The Mennonite Centre Heritage Club presents…

Meeting Our Ancestors in Poland

Former Mennonite Home in the Vistula Delta Map of Gdansk and the Vistula Delta

Last June, Marg Benner, Aldred Neufeldt and Erna Neufeldt went on a heritage tour of former Mennonite communities in Gdansk, Poland, and the adjacent Vistula Delta. It was here that some five centuries earlier, their Mennonite ancestors from the Netherlands had sought freedom from religious persecution. Around the beginning of the nineteenth century, they had answered the call of Russia's Catherine the Great to settle lands in what is now Ukraine. Wherever they went, Mennonites reclaimed or tilled new land, achieving prosperity and a robust cultural and religious life. In Poland, as in Russia, this all came to an end at the conclusion of World War II.

Mennonites have left many reminders of their life in Poland, and there has been renewed interest in preserving and commemorating their contributions. Please join us as Marg, Aldred and Erna share their experiences of this venture into their ancestral history.

Monday, April 9, 2018

10:30 am

Craft Room

St. Clair-O'Connor Community

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