

Ancient egg art comes to center

Decorated eggs, known as pysanky, symbolize reawakening of earth in spring. A workshop demonstrating the creation of these Ukrainian marvels will be held in the Farmington Community Center for three Wednesdays beginning Feb. 28, under the instruction of Anastasia Volker.

The eggs are part of an ethnic tradition that has been part of Mrs. Volker's life since she was a child in the Ukraine. In her classes, students create their own distinctive treasures; they are not just passive spectators. "When Ukrainians adopted Christianity in 988, the eggs became associated with the rebirth of mankind and the promise of new life," said Mrs. Volker. She has a vast collection of the eggs, some of which date back more than 40 years. Some were made by her, others were purchased or received as gifts. "PYSANKA is actually wax writing on a raw, fresh chicken egg, similar to the batik technique used on fabric," Mrs. Volker explained. Its name comes from a Ukrainian word meaning "to write." Because the egg symbolizes rebirth, it is never cooked or eaten. A white egg is wiped clean with white vinegar, then covered with fine lines and symbols using a special stylus that holds liquid beeswax where the ink in a pen would be. "Most important," Mrs. Volker pointed out, "is to move the egg, not the stylus, as you write. Moving the stylus results in crooked lines and uneven symbols." The egg is completed with a series of dye baths. Colors, too, have their traditions. Pink and blue are never used. Finished eggs in all their many-hued glory are exchanged at Easter time. Mrs. Volker will conduct both a morning and an evening class at the center. Reservations for both sessions are being accepted at the center.



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