

Zavičajni muzej

- Zavičajni muzej, čuvar neprocjenjivog blaga tradicionalne kulture Bijelog Polja, osnovan 1957. godine, ne dozvoljava da prošlost prolazi mimo njega. Veoma je zanimljiv istorijat ove građevine. Sagrađena je 1905. godine za potrebe ruždija – srednje svetovne škole, u kojoj se izučavala geografija, istorija, logika, retorika, fizika, prirodnata historija, računica i geometrija.



Ruždaje u Bijelom Polju postojala još od 1871. godine a zna se i da je u školskoj 1900/01. godini imala 26 učenika i 2 nastavnika. Po oslobođenju Bijelog Polja od turske vlasti 1912. godine, a ukazom kralja Aleksandra, u zgradiji je 1926. godine osnovana niža realna gimnazija. Djeleći sudbinu sličnih zdanja, tokom Drugog svjetskog rata pretvorena je u kasarnu u kojoj je bio smješten garnizon italijanske vojske. U posleratnom periodu, služila je i kao vrtić, sve dok u nejim prostorijama nije osnovan Zavičajni muzej.

- Riznica Zavičajnog muzeja otkrće vam kako se razvijao bjelopoljski kraj još od prvih praistorijskih naseobina, rimskog municipijuma, preko razvijenog srednjevjekovnog karavanskog naselja i sjedišta humske episkopije, do Akova - utvrdenog sjedišta turske vlasti, pa sve do današnjih dana.

The Homeland Museum, the guardian of a priceless treasury of the traditional culture of Bijelo Polje, founded in 1957, does not let the past pass by. The history of this construction is very interesting. It was built in 1905 for the needs of the ruždija – the secular secondary school in which geography, history, logic, rhetoric, physics, natural history,

mathematics and geometry were studied. The ruždija has existed in Bijelo Polje since as early as 1871, and it is known that in the school year of 1900/01 it had 26 students and 2 teachers. After the liberation of Bijelo Polje from Turkish rule in 1912, at the decree of King Aleksandar, the lower middle school was established in the building in 1926. Sharing the fate of similar constructions during World War II, it was transformed into an army barracks in which the garrison of the Italian Army was accommodated. In the post-war period it also served as a kindergarten, until the Homeland Museum was founded within its premises.

The treasury of the Homeland Museum will reveal to you how the region of Bijelo Polje has been developed since as early as the first ancient settlements of the Roman municipality, then later as a developed mediaeval caravan settlement and the seat of the

Bishopric of Hum, to Akovo – the fortified centre of Turkish rule – and further on until the present day.



izgledala unutrašnjost jedne gradske kuće Bijelog Polja, kao i brojne predmete iz svakodnevnog života: nakit, narodne nošnje, mangal, nargile, stare pećate. Neki od njih davno su izgubili funkciju, dok se drugi i danas upotrebljavaju.

Tako se krpje, slične onima koje se čuvaju u Zavičajnom muzeju, as well as numerous objects from everyday life: jewellery, national costumes, a mangal (a Turkish

Get to know the wealth and significance of the numerous museum collections.

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napraviti - prave se od jasenovog ili orahovog drveta i kanapa - hodati u njima je prava vještina. Noge moraju biti rastavljene jedna od druge najmanje pola metra, a da ne bi došlo do sapitanja potrebno je praviti veće zamaha u stranu svakom nogom, jer ako se **krpje** pri hodanju preklope, padje neizostavan. Priča se da su tokom čuvene Mojčevačke bitke upravo krpje bila jedina "tehnička" prednost crnogorskih vojnika nad moderno opremljenom austrougarskom vojskom. To im je omogućilo da se brže kreću po sniježnim nanosima koji su tog januara 1916. godine dostizali i do dva metra.

Jedan od najvrednijih eksponata **numizmatičke zbirke** je primjerak srednjevjekovnog srebrnog novca **Denariorum grossorum**

barbecue), hookahs and old seals.

Some of these lost their function a long time ago, whereas the others are still in use today. Thus, snowshoes, similar to those which are kept in the Homeland Museum even now are used for walking through deep snow. Although these are easy to make – they are made of ash or walnut wood and

string – walking in them is quite a skill. One's feet must be wide apart (at least half a metre), and in order to avoid tripping it is necessary to make wider steps with each foot since if the snowshoes overlap while walking, falling over is inevitable. It is said that during the famous Battle of Mojčevac snowshoes themselves were the only "technical" advantage that the Montenegrin soldiers had over the Austro-Hungarian Army equipped with modern arms and gear. It enabled them to move faster over the snowdrifts which in that January of 1916 reached up to two metres.

Zavičajni muzej čuva i dio zaostavštine najpoznatije bjelopoljske slikarske porodice Lazovića. Tri generacije slikara, rodonačelnik - pop Simeon, njegov sin Aleksije i unuk Lazar, bili su najtraženiji ikonopisci u drugoj polovini 18. i prvoj polovini 19. vijeka, ostavši za sobom jednu od najvećih ikonopisačkih zaostavština na prostoru od

One of the most precious exhibits of the **numismatic collection** is an example of mediaeval silver coins of **Denarii grossi de Brescoa**. This money, which even Dante mentions in his *Divine Comedy*, was the first silver coinage in this region, and it was minted in Brskovo near today's town of Mojčevac.

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