



Newsletter October 2011

Hello to our new readers and welcome to the last newsletter and events for the year.

Christmas Blessings to you, your family and friends



Images in this newsletter are from the book *Marta and the Manger Straw* by Robyn Belton and Virginia Kroll
See Museum shop for purchase details

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**Museum hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 - 5
Sunday 12 - 5**

Did you receive 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.

Children of Pahiatua Your Personal Invitation

Welcome to a "get together" for the
Children of Pahiatua
and their families celebrating their 67th reunion

Venue: Polish Heritage Trust Museum

125 Elliot Street Howick

Date: Sunday 30 October 2011

Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

On the 1st of November 1944, 733 children and 102 caregivers arrived in Wellington on the ship the General Randall. Later that day the children travelled by train to Pahiatua, to their first home in New Zealand

Welcome and Short film 2.30pm

Afternoon Tea served at 2.45 pm

"Many times you come to the PHTM and then later in the day another of your "Pahiatua family" arrives and we always wish you had been able to catch up with each other."

Please RSVP to Ewelina, and if you have any queries or are in need of a lift for this gathering, please ring and we will try and organise something for you.

It will be our pleasure to help you with this.

Please, if you are aware that someone has not received this invitation, can you please contact the museum and we will get an invitation to them. Thank you



Christmas close down dates for PHTM

Closing 21st December 2011 5pm

Re-open 22nd January 2012 12noon

After hours 021 1070169 or 021 920005

Are you going to be in Auckland over this time, and require an opening after hours visit to the PHTM. Please ring to discuss and make an arrangement with me. I will be pleased to hear from you.

Ewelina and Ellen wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Donations and valuable Documents

Thank you for the varied donations received over the months from generous Visitors and also our wonderful Polish Community. We are certainly being kept busy...

The Polish Heritage Trust Museum collects, looks after and displays items related to Poland and Polish people in New Zealand. We welcome all photographs, documents, ceramics, paintings, books, magazines, 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.

Recent Donation from Howick local Mr Arnie Rule

Here is his story...

"I was a member of the All Saints Boy Scout group in Palmerston North. At a scout meeting we were told of a group of Polish children arriving by train to escape the horrors of WW2. It was thought that it would be a nice gesture to meet the train and welcome the children to New Zealand.

I remember going into the carriage and passing an autograph book to the children for signatures. Language was a problem so sign language was the only way of communication. There was lots of laughter but unfortunately the stop over was fairly short and they were soon on their way to Pahiatua.

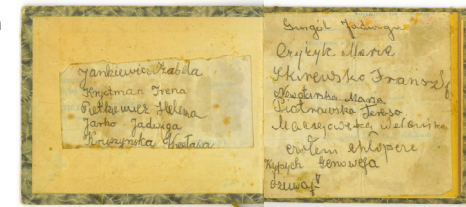
The experience was something that has remained with me for all my life. I was thirteen years old at the time and am delighted that this autograph book is of some interest to the Polish Heritage Trust Museum."

Museum collection

See the "Howick and Pakuranga Times" article 8th September 2011 links to this on the

website. www.polishheritage.co.nz

Museum staff & Arnie Rule were also interviewed on 95bFM Radio station in Auckland on 28th Sept. 2011.



A little of what's been happening...

Update on the “**Memories to Memoirs**” table display, we have received more donations for this display, its wonderful, many thanks to those who have contributed.

Home School Students learn the art of Wycinanki

What glorious art work from 3 different groups of home school students ranging from 4-16yrs from around the Auckland district. We were also very happy to receive from one of the parents a donation of sheep sheering scissors for our display. Thank you very much.



Museum collection



Did you know? Traditionally Wycinanki art was cut using large sheep sheering scissors.

“Christmas in Poland” workshop for Week-day groups Children or Adult workshops \$5.00pp



Are you wanting a second visit to the museum with something new?. Experience Christmas Polish style, taste and decorate pierneki ginger biscuits, make Polish paper and wool decorations and learn about the 12 courses served on Christmas Eve. (programme will be age adjusted to suit adults or children) See other page for further details

Group Bookings

We have had many wonderful groups visit the PHTM over the winter and experience Poland and its culture and traditions. The Poles Apart film is still very popular and well received by the visitors. Summer is upon us now but we have our cool air so there is still time to get your group together and enjoy a visit. \$7.00 pp includes tea/coffee.

An invitation to a “Christmas in Poland” Workshop and Presentation” \$5pp

**Sundays November 13th 20th 27th
December 4th 11th
2 to 4pm**

Please ring to book your place 533 3530 \$5pp
This workshop is available for adults and/or children during the week.



- Make Christmas Tree decorations: stars, chains, hedgehogs, spiders and many more with the background of Polish Christmas carols
- Decorate and taste Pierniki a Christmas ginger biscuit, recipe given on the day.
- Learn the Christmas Eve traditions, star watching and recipes for Polish Wigilia supper
- “Marta and the Manger Straw” book reading
- See a presentation of Polish Christmas Stories

Howick Santa Parade December 3rd 2011 Are you joining us this year?

We welcome you to join us this year for the annual Howick Santa Parade. It is on December 3rd, start time of the parade is 11am but please meet from 10.30am onwards at the back of the main street. We will be excited to have lots children and adults in traditional costumes, but we understand its not always possible so the theme for others joining the parade will be Polish colours of red and white.

It will be a walking group again. ALL WELCOME

Please give Ewelina a call for further details and to register your interest so we can make enough Wycinanki banners for the children to carry, Thank you.
We can also email Map and Parade details to you.

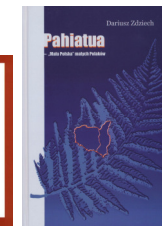
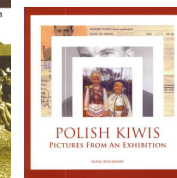
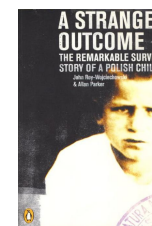
Polish Museum Shop Catalogue

DVD / CD

- Poles Apart \$35
- Karol (VHS) \$35 (one left)
- The story of the Polish Children in Isfahan 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
- **N Z 'S FIRST REFUGEES, Pahiatua's Polish Children** \$ 35
- **POLISH KIWIS, Pictures from an Exhibition** - A Suchanski \$ 40



BOOKS (Polish)

- **PAHIATUA Mala Polska malych Polakow** - Dariusz Zdziech \$35
- **OGROD** - Zofia Korzeniowska \$10 (poetry)
- **POLSKI NOWOZELANDCZYK** - John Roy Wojciechowski & Allan Parker \$35
- **POLACY W NOWEJ ZELANDII** - Marian Katulski \$35
- **DWIE OJCZYZNY** Polskie dzieci w Nowej Zelandii. Tulacze wspomnienia \$40

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN Ideal gifts for Christmas

- **STEFANIA'S DANCING SLIPPERS** - J Beck, L Fisher \$20
Stefania travels from Poland, Siberia, Persia and arrives at Pahiatua NZ
- **MARTHA and the MANGER STRAW** Sharing Christmas Traditions from Poland - Virginia Kroll, Robyn Belton \$20

MAGAZINES (Polish)

- Echa Polesia magazine, various issues \$5
- Przegląd Uniwersytecki Rok XVIII maj-czerwiec 06 Nr 3 \$5

COINS / ARMBAND

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

Please contact us by phone or email and your item will be posted to you ASAP.