

The World of Bead Designs by Maria Rypan

June 10th through August 30th, 2008

June 10th, 2008 -- 7:00 P.M. – Opening of the exhibit with a presentation about Ukrainian national traditions in beadweaving and a look at the designs and selections of “gerdany” from Maria Rypan’s collection.



In Ukraine, the art of beadwork can be traced to the times of Kyivan Rus. The designs, blending of colors, and various forms evolved over hundreds of years along with the history and culture of the Ukrainian nation. They reflect original national traits along with local, artistic traditions. The geometric designs, which emerged from ancient times, are characteristic symbols through which a person can express his/her world view. Accordingly, the horizontal lines symbolize the earth; the wavy lines symbolize water; the shape of the cross represents fire; the diamond, circle, or square shape symbolizes the sun. Some of these designs took on a protective function as well and were found on articles of clothing and objects of daily use.



Learn the beauty of this national tradition and create a “gerdan” by taking a class with Maria Rypan.

June 11th (Wednesday)
6:30- 8:30 P.M.

“Netting Intro and Motifs”

- The first steps in the making of a simple gerdan. Learn about color placement, forms, and motifs.
- Fee \$35 + kit



June 12th (Thursday)
6:30- 8:30 P.M.

“Netted V’s or Twigs”

- Move step by step from a simple to a more complex design following a pattern and the imagination.
- Fee \$35 + kit

June 11th and 12th
(two days)

Special Two Day series
-- Fee \$60 + kits



See more of Maria Rypan’s beadwork and designs and find more information about workshops by visiting her website <http://www.rypandesigns.com>. Advance registration is required. Additional information is available by contacting the museum at 312-421-8020. Please make checks payable to the Ukrainian National Museum.