

2012 Spring Newsletter

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Ancient legends say that "as long as pysanky are made, evil shall not prevail over good in the world".

Pysanky Kits and Supplies—beeswax, kistka and dyes

Anyone from 7 to 97 can enjoy making pysanky. This art is easy, affordable and very forgiving. All you need is the appropriate instructions and proper tools and supplies.

Beginners can get started by purchasing a Basic Kit.

The Basic Kit contains all the supplies you need to make Pysanky the traditional way:

Step-by-Step Instructions—a colorful pamphlet of diagrams, helpful hints, brief history on the tradition of pysanky, symbols and their meanings, important information and dozens of sample designs

Beeswax—there is enough beeswax to make many (at least a dozen) pysanky of a basic design. Use only pure beeswax. Additional blocks can be purchased separately

Kistka—these are sturdy and will last indefinitely if used properly. Wooden handle or plastic? see below for a comparison

Dyes—the 5 colors in the Kit are the ones used for the step-by-step instructions and can be used for all of the designs in the pamphlet

Cleaning Wire—a useful handy tool to remove unwanted debris from the funnel of the kistka

Money Saving Tip\$—if you're making pysanky with your friends or family, kids for example, rather than purchase 2 Basic Kits, just buy one and add an additional kistka for each additional person and easily share all the other things. The Basic Kit also makes a great gift.

[Look at everything you get!](#)



Kistka—Wooden Handle or Plastic?

Wondering which kistka to buy? There are several types—even electric ones! We like using the traditional method and the ambience of a candle!

The candle-heated variety have either a wooden handle or a plastic handle. The wooden one is hand-made, with a copper funnel that is bound to the handle with wire.

The plastic one is machine-made and has a brass funnel that is imbedded in the handle.

Both models work the same way and do the same job. We prefer the wooden handled ones for beginners, children and overall. Let "price" help you with your decision.



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When is Easter?

In 2012, Good Friday is on April 6, 2012. Easter Sunday is on April 8, 2012.

New Product from Baba's Beeswax

Baba's Beeswax has fun, activities, gift, and grab bag all packaged into one neat little product—their new Pysanky Party Kits. These kits have everything your child needs for a party with friends and can be used for a theme-based birthday party take-home grab bag!

How will this work for you? Everyone has his/her own beeswax, kistka, instructions and colored designs. You have one set of dyes pre-mixed for the party, and the

unused dye packets go home with the child along with the other tools and the best present of all—a beautiful **handmade pysanka.** Birthdays don't get happier than that!

Joan Brander of Baba's Beeswax has been giving pysanky workshops for over 20 years (since 1991). One of her favorites is birthday pysanky parties. Share your birthday party ideas with her!

The Biggest Pysanka Birthday Party Ever!

One busy spring, just when Jacob was turning 12 years old, our family business was offering yet another hands-on pysanky **event at a shopping centre.** Jacob's annual woeful lament about spring workshops interfering with and/or superseding every birthday party he ever had his whole life did not fall on deaf ears. Joan planned a BIG birthday surprise. At 12:00 noon she halted everything, announced the



12th birthday, had a BIG birthday cake with 12 BIG candles (the size used for pysanky) and had a BIG party in the mall. Hundreds of shoppers and passers-by joined in singing "Happy Birthday" and offered kind words and greetings in a BIG birthday card. Jacob passed cake around. Strangers even

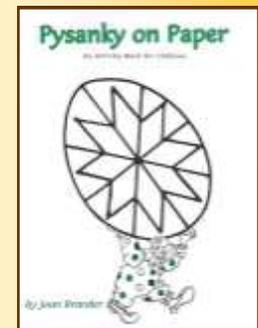
bought presents! One elderly gentleman was also having a birthday that day and appreciated the public display of affection.

That was the biggest birthday pysanka party ever! Your birthday is

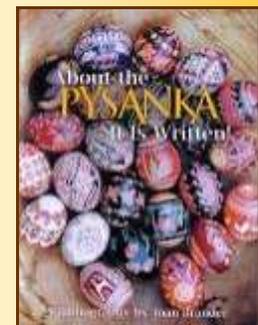
coming up again, Jacob, as are more workshops. Happy Birthday!



Children's Activity Book



Unique Bibliography



More About Pysanky

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There is so much more about pysanky to share with you:

- workshops by pysanky expert and best-selling author Joan Brander
- how about a pysanka party?
- fun making pysanky in the community and at festivals
- therapy and relaxation with pysanky
- **children's activity book and unique bibliography**
- pysanky hints and tips

But all of this is beyond the scope of this newsletter. So please:

- go to our website to discover the magic of pysanky
- or contact us by email or phone. **We'd love to talk with you and are happy to share our expertise and knowledge**

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Everything you need to make beautiful pysanky the traditional way!