

Museum in Zielonki

There is a small museum in Zielonki public library – “Izba Regionalna” (the regional chamber). The exhibits on display illustrate the history, customs and traditions as well as the modern day of the local community. There are old costumes that used to be worn by men and women of the region in the old days. You can see colorful skirts, corsets and men’s coats. Some of the women’s costumes were made during the interwar period. These clothes are embroidered with roses, which is a distinctive trait of outfits worn in Zielonki.

The museum’s collection also includes many interesting photographs. They depict the local community and it’s way of life at the turn of the 19th century. In many of the photographs we can see such renown figures as for example cardinal Karol Wojtyła (who later became the pope, John Paul II). Some of the photos show Zielonki’s parson Adam Zięba. It was him who started collecting old photographs, regional outfits and other exhibits from Zielonki.

The museum also has many old documents concerning common people and their everyday lives as well as old furniture and devotional items. Ornate chests, hand-painted with folk motives, which is distinctive to Kraków and surrounding villages, are a particularly noteworthy part of the exhibition. On museum’s walls we can also see paintings by Katarzyna Gawłowa, often nicknamed “Nikifor of Zielonki” (in reference to Nikifor Krynicki, another acclaimed naïve painter). Her works depict people, nature (plants and animals) as well as religious scenes.

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