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## Mohyla's Centennial Raffle

*Draw Date: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Mohyla Institute's Centennial raffle is continuing until January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, where the lucky winners will be selected. This raffle was inspired by the generous donation from David Wasylshen of a piece of work from his "Steppes of Ukraine" series in memory of his late father Ted Wasylshen. This piece, along with two other fantastic prizes produced by other Ukrainian Canadian artisans are up for grabs! Each piece tells a fantastic story of the artists connection to the Prairies and their Ukrainian roots, which continues to inspire their work.**

### **First Draw**

The first prize in our raffle draw will be the Wasylshen Pysanka Mosaic, a truly unique Ukrainian Canadian reconfiguring of the Pysanka tradition. Blending old symbols with a new technique creates this new art form. David Wasylshen is the creator of this original concept, but reminisces how his father, Ted a former "Bursak", (1950's decade), was the original founder and creator of the Pysanka Mosaic. It took David 5 years to perfect the creation of the Pysanka Mosaic to what it is today, making this new art form a reality. He credits his dad's forward vision for this unique Ukrainian Art. His father Ted stayed at Mohyla Institute where he made many wonderful friends who remained in his and his families lives throughout his career.

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# Mohyla Institute's Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural and Leadership Camp

August 5<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016



The St. Petro Mohyla Institute Board of Directors and Executive Director are very happy to announce that the Mohyla Institute Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp ran from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. This year, high-school students from both Canada and Ukraine participated in a two-week 'encounter' with a focus on language and culture. We had 10 students, 2 chaperones from Ukraine, and 2 counsellors for the duration of the program. All 14 participated in the activities, culminating in a final performance of Ukrainian dance, singing and personal testimonials.

The campers were expected to make an effort to learn and speak their opposite language (Canadian students speaking Ukrainian and Ukrainian students speaking English) throughout the duration of the camp. Instead of a classroom based educational setting, the students learned and spoke Ukrainian (and English) through an unique activity-based immersive experience. This was done with field trips in and around Saskatoon, as well as through physical activities, playing games, cultural activities and lessons about Ukraine.

The students from Ukraine each came with a brief presentation about where they were from, and the Canadian students shared their experiences through planned one-on-one conversational moments. The Ukrainian chaperones led an embroidery class and a bracelet making class for all of the students. Our Canadian counsellors taught the students how to make Kolachi and how to write pysanky. One of our Ukrainian students, a budding artist, led a painting class and two of our Canadian students choreographed the dance for the final performance. This was all the more impressive as none of our Ukrainian students had ever danced before. As one of our chaperones noted, they came to Canada to learn Ukrainian dance!

The students had a great time experiencing Saskatoon! They went for walks and a wiener roast by the river; toured the University of Saskatchewan campus; went to the Ray Hnatyshyn monument; played sports and games in fields and parks around the Institute; went swimming and mini-golfing; went hiking at Beaver Creek; toured the Forestry Farm; and last, but not least, competed in an amazing race style event which required the knowledge of all of their tours around the area.

They were able to take in the multiple festivals happening around Saskatoon during the camp, including the Fringe Festival, the Saskatoon Exhibition, and FolkFest! Along with all of the fun activities they participated in, the students also had educational tours. They did a scavenger hunt at the Western Development Museum; visited the Ukrainian Museum of Canada; hiked and visited the museum at Wanuskewin Heritage Park; and took in the Saskatoon Civic Conservatory.

At the conclusion of the camp, there was a final concert put on by the camp participants. This showcased Ukrainian dance and singing, with one song sung in English as well.

Our goal was to continue the esteemed tradition of the Ukrainian Immersion Camp, with the added benefit of students from Ukraine participating. We hope our students developed life-long friendships and enjoyed an experience of a lifetime.





"To my mind baking Kolachi and drawing henna impressed me most of all. Because I have never baked this bread, so it was my first time."

Tetyana, student

"One of my most favourite memories was teaching the Ukrainian kids how to play a card game called 'spoons', or as Vlad called it 'aggressive game'!"

Marta, student

"I'm from Ukraine and it's my first time in Canada. At first I didn't want to go here, I thought it was too far from my home. But when I got here I was impressed how we were met by Sara, Ashley, Anna and other people. Thanks to them we spent these two weeks very emotional, playing games outdoors, going to trips, having different master classes."

Maria, student



"I've made plenty of friends here and I hope to see everyone again as well as Mohyla very soon."

Alexander, student

"We are thankful to all Ukrainians who shared their love of Ukraine with us. It's amazing to see what Ukrainians built and did in Canada, how they love Ukraine, keep traditions, build churches, spread culture and speak Ukrainian!!!"

Tetyana Hrynevych, Chaperone

"Project Liubov Love, a humanitarian project in Canada that assists youth in Ukraine is most pleased to have partnered with Mohyla Institute for their 2016 Ukrainian Summer School. We are most pleased to have sponsored seven students and two teachers from Sambir, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine. They have been partners with PLL for the past 12 years.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> international project (Canada - Ukraine) of PLL and hopefully it will continue next summer and for the next decade. PLL expresses its gratitude to the Mohyla team for the two great weeks and all the students in the program. Na mnogi lita!!"

Dr. Roman Yereniuk

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## We would like to thank the organizations and individuals who helped make the camp a reality:

Mary Paltzat  
Project Liubov Love  
Shevchenko Foundation  
SUS Foundation of Canada  
Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatchewan  
Provincial Council  
Ukrainian Museum of Canada of the Ukrainian  
Women's Association of Canada  
Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada –  
Edmonton Branch



# Greetings from the Board Chair



**2016 is a very significant year for our Ukrainian community in Saskatchewan and Canada. We have much to celebrate this year such as the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants to Canada; the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic and renowned St. Petro Mohyla Institute (SPMI); the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's independence.**

During the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of SPMI, June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, more than 200 Mohyla alumni made a sentimental journey from across Canada to Saskatoon to renew fond memories and to make new friends. Thanks to the laudable work of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, this historic event proved to be truly enjoyable and memorable. As we culminate this anniversary celebration of our historic Institute, we are ending one era and embarking on a new one. As we know, many things have changed over the past 100 years. What do we envision for Mohyla 100 years into the future? What is going to be our legacy as we move forward, as we end one era and start our journey into a new one? To quote Lee Iacocca :

**"The more a community grows and gives life, the deeper its roots must grow into its own soil. Expansion has to be accomplished by deepening. The more a tree grows, the stronger its root system must be, otherwise it will be uprooted by the first storm."**

Mohyla's roots are deep and strong. Mohyla has weathered many storms over the past 100 years. Our challenge and our opportunity is to keep the roots healthy and strong so that our Institute and the community it serves will grow into the future. Much is possible when we work together as a committed, creative and resilient community throughout our Province and beyond – a community that tackles its challenges and pursues opportunities together.

On behalf of the Mohyla Board and its administrative staff, I extend our thanks to our alumni, members and friends for your needed and continuing interest and support. Together, we can invigorate Mohyla well into the future.



Best regards,  
**Stephen Senyk**  
Mohyla Board Chair

# Celebrating 100 Years and Beyond

*"A trip to Nostalgia now and then is good for the spirit."*

- Dan Bartolovic

That observation aptly captures how those of us who attended the St. Petro Mohyla Institute 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> felt at the end of a fabulous weekend. It was a fitting time to hold a reunion, at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute. Mohyla alumni came, eagerly anticipating a few days to wander down memory lane and to reconnect with old friends. And we were not to be disappointed as the reunion met all expectations!



## Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

The weekend's events began with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual St. Petro Mohyla golf tournament held this year at the Legends Golf Club in Warman. 44 golfers participated in the fun-filled Texas scramble. A delicious supper followed with several guests joining the golfers to help kick-off the reunion festivities.

Registration and a social was held at the Institute starting at 7:30 pm. It felt good for so many of us to be back "home" at 1240 Temperance Street. After receiving our registration bags which contained many goodies, including a lovely specially-designed wine goblet, we excitedly began to mingle, scanning the crowd for recognizable faces, sometimes having to rely on name tags for clues.

Many enjoyed a tour of the residence. As we wandered the hallways and peered into the rooms, old memories were rekindled and shared. It seemed that little had changed for us, except for the fact that we were now sporting more grey hair (or no hair), a few more pounds, but much more wisdom. What remained the same from several decades earlier was the raucous laughter and noisy chattering as we reminisced. Back downstairs, the songbooks were distributed and an impromptu sing-along broke out which sounded

surprisingly good, maybe even concert tour ready. A slideshow featuring residents from throughout the decades was thoroughly enjoyed in the TV lounge. The composite wall photos, many of which had to be painstakingly restored, were on display in what was once the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. These composites proved invaluable to help recall the many students who had stayed at Mohyla over the years.

Later in the evening several alumni brought out their instruments and entertained those present. A beautiful selection of appetizers which resembled a full buffet (Ukrainians never do anything involving food on a small scale) was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were also available throughout the evening. All of these components contributed to a superb start to the reunion.

## Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

A walking tour of the U of S campus was arranged for the morning, but the threatening rain clouds probably kept the numbers low and only a few hardy souls took advantage of this activity. Many used this time to make their own arrangements to meet friends for breakfast or brunch. This free time also gave committee members an opportunity to

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prepare for the evening's events and decorate the auditorium.

About 100 people signed up for the river boat cruise aboard the Prairie Lily. It was an ideal opportunity to visit and socialize while taking in the beautiful views along the South Saskatchewan River. Upon returning to shore, everyone quickly dispersed to get ready for the evening's festivities. The Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and typical of most Ukrainians, people arrived early to take full advantage of the opportunity to mingle and socialize. Welcome shots at the door suitably helped kick off an evening of fun and merriment. Acting as Hospodars and Hospodynias were those former bursaky who resided at Mohyla in the 1940's. The reception line included: Mary & Nick Budzak, Stan & Anne Klopoushak, Miroslaw & Beatrice Ochitwa, Taras & Dorothy Koroll, Orest & Mary Mysak, Catherine Woloschuk and Anne Cholod.

A beautiful keepsake booklet which contained congratulatory messages from political leaders and various dignitaries, a history of St. Petro Mohyla and many interesting facts relating to Mohyla's role in establishing several organizations was provided for each attendee.

Emcee Gerald Luciuk got the excited crowd to take their seats so supper could be served. The Lastiwka choir led everyone in the singing of Otche Nash which was immediately followed by a blessing offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, Metropolitan of Canada, Primate of the UOCC. A scrumptious meal catered by Touch of Ukraine from Saskatoon was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, the more formal portion of the evening began. Emcee Gerald Luciuk kept the audience entertained by providing interesting facts about Mohyla. He also acknowledged those who had served as Rector of the Institute. Lastiwka Choir, directed by Larry Klopoushak, offered five musical selections which certainly tugged at the heart strings of all present. Co-chairs Linda Kindrachuk and MaryAnn Trischuk took time to recognize each committee member for their contributions and to present a rose to each

individual. This committee worked tirelessly in the months and weeks leading up to the reunion and throughout the entire weekend as well.

Greetings were delivered by several representatives of various organizations including His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij who focussed his remarks on the namesake of the Institute, St. Petro Mohyla, and his profound impact. Dr. Tony Harras brought greetings on behalf of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada; Stephen Senyk, Board Chair of Mohyla Institute, spoke of taking a sentimental journey and thanked the reunion committee for their dedicated efforts.

His Worship Donald Atchison congratulated the Institute on its remarkable 100 year history and presented the Board with a special certificate, of which only 57 have been presented in Saskatoon's history, to recognize this outstanding achievement. He also commented on his personal connection to Mohyla during summer football camps, where he maintains the excellent food made him into a "well-rounded" fellow.

This was followed by a few words from Russ Pankiw on behalf of Prosvita of Regina and the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 to Mohyla Institute.

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Linda Kindrachuk then introduced the keynote speaker for the evening – Ken Krawetz who resided at Mohyla from 1969-1972. Krawetz, during his time as an MLA and Deputy Premier of the province of Saskatchewan, was also put in charge of what was referred to as “The Ukraine File”. He was instrumental in maintaining strong educational and economic ties between Ukraine and Saskatchewan. Krawetz spoke of the significance and importance of St. Petro Mohyla Institute to decades of students and the strong attachment that many still have to the Institute. His personal anecdotes had many in the audience chuckling and his observations regarding the noteworthy contributions by so many Mohyla alumni filled us all with pride. He spoke of the “Mohyla connection” and how living there helped prepare us to be good citizens. But the more emotional parts of his speech were turned over to his wife, Gail, who talked about how special living at Mohyla was and how the personal connections made there are difficult to replicate in today’s technological world.

Before closing prayers were offered, a former resident, Larry Machula, offered his reflections via video. Co-chairs Linda and MaryAnn cut the anniversary cake which was served for dessert. Photos of the different “decade groups” were taken shortly after.

Throughout the evening keys for Baba and Dido’s trunk were sold. Many individuals donated the wonderful items contained in each trunk. The lucky winners were Tanya Myall of Dido’s trunk and Orest Kotelko of Baba’s trunk.

The fellowship continued well into the evening with several alumni once again providing musical entertainment. A fantastic lunch was served later that evening, and the party wound down shortly after that.

### Sunday, June 26th

A Khram was held at All Saints Church on Sunday and all reunion participants were invited to join the parishioners for their Feast Day. Divine Liturgy began at 9:30 am with His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij, Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Udom, Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Makowsky and Very Reverend Archpriest Peter Wasylenko serving. Lastiwka Choir offered a most beautiful rendition of the Archpastoral Divine Liturgy by O. Koshetz.

A delicious lunch served by the parishioners followed the service along with a short program which was emceed by Zenon Zuzak. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Chayka gave a brief history of the All Saints Parish which had its beginnings at Mohyla Institute. Rod Antonichuk, president of the Cathedral parish, delivered greetings as did Evelyn Wojcichowsky, president of All Saints Church, and Steve Senyk, Mohyla Board Chair.

Final farewells were bid and email addresses exchanged as the reunion weekend came to a close.

The final tally saw over 230 people attend the reunion, and the committee is to be commended for accommodating so many last-minute registrants. Photographer Judy-Anne Chabun captured the entire weekend’s events and special moments.

Thank you, committee members, for your dedication to this project. Without your hard work and commitment, the celebration of Mohyla’s 100th anniversary and this reunion would not have come to fruition. The weekend provided us with not only an opportunity to revisit the “good old days” but also to create many new cherished memories and to celebrate Mohyla’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Prepared by  
Gail Krawetz

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures

#### Available for Purchase!

To get your CD filled with memories from the 100<sup>th</sup> celebrations, please contact Judy-Anne Chabun at:

[jachabun@shaw.ca](mailto:jachabun@shaw.ca)



### Thank You for Making Mohyla’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend Possible!

A very special thank you is in order to the Ukrainian Society of Prosvita for their extremely generous donation presented to Mohyla Institute at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.

We would also like to thank our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee members:

**Co-Chairs:**  
[Linda Kindrachuk](#)  
[MaryAnn Trischuk](#)

**Committee Members:**  
[Dr. Robert Chayka](#)  
[Cheryl Fedusiaik](#)  
[Cecelia Kachkowski](#)  
[Marilyn Martinuk](#)  
[Alicia Penner](#)  
[Judy Pidskalny](#)  
[Zoria Poilievre](#)  
[Linda Rudachyk](#)  
[Chris Sherban](#)

**Mohyla Board Members:**  
[Larry Klopoushak](#)  
[Stephen Senyk](#)

**Thank you to everyone who attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. We could not have reached 100 without such an amazing, supportive, and engaged community!**

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If you would like to purchase the Wasylshen Pysanky Mosaic ahead of the draw date, they are sold for \$925 and David has kindly offered to donate \$100 from every piece sold through Mohyla Institute. Please contact us directly for more information.

### **Second Draw**

The second prize in the raffle is a carved bentwood box produced by Bill Humeny, a skilled woodworker and former Mohyla resident. Bentwood boxes have often served as heirlooms that communicate a family history, and have been traditionally used to store wealth and ceremonial objects.

Making these boxes is an art form, which involves grooving, steaming, and bending a single piece of red or yellow cedar to form the four sides of the box. Three corners of the box are bent into right angles and the fourth corner is formed by bringing the two ends of the board together and tying, pegging or in modern times gluing them together. The process requires very careful and precise measuring, grooving, kerfing, cutting and bending to achieve the desired result.

Bill's donation is a contemporary design featuring crocuses, which have always represented Saskatchewan to him. Their appearances in the prairies every spring herald a new season and a fresh start.

### **Third Draw**

The third prize in our raffle draw is a beautiful ceramic plate created by Jean Evanishen. Jean's designs were originally inspired by the pueblo pottery of the Native Americans of the Southwestern USA. Upon learning that her decorations appeared similar to the designs found in archaeological digs in Ukraine, Jean began exploring the ancient culture known as Trypillian.

Named for the town near Kyiv where artifacts of this ancient Ukrainian culture were first found, the Trypillians were thought to be a matriarchal society, which welcomed wayfarers into their midst. In existence 3,000 years, the Trypillians were peaceful agrarians who were able to devote much time and energy to producing pottery decorated with swirls and flowing lines.



**Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold until the draw date of January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017!**

**To purchase your ticket, please contact Mohyla Institute's office at 306.653.1944 or via email at [info@mohylainstitute.ca](mailto:info@mohylainstitute.ca).**

**Mohyla Board Members will also be selling raffle tickets. Contacts for each city are as follows:**

**Yorkton:**

Bernie Trischuk or Joseph Ortynsky

**Regina:**

Stephen Senyk or Gerald Luciuk

**Prince Albert:**

Wasyl Rybalka

**Saskatoon:**

Dobr. Dr. Sonia Udom, Martin Zip,  
Larry Klopoushak or Nadia Marushak-Clay

# **Mohyla Programs Coming Up In 2017**

## **Mohyla Institute's Ukrainian Language Summer Cultural and Leadership Camp**

We are thrilled to announce the dates for the 2017 Summer Camp will be:

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>- August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The program will consist of two weeks of language and cultural learning through interactive activities including:

***Mohyla's Amazing Race***

***Pysanky Writing***

***Traditional Bread Making***

***Sports Activities***

***Leadership Building Activities***

***AND MORE!***



We will be accepting applications for the 2017 program beginning **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. More information is available online at [mohylainstitute.ca/summerschool](http://mohylainstitute.ca/summerschool).

The early bird deadline will be **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017!**

Apply early to take advantage of the early bird tuition discount.

## **Adult Beginner Ukrainian Language Course**

Mohyla Institute is planning to offer a beginner Ukrainian language course that will run one evening per week from **January - April, 2017**.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact us via email at

[info@mohylainstitute.ca](mailto:info@mohylainstitute.ca) or call our office at **306.653.1944**

