zone can be created to prevent blanket bombing and mass murder of civilians, this should be done.

When the violence ends Ukraine will have to be rebuilt. Putin and those responsible for the destruction will be put on trial for crimes against humanity.

But what are Putin's real reasons for doing all this? Firstly, a democratic, prosperous and culturally vital Ukraine is a threat to him personally. It presents an attractive alternative to his despotic rule. It is not NATO he fears, but a thriving democracy in his neighbourhood.

Secondly, his modus operandi has always been to respond to setbacks with greater aggression. He did this in Chechnia in 1999, in Georgia in 2008, and in Ukraine in 2014 when he annexed Crimea and inflamed a conflict in the Donbas.

He also has a wider project: shaping Ukraine, Belarus and Russia into one geopolitical unit and then challenging the West for leadership of a new world order. In his mind the new world order will not be built on the West's terms or according to its rules. He has spent years building up his army in order to expand Russia's borders and throw down this challenge. The arguments for invasion are merely a cover for imperial expansion and an excuse for defying international agreements and rules. The strategy will not work. Ukraine and other threatened nations will resist. They have every right to do so. Their security matters. Their lives matter. They need our support.

# SAVE THE DATE НЕ ПРОПУСТИТЬ

## MARCH 2022

### БЕРЕЗЕНЬ 2022

Mar 15 Sofika Zielyk Pysanka Lecture  
(available on Youtube)

Mar 26 Family Pysanka Workshop

## APRIL 2022

### КВІТЕНЬ 2022

Apr 1+2 Easter Bazaar

Apr 9 Etched Pysanka Workshop

Apr 11 First day of Ukrainian with Confidence

Apr 16 Family Pysanka Workshop

Apr 21 Easter with Oseredok on CTV

Apr 29+30 Vinyl Sale

We would like to extend our  
gratitude to the Christmas  
Cheer board!

Our January Liquor Mart  
fundraising campaign would  
not have been as successful as  
it was without their  
assistance--thank you!

## Want to learn more about Orthodox Easter?

Please watch The CTV Morning Show on  
April 21st to see members of Oseredok talk  
about their favourite aspects of Orthodox  
Easter.

## Ways to Help Ukraine

Please view below a list of  
charities to help the  
ongoing war in Ukraine

- The Canada-Ukraine Foundation
- Oseredok's Stand With Ukraine Fund
- The Red Cross
- UNICEF Ukraine
- Help Us Help The Children
- UNHCR Canada Ukraine Emergency
- Ukrainian Women's Veteran Movement
- SaveLife UA
- Bank of Ukraine Special Fund
- Army SOS
- Malteser International

## DO YOU FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

We regularly make posts about new  
merchandise in the boutique,  
upcoming events, showing off  
pieces in our collection or the  
various ways that you can help  
support Oseredok.

## Looking to Get Involved at Oseredok?

Please email [info@oseredok](mailto:info@oseredok) to learn about  
our exciting volunteer opportunities!