Ukranian method

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ending with dark, the beeswax is used before each dye application to delineate the areas where the dye should not take, thus forming the design.

A basic design is drawn on the egg with the kistka filled with beeswax. To make the wax flow from the kistka, Mrs. Seith held it next to a burning candle. Sometimes she said she will draw the design first in pencil, then go over it with the kistka. The part of the egg covered with beeswax will remain white. Then the

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s clow first ext another design is drawn, this time marking that which will and characteristic dyes is used, and another design drawn on. Next red dye is used, and then another design and finally a black dye is used. Red or black is usually the final color in true pysanky. The number of colors and the order in which they are used may vary.

When all the dyeing is completed, the wax is removed by holding the egg close to the candle and then just wiping it off with paper toweling. Mrs. Seith said that sometimes you forget the earlier drawings you've made, so it is at this moment that you get the total picture, with the yellow, orange and red layers showing through.

Mrs. Seith suggests spraying the final finished egg with a glaze. "This helps preserve them so they don't crack." She also suggests storing the eggs in a room which has a constant temperature, and says, "They will last indefinitely." She has some eggs which are five years old.

When asked why she uses a raw egg, she said she does it to the pansky "original." She said she has lost very few eggs, although occasionally one will leak, or will get broken in storage. Some people put a pin prick in one end to help gasses escape, she said, but eventually any egg will dry out on its own. For those who are timid about working with a raw egg, she says the shells can be blown out and the holes covered with the beeswax used in the decorating process.

Mrs. Seith said she likes to use jumbo eggs, but says, "any kind of egg can be used. It is better if the egg has not been washed commercially because sometimes it won't take dye properly." She added that one of the superstitions of the pysanky is that the first egg a hen lays is the best to use.

Mrs. Seith, whose mother was born in Poland, says she enjoys the craft because it gives her a chance to work at a craft from her heritage. She said pysanky was not made in her home, but she remembers seeing the beautiful eggs as a child and wondering how they were made.

She said many Ukranian people still adhere to the custom, and there has been a revival among Ukranian settlements, particularly in the mid-west. The art stopped completely during the second World War because of the shortage of eggs, but otherwise has continued, and gains in popularity.

Mrs. Seith, who lived on a Wisconsin dairy farm with her parents until fourth grade, has lived in Lancaster for six years. She said she enjoys doing things with her hands, and about once or twice a year gives. a demonstration of pysanky. She also does crewel embroidery and sews for herself. She has two daughters. Linda, 20, and Laurie, 15, both of whom have learned to decorate pysanky from their mother. The Seiths have a son, I)avid, 18.

Mrs. Seith formerly worked as a teacher, and is now a teacher's aide in kindergarten and fifth grade.

One of the most popular legends about pysanky according to Mrs. Seith that a poor peddler was on his way to market to sell a basket of eggs and came upon a crowd which was mocking a man carrying a cross. The peddlar set his basket down on the road and helped the man carry the cross. The man, of course, was Jesus; the peddlar, Simon. It is said that when Simon returned to his basket he discovered the beautifully decorated eggs, the first pysanky.

Another long-held superstitution about the pysanky is that somewhere there is a monster chained to a huge cliff, and his servants count the number of pysanky in the world. If few eggs are made, he can break his chain and cause much evil in the world. However, if many pysanky are made, his chains will tighten and there will be little evil. Mrs. Seith said the superstition says that if the custom of pysanky comes to an end, the monster will break his chains and destroy the world. The Ukranians also dyed hard cooked eggs, as we do

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