

STRYJEK, Dmytro



Dmytro Stryjek was born in Lanivtsi, Ukraine on November 5, 1899, and moved to Canada, to the town of Vonda, Saskatchewan, in 1921.

Working for the Canadian National Railway for 38 years, he lived in various areas of Saskatchewan, although mainly in Hafford. He retired in 1965, and moved to Saskatoon shortly after.

Over the years, Dmytro painted pictures in his spare time, giving them away to friends and relatives. After retiring, he spent more time on his art, attracting the attention of Peter Millard, a Professor at the University of Saskatchewan, who later became head of the English Department. Dr. Millard helped to promote Stryjek's work, and published a biography called, *Stryjek: Trying the Colors*, which was published by Fifth House Press

(ISBN 0-920079-39-3) in 1988.

Stryjek's work was exhibited in a number of galleries, including the Mendel Art Gallery, Shoestring Gallery and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. The Thunder Bay Art Gallery organized a two-year national tour of some of his work. His works are still represented in many major galleries in Canada as well as in private collections.

Dmytro Stryjek died on Tuesday, March 5, 1991, at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his first wife and son, and was survived by his second wife.

He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Block 33RC, Lot 11.



(An example of Stryjek's art)

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