

history of the Windsor Serbs in particular. Donations to the collection are gratefully received and acknowledged.

OPERATION OF THE MUSEUM

The Serbian Community provides for the Museum's rent-free facilities and all utilities are paid. Cost of furniture and supplies, storage and exhibit expenses, as well as day-to-day operation, are the responsibilities of the Serbian Heritage Women's Society. All work is done on a voluntary basis by members of the Society.

To assure the continuing operation of the Museum, the Serbian Heritage Women's Society holds various fund-raising activities. The Museum also operates its own Gift Shop which features handcrafted objects made by volunteers or imported from Yugoslavia. Donations from generous individuals or businesses are an important source of income as well. Receipts for Income Tax purposes are issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Benefactor
\$500.00
Honorary Patron
100.00
Patron
50.00
Supporter
25.00
Friend
10.00

Cheques should be made out to:

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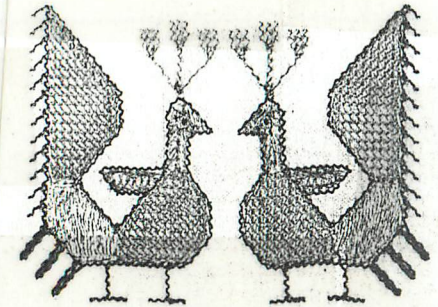
MUSEUM HOURS

Monday - Friday: 10:00 -4:00
Sunday: 2 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Groups welcome by
appointment

The front design of two peacocks is taken from a towel from Kosovo, Serbia, embroidered on thin cotton with cotton and metal thread. ("Narodni vez Jugoslavije . Beograd, Jugoslovenska Knjiga, 1988.)

Serbian Heritage Museum



SERBIAN FOLK ART

EXHIBIT

MAY 20TH - SEPT. 7TH

1990

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the young generations of Canadian Serbs a selection of traditional folk art of their native land and to introduce this rich tradition to Canadians of other national origin.

The exhibit is limited in its portrayal of the Serbian folk art, because the Museum's resources are limited to the objects donated by the Serbian immigrants. For that reason, coloured illustrations from books and other sources have been used in the exhibit to fill the gap and present a more complete picture.

The Serbian folk art tradition is an expression of their communal historical experience and of their artistic sense. This is evident in the creation of objects used in everyday life, from materials found in their own habitat.

The forces which shaped the Serbian folk art can be traced back to the ancient Slavic roots. During the long and stormy Serbian history, the elements from

other nations such as Byzantine, Turkish and Central-European have crept into the Serbian folk art. However, the Serbian sense of artistic harmony and a good taste for design and colour has created objects of great beauty which are different from any other nation in the world.

SERBIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

In 1975, the idea of a Serbian museum was born. The Serbian Heritage Women's Society undertook the first collection of artifacts and archival materials from the Serbian community in Windsor. The material collected was displayed in 1976 in the Hiram Walker Historical Museum for four months. The first exhibit generated much interest from the general public and the Serbian Community. A permanent museum then became a new goal for the Serbian Heritage Women's Society. This was accomplished in 1987 with the support of the government of Ontario through the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, after the Serbian Community allotted space in its Community Centre.

GOALS

The goal of the Museum is to serve the Serbian community in Windsor by preserving and interpreting their cultural heritage and impart knowledge of Serbian culture, tradition and skills to the greater community. The Museum carries out these functions through its emphasis on exhibits, special activities, research and education programmes.

EXHIBITS

The Serbian Heritage Museum is not a dormant project with a permanent exhibit; it is constantly developing and seeking new challenges. Exhibits in the Museum change to mark special events and anniversaries in Serbian history; to depict various topics in Serbian cultural tradition, and to portray customs or skills of Serbian people.

MUSEUM COLLECTION

The Museum collects, preserves and exhibits artifacts, photographs, documents, etc. related to Serbian history and tradition in general and the