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**NEW COMMUNITY GALLERY EXHIBIT AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
TO FEATURE THE STORY OF THE REGION'S UKRAINIAN AMERICANS**

The Ukrainian American Archives and Museum of Detroit, in cooperation with the Detroit Historical Society, opens an exhibit this week on Ukrainian Americans and their immigration story at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Entitled "A Cultural Thread...The Enduring Ukrainian Spirit," the exhibit opens to the public Saturday in the Museum's Community Gallery. The primary focus of the exhibit is to introduce the viewer to the history of Ukrainian immigration to the United States and its impact on American culture over the years, in particular to the local communities of the Detroit metropolitan area.

The earliest Ukrainian immigrants established ethnic neighborhoods that served as harbors for later waves of immigrants who preserved Ukrainian culture and traditions and assimilated into contemporary American society. Locally, nationally, and internationally, Ukrainian Americans have thrived in politics, law, business, entertainment, sports, journalism, and more, enabling them to successfully impact American culture in a positive manner.

The exhibit features traditional art that Ukrainian immigrants brought to America including regional styles of costumes, sculptures, paintings, over 1,000 Ukrainian Easter eggs (pysanky), ritual cloths which were used during life passages, pottery, woodcarvings as well as large scanned historical photographs of Ukrainian settlers and famous persons of Ukrainian descent.

The exhibit introduces visitors to Ukraine via a map and brief historic information, and references explaining symbolism and motifs are displayed throughout the gallery.

The exhibit runs through Sunday, June 16.

Special group tour information is available by calling the exhibit curator, Dzvinka Hayda at the Ukrainian American Archives and Museum at (313) 366-9764.

The Community Gallery at the Detroit Historical Museum is supported by **the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs** and **the National Endowment for the Arts**.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Midtown Detroit, is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$5 at all times. Group tour pricing and information is available by calling (313) 833-1733. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, the *Allesee Gallery of Culture*, *Kid Rock Music Lab*, *Doorway to Freedom: Detroit and the Underground Railroad*, *Detroit: The "Arsenal of Democracy,"* the *Gallery of Innovation*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *America's Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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