



Newsletter February 2013

A Museum for all New Zealanders

We wish our visitors the very best for 2013 and invite you to the programmes, events and exhibitions being held at the Polish Heritage Trust Museum.



Museum collection, detail of Tapestry

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www.polishheritage.co.nz for full details of events

Museum Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 - 5

Sunday 12 - 5

Received this newsletter from a friend or a family member? Have you changed your address and no longer get the newsletter? Do you know someone who would like to be on the PHTM database? Contact us and we will post/email a copy to you or them. Thank you.

Polish Easter Traditions

10th & 17th March 2-4pm

24th March 12-2pm

Available mid week too!... \$6pp



..Come join the fun..

- Design your Polish Easter Egg
- What is pisanki ? It's a treat.
- Create an Easter Palm
- Taste Mazurek, a Polish Easter cake
- Learn the Polish Easter customs & traditions.
- What is smingus-dyngus? It's for children!.

\$6pp Book your place today



ATTENTION: Teachers and Parents, 'Stefania for Schools' educational workshop, School groups welcome, Educational and informative, based on the book 'Stefania's Dancing Slippers' and Children of Pahiataua story. Real artworks on display \$2per student. Excellent reviews. Ring for Stefania flyer...

PHTM thanks Total Focus Property Ltd, Howick, for their overwhelming generosity and continued support with the printing of the PHTM newsletters and promotional flyers. We appreciate this same commitment in 2013.

Are you interested in supporting us in 2013 for the cost of postage of 3 planned newsletters, (usually around Feb, June and Oct) please contact the museum manager for more details. Many Thanks for your consideration.

Upcoming Events 2013 mark in your calendar

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for all WORKSHOPS ph 533 3530

February

February Films, Sundays 2pm, entry by donation

17th February In Love 104min Contemporary romance 2pm

24th February Quo Vadis? 2pm

Wycinanki workshop

21st February Wycinanki beginners class for Tots to Teens, Art class for home schooled children and others. Learn a Polish traditional paper craft. Colourful and fun, take home your own art! Children need scissor skills. Available other dates. 1-3pm. \$6pp

March

3rd March Book Launch 3.30-6pm come meet Alina Suchanski from Te Anau with her new book '**Alone**' All welcome. 'Poles Apart' film produced by Alina starting at 5pm, PHTM

6th March Stefania for Schools, excellent for home schoolers as well as main stream, In-house lesson for primary and intermediates, based on the book 'Stefania's Dancing Slippers' by J Beck and illustrated by L Fisher. 733 Polish children just like Stefania came to NZ in 1944. See original artworks, real objects from that time and watch DVD presentation.\$2pp

10th and 17th March Easter Workshops 2-4pm \$6pp

24th March Easter Workshop 12-2pm \$6pp

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to come and have fun together. A hands on activity plus a short lesson, based on a traditional Polish Easter. See flyer All welcome.

24th March Book Launch 4-6pm come meet Melinda Szymanik with her latest release '**A Winter's Day in 1939**' published by Scholastic. All Welcome. RSVP please 533 3530

April

School Holidays workshops:

23rd April Traditional Costumes & Paper Flowers workshop

10-12 \$6pp

30th April Traditional Costumes and Paper Flowers workshop

1-3 \$6pp

24th April Wycinanki workshop 10-12 \$6pp

28th April In Desert & Wilderness family film 2pm see the website for more details

May

1st May Wycinanki workshop 1-3 \$6pp

May 26th to June 21st Photographic Exhibition 'Polish Path to Monte Cassino' Images for reflection.

Sunday Winter Films will re-commence in June. Interested in attending? We are happy to email the programme at the beginning of each month with the titles and short description of the films.

9th June Katyn

16th June Soviet Story

23rd June Stara Basn- The Old Tale. When the Sun was God

Museum Collection

The Polish Heritage Trust Museum collects, looks after and displays items relating to Poland and Polish people in New Zealand. We welcome all photographs, documents, ceramics, paintings, books, magazine articles, toys, traditional garments, Polish objects, embroideries, handcrafts, and souvenirs. Do you live out of Auckland?, then just give us a call and we can make suitable arrangements for you.



Book illustration Museum collection

We were pleased to discover, that in one of the recent books donations given to the PHTM, there were a number of books published in Jerusalem, Palestine, Tel Aviv, Rome and London between 1942-1948.

They included history books and school books for children plus novels for children. After all these years they are in extremely

good condition. Some of them have beautiful illustrations for example this image from a book called 'Ptaki' or 'Birds' by Witold Biruta

A badge belonging on a Polish Army cap

Museum collection

It was given to our donor, Maureen, at the age of 15 by a Polish soldier, she called Eddie, who was stationed in Hertfordshire, England during 1945-1946.

She met Eddie at her father's chemist shop and she learned that Eddie's family came from Poland and his father was a lecturer at the University of Krakow.

One day Eddie gave her the badge when they were in the shop. He took off his cap, undid the badge, saluted her and gave it to her. Maureen has treasured this memento ever since and kept it in her school uniform pocket until she donated it to the PHTM a year or so back.



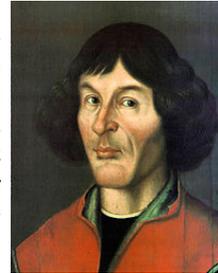
...PHTM keeping Polish Traditions alive...

A little of what is happening...

Painting... Museum staff have been busy over the last week with a part of the Lower Gallery having a quick lick of paint. Down comes the display of Janusz Korczak for 2012 and we welcome in 2013, the year of Witold Lutoslawski, Polish Composer and it is the anniversary of 100 years since his birth.

New display...

What do Nicolas Copernicus, Fryderyk Chopin and Maria Skłodowska-Curie have in common? All of them were Poles! Come and see our new exhibition on **Famous Poles**. From Lech Walesa to Wanda Rutkiewicz and from the first Polish King to the first 'Polish Pope'. Learn about the big influence Poles had and still have on science, art, politics and sport.



Late at the Museum.....till 7pm

Do you work and would like the chance to visit us in an evening.

We are offering a late night per month for you.

Feb Tuesday 19th

March Wednesday 20th

April Thursday 18th

May Tuesday 7th

Booking for groups:

We offer a programme suited to you.

Please ring us to make your booking. It can include an introduction, a variety of films, and guided museum tour as well as tea and coffee. Free parking is available for cars & buses. The Lower Galley is suitable for wheelchair access and contains many interesting displays. We welcome clubs and groups of all ages. \$6pp With tea and coffee \$8pp. Individual visitors are very welcome any time during open hours, by donation.

Some of the film choices are:

- 'Poles Apart' story of the Children of Pahiatua
- 'Chopin's Warsaw' musical filmic journey around the city of Warsaw in the company of young Fryderyk Chopin
- 'The Soviet Story'
- 'Wieliczka Salt Mine'



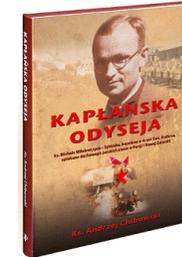
WORKSHOPS: 2 hours

3 different 'Wycinanki' classes plus the latest workshop called 'Polish Traditional Costumes & paper flowers' are available, any time any date please ring to enquire \$6pp group of 6 minimum, enjoyable for adults and children and something different for birthday parties. All ages, old and young will have fun



New Books available at Polish Museum Shop

A full list of books for sale is available from us, please give us a call by phone or email us and your item/s will be posted to you ASAP. Postage will be included on invoice. Cash or cheque or payment can be made by internet banking.



Now arrived in NZ 'KAPLANSKA ODYSEJA' by Father A. Chibowski, in Polish language only

A beautifully published book recalling the odyssey of Father Michal Wilniewiczyc. He was arrested in 1939 by NKVD and deported to Siberia. He became the Chaplain in Gen. Anders Army, teacher of Polish orphans in Persia and cared for the 733 children who came to NZ in 1944. He returned to Poland after 18 years. 232 Pages 24x30cm **\$NZ60**

Father Andrzej Chibowski is a lecturer at Bogdan Jasinski Academy in Warsaw. Father Wilniewiczyc was Father Chibowski's teacher and spiritual guide at the Catholic Seminary in Drohiczyn. Available only from PHTM Postage within NZ is \$7.50 Total \$67.50

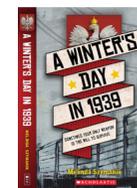
A WARM INVITATION TO ALL: Book Launches at PHTM

We are pleased to announce that two new books, written by Polish/Kiwi women, based on the lives of their step-father/father will be launched at PHTM in March. And for those who are out of town, both books will also be available from the PHTM shop.

Sunday 3rd March 3.30-6pm Alina Suchanski's book 'Alone - an inspiring story of survival and determination' is based on life of Pahiatua child Tony Leparowski, who came to NZ in 1944.

Alina was born in Poland, and settled in Christchurch in 1982, where she became a foundation member of the Polish Assn. in Christchurch. In 2004 she produced the documentary 'Poles Apart' and in 2005 she organized the 'Polish Kiwis' exhibition at Canterbury Museum in Christchurch. She now lives in Te Anau.

'Alone' tells a story of how young Tony Leparowski survived such violent uprooting, what happened to his family and how he made a new life in NZ. A story about the human capacity to overcome adversity. **\$25**



Sunday 24th March 4-6pm Melinda Szymanik's book 'A Winter's Day in 1939' is based on the stories of her father Leszek Szymanik.

12-year-old Adam and his family are transported to work in a labour camp in Russia. Ill-fed and poorly treated, Adam doubts they will ever make it out alive. Even if they do get away, they might freeze to death, or starve. And there are bears in the forests...

Melinda is the author of picture books, short stories and novels for young people. Melinda has twice been short listed for the Joy Cowley Award (2003 and 2006) and was a finalist for the Sakura Medal in 2010. She lives in Auckland. Junior novel for 9-13 year olds **\$20 from PHTM shop. Special launch price on the day**