

Remembrance Day at the Serbian Heritage Museum:

# Centennial of the Great War & the Internment



*MCathy Diklich explaining the internment to the children*

**I**t was 80 years ago, on a cold wintry day, such as this one that Serbs across Canada opened their mail boxes to find their first copy of "Glas Kanade", dated December 27, 1934.

The Serbian Heritage Museum of Windsor, which had participated in the nationwide 'wave of remembrance' with the unveiling of a memorial plaque and seminar commemorating the centennial of Canada's first national internment operations, continued its exhibit and program of remembrance throughout the fall.

As part of the ongoing educational program, the Museum invited Gracanica Serbian Orthodox Church Sunday School students to learn about the internment. On the evening before Remembrance Day the children viewed the documentary film *Freedom Had a Price* about Canadian internment camps during World War I. Prior to being given background information about the film, the students were asked to share any knowledge they had about World War I. They

did so with great enthusiasm! After viewing the film, there was further discussion and a question and answer session.

Cathy Diklich, a member of WWI Internment exhibit committee, guided the children in their understanding of the Great War and the sad events that had occurred in our country Canada. It was a wonderful, educational evening and the students learned more about the War and both Canadian and Serbian history.

On Remembrance Day November 11, the Museum was open from 10-4pm to receive many visitors who were part of the Serbian Centre's Veteran's Day luncheon and who toured the Museum where they learned about the internment in Canada and how the War had affected the Serbs on both sides of the ocean. Thanks go to Cathy Diklich for teaching the children and to both Julka Vljajic and Cathy Diklich for their time and dedication in guiding visitors through the Museum's centennial exhibit.

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