

HISTORY OF THE
NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
OF THE
CARPATHO-RUSYN
SOCIETY



1999 to 2004

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Chapter Founding

New Jersey area C-RS members began talking about founding a local chapter in 1998. In order to "test the waters" and see how many people would be interested in participating in a local chapter, they organized a presentation on Lemko Rusyn history at the Clifton Public Library in Clifton, New Jersey, on March 22, 1998.

The event featured C-RS Member *Susyn Mihalasky*, who spoke on the topic of the 1947 "Vistula" Operation population resettlement that expelled Lemko Rusyns from their homeland. *Michalina Mihalasky*, Susyn's mother and a survivor of the resettlement, then spoke about her personal experiences as a 12 year old. Their talks also featured a slide show of historic documents, Mihalasky family photos and photos from the Rusyn homeland. The successful event drew over 55 non C-RS members, as well as members from as far away as eastern Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut.

The enthusiastic response to the March 1998 event motivated the C-RS members in New Jersey to begin planning for a local chapter of the National C-RS. The initial efforts, between April 1998 and July 1999, involved assembling a committee of volunteers to discuss possible programs and events, to find a place to hold meetings and most importantly to determine a way to discover what C-RS members would expect from a local chapter. This resulted in a survey questionnaire to determine how many people in the "tristate area" (New Jersey, New York and Connecticut) were interested in forming a chapter and what types of activities they wanted to see. The organizing committee began to meet in the Clifton Public Library. The city of Clifton was the logical choice for a meeting site because of its location in the heart of the industrialized northeastern part of New Jersey, and the nearby cities such as Passaic, Paterson and Garfield. Turn of the century Rusyn immigrants settled in these cities in large numbers because of the textile mills and factories. Their descendants are still concentrated in northern and central New Jersey.

In August 1999 the organizing committee sent out its now ready survey questionnaire to C-RS members in New Jersey, New York and lower Connecticut, along with an announcement of the committee's intention to found a local C-RS chapter. After receiving a very positive response, it was decided to hold its inaugural Chapter event on Nov. 7, 1999.

The event featured *CR-S President John Righetti* speaking on Carpatho Rusyn history, identity and culture.

The founders of the New Jersey Chapter many of whom presently serve or have served as the Chapter's officers since 1999 are: Joyce Barr, Len Berdy, Philip Beskid, Alex Bidnik, Jr., Jerry Chanda, Ed Hlipala, Edward Holovach, Lee and Michael Hrehovcik, John Kary, Andrea Kaufman, John Kirpan, John Mihalasky, Susyn Mihalasky, Susan Opihory, and Mildred and Alex Peto.



MISSION STATEMENT

Since its inception, the Chapter has maintained a vigorous schedule, offering historical lectures, cultural events, genealogical programs, films, picnics, road trips to local historic attractions of interest to Rusyns, as well as musical attractions, dinners and other social events.

Guest speakers have come from as far away as Europe to speak about the latest events in the Rusyn homeland. American guest speakers have reminisced about their Rusyn American childhoods or their experiences in the homeland. Authors have discussed their latest Rusyn related publications, scholars have presented their latest research and genealogists have assisted members in discovering family heritage.

Cultural outreach and education are important elements of the Chapter's activities. Chapter members have brought information about Rusyns to heritage festivals in the New Jersey cities of Clifton, Trenton and Wayne as well as to the annual picnic of Three Saints Orthodox Church in Garfield. The Chapter has also "flown the flag" at several New York and eastern Pennsylvania festivals that include Shenandoah's "Parade of Nations" and Manhattan's "Czechoslovak Independence Day".

The Chapter also mounted displays of Rusyn cultural artifacts at the Garfield, Clifton and Wayne Public Libraries. The Chapter's traveling cultural display was collected and assembled by C-RS members *Len Berdy, Jerry Chanda, Lee Hrehovcik and Susan Opihory*.



Chapter Activities

Inaugural meeting "Who are the Rusyns?" November 7, 1999

John Righetti, President of the National Carpatho-Rusyn Society, delivered the Chapter's inaugural address entitled, "Who Are the Rusyns?" The address was an introduction to Carpatho-Rusyn history, identity and culture. This program, attended by over 100 people, also featured David S. Cohen, Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission's Ethnic History Program, who encouraged C-RS members to preserve their past by collecting oral histories. This inaugural meeting was held at the Clifton Public Library in Clifton, New Jersey

Rusyn Easter Traditions March 5, 2000

Planning Committee member *Lee Hrehovcik* discussed her family's Easter traditions and prepared some of the traditional foods eaten at Easter for participants to taste. Hrehovcik recalled the holiday customs and traditions of her childhood, while regretting that knowledge of the old ways was vanishing with each passing generation. Meanwhile two volunteers demonstrated the art of "pysanky". This program was held at the Cultural Center of SS. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Passaic, New Jersey.

"Growing up Rusyn in New York City" June 24, 2000

Edward Kasinec, a Rusyn who is the director of the Slavic Languages Collection of the Manhattan based New York Public Library, discussed his boyhood in New York City. He emphasized the importance of having a positive and sustaining sense of ethnic identity. Kasinec is the son of Carpatho-Rusyn immigrants from the town of Serechn'oje, Uzh County, in Subcarpathian Rus'. This program was held in Paterson, New Jersey.

Video "Stories and Legends of Ladomirova" July 28, 2000

This poignant video featured elderly residents recalling life in Ladomirova, Czechoslovakia during two world wars and the communist takeover. Produced in Slovakia, the videotape is in the Rusyn and Slovak languages with English subtitles. This program was held at the Wayne Public Library in Wayne, New Jersey.

Gabriel Hattinger August 5, 2000

Mr. Hattinger, a member of the Hungarian Parliament, has represented Hungary at the World Congress of Rusyns. He spoke of the largely favorable treatment of the Rusyn minority in Hungary and contrasted it with that of Ukraine, where Rusyns are still not recognized as a distinct national minority and are denied fundamental rights. C-RS Member *Kathy Mihaly* provided the English translation of his address that was delivered in the Rusyn language. This program was held at the Clifton Public Library.

Clifton Community Festival August 26, 2000

The Chapter set up a four table display of Rusyn culture, genealogy and maps at the Clifton, annual community festival, "All-In-A-Day 2000," held at the Clifton City Hall grounds. C-RS members *Tom Peters* and *Ed Hlipala* contributed Rusyn items for display. C-RS members *John Mihalasky* and *Susan Opihory* were interviewed by local press and on the next day a lengthy article titled "A People Recall Their Eastern European Roots" appeared in the North Jersey Herald News.

A Visit to Ellis Island Immigration Museum September 9, 2000

C-RS Members took the ferry to Ellis Island, the chief arrival point for millions of European immigrants coming to the United States between 1900-1914. In the morning half of this day long program, C-RS members listened to two speakers describe the Rusyn immigration experience. The first speaker, Ellis Island Historian *Richard Greene*, gave a general history of the European immigrant experience. The second speaker, C-RS Member *Susyn Mihalasky*, drew on first person accounts to recreate the specific Rusyn immigration experience. In the unstructured afternoon part of the program, C-RS members visited the excellent Ellis Island Immigration Museum and searched for their ancestors' names on the Immigrant "Wall of Honor."

First Annual Fund Raiser November 5, 2000

Jerry Jumba, host of the "Carpatho Rus Radio Program" in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, drew over 100 C-RS members to his "Rusyn Song Fest." Audience members were taught Rusyn songs in English and in Rusyn from a songbook that they were able to retain as a keepsake. This luncheon event was the Chapter's first fundraiser and was held at the Russian Hall in Singac, New Jersey.

"Folklore of Carpathia" December 2, 2000

Dr. Janet Pollock, a professor of Sociology at William Paterson University (Paterson, New Jersey), gave a slide presentation of her various cultural experiences in the Carpathian mountain region. The program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Growing Up in a Rusyn Village" March 25, 2001

Kathy Mihaly, a Rusyn presently residing in Connecticut, gave a presentation that included reminiscences of her childhood and the hard years of World War II in the Rusyn village of Litmanova, Spis County, Slovakia, where she grew up during the 1930's through 1950's. Kathy recalled how villagers struggled to survive many hardships, including the lack of food and the burning of villages. She described her own separation from her father and the return of her father after the war, her escape to America and her initial experiences of life in a new country. She also demonstrated flax spinning and displayed clothing and crafts from her collection. This luncheon program was held at the Russian Hall in Singac.

"The People from No Man's Land" June 2, 2001

This genealogy conference focused on the Carpatho-Rusyns of Austria Hungary and was organized and led by *Thomas A. Peters*, a professional genealogist and C-RS member. *John Righetti*, president of the C-RS also spoke to the subject of Rusyn history while, *Richard Custer*, editor of The New Rusyn Times, displayed his charts of Rusyn parishes in New Jersey with lists of their founders. *Ed Hipala* brought this display of genealogical documents prepared from a large database of Carpatho-Rusyn immigrant members of Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Passaic. This all day conference was held at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Fine Rusyn cuisine was served, Rusyn items were available for purchase and there was also a display of Rusyn costumes.

"Heritage Days" Trenton June 23, 2001

During the annual "Heritage Days" celebration in Trenton, New Jersey, the Chapter set up and manned a table with handouts explaining who Rusyns are, as well as providing C-RS information and membership forms. *Jerry Chanda* and *John Mihalasky* were on hand to greet members of the public and answer any questions.

Cultural Outreach July, September and December, 2001

C-RS members *Susan Opihory* and *Jerry Chanda* set up an educational show of pictures and old treasures of Rusyn heritage, which was on display for the entire month of July at the Garfield, New Jersey public library. The display was assembled from loaned and contributed items provided by local C-RS members. The same traveling display was then set up at Three Saints Russian Orthodox Church in Garfield. Susan and Jerry were surprised to learn how many people were unaware of their Rusyn heritage. A Rusyn Christmas display was set up and on display at the Wayne Public Library during the entire month of December.

Second Annual Fund Raiser, October 7, 2001

John Righetti gave an entertaining talk on "Rusyn Folklore and Superstitions" that focused on the many unique, charming and interesting Rusyn folk customs. The trio "S-Harmony" played and sang Slavic music during the afternoon. Rusyn crafts and other articles were available for purchase. This program included a luncheon and was once again held at the Russian Hall in Singac.

Annual Meeting and Video, "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" November 10, 2001

The Chapter held its annual meeting, which included the Treasurer's Report, a review of the previous year, a discussion of possible future events and the election of officers. Afterwards, the members viewed the video, Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors. An art film produced in 1964, Shadows has English subtitles. This tragic drama follows a "Romeo and Juliet" theme and describes Hutsul life of the eastern Carpathian Mountains in the 14th century. It illustrated the role that superstition played in the life of Rusyn peasants. This meeting was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Rusyn Wooden Churches" December 1, 2001

C-RS member and architect, *Joseph Parimucha*, showed slides of 25 wooden churches that he visited and photographed in northeastern Slovakia when doing research for a chapel he was then in the process of designing for Camp Nazareth in western Pennsylvania. Each church bore the natural aspects of its surrounding village and countryside. Parimucha spoke about their unique architecture as well as the design of the interiors. On exhibit were detailed wooden models of a variety of Rusyn churches constructed by C-RS member, *John Kish*.

"Cultural Clues to Genealogy" March 17, 2002

David Kleinman, a professional genealogy speaker, addressed the group, offering advice on how to successfully trace your ancestors. A luncheon was held at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ.

"The Lemko Legacy" April 20, 2002

Professor *Paul Best* of Southern Connecticut University presented a history of the Lemko people. He made available a variety of printed information about Lemkos, including his recently published book. In addition, a video of a "Vatra" festival in Ukraine was shown to accompany his talk. The program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Report on the World Congress of Rusyns" May 11, 2002

Rich Custer, editor of The New Rusyn Times, and founding member of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, described his experience as a member of the North American delegation to the Sixth World Congress of Rusyns, held in Prague in late October, 2001. He described the events at the Congress, some of the cultural and political issues raised there, as well as the Congress delegates' positive reception of his report on C-RS activities. This program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Visiting the Silver Land" June 8, 2002

Dean Poloka, Vice President of the National C-RS organization, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter and leader of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society's heritage tour of the Carpatho-Rusyn "homeland" in 2002, gave an audiovisual presentation of the highlights of the tour. He described visiting the land of one's ancestors as "the trip of a lifetime." The program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"A Day in Coal Country" September 14, 2002

Chapter members toured a defunct coal mine that has been converted into a museum to experience how their ancestors toiled to earn a living. Coal Mine Historian, *David Kuchta*, addressed the participants about the experience of immigrant coal miners before leading them on a tour of the "Number 9 Mine" in Lansford, Pennsylvania. C-RS members were able to experience for themselves the cold, damp, dark and dangerous working conditions in a mine that was deliberately not "cleaned up" so as to give visitors a realistic experience. The afternoon program, held at Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine in Ashland, Pennsylvania, featured a choral group of retired miners who performed before the tour began.

Presentation of the "Golden Valashka" Award October 6, 2002

The Chapter presented its First Annual Golden Valashka (Shepard's tool i.e. axe - walking stick) award to retired Engineer *Michael Horvath* in honor of his humanitarian efforts on behalf of Rusyns living in what is now Transcarpathia Ukraine. For many years, he cut through bureaucratic red tape to deliver food, medicine and other supplies to the desperately poor people living in western Ukraine. "S-Harmony", brother and sister musicians *Juraj and Silvia Matolack*, played and sang a variety of Slavic and American songs. Chapter Member *Michele Parvensky* provided Rusyn crafts, CD's and other items for sale.

Annual Meeting and Video "Lemko Wedding" November 9, 2002

The Chapter held its annual meeting, heard the Treasurer's Report, reviewed the last year's events and took suggestions for next year's events. Elections were also held. Following the annual meeting, members viewed the Lemko Wedding video, which was introduced by C-RS member *Mary Barker*, whose mother was involved in the making of the 1961 video along with other members of Lemko Soiuz. Homemade refreshments were served at the event, which was held at the Wayne Public Library.



"The Rusyn Churches of Connecticut" March 8, 2003

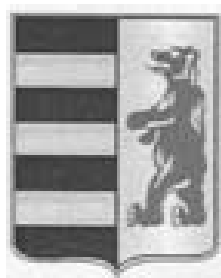
Robert Klancko gave a slide presentation and led a discussion of Rusyn church history in Connecticut between the 1950's to 1990's. His talk focused on the Eastern Orthodox Church in Seymour, CT, which after a brief but active life between 1920 and 1936, is today home to the Russian American Club. He also surveyed eastern Christian life in other Connecticut Rusyn communities located in Ansonia, Oxford and Shelton. Parishioners were often manual laborers who banded together in lodges and benevolent societies before founding churches. This program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Duchnovyc Alive and Well in New Jersey" April 5, 2003

In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Rusyn National Awakener Aleksander Duchnovyc, the Chapter invited University of Maryland Professor, *Elaine Rusinko*, to lead a discussion of the Duchnovyc play, *Virtue is More Important than Riches*. Rusinko, a Professor of Russian Literature at the University of Maryland, translated the play from Rusyn into English, making it one of the very few Duchnovyc works accessible to English-only readers. Chapter members were invited to read the play ahead of time in order to be able to participate in the discussion. Participants felt that Duchnovyc's characters were true to life and still relevant to today's experience. This program was held at the Wayne Public Library.

"Creating a Rusyn Pop Culture" May 10, 2003

Rusyn Congress World Youth Forum Delegate, *Brian Pozun*, spoke about the current state of Rusyn popular culture. He suggested ways in which Rusyn culture could be developed in order to attract more young people and ensure the survival of Rusyns in the 21st century. Rusyn culture has to move beyond genealogy, folk costumes and traditional musical forms into more contemporary forms of expression such as film and more modern themes such as urban life.



"Jump Starting Your Rusyn Genealogical Research"

June 7, 2003

Noted genealogist, author and television personality, *Megan Smolenyak*, led a seminar that focused on how to begin researching one's family. She emphasized how village names could be used in tracking down ancestors as well as the data bases available at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. A delicious lunch of ethnic food was served to seminar participants. The seminar was held at the Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Passaic.

"Kermesh" Picnic Van Saun Park, Paramus July 13, 2003

Chapter members shared good times and good food with their fellow Rusyns at the annual Kermesh that was held at Van Saun Park in Paramus. The weather was perfect a "cool," breezy 80 degree day. Hamburger, hot dogs, and soda were on offer, as well as a variety of tasty homemade treats that included chili, potato salad, strawberry rhubarb crisp and gelatin salad. The picnickers ranged in age from 4 year old *Steven Sedlak* (Clifton, NJ) to 91 year old *Mary Dubowchik* (Little Falls, NJ).

"Parade of Nations" Shenandoah, PA August 23, 2003

Our Chapter participated in the Fifth Annual "Heritage Day" festival in Shenandoah, PA. The small eastern Pennsylvania rural community, an hour from New Jersey border, is home to a large community of Carpatho-Rusyns. Shenandoah is noted for a number of historic "firsts" in Rusyn-American history: The first Greek Catholic Church (1884); the first fraternal serving Rusyn immigrants in American, the St. Nicholas Brotherhood (1885), as well as the first Rusyn newspaper, *Ameryka* (1886/1890). Despite this impressive history of endeavor, however, many area Rusyns are still unaware of their heritage. Chapter volunteers did their part to educate and enlighten.



“Tenement Museum Tour”, New York City September 20, 2003

Twelve people in a three room apartment without running water, electricity or privacy. That was how our Rusyn immigrant ancestors lived when they first arrived on our shores, penniless and looking for work. The Chapter toured a preserved Tenement, now converted into a Museum, and learned about the lives and fates of several actual families that made up its many immigrant residents. Afterward, Chapter members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at St. Nicholas Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, and listened to a historical talk about the church given by parishioner *Joanne Medvecky*.

“Czechoslovak Independence Day”, New York City October 4, 2003

In their first ever appearance at this large, popular street festival, Chapter members came equipped with their traveling display: folk costumes, tapes, books, maps, a model wooden church and lots of free literature (plus, of course, its gracious and enthusiastic volunteers). Rusyns on the southern slope of the Carpathian Mountains share a political history with Czechs and Slovaks after being incorporated into newly created Czechoslovakia in 1918. Some Rusyn-Americans with roots in that region continue to regard themselves as Slovak or Czech, so the festival presented a good opportunity for Chapter members to educate Rusyns about their heritage.

Second Annual “Golden Valashka” Award October 12, 2003

The Chapter awarded its Second Annual Golden Valashka Award for distinction in service to the Rusyn community to noted Historian and Cultural Activist, *Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi*, of the University of Toronto. Magocsi spearheaded many firsts in Rusyn American history, including the founding of the first Carpatho-Rusyn publishing house and research center (The Carpatho Rusyn Research Center, founded 1978), the first magazine devoted to Rusyns, Carpatho-Rusyn American (1978-97), and the first Encyclopedia of Rusyn History and Culture (2002).



Annual Meeting November 8, 2003

The Chapter had its annual meeting, at which the year was reviewed and elections held. Lemko Historian and Author, *Bohdan Horbal*, presented "When Little Peoples Dream Big Dreams", the little known history of how our Lemko ancestors attempted to control their own political fate during the fluid international situation immediately following World War I. Lemko Rusyns formed the "Lemko Rusyn Republic", with its "capital" in the Lemko village of Florynka. There they dared to dream of uniting with their Rusyn brothers then in the newly created Czechoslovakia, or even of having their own independent state. They failed to achieve either of these goals, but their love for their people lives on in our memories.

C-RS Lemko Tour Slide Show January 10, 2004

C-RS NJ Chapter member and Lemko Tour historian, *Susyn Mihalasky*, gave a slide show of her favorite moments from the C-RS's first annual Lemko Tour, 2003. Over 75 people were in attendance at the Wayne Public Library as Mihalasky recalled the places and people that made the tour an exciting and fun event.

First Annual Rusyn Film Festival February 14, 2004

Chapter Members, *Jerry Chanda*, (William Paterson University) and *Brian Pozun*, (co-founder of Rusyn Outpost: North America) showed ten fifteen-minute clips of nine different films with Rusyn themes at the Wayne Public Library. The films included well known ones such as *The Deer Hunter* and European documentaries such as *Russky Potok*. Chanda and Pozun offered commentary and led a lively discussion.

Memories to Memoirs May 8, 2004

Creative Writing Instructor, *Andrea Kaufman*, took chapter members through a series of memory prompting and literary exercises that helped them recall long forgotten family memories and put them down in print. Each participant left the event with a first rough draft of what could form the basis of a family memoir to be handed down to younger generations. This program was held at the Wayne Public Library.



Without Literature a People Cannot Exist May 23, 2004

Author and educator, *Elaine Rusin ko*, spoke about the connection between literature and national identity among the Rusyns. In 2003, she published the first comprehensive English language study of Carpatho Rusyn literature, Straddling Borders: Literature and Identity in Subcarpathian Rus. The book includes numerous original translations into English of the writings of many notable Rusyn literary figures, including Alexander Duchnovyc.

Kermesh Picnic Van Saun Park, Paramus July 18, 2004

The Chapter held its third annual picnic social in leafy Van Saun Park, which features a children's zoo, ball fields and other amenities. Members spent an afternoon socializing over homemade pot luck foods, both ethnic and American.

C-RS 10th Anniversary Celebration Pittsburgh July 23-25, 2004

Chapter members traveled to Pittsburgh to participate in the numerous cultural programs held in the Pittsburgh area to honor the founding of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society in 1994 in Pittsburgh, PA.

"Parade of Nations" Shenandoah, PA August 28, 2004

The Chapter participated for its second time in the Sixth Annual "Heritage Day" festival in Shenandoah, PA. C-RS members *Tom Singel, Jim Huratiak, John Mihalasky, George and Bertha Ligos* offered educational materials on Rusyns and manned a Rusyn folk costume display. Numerous area Rusyns stopped by the Chapter's display tables.

The Immigration Experience Wayne September 25, 2004

Nicholas Karas, C-RS member and author of the popular book, Hunky: The Immigrant Experience, came to speak with Chapter members about his novel. The story spans one hundred years and three generations of Rusyns who seek to escape oppression in their homeland and build a new life in America.



Third Annual "Golden Valashka" Award October 10, 2004

The Chapter awarded its "*Golden Valashka Award*" to Carpatho-Rusyn National President, *John Righetti*, for his selfless dedication to the C-RS since its inception ten years ago. President Righetti was one of a small group of Rusyns to establish this organization. We all know him to be a dynamic orator, who travels throughout the United States and Europe promoting Rusyn Heritage and Culture. It is because of his leadership and direction that this organization has realized such success. This Annual Luncheon of the NJ Chapter, which celebrated the 5th Anniversary of the Chapter, was held at the Russian Hall, Singac.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Chapter holds its regular membership and planning meetings the second Saturday of most months at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne. Special events are generally held the afternoon following the regular Saturday meeting, from 2-4 p.m. at the same Library, unless otherwise noted. Some special events are held Sunday afternoons. Announcement and promotions are generated via e-mail. If you have any questions, please call Lee Hrehovcik at 973-256-1839.



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A Brief History of the New Jersey Chapter

The New Jersey Chapter was founded in 1999 as the Metro New Jersey-New York Chapter and served the entire state of New Jersey, as well as Metropolitan New York City. Over 170 C-RS members live in the New Jersey/Metro NYC region. In 2003, in anticipation of the establishment of a New York Chapter we were renamed The New Jersey Chapter. Our events attract people from as far away as eastern Pennsylvania, lower New York state and Long Island.

The 2004-2005 Chapter Officers

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