Scholarships at URDC

Fall 1990 saw the first round of applications for URDC's five annual $500 awards. Twenty-seven submissions were received, with the largest number (twelve applicants) for the Anna Pidruchney Award for New Writers. Congratulations to the winners and to all the young writers, filmmakers, artists and students whose efforts made this year's competition so interesting!

Special thanks are due to our selection committee members: Jack Robinson, Colleen Finlayson, Lida Somchynsky, Roman Petryshyn, Keenan Hohol', Kathy Higgins, Richard Cook, Marie Lesoway, and especially Jan Bell of the Grant MacEwan Community College Foundation, who had the demanding job of refereeing all five selection committees.

And a heartfelt дякую to our award sponsors, who are profiled below. Their commitment and support of Ukrainian culture have truly made a difference. The deadline for next year's URDC awards is November 1, 1991. Application forms and guidelines are available in our office.

Anna Pidruchney Award for New Writers

Awarded annually to a novice writer for a literary work which includes Ukrainian Canadian characters or is based on a Ukrainian Canadian theme.

Anna (Mrs. Wm.) Pidruchney (1900-1989) was born in Gimli, Manitoba and was the oldest of nine children. In 1910 her family moved to Prelate, Saskatchewan, where she finished her high school and Normal School and was active at the Peter Mohyla Institute. In 1928 she married District Agriculturist William Pidruchney and moved to Vegreville, Alberta, where she became very involved in the Ukrainian Orthodox church and in all town activities. The Pidruchney home was a regular meeting place for social activities and leadership meetings. Mrs. Pidruchney was always interested in working with young people, and was involved in Guides, Scouts, and Ukrainian youth groups.

Mrs. Pidruchney was the first teacher of the Ukrainian language in Grades 7, 8 and 9 in Vegreville, Alberta. She took on the job of reading on tapes for the CNIB, and read many books for its library. She taught Adult Ukrainian classes in the evenings. She composed many booklets for children in Ukrainian bilingual classes, and wrote a book about the first pioneers in Canada. She was also a gifted artist who painted in watercolor and oil, and excelled in portraying traditional homestead scenes and flowers.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Pidruchney always encouraged young people to excel in their areas of talent and was always ready to lend a hand in their development. Her family was touched by the many testimonials from people who had found her to be a steadfast guide when they needed encouragement. The scholarship in her name serves to perpetuate the love she had for those endeavoring to have their talents recognized.

Myroslawa (Pridruchney) Pidruchney

William and Mary Kostash Award for Film and Video Arts

Awarded annually for a project which promotes Ukrainian Canadian identity through the medium of film or video. William and Mary Kostash are long-standing Ukrainian Canadian community activists who have a special concern about the self-awareness of current and future generations. This award was made possible through an endowment established in 1989, on the occasion of the Kostashes' 50th wedding anniversary.

William and Mary (nee Maksymiuk) Kostash were born in Alberta. They were teachers by profession, and taught in various schools in villages and towns in Alberta and in Edmonton.
Award for Ukrainian Performing Arts

This award enables the recipient to pursue his or her education in the areas of Ukrainian dance, theatre or music.

Award For Museum Programs

Awarded annually to an individual seeking further museum training or undertaking a museum-related project on a Ukrainian Canadian theme.

The Royal Canadian Legion: Norwood Branch #178 received its charter in February 1946, and over the last 45 years, has raised millions of dollars for veterans and their dependants, for charitable causes, and for scholarships and awards.

As all 1100 of its members are of Ukrainian ethnic origin, most Norwood Legion awards have been directed towards the development of the Ukrainian language, arts and culture. The Legion has set up high school scholarships and four University of Alberta scholarships in Ukrainian language and folklore. It has provided books and resources to the Ukrainian Bilingual Program. It supports various Ukrainian dance groups and choirs, and has been very involved with the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.

The three $500 annual awards it has set up with the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre were established in recognition of the Norwood Legion's 45th anniversary.

And the Winner is ......!

Denise Leclaire
Calgary, Alberta.
Winner of the 1991 Anna Pidruchny Award for New Writers for her short story "The Rock."

Denise is a former Manitoban and mother of two who spent ten years with the Planning and Research department of the Calgary Police Service. She started writing four years ago and is now working on a mystery novel, drawing on her experiences with the Service. Since the birth of her second son, Denise has decided that poetry is her genre. "at least until he decides to sleep longer than ten minutes at a stretch." Denise hopes to finish her novel and complete other short stories and poems in the near future, and says that being selected for this year's Pidruchny Award has given her "the extra lift, adrenalin and motivation I need to see these other projects through."

Teresa Bayrock
Edmonton,
Alberta
Winner of the 1991 Royal Canadian Legion: Norwood Branch #178 Award for Ukrainian Performing Arts for her Ukrainian dance curriculum development project for the Ukrainian Bilingual Program.

Teresa has been dancing for 16 of her 21 years, and recently graduated from Grant
Канадсько-Український Обмін Фармарами

Завдяки щедрому дару женевського закладу КАРЛ ПОПЕР, Український Центр Засобів і Розвитку (УЦЗР) спромігся впровадити програму по практичному навчанню українсько-радянських фармів управління фармами.

Відомий Хом'як - координатор обміну фармами при УЦЗР, співпрацює з Альбертсько-українською асоціацією по обміну фармами з піддомами групами в Саксакові і Манітобі, а також з фармарами-добровольцями. Він організовує шестимісячну базову на фармам, програму, яка буде включати практику, короткий курс і матеріали для самостійного вивчення.

Це веселе двадцять фармам з України будуть розселені по канадських фармах. Наслідки успіху і розпирення цієї програми будуть фармами, які мають налаштовані до досвіду керування приватними сімейними і кооперативними фармами, а також значна допомога в проведенні земельної реформи на Україні.
Conference Fever!

URDC was a cosponsor of the conference The Migration of Ukrainians to Western Canada after 1891 held in Edmonton May 17 - 21. URDC's contribution to the conference included sponsoring the participation of the noted ethnographer Tamara Volodymyrivna Kosmina. Ms. Kosmina was one of a delegation of twelve scholars from Ukraine who took part in the conference.

URDC's indomitable conference crew—Keenan Hohol and Jeffrey Stephaniuk—did a fine job of delivering the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation's (UCPBF) Canada-Ukraine Economic Conference (April 18 - 20) and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress' (UCC) Aid and Exchanges to Ukraine conference (April 19 - 21). The conferences were attended by over one hundred delegates from across the country, and featured four speakers from Ukraine's democratic movement, Rukh. Among the resolutions of the conferences were the establishment of a UCC Information Centre at the Canadian Consulate in Kyiv, and the establishment of a Canada-Ukraine Business Council. Special thanks to Daria Stephaniuk, Darwin Fedorick and all the volunteers who helped make URDC's conferences a success. And welcome to our conference baby, Orysa Paulina Stephaniuk! Orysa weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., bright and early on April 20. Now that the conferences are over and the last reports are written, papa Jeffrey can take some time to enjoy her!

Staff Notes

- URDC Outreach Manager Marie Lesoway spent February studying Ukrainian language and literature at L'viv State University.

- Rena Hanchuk rejoins URDC's ranks on a summer STEP grant. Rena will devote most of her time to the centennial photography project URDC is working on with the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts. Welcome back, Rena!

- Bohdan Chomiak and Tracey Korol, the two new members of URDC's staff, join to coordinate a Canada-Ukraine Farmer Exchange Program. Twenty farmers from Ukraine will be placed on Canadian farms this summer.

- Best wishes to Jeffrey, Daria and little Orysa Stephaniuk in their new lives back in Saskatchewan. And bon voyage to Keenan Hohol as he basks in the sun in Singapore. (Keenan will be glad to know that URDC has no plans to open a conference centre there yet!).

Dr. Valerii Ivasiuk, Kyiv City Council; Dr. Oleksander Lavrynovych, Vice-Chairman of Rukh; Conference Coordinator Keenan Hohol; and Dr. Serhi Holiavatyi, Member of Parliament, Ukraine.