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TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN PRESENTATION SET MARCH 10

EUGENE -- A presentation of local Ukrainian crafts and traditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge at the University of Oregon.

"A Celebration of Ukrainian Folk Traditions in Lane County, Oregon" will feature music, traditional foods, displays of embroidery and inlaid woodworking, and a demonstration of Easter egg painting.

All exhibits will feature the work of the local Ukrainian community. The event is free and open to the public.

"This is a very vibrant ethnic community of about 1,000 people in the area," said Sandi Serling, exhibit organizer and UO graduate student in folklore and ethnic studies. As part of her studies, Serling has been interviewing and researching Ukrainians in Lane County for the past year. The presentation is the culmination of her field work.

A slide and tape show on the lives and customs of the Ukrainians produced by Serling will highlight the presentation.

"No other folklorist has worked with a Ukrainian community in the United States, so this show is a first in that respect," Serling said. "They have been an oppressed people but have survived through their nationalism, strongly expressed in their traditions."

The Ukraine, an independent republic from 1918 to 1921, is located in the southwestern region of the Soviet Union. It has been under Soviet rule since 1921 as a separate republic. With a population of about 47 million, it is the "breadbasket of the Soviet Union," supplying the country with grain and produce.

Serling's work was funded by a grant from the Oregon Committee for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by the Russian and Eastern European Studies Program at the university.