

fought with the *chetniks*, a Serbian guerrilla force, in the Balkan Wars (1912–13) and in World War I, and after the conquest (1941) of Yugoslavia in World War II he headed the revived *chetnik* forces. His successful operations earned him promotion to general and appointment (1942) as minister of war by the Yugoslav government-in-exile.

General Mihajlovic was captured by the Tito's communist authorities and tried on charges of collaboration and treason. In 1946, the communists executed him as a war criminal.

Among the Serbs he is recognised as a true hero.



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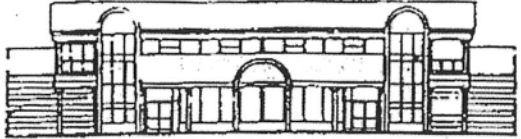
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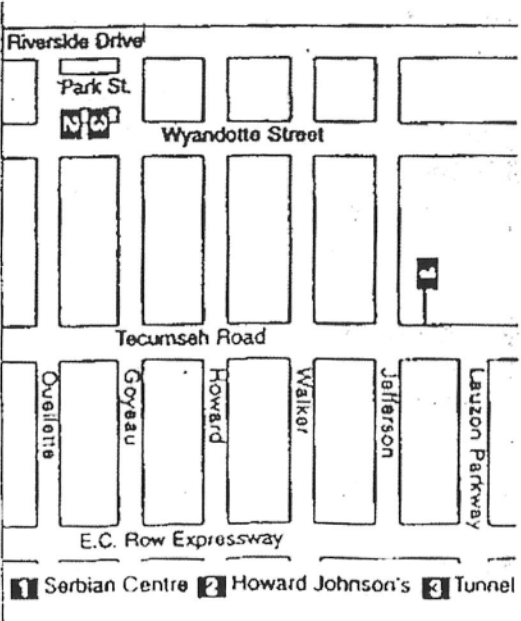
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**Serbian Heritage Museum of Windsor**

**Presents:**



**Exhibit:  
From the Serbian  
past**

**April 18 to June 9, 2006**

## FROM THE SERBIAN PAST

The purpose of this exhibit is to show a selection of historic moments from the Serbian past, as well as, to pay tribute to some great Serbs.

1) St. Sava is the Serbian patron saint. There is a deeply rooted belief that he is a protector of Serbs and children. January 27 is the school Slava, St. Sava day. Serbs celebrate that day. This year is 660<sup>th</sup>. year since the death of St. Sava.

2) Serbian folk music traditions. In its background there are traces from distant Slavic roots which Serbs brought with them to the Balkans. There are also traces from their neighbours and of course from the conquering Turks who dominated over Serbia for nearly 500 years.

3) The appearance of the printing press in medieval Montenegro, the last free state on the Balkans before the Turkish invasion, represents a specific cultural phenomenon in European scales.

The first book to emerge from this printing shop was *Oktoih prvoglasnik* which occurred in January 1494.

### 4) Tsar Dusan

Dušan was the only true tsar of Serbia; he created and was the only ruler of the Serbian Empire. Under his rule Serbia reached its territorial peak and was one of the larger states in Europe. Apart from territorial gains, in 1349 and 1354 he made and enforced Dušan's Code. He is also the only ruler from the house of Nemanjić not canonized as a saint. He was also a man of gigantic proportions, and according to Papal ambassadors he was the tallest man of his time, probably being close to 7 ft. tall.

5) The **Nemanjic** Dynasty traced its descent from Stefan Nemanja, who, as *veliki zupan*, or grand chieftain, of the Serb region of Raška from 1169 to 1196

**Obrenovic** family provided Serbia with five rulers between 1815 and 1903.

**Karadjordjevic** rulers descended from the Serbian rebel leader Karadjordje). It rivalled the Obrenovic dynasty for control of Serbia during the 19th century and ruled that country as well as its successor state, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes (called

Yugoslavia after 1929), in 1842–58 and 1903–45.

6) The origin of Serbian embroidery has its roots in ancient Slavic design and it has been deeply influenced by the historical life of the people. So there are traces of Byzantine and also Middle Eastern as well as Central European.

Easter Eggs are decorated and dyed eggs prepared for the day of Easter. Serbs and other Orthodox communities make them to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

### 7) 150 anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth

Nikola Tesla - physicist, electrical engineer and alternating current inventor.

Serbian-born American physicist, electrical engineer and alternating current inventor Nikola Tesla was a pioneer in conducting alternating current electricity, the type that power companies supply to homes today. Much of his time in America was spent with American industrialist George Westinghouse, who bought and successfully developed Tesla's patents.

8) Mihajlović, Draža or Dragoljub (1893–1946), a Serbian soldier. He