

This September is the first-ever NOVA SCOTIA POLISH HERITAGE MONTH!

Hashtag #WitamyNS (*"Witamy" means welcome!*)

It's a month packed with activities by local organizations, universities, libraries, schools, and businesses. We extend a warm welcome!

MONTH LONG

- Beaton Institute (CBU) series of Facebook profiles – archival vignettes from Cape Breton's Polish community that you can find in the extensive Beaton Institute collection
- Series of on-line Facebook videos by Cape Breton Regional Library (authors, traditions, and more)
- Virtual celebration on the website of the Halifax Regional Library: halifaxpubliclibraries.ca and Polish book tables at Halifax Central Library
- Weekday "One-Minute Polish Podcasts" on NS Polish Heritage Month themes: The Coast Radio (FM 89.7 in the CBRM) @ 3:50 and 7:50 p.m. or any time at coastalradio.ca
- Book displays and Polish heritage resource lists at branches of the South Shore Regional Library
- Design consultation on a proposed future optional specialized Nova Scotia Polish heritage license plate – various platforms
- Polish book table at Indigo Bayers Lake

DAY-BY-DAY

Tues., Sept. 1: Release of video message for Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month by the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia: lt.gov.ns.ca.

Sat., Sept. 5, 11 am to 12 noon: Memorial at monument outside Pier 21, followed by cemetery visits in Sackville. Hosted by Polish Emigration Memorial Society. By registration (gathering restrictions), for subsequent broadcast.

Mon., Sept. 7: "Moja Polska" Creative Contest deadline. Info: www.facebook.com/polskaNS/

Tues., Sept. 8, 4:35 p.m.: Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month will be featured on the "People's School on Community Leadership," CBC Radio One-Mainstreet Cape Breton.

Fri., Sept. 11, 4 to 7 p.m.; and Sat., Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Drop by any time during those hours for a special exhibit featuring photographer Kris Tynski at the Polish Village Hall, Whitney Pier (with physical distancing). Textiles and costumes will also be on display. Free of charge. Hosted by the Pogoria Polish Folk Ensemble and St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society.

Sat., Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Polish take-out dinner at St. Mary's Polish Church (pierogies and cabbage rolls). Advance tickets required (\$10); no sales at door (563-1226; tom_urbaniak@cbu.ca).

Sat., Sept. 12: Pierogi-making and delivery in Halifax Regional Municipality; pickle taste-off. More details to follow on www.facebook.com/polskaNS/.

Sun., Sept. 13, 4 p.m.: Facebook Live Concert of Polish pop and traditional music by Paul Lenarczyk: facebook.com/polskaNS

Sat., Sept. 19: Announcement of winner of the "Moja Polska" Creative Contest

Mon., Sept. 21., 4 p.m.: Free on-line workshop on sister cities featuring the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Walbrzych, Poland. Hosted by Cape Breton University. To register, please call 902-563-1226 or e-mail tom_urbaniak@cbu.ca.

Thurs., Sept. 24, 10:15 a.m.: Free on-line lecture with guest researcher Amanda Chalupa on the dramatic stories of Polish child refugees around the world, who were fleeing war and occupation. Hosted by Cape Breton University's Tompkins Institute. To register, please call 902-563-1226 or e-mail tom_urbaniak@cbu.ca.

Sat., Sept. 26, 7 p.m.: Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month to be featured at the Lunenburg Lit Festival. Tickets: lunenburglitfestival.ca.

Tues., Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Highland Arts Theatre. Film screening (free-will offering) with physical distancing: *Memory is Our Homeland* – a beautiful film about Polish child migrants in the countries of East Africa and their Canadian connections. Hosted by the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society with the support of the CBU Tompkins Institute.

Wed., Sept. 30, 11 a.m. Unveiling of a permanent monument to honour the Polish community of Glace Bay at Dawe St. recreation field. Info: 902-563-1226; e-mail: eddiemichalik@gmail.com

Please stay up to date on activities for Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month on the Facebook pages of the Polish Village Hall (St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society), the Polish Canadian Society of Nova Scotia, St. Mary's Polish Parish, and the Atlantic Canada District of the Canadian Polish Congress.

