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Chernivtsi Regional State Museum of Folk Architecture and Life was established after the resolution of the Government of Ukraine on the 19th of July, 1977.

The Museum with such profile is one of a few in our country. Similar museums were found in Kiev, Lviv, Uzhgorod, Ivano-Frankivsk. The Museum's first visitors came there on the 5th of July, 1986. Today at this museum there are two unfinished exhibition zones – “Hotynschyna”, which includes Sokyriany, Khotyn and Novoselytsia districts, and “West Podnistrovyia”, which includes Zastavna and also Novoselytsia districts. On this area with the size of 9,379 hectares there are 33 reconstructed buildings, which are typical for the old Bukovinian village of XIX – mid. XX century (houses, barns, hen-houses, stables, mills, churches with their bell tower, village councils).

Most structures are formed in dwellings, with truly complete interior of monuments. In the museum there are 7,964 objects of a fixed asset and 96 scientific objects. Among them there are folk costumes, fabrics, peasant

tools and household items, furniture, kitchenware, household products industries and handicrafts, works of decorative art, prints, photographs etc.

Now it is planned to build Polonyna stable, water mill and other residential and commercial buildings, a church with a bell tower, a chapel, a school etc. Transported gates were caved and installed in 1934 on the foot of the mountain.

The Museum held dozens of stationary and mobile exhibitions, among them – “Arts and Crafts of Bukovyna”, “Bukovyna Carpets”, “Bukovyna Woven Belts”, “Bukovyna Chest”, “Ritual Painting of Bukovyna”. Stock museum collection comprises about 8 thousand items: agricultural machinery, tools, household items, folk costumes, fabrics, wood, metal and clay, musical instruments, objects of worship, books, etc. Of these, over 1.5 thousand are presented in the interiors of buildings. Museum supports the development of crafts and trades in Bukovyna, actively promotes the recovery and preservation of traditional customs and ceremonies.

