

*Serbian Heritage Museum*

is

housed in the

**SERBIAN COMMUNITY  
CENTRE**

**Directions to the Museum:**

**From Highway # 401:**Exit Essex Road  
#19 to Tecumseh Road and left on  
Tecumseh Road to #6770

**From U.S.A. by tunnel:**  
take Ouillette Av. turn left, i.e. East to  
Tecumseh Road and # 6770 (first light  
after Jefferson )

**From U.S.A. by the Ambassador  
Bridge:**off the Bridge to Huron Church  
Road, turn left on the 3<sup>rd</sup> light to  
Tecumseh Road West and follow  
Tecumseh Rd. until you reach # 6770  
East (first light after Jefferson )

**MUSEUM HOURS :**

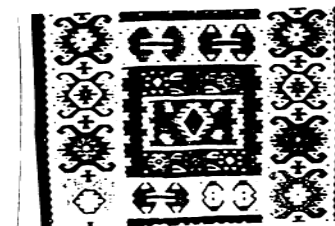
Monday-Friday 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Groups are welcome by appointemnt. Light  
lunches served to groups of 15 or more,  
upon request

*Serbian Heritage  
Museum  
of  
Windsor*

**YEAR 2000  
- MULTICULTURAL ERA-**

Exhibit: June 17 -August 13, 2000



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EXHIBIT**

The Year 2000 has arrived marking the crossing point to the new millennium. This point means the accumulation of the collective memory from the past within the large group of communities. For the Serbian people the past is not only about events, but is also about the way we live, continuation of Orthodox faith, tradition, heritage, growth of the community, generational change, stories and sports.

This exhibit is about all of these which makes the year 2000 the year of existence. It focuses on: the church, folklore, sports and artifacts. The main emphasis is on the role of Orthodox faith and church played in the Serbian community. An example paralleling this role, is the Ravanica monastery. Known as a Morava school, it was a popular cultural centre in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The model reminds us about this significant gathering place of the past, where the Serbian Language was

taught accurately, books were reedited and rewritten and scholars discussed important issues.

“Gracanica” church in Windsor gathers Serbs to enhance the tradition of St. Sava, Orthodox Faith and customs. The displayed artifacts show some of its characteristics used for celebration of the life and ancestry such as Christmas and Easter

Slava is a fundamental component to Serbian life. The most numerous Slava is St. Nickolas. A special dinner is prepared to honour the patron saint.

The Folklore section is another core consistent to the celebration of life. It is still practiced through kolo dancing. Rich hand made embroidery on the folk costumes is individual touch to each piece, intertwining immense sense for ornamentation and embellishment of the human body; again, as a symbol of Christ’s presence and the part of His and the same Body, being the children of God.

Sports are significant to the Serbian way of life. Basketball and soccer are two of the most popular sports played by the Serb community.

The Year 2000 for Serbs is thus a year of the Serbian segment from one big colourful mosaic of nations: all living the life of its own and being this piece of a larger cultural society.

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