



Announcements and Medal ceremonies

New Beginnings

The founder and Chairman of the Museum, Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski, on reaching the beginning of his 80th year, decided to resign from the position of Polish Honorary Consul. In a letter to the Polish Embassy, Mr Roy-Wojciechowski said he wanted a change and sent his resignation to the Embassy asking that it take effect from 26 June 2013.

The resignation also confirmed that Mr Roy-Wojciechowski would continue to work for Poland with the Embassy, the Polish Associations in New Zealand and the world, but in a private capacity.

During his 15 year period as Honorary Consul, Mr Roy-Wojciechowski received a number of decorations and medals

June 2004 State award 'The Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland'

June 2006 Presidential Award 'Siberian Cross'

Sept 2009 Medal 'Dziedzictwo Kresów Wschodnich'

May 2013 Ministerial Award Decoration of Honor 'Bene Merito'

June 2013 Ministerial Award 'Pro Patria'

Special congratulations to Mr Roy from the museum staff, his wife Valerie and their 6 children, grandchildren and great grand children, on his many achievements and we all wish him well on the next stage of his exciting journey. Birthday wishes and Sto Lat from us all.

Medal Ceremony held at the Museum:

On 3rd March, Honorary Consul for the Republic of Poland in New Zealand Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski gave a presentation of 3 medals.

Siberian Cross medals were given to **Mr Jan Marshall** (Marszalek) and the late **Mrs Anna Aitken** (nee Zazulak) accepted by her daughter **Julie Conroy**. Cross of the Deported to Siberia or Siberian Cross is given to Polish citizens who were deported to Russia. **Mr Mieczyslaw Nowacki** was awarded with **Gold Cross of Merit**. This medal is given to those who have given service to Polish state beyond the scope of their normal duties.



5th May Medal Presentation to the founder of the PHTM:

On his recent visit to NZ, Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Radek Sikorski and other Polish delegates plus his wife Anne Applebaum, Ambassador Beata Stoczynska & Consul Stanislaw Stoczynski visited the PHTM for the private function. Minister Sikorski awarded **Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski** with Decoration of Honour medal 'Bene Merito' this medal is given for 'activities aiming at strengthening the position of Poland in the international arena'.



Medal ceremony Warszawa Poland June 2013

Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski received the 'Pro Patria' medal for special merits in cultivating the memory of the struggle for the independence of the Polish. Medal 'Pro Patria' was also received by the Deputy Chairman and the Manager of the Museum, **Ellen Roy-Wojciechowski**.

Donation information & Recent Donations

PHTM collects, looks after and displays items related to Poland and Polish people in NZ

We welcome all photographs, documents, ceramics, paintings, books, magazines, toys, traditional garments, Polish objects, embroideries, handcrafts, and souvenirs.

Not sure if your item is of interest to us? Please call, we are happy to talk with you. Thank you for your consideration. **PHTM can also digitally scan all documents you wish to offer and return these to you promptly. Extreme care taken by museum staff.**

With donations we are never sure what we are going to receive next....This time from England

Last month PHTM received a collection of documents that belonged to a Polish man Stefan Fragner who was a prisoner of war during WW2.

Stefan Fragner was imprisoned in German camp Oflag IIB in Arnswalde (today Choszczno in Poland). After the war he became a violin teacher at Watford Grammar School in London, England.



Dog Tag and Identity-Card Museum collection

After he passed away in 1988, all his military documents and dog tag were kept by his friend. After her death, her niece brought them to NZ and decided to share them with PHTM. The donation contains the 'dog' tag with photo and engraved with the number of the German camp, military documents from Poland and his IDs of being an ex-Prisoner of War.

As the weather cools, this is a busy time of the year for group visits.

We offer group visits to suit all ages. Please ring to discuss. It can include an introduction, a variety of films, and a guided museum tour as well as tea/coffee. The Lower Gallery is suitable for wheelchair access and contains many interesting displays. \$6pp or with tea/coffee \$8pp. Individual visitors are very welcome any time during our open hours, by donation. Free parking.

A Museum for all New Zealanders

You are invited to the July school holiday workshops, Sunday Winter Films and latest exhibitions being held over the winter months at PHTM



Left to Right: Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, Decoration of Honor Medal 'Bene Merito', Medal 'Pro Patria', Cross of the Deported to Siberia or Siberian Cross and Medal 'Dziedzictwo Kresów Wschodnich'.

Medals belong to Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski, former Honary Consul of the Republic of Poland in New Zealand and Chairman and founder of the Polish Heritage Trust of New Zealand and founder of the PHTM, for services to Poland.

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Museum Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9 - 5

Sunday 12 - 5

For after hours please call 021 107-0169

Someone missed out on getting this newsletter? Please contact us and we will forward a copy to them. Thank you.

PHTM events are also advertised on eventfinder website

Sunday Winter Films 2013 Start time 2pm

Entry by donation is appreciated. Thank you.

We are happy to email the monthly list with the titles and fuller description of the films at the beginning of each month. Please email us at phtmuseum@ihug.co.nz

JULY

7th The Promised Land 138 min. Film tells the story of a Pole, a German and a Jew struggling to build a factory in the raw world of 19th century capitalism.

14th Quo Vadis? 172 min. Based on the Nobel Prize winning novel. It tells of a love that develops between a young Christian woman, Ligia and Marcus Vinicius, a Roman patrician. It takes place in Rome under the rule of emperor Nero, around 64AD.

21st Polish Battle of Britain 46 min. Documentary of Polish squadron 303 fighting for Britain. Second film is **Gladiators, Free Polish Force**, 48 min. Documentary about Polish pilots fighting in France alongside the British

28th Black Thursday 105 min Spectacular reconstruction of the dramatic events in Gdynia, which ended in a brutal pacification of demonstrators by troops and militia in 1970.

AUGUST

4th Warsaw Uprising 1944 50 min. History of military action taken by the Polish underground army in Europe. Second film that day is

Chopin's Warsaw 30 min. Tells about Polish composer, Fryderyk Chopin's life in Warsaw. A musical delight.

11th Pan Tadeusz 150 min. The national epic of Poland. 'Pan Tadeusz' recounts the story of two feuding noble families. Another subplot involves a spontaneous revolt of the local inhabitants against the occupying Russian garrison.

18th 80 millions 100 min. The young activists of the Solidarity organize a daring theft from a Polish bank stealing federal money.

25th Dlug or The Debt 106 min. The story of two Polish businessmen blackmailed by a gangster. Without any help from the police, the victims take matters into their own hands. Based on a true story. **R16**

SEPTEMBER

1st 1920 Battle of Warsaw 110 min. This great historical movie about one of the most important battles in world history

8th Man of Marble 156min Agnieszka, a film school student is making her diploma film on bricklayer, Mateusz Birkut who becomes the symbol of an over-achieving worker.

15th Man of Iron 147min Maciej is a young worker involved in the anti-Communist labour Solidarity movement, described as "the man who started the Gdansk shipyard strike".

29th School Holiday Film: In Desert and Wilderness 111min. From a famous Polish young persons novel by H. Sienkiewicz. Stas 14 and English Nel 8, are in Egypt with their fathers and are kidnapped. The adventures begin, see them travel over the deserts of Africa. Beautiful photography, a family favourite **ALL WELCOME**

Keeping Polish Tradition alive.

Latest exhibition in the Upper Gallery

'Polish Path to Monte Cassino'

Images taken during a time of war. General Anders' Army was created from former soldiers, civilians and youth who had been released from forced labour camps in Siberia, under Russian control. They had travelled from Persia, through Palestine and Egypt to Italy.

The Poles, together with New Zealand soldiers fought for Monte Cassino. In May 1944 they captured the Monastery and opened the road to Rome for the Allies.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Create and take home your own masterpiece

**Costumes & Paper Flowers: Tue 16th July 10-12 &
Tue 23 July 1-3**

**Wycinanki paper cut-outs: Wed 17 July 10-12
& Wed 24 July 1-3**

Or arrange your own group on another date.

\$6pp (including adults) Bookings essential

Workshops will also be on during October school holidays

Invitation to hear Polish flutist Adrianna Lis

'Fragments' Flute & Harp Concert, performance by Adrianna Lis on flute and Helen Webby on harp. Sunday 21st July 6pm at Pah Homestead, TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre 72 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Tickets www.events.nzherald.co.nz/2013/fragments-flute-harp-concert/auckland/hillsborough

Neighbourhood

Sundays 11am on TV One. The second series of **Neighbourhood** has started again, showing neighbourhoods around NZ from various cultural groups, to share a dish, their stories and treasures. The **'Howick'** episode will include Mr John Roy-Wojciechowski, Chairman of the Polish Heritage Trust of New Zealand and the story of the medal **'Siberian Cross'**. It will be screened on Sunday, **14th July at 11am**. We are very excited to see this new episode. Best wishes to Satellite Media on their wonderful second series.



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.

Polish Museum Shop Catalogue

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

Payment can be made by cheque or internet banking

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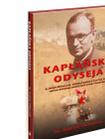
- **Poles Apart** (Polish, English) \$35
- **The story of the Polish Children in Isfahan** - Iran 1942 -1944 \$10

BOOKS (English)

- **A STRANGE OUTCOME** John Roy-Wojciechowski & A Parker \$35
- **ALONE** An inspiring story of survival & determination- Alina Suchanski \$30
- **ONE MAN'S ODYSSEY**-Jozef Jagiello \$35
- **NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST REFUGEES** Pahiataua's Polish Children - \$35
- **POLISH KIWIS**, Picture from an Exhibition - Alina Suchanski \$ 25
- **BLACK MADONNA COMES TO NEW ZEALAND** - booklet \$5
- **PAN TADEUSZ** - translated into English by Marcel Weyland \$35

BOOKS (Polish)

- **POLSKI NOWOZELANDCZYK** - John Roy Wojciechowski and Allan Parker \$35
- **KAPLANSKA ODYSEJA** - Father A Chibowski \$60
- **POLACY W NOWEJ ZELANDII** - Marian Kałuski \$35
- **DWIE OJCZYZNY** Polskie dzieci w Nowej Zelandii. Tułacze wspomnienia \$40
- **PAHIATUA** - Dariusz Zdziech \$40
- **OGROD** - Zofia Korzeniowska \$10 (poetry)



BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (English)

- **STEFANIA'S DANCING SLIPPERS** - Jennifer Beck, Lindy Fisher \$20
2008 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards USA. Winner Silver Medal.
- **MARTA AND THE MANGER STRAW** A Christmas Tradition from Poland - Virginia Kroll, Robyn Belton \$20
- **ONCE UPON A TIME IN POLAND** - Old Polish Legends. \$25
- **A WINTERS DAY IN 1939** - Melinda Szymanik \$20

COINS / ARMBAND / LAPEL PINS / WYCINANKI Postcard

- **2 zł Commemorative Sybiracy coin** \$5 with leaflet (one coin)
- **Armband Sybiracy Society** \$15
- **Lapel Pin Sybiracy** (2cm high) \$5
- **Lapel Pin Eagle** (silver colour) \$5
- **Wycinanki post card** (hand made) \$2

