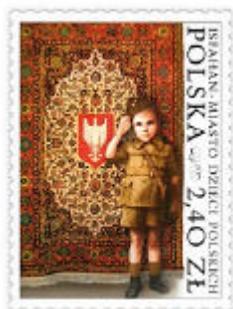


# Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Newsletter February 2011



We wish all our visitors and supporters the very best for 2011 and would like to invite you to the programmes, events and exhibitions being held at the Polish Heritage Trust Museum in 2011.



Commemorative Isfahan Stamp issue date 10 June 2008

Showing the rescued child Przemek Stojakowski and a Persian carpet in the background with an emblem of the Polish White Eagle. The carpet was woven in 1944, by Polish school students in Isfahan.

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**Mailing and emailing update.** Saving time and the planet, it will be greatly appreciated to correspond with you by email Please email your email address to us at [phtmuseum@ihug.co.nz](mailto:phtmuseum@ihug.co.nz) and we will add you to PHTM address book. Thank you

## Discover Polish Stamps 6th - 31st March 2011

**Stamp collection exhibition.** In 2009 The Polish Heritage Trust Museum received a wonderfully detailed collection of Polish stamps and other objects from Mrs Janina Zagwojska that belonged to her late husband Michal.

The Polish Stamp collection depicts Polish History, Kings, Saints, famous Polish events and Places, all in the face of the stamps and also the lighter side of beauty found in Poland in its Flowers, Nature and Art

Many of these stamps will be on display during March aiming not only at serious Stamp collectors but also lovers of Polish history and the Arts but also for children to learn the delights of stamp collecting.



**Some stamps which we are going to have on show, come and find out more..**

A special day for children to appreciate these beautiful stamps **Sunday 27th March** Stamp collector Bruce MacKereth will gather around and look closely at Polish Stamps and will show you how to read stamp catalogues and all about saving and exchanging stamps. Hear the story of the famous Isfahan stamp (see other page) created in 2008, and if you are able bring current stamps from your own country to show and share with the group. 2pm \$2

## Upcoming Events, mark in your calendar for 2011

**February Films, Sundays 2pm**, entry by donation

**13th February** In Love 104min Contemporary romance

**20th February** Banks of the Neiman 160min Trad. romance

**27th February** Katyn 117min Polish Officers in WW2

**March, Discover Polish Stamps 6th to 31st March**

**Sunday 27th March** Stamp collector Bruce MacKereth looks closely at Polish Stamps and talks about getting your collection going. Excellent for the family \$2 2pm. Children start to gather stamps and bring them along. More details below

**April, Sunday Easter Programme 3rd 10th and 17th**

This will be an opportunity for all the family to come and have fun together. A hands on activities day, based on Polish crafts and cuisine. Paint and take home your own Easter egg. All welcome. 2pm. \$2

**May, Polish Traditional cut out Workshops, 2pm**

Come and create your masterpiece, see a slide show from the National Museum of Gdansk, Poland and learn a new craft. Dates **15 and 22nd of May**. Booking essential to secure your place \$5.00 Adult class. (also available mid week)

**June, Sunday Winter Film Programme** 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. Start time 2pm, Entry by donation. According to our experience some movies provoked a discussion and it is a good opportunity to stay for awhile, have a cup of tea or coffee and share first fresh impressions of the film.

**12 June** The Soviet Story 75min (advise mature audience only)

**19 June** Zemsta 100 min Comedy

**26 June** In Desert and Wilderness 111min fun Family viewing

**...Keeping Polish Tradition alive...**

## Museum information and updates

**Have you seen the Library? It's open.** The collection is mainly in Polish. We have some modern and historical Polish novels translated to English as well a wide range of guides and albums which could help you with preparation of your visit to Poland. The children's book collection contains lovely books. Bring your children or grandchildren and sit together reading stories. If you can read in Polish it is a great opportunity to keep you Polish language alive. Are you interested in the reactivation of the Polish Literature Club ?All suggestions welcome.

**Booking for groups.** We offer a programme suited to all. Please ring us to make a 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 and buses. The Lower Galley is suitable for wheelchair access and contains many interesting displays. The Upper Gallery is ready for your visit. We welcome clubs and groups of all ages. Individual visitors are very welcome any time during our open hours.

**New Donations.** We welcome and look forward to all new donations. If you are able, we appreciate any information and the history of your donation, this will help us with correct providence of the object or book and will ensure a correct description label when displayed. Not sure if your item is of interest to us?, please call, we are happy to talk with you. **Existing Donations** Thank you for all wonderful donations, visitors really appreciate your generosity and enjoy seeing the exciting displays. Without your donations the museum is not possible, Thank you.

With the great success of the documentary **Poles Apart** being shown at group visits over the last 6 years we have now included 3 new documentaries for future group visits to enable a second visit to the museum with a film

- Wieliczka salt mine and short talk on Amber.
  - Gladiators of the WWII, Free Polish Forces
  - Warsaw Uprising 1944 documentary
- Please contact us to book a viewing.

## Overview of events 2010

**European Union NZ Trade Conference** was held in Auckland on the **23 February** and the Polish Community was represented. Easter family programmes were held for the Polish school and local children in **March**.

Two exhibitions ran during **April** an exhibition of photographs called **Prayer, Silence, Labour, Camaldolese in the Lens**, 20 photos showing the daily life in the Camaldolese monks taken by Andrzej Nowakowski during his visit to the Camaldolese hermitage in Krakow.

**The Exhibition is now on permanent display in the Upper Gallery.**

**The Ribbon Motifs** an exhibition of Polish traditional cut outs from the Lowicz created by Ewelina Szymanska.



**Sunday Winter Film Programme** ran from **July to October** showing a total of 19 films to visitors to the museum.

**The Polish Way to Freedom** photographic exhibition was held between **5 to 30 September** 20 black and white photos on loan from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland

On the **6 November** Polish Heritage Trust Museum was invited to share a table at the **International Carnival** with the Polish Association of Auckland. A great day was had by all.

**Howick Santa Parade** held on **23 November**, A walking group of 8 dressed in Polish traditional costumes showing their bright and colourful costumes. See below. Sunday Family programmes for Christmas were enjoyed by all participants during **November** and **December**

### Pahiatua Children Display

At the end of 2010 the PHTM received a grant from the Polish Embassy and Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs which will enable further development of the Children of Pahiatua display. This donation has been greatly received. Many thanks to the Embassy in Wellington for this gift.



## Polish Museum Shop Catalogue

Please find following the **Museum shop catalogue**, with available books DVD and magazines etc.. for sale, please contact us by phone or email and your item will be posted to you ASAP.

### DVD / CD

- Poles Apart \$35
- Karol (VHS) \$35 (one left)
- The story of the Polish Children in Isfahan - Iran 1942 - 1944 \$10

### BOOKS (English)

- A STRANGE OUTCOME - John Roy Wojciechowski and Allan Parker, \$35
- BLACK MADONNA COMES TO NEW ZEALAND \$5
- PAN TADEUSZ \$35
- NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST REFUGEES, Pahiatua's Polish Children \$35
- POLISH KIWIS, Picture from an Exhibition - Alina Suchanski \$40

### BOOKS (Polish)

- OGROD - Zofia Korzeniowska \$10 (poetry)
- POLSKI NOWOZELANDCZYK - John Roy Wojciechowski and Allan Parker \$35
- POLACY W NOWEJ ZELANDII - Marian Kaluski \$35
- DWIE OJCZYZNY Polskie dzieci w Nowej Zealandii. Tulacze wspomnienia \$40

### BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (English)

- STEFANIA'S DANCING SLIPPERS - Jennifer Beck, Lindy Fisher \$20
- MARTHA and the MANGER STRAW, A Christmas Tradition from Poland - Virginia Kroll, Robyn Belton \$20

### MAGAZINES (Polish)

- Echa Polesia magazine, various issues \$5
- Przegląd Uniwersytecki Rok XVIII maj-czerwiec 2006 Nr 3 \$5

### COINS / ARMBAND

- 2 zł Commemorative Sybiracy coin \$5
- Armband Sybiracy Society \$15