



Newsletter March 2015

A Museum for all New Zealanders

We invite you to the
Events, Exhibitions & Workshops,
being held at the
Polish Heritage Trust Museum.



Painting 3 Dimensional
Museum collection 277-79

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Museum Hours: Tues to Fri 10 - 4 Sun 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.

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A little of what is happening...

I am pleased to say, the Wycinanki workshops for adults from last year have continued into 2015, we are a small group of friendly and inspired people called the Friday Paper Cutters who meet on the 3rd Friday of the month at the museum.

Everyone works at their own pace on any project that they like, its motivating to see each others work and we all have different levels of experience and talent, there is no pressure and we have a lot of fun.

You can join us anytime, I am happy to show any new members the beginners designs and then you can go from there! It really is a relaxing craft and has plenty of scope. I was particularly delighted to see an amazing array of hand made wycinanki Christmas cards that were going to family and friends. Lucky them!

Time 10am -12.15pm \$10pp includes a cuppa.

You are also able to book a group of friends to a **Beginner's Wycinanki class**, date to suit you, 2 hrs Come play with paper. All ages, old and young will have fun. Traditionally wycinanki was cut free hand, without drawing the designs first, using sheep-shearing scissors.



- See modern and traditional wycinanki displays
- Watch a short visual presentation
- Try designs from the Lowicz & Kurpie regions
- Suitable for birthday parties too!

PHTM joined the **Botany Community Day on Saturday March 7th** where we had the chance to share the uniqueness of the museum with the community: talk of the wonderful objects that are in the collection, the library facilities, what we stand for and the programmes we have on offer for all New Zealanders. It is also excellent to meet up with the other community groups within the region. Thanks goes to the organisers for an excellent day, see you next year.

Book Launch, coming soon. *The Ugly Ducklings* by Irene Chain-Kalinowski and Susan Flanagan. A heart-felt family story, a journey during WWII, from Poland to England, the Middle East & New Zealand. Are you interested in coming to the launch? Get this by Post? Please ring to give us your details, we in turn will confirm launch date details to you by phone. It's only possible 4 us to send out invitations by email.



Workshops and Programmes

Lets celebrate Easter

Looking for more than chocolate Easter Eggs?



Come join the fun
Sunday Family Day
22 & 29 March 2-4pm
\$8 per person
Bookings being taken now

- Design and take home your Polish Easter Egg
- What is pisanki ? It's a Polish word for?
- Create an Easter Palm
- Taste Mazurek, a Polish Easter cake
- Learn some Polish Easter customs & traditions.
- What is smingus-dyngus? Come find out!

The **'Stefania for Schools'** programme is an educational in-house school lesson for primary and intermediate students both in main stream schools and home schooled by their parents It is an informative 1-1.5 hours lesson, based on the book 'Stefania's Dancing Slippers' and the 'Polish children of Pahiatura' story from 1944. Real artworks and objects on display in the Lower Gallery \$2 per student. Excellent reviews.



Help needed

We are looking for one/more volunteer/s who are interested in preserving the museums collection of Polish music cassettes and VHS donations by putting them on to CD and DVD. If you have a passion for Polish music and film/documentary and this is something that you are able to do, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thank you

Thanks go to Total Focus Property Ltd, Howick, for their continued support and generosity with the printing of the PHTM newsletters and promotional flyers again this year. Most appreciated!

Upcoming Events 2015 to mark in your calendar

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for all WORKSHOPS ph 533 3530

20 March Event: Friday Paper Cutters group 10-12.15pm
A **Wycinanki** class for adults, beginners welcome to join in. For both ladies and gents. Give it a go! The time is now! Just scissors, paper and cutting. Just like school, take home your own artwork! \$10pp includes a cuppa

22nd March Workshop: Lets celebrate Easter 2-4pm \$8pp
29th March Workshop: Lets celebrate Easter 2-4pm \$8pp
Looking for more than chocolate eggs,? Come join us and have a look at a Polish Easter and what we do that's different to a Kiwi Easter! Hands on activities plus a short presentation. Suits all ages (yes, adults without children are very welcome too!)

The Easter display is now on in the Lower Gallery.

12th April Sunday Family Days Film: 'In Desert & Wilderness' for families 2pm see PHTM website for more details. 8 years+, Also great for teens.

School Holiday workshops:

14th April Wycinanki workshop 1-3pm \$8pp, see details other page, all materials and designs supplied

16th April Costumes and Paper Flowers workshop 10-12 \$8pp Create a pretty paper flower hair band to take home and have a look at costumes on display. Materials supplied

17th April Event: Friday Paper Cutters, see above

6th May Event: Children's Story Time and Crayons we will read from the book **'Once upon a time in Poland'** then children can draw their favourite character from the stories, see a lovely selection of images and stories in the book, Book is available for sale on the day \$25 11am to 12noon \$2pp

15th May Event: Friday Paper Cutters, see above

28 May - 19th June Photographic Exhibition: 'Polish Street' A series, capturing decisive, surprising, often full of humour, places and people. London based Polish photographer Damian Chrobak says "People fascinate me: life situations, what they wear, what they do in their daily routine", part of the **Auckland Festival of Photography 2015**

Sunday Winter Films: 2pm by donation, Are you Interested in attending? We can email the programme with the titles and short description of the films.

21st June Poles Apart

28th June Collection of Short films (approx one hour)

5th July to be announced

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.

First Day Cover Donation An interesting selection of stamps & envelopes that lets one delve into significant events of the day. Circa 1960's



Booking for groups:
Programme suited to you.

Group Bookings

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. Booking necessary. \$8pp With tea and coffee \$10pp. Individual visitors are very welcome any time during open hours, by donation. Some of the film choices are:

- **'Poles Apart'** the story of the Children of Pahiataua
- **'Chopin's Warsaw'** musical filmic journey around the city of Warsaw in the company of young Fryderyk Chopin
- **'The Soviet Story'** a documentary about Stalin and the untold story.
- **'Wieliczka Salt Mine'** a visual delight about Poland's famous salt mine

70th Wycinanki Rooster project



For those of you who are reading your first PHTM newsletter, 2014 was a significant year for the Polish 'children of Pahiataua' who came to New Zealand in 1944, as invited guests of the NZ Government. 2014 was their 70th reunion.

PHTM & students from 6 primary schools listed below, from the Tararua district completed the **70th Wycinanki Rooster** project.

- Alfredton School
- Ballance School
- Hillcrest School
- Makuri School
- Pahiataua School
- St Anthony's

Students made a '70th wycinanki rooster' card for the Polish 'children' who stayed at the camp in Pahiataua, a gift from the current Pahiataua students to these, always remembered, past students from their town.

The wycinanki cards were given out on the 30th October at the Town Hall in Pahiataua, (a day we will always remember), some posted overseas and within NZ, a week later given out at the museum's Pahiataua afternoon tea and also after that at the Auckland Polish Assn. celebration lunch.

On behalf of the many recipients, I would like to personally thank all the students for the amazing cards that were created by each and every one of you. I was privileged to see many of the cards before they were given out and also to meet some of you from Makuri and Pahiataua Schools.

The rooster was chosen as symbol of protection and strength, the tail feathers had the number 70, all were beautifully decorated, some cards including kind words and some of you had even signed your names.

Thank you too to Gilda, who co-ordinated with the 6 schools and thank you to the many teachers who worked on this project with us. It was a wonderful result and very much appreciated by the Polish 'boys' and 'girls'.

If any one missed out on getting a card, please contact the museum 09 533 3530.