

Ukrainian egg decorating tips - as shown by Baba

Ukrainian Easter egg decorating is more than an intricate handicraft; it's a folk art that carries great significance relating to the coming of spring.

Free Ukrainian Easter egg-painting demonstrations and displays will be held at

through to April 6, during mall hours and on the waterfront at Steveston Landing in historic Steveston during Easter weekend (April 6-8) between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. (weather permitting).

The technique and history of this beautiful ancient art form will be demonstrated as will some of the tradition and culture surrounded

of Baba's Beeswax will lead the demonstrations. She learned the tradition of Ukrainian egg decorating more than 30 years ago from her grandmother, whom she called Baba.

Responding to the growing interest in this popular and rewarding art form, Brander has conducted many successful workshops over the years.

(named for her Baba and for the significance of beeswax in the technique of Pysanky) was hatched from the lively designs that brought ordinary eggshells to life.

Eggs are decorated with motifs in the technique known as "wax resist". The symbols, designs and patterns are applied with a stylus containing melted beeswax. The eggs are

dyes, and at the end of the process, the beeswax is removed to reveal the colorful shell. The eggs are emptied and varnished to prevent fading and odor.

Joan will not only provide a brief and informative history of the art, but will also show visitors how to tackle this technique.

More information is available by calling 275-