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Announcing the FPA 2022 Annual Szopka Competition

*Hosted by the
Polish Art Center*

Szopka Competition rules, instructions and templates can be found on our website: www.friendsofpolishart.org under 'COMPETITIONS' - "Szopka Competitions"

Szopki are to be dropped off at the
Polish Art Center, 9539 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck, MI
Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 12 to 4 pm.

Awards presentation on Sunday, December 11, at 3 pm.
Please contact B. Malski if you have any questions bjmalski@gmail.com

**Adult and Child Category Prizes
A Fun Project for All Ages**

Notice of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- (1) **General Membership Meeting – December 2nd**
American Polish Cultural Center- 6 to 9pm
Refreshments will be provided

- (2) **FPA Wigilia Celebration –December 17th**
American Polish Cultural Center – 5 to 9 pm

Please see page 3 for details. Perfectly priced for you, your family and friends to celebrate a traditional Wigilia in a beautiful holiday setting.

- (3) **Annual Officers and Directors Election Meeting - January 29th**
APCC – 6 to 9pm

Details on election procedure in the December-January Newsletter.
Please consider running for a position. It is a great way to support the Friends of Polish Art as we move into 2023.

Your participation and voting contributes
to the success of the FPA.

*Meeting
Reminder!*



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Dear Members and Friends,

Today, as 2022 comes to a close, we are beginning to experience the joy of the holiday season. This is the time of the year when within our **Polish values and traditions** that our kindness to all is most deeply extended. For many of us the fullest expression of those feelings is the **Wigilia** when we gather with friends, family and sometimes even with perfect strangers to celebrate and remember. Although the Wigilia is certainly associated with Christmas Eve it is also celebrated many times throughout the month of December and sometimes beyond.

It is the 'spirit of the Wigilia' that we look forward to celebrating many times throughout December. Why do we have so many Wigilia celebrations? Perhaps, as Charles Dicken's in his universally beloved novel (available in Polish translation) 'A Christmas Carol' wrote: **"We choose this time, because it is a time, of all others, when Want is most keenly felt, and Abundance rejoices."**

I recently had the opportunity at a Polish Independence Day celebration to really experience how important our Polish tradition of helping those who are less fortunate is deeply appreciated. A Ukrainian woman, who represented various Ukrainian relief groups throughout Detroit, spoke to us in deeply emotional and moving words how truly grateful to Poland and Polonians the Ukrainian community is. For many Ukrainians and others, the pain of separation, loss, and sadness will be most keenly felt during the upcoming Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity wherever and however you share it will mean everything.

Today, our immediate family, friends and acquaintances are often multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-religious. This is not unique to our community or to America. It is increasing descriptive of today's Poland- as well as historic Poland to varying degrees since the 14th century. Consequently, we will have many unique opportunities to share our Polish traditions and at the same time to experience, enjoy and appreciate the traditions of others during this holiday season.

I would like to close by inviting you to attend our Friends of Polish Art Wigilia on December 17th at the American Polish Cultural Center.

Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!

Frank J. Dmuchowski





Friends of Polish Art

Cordially invites you, your family and friends to our

Wigilia

Saturday, December 17, 2022

American Polish Cultural Center

*2975 E. Maple Road
Troy, Michigan*

Welcome 5:00 PM

Traditional Christmas Eve Meal 6:00 PM

Limited Seating: please respond by Saturday, December 10th

Adult Tickets \$50 each if postmarked by November 30

After November 30, \$60 each

**Patrons \$85*

**Benefactors \$125*


Child under 12 years \$25

Children under 4 free

Make Checks Payable to Friends of Polish Art

**name mentioned in the program*

Information and Reservations: Brian Malski (248) 217-5951
Gift Baskets, Raffle, Caroling, Cash Bar



October 12, 2022

Dear Friends of Polish Art,

My husband Mel and I are lifetime members. We haven't gotten to Michigan much to participate. I speak several times per year with Henrietta Nowakowski and Mary Ellen Tysza. You have always been the Dom Polski for my family: Stanley & Gertrude Wieckowska-Wachtel, Estelle Wachtel Torres and myself, and my family and sisters. The Detroit/FPA community has always been a welcoming shelter for us.

Thank you for being there and keeping us as members for three generations. I do try to pass on Polish culture and customs to the next generation. It's because of the support of the Polish community that we have assimilated. Of course, once assimilated, we forget where we came from. This year is difficult. My grandfather was born in Lwow (Poland, Galicia, Austria and now Ukraine.) It is hard watching the conflict. The generosity of the Polish country people is outstanding. They are living up to the commandment to love others as we love ourselves, central value of my Polish/Catholic and Torah affiliations.

I/we wish you joy, peace and blessings throughout the year. Sto lat.

Mary Wachtel-Torres de Pearlman



Pastry by Irena Srodek



Photos by Alicja Karlic

Sunshine Committee Report (October 26 to December 31, 2022):

Anniversary Wishes--STO LAT!--Stella Szczesny and Tom Schemanski

Congratulations!--STO LAT!--Birthday Wishes to:

Frank Dmuchowski
Joan Ozog
Deborah Siegel
Lydia Dyhdalo
Agnes Rosowski Bongero

Walter Machniak
Marcia Lewandowski
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If you know of any significant member anniversaries, celebrations or passing, kindly email the information to the FPA Sunshine Chair, Marcia Lewandowski at marciasdancinstuff@att.net

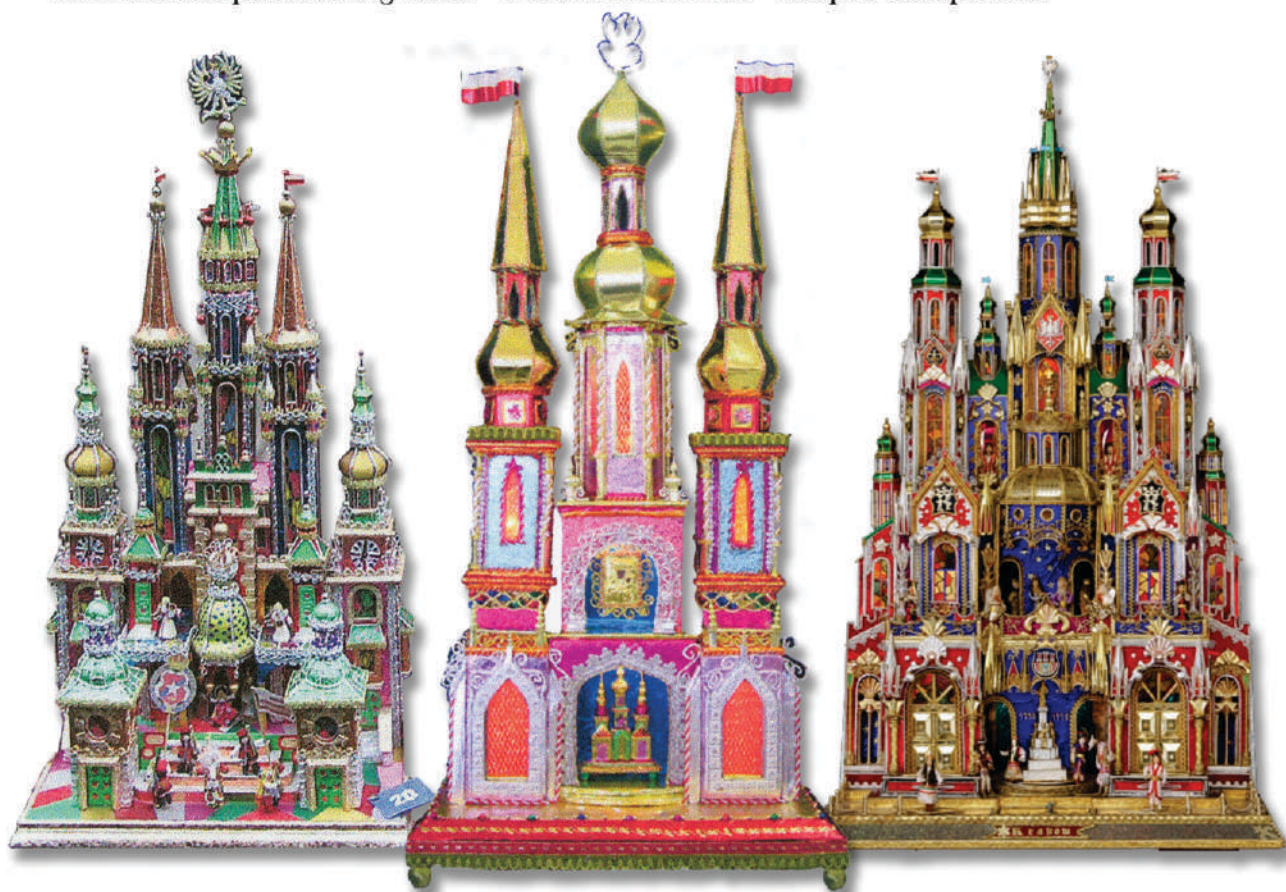


FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

2022 ANNUAL SZOPKA COMPETITION

Hosted by The Polish Art Center

- * Adult category prize: \$150 - Children and Youth category prize: \$50
- * All first, second and third place winners in all categories will receive an award certificate...and the top 2 entries in all categories will be exhibited at the FPA Wigilia on Saturday, December 17, 2022.
- * Szopka entries to be displayed at The Polish Art Center, 9539 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212
- * Construction Tips, Templates and Rules are available on the FPA website www.friendsofpolishart.org under "COMPETITIONS"- Szopka Competition



A Viewer's Choice Award also will be given by The Polish Art Center voted by visitors to the Center. The winners will be announced on Sunday, December 11, 2022

The prizes consist of First Choice: \$100, Second Choice: \$50 and Third Choice: \$25 Gift Certificates

SUBMISSION DATE: Sunday, Nov. 27 - 12:00 to 4:00 pm

AWARD PRESENTATION: Sunday, Dec. 11 - 3:00 pm

Submission and presentation location is at The Polish Art Center

Friends of Polish Art reserves the right to add additional prize money in the event of a large number of entrants.



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Wesołych Świąt

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*Henrieta Nowakowski beside General Haller monument
during dedication sponsored by PICR (Polish Institute for
Culture and Research) at Orchard Lake*

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