With spring in the air, Easter can be just around the corner, and the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History is once again planning to offer a favorite of the season — the Batik Easter Egg decorating workshop.

This year, the workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second-floor classroom at the museum. Two workshops are being offered this year, on March 2 and March 23.

The classes will be led by Ukraine native and museum volunteer Maria Skaskiw, who is returning for another year after teaching the class last year.

Participants will learn the ancient Ukrainian method of decorating Easter eggs using simple, primitive tools to "write" intricate designs in beeswax. This method is traditionally used to make the much-admired European-style Easter eggs.

The process involves using beeswax to cover the egg before carving designs in the wax and dying it different colors.

It is a technique that has been used for centuries.

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