

Museum to open 'Hope & Spirit'

In 1948 the Sukys family was deported from Lithuania to the Manski district in the Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia. In a letter, Aldute thanks her aunt for a package in which she received shoes, her brother a wallet, and her sister a fountain pen.

In the "Hope & Spirit" exhibit, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski Road, has two photographs of the Sukys family, 20 letters written by the parents and 11 letters written by the children.

This is just a small part of the 218 original photographs, 157 original letters and 71 envelopes from Siberia, that are on display. All of these items, and many others on display, are extremely rare. Many of these letters had been sent to London, England, Sydney, Australia, Chicago, Illinois, Toronto, Ontario, North Bay, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec, from across wide swaths



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The "Hope & Spirit" series is dedicated to the millions

of victims of Soviet deportations—the men, women and children from all Soviet-occupied nations and of all nationalities, religions, and races—who suffered two profound indignities: the brutality of forced exile, imprisonment, starvation, torture, and genocide and the injustice of the subsequent denial, minimization and suppression of their suffering and victimization.

This is a multi-faceted program with historical exhibits, historical documentation, art exhibits, photography exhibits, lectures, films, personal reminiscences, poetry and deportee letter readings. Detailed information can be found at plioplys.com/current-exhibits.php and balzekasmuseum.org/pages/hope_and_spirit_exhibition.html.

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