

THE GUILDED PAGE

The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



**Diane Hayes,
2013 President**



The President's Message

Winter, 2012

**Šťastný nový rok!
Happy New Year!**

2012 was a fantastic year for National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and the Museum Guild of NCSML. Such incredible accomplishments and memories, including the Grand Re-opening, RAGBRAI, and BrewNost.

The Guild does have challenges ahead in 2013. Personally, I would like to see the Guild build on its membership and secondly add some social functions. Of course we will continue to adhere to our Mission Statement and Bylaws. Just a reminder that each Guild member is encouraged to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours of service a year to the NCSML.

Please share your thoughts, wishes, and concerns with me any time. To be an effective President, I will need your ideas and help. So I am counting on each of you as you are invaluable members of this organization.

Have you heard? Madeleine Albright is coming to NCSML, May 17 and 18. WOW!

2013 NCSML Guild Meeting Dates*

(please clip and save)

- JANUARY 5
- FEBRUARY 2
- MARCH 2
- APRIL 6
- MAY 4
- JUNE 1
- JULY 13
- AUGUST 3
- SEPTEMBER 7
- OCTOBER 5
- NOVEMBER 2
- DECEMBER no meeting

* All meetings 9 a.m. at

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



COOKIE WALK 2012

*Co-chairs Mary Van Houten
and Marie Webster*

- **\$2375.50 in profits
- **104 customers
- **261 lbs. goodies sold

Full details! Jan. 5 Meeting

Volunteers and photographs will be included in March issue!.

*****2013 DUES DUES DUES*****

According to bylaws, dues are payable in advance on or before January 1. Bring your \$10 check to January meeting or mail NOW to: Sally Stejskal

Guild of NCSML Boosts BrewNost with \$3000 Sponsorship, Tasty Dessert Bites, Innovative Silent Auction Gifts

Guild of NCSML again sponsored BrewNost, with a \$3000 donation. Involvement in this exciting annual fundraiser was led by the following: Suzanne Charipar, Diana Geoffrey, Diane Hayes, Cyndi O'Brien, and Carol Wohlleben..

Dessert Bites were prepared and served, and Silent Auction items contributed included six dozen koláče. Volunteers also washed some 900 steins/ glasses for the event.

Silent Auction items included a fruit dumpling class for four to be taught by Marj NejdI, and a koláče class for six to be taught by Carol Wohlleben. Class dates and times will be agreed upon by those who won with highest bids. Classes are to be held at NCSML kitchen, with supplies donated by Guild. A "Baking Basket" included a Guild cookbook, a hand-painted apron donated by Marj NejdI, a koláče press donated by Joe Kurka, a goose feather pastry brush, Belgium chocolates, NCSML coffee mug, an embroidered "pivo" kitchen towel, and a gingerbread cookie kit...all packaged on a half baking sheet. Museum Store manager Douglas Smith gave Guild discounts on purchases.

Names of volunteers were given to Kecia Boysen, director of annual fund and special events, and Abigail Bourman, volunteer coordinator. A message about Guild was included in BrewNost program, along with Guild's Mission Statement. Committee co-chairs were Suzanne Charipar, Diane Hayes, and Diana Geoffrey. BrewNost volunteers included Carol Wohlleben and Cyndi O'Brien, president and vice president. Other contributors: Suzie Long and Jennifer Greve, 30 dozen dessert bites sugar cookies; Diana Geoffrey and Diane Hayes, poppy seed dessert bites; Karen Zacek, six dozen koláče; Dorothy and Ellsworth Voelkers, Maria Nikodim, Sheryl and Frank Gardner, Marge and Lee Sedlacek, Leni Stastny, Linda Koehler, Bonnie Rohlena, Dolores Blood, Jeanne Vogt, Karen Hospodarskhy, Nancy Johansen, George and Barb Hill, Kitty Chadima, Frank and Barb Edmunds, Ed and Sylvia Popelka.

Nikol Sustrova and Jarda Nedved, Mt. Mercy University students from Czech Republic, circulated with dessert bites, supplying additional authenticity to the event.

Auction high bids: Koláče Plate #1; \$45; Koláče Plate #2, \$45; Koláče Plate #3, \$40; Baking Basket, \$90; Fruit Dumpling Class for four, \$50; Koláče Class for six, \$105. All proceeds, \$375, went to NCSML.

---Diane Hayes, co-chair



Nikol Sustrova and Jarda Nedved served dessert bites to BrewNost patrons.

Suzie Long..."Help yourself to dessert!"



Koláč Club combines fund-raising with baking traditional favorite

If you want to join a "going group," ...try Koláč Club, the newest endeavor of Guild!

*Members make money for NCSML, with a net profit of \$322 during the recent Old Prague Christmas Market.

*The group provides an important traditional food for Museum event patrons.

* MOST importantly, the tradition of how to successfully make perfect koláče is cultivated and celebrated!

The brainchild of Cyndi O'Brien, club participants also include: Diane Hayes, Barb Hill, Sandra and John Hudson, Linda Koehler, Mary Ann Kucera, Sylvia Popelka, Bonnie Rohlena, Margie Sedlacek, Betty Sheets, and Carol Wohlleben. JOIN THEM!



Left: Sylvia Popelka, Linda Koehler, Bonnie Rohlena.. preparing dough.

Right: Cyndi O'Brien..trays into proofer.

Congratulations to Newly-Elected Officers!

Nominating Committee, led by Shirley Alexander, presented a slate of 2013 executive officers which earned unanimous approval by membership at Guild's November meeting. Shirley was assisted in the nomination process by Ann Kloubec, Marj Nejd, Jessie Stastny, and Marge Stone.

January will be the official "first meeting" of the new officers, and YOU will be asked to help them run our organization. Please say YES when called upon by executive committee.



NCSML Officers, 2013--

From left:
Cor. Sec. Loreen Svoboda;
Vice. Pres. Donna Merkle;
President Diane Hayes;
Rec. Sec. Diana Geoffrey;
Treas. Sally Stejskal;
NCSML Board Rep. Carol Wohlleben.

Minutes of the September 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML, on Saturday, Sept 8, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cyndi O'Brien. There were 55 members and 2 guests attending. We had 4 new members join.

Program: President of the NCSML, Gail Naughton reviewed statistics from the Grand Re-Opening Weekend for the New NCSML. More than 10,000 people attended and 5,000 visitors paid to go through the galleries. Since the opening 200 memberships have been sold, the stores have had over \$65,000 in sales, over 100 inquiries have been made about rental opportunities, and the website has had over 900,000 page views! She also gave a slide show about the history of the NCSML and NCSML Guild. The Museum opened in 1978 in a VERY small building and became a Nationally Accredited Museum in 1992. Oct 28th, 1993 was the groundbreaking for building of the new NCSML. The NCSML Guild was formed in 1994 and the newly built NCSML was dedicated on Oct 21st, 1995. After the flood of 2008, the NCSML was temporarily moved to Lindale Mall for 2 years. In April of 2010 the NCSML purchased the Kosek Building and the Museum moved there and opened the Rising Above exhibit. Dec 15th, 2010 ground was broken for the expansion and move of the existing NCSML. July 14th, 2012 was the Grand Re-Opening of the New NCSML. She stated how important the NCSML Guild has been in the success of the NCSML and reminded everyone that there is a higher than ever need for daily volunteers at the Museum and asked all that can support the mission to volunteer when possible. Volunteer Coordinator, Abigail Bourman handed out a survey to the Guild members and asked that they complete it, and return it to her before the end of the meeting. The survey is to help her and the Guild Executive Board get feedback from the membership on what they like as well as what changes they would like to see.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the August 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Joe Kurka and seconded by Barb Pulkrab. The Minutes were approved as accurate.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar read the Top 10 Volunteers for July 2012 and stated that in July 51 Guild members volunteered for a total of 1,526 hours! She also stated that Evelyn Dvorak had recently passed away and a Sympathy letter was sent to her family on behalf of the Guild. She passed around a card for the membership to sign as Emil Koval will be getting married soon. She read a letter from Jason Wright thanking the Guild for the \$25 donation made on behalf of the passing of Marie Cada.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets passed out the Treasurer Report and it stated there is \$12,518.16 in the Guild's bank account. There were no new bills presented. She said a \$50 donation had been made to the NCSML Foundation, by the NCSML Guild on behalf of the passing for members Zula Oujiri and Evelyn Dvorak.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar stated he attended the Aug 28th, 2012 NCSML Board meeting. Reports stated that the endowment fund is up and the opening expenses were offset by income. The Museum will be looking for a Gift Officer for major contributions and possibly another Fund Manager for the Endowment Fund. The Board authorized repairs to the Joens Building roof, not to exceed \$30,000. The clock in the clock tower has been repaired, the Carrion still needs repair.

Guild Business: Carol Wohlleben said Bob Stone will be retiring from teaching the Word of Day at NCSML Guild meetings. She also said volunteers are needed to work with Shirley Alexander on the nomination committee as new Officers for the Guild will be elected in November. She also stated we will be looking to form a Bylaws Committee and Budget Committee. Diane Hayes, Diana Geoffrey and Suzanne Charipar gave a report on the Guilds involvement in the upcoming BrewNost fundraiser. The event is Oct 26th, 2012, and we have been asked again to be a sponsor. We will not have a Babi's Bakery but volunteers will be needed to bake dessert bites and work the event. The Guild will sponsor a "Kitchen Basket" for a raffle prize and the theme will be Kolaches and Dumplings. They also asked if Guild members would be interested in supporting a couple of silent auction items like cooking classes or "Dinner Under the Chandelier." Donna Merkle gave a report on the cookbooks. She said this year 208 have been sold with revenue of \$2,436. We have 282 still in stock. 2,299 have been sold to date with a lifetime income of \$20,583! Cyndi O'Brien said we will be organizing a Kolache Club as there is a sudden need for these baked goods for Museum events. More information will be coming and classes will be provided. Suzanne Charipar made a motion that the NCSML Guild give \$3,000 to be a sponsor for the 2012 BrewNost event. Joe Kurka seconded the motion. The motioned passed with a 55% yes vote from the Guild membership.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired canvas bag, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Olga Sedenka. Buttered and caramel popcorn, donated by Barb Pulkrab- won by Frank Gardner.

A motion was made by Frank Edmunds to adjourn, it was seconded by Jeanne Vogt and approved with 100% yes vote.



Ed and Sylvia Popelka
September Meeting Hosts

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long, Recording Secretary

Education Question: answer on page 6 (by Bob Stone)

Name the first Czech saint, whose mother Drahomira was a pagan.

Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

Totals compiled by Carolyn Holubar

*(Record your hours promptly.
Credit goes to you, individually,
and to Museum for grants.)*

Top Ten with Recorded Hours

for August, 2012

1319 hours

Carol Wohlleben	76
Bonnie Holubar	72
Sheryl Gardner	56
Carolyn Holubar	48
Diane Moore	40
Marj Nejd	39
Barb Hill	38
Suzanne Charipar	36
Jackie Allen	36
Ann Kloubec	33.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 54

Top Ten with Recorded Hours

for September, 2012

1135.5 hours

Bonnie Holubar	41
Diane Moore	37
Sheryl Gardner	35
Carolyn Holubar	34.5
Barb Hill	34
Lawrence Kudej	32.5
Jackie Allen	32
Jim Barker	32
Carol Wohlleben	31.5
Marj Nejd	30
Suzanne Charipar	30

Total Number of Volunteers: 83

Top Ten with Recorded Hours

for October, 2012

1041 Hours

Barb Hill	42
Jackie Allen	40.5
Carol Wohlleben	40
Diane Moore	37.5
Donna Merkle	31.5
Lawrence Kudji	35
Dorothy Voelkers	33
Bonnie Holubar	31
Marj Nejd	29.5
Diana Geoffrey	25.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 48

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for November, 2012

1146.5 hours

Marj Nejd	62
Barb Hill	59.5
Diane Moore	54
Shirley Alexander	46
Bonnie Holubar	43.5
Dell Mills	43
Donna Merkle	40.5
Carol Wohlleben	40
Jackie Allen	32
Sally Stejskal	31.5
Total Number of Volunteers:	70



Here's to 2013

**...with new officers, rejuvenated members,
and Abigail Bourman, Volunteer & Program Coordinator.
Abigail, you continue to encourage and lead us!**

**Thank you, volunteers, for
another terrific
Cookie Walk**

- *16 volunteers set-up**
- *42 volunteers orchestrated
the event Saturday, Dec. 8**
- *61 members baked and
made candy and...**
- *447 doz. cookies and candies
will make people happier!**

Minutes of the October 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML, on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 47 members and no guests attending. We had no new members join.

Program: Abigail Bourman gave an overview of the upcoming BrewNost event. It will be held Friday, Oct 26th, 2012 from 6-9:30pm. It is the Museum's largest yearly fundraiser and this will be the first year back in the new Museum space. There will be food and beverage vendors from The New Bo and The Czech Villages along with a band and silent auction. Diane Hayes, Diana Geoffrey and Suzanne Charipar reviewed the NCSML Guild's involvement in the event. We will have a Guild table with cook books, brochures about the Guild and membership forms. We will also man a non alcoholic beverage table and serve dessert bites. We will have several items in the silent auction that will include Kolache and dumpling making classes, plates of kolaches and a Czech baking basket. We need volunteers to work the coat check area and raffle ticket sales table as well as clean up after the event. 5 people are also needed on Oct 19th to wash beer glasses to get ready for the event.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the September 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Betty Gallagher and seconded by Jennifer Greve. The Minutes were approved as accurate.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$9,315.95. 1 new bill was presented for \$147.46 for BrewNost expenses. A motion was made by Barb Pulkrab to pay the bill, the motion was seconded by Diana Geoffrey and passed with 100% yes vote. She also mentioned that since the NCSML Guild is part of a non profit organization, if you will be purchasing anything to be used for Guild business, you should see Museum staff first to get a tax exempt form for your purchase.

Museum Representative: No report was given.

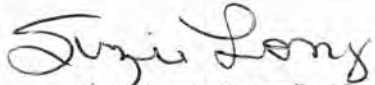
Volunteer Coordinator: Abigail Bourman stated that volunteers are needed for school tours, after hours Gallery events and the upcoming Babi's Kitchen event. Sign up sheets were available.

Guild Business: Cyndi O'Brien said we are moving ahead with the Kolache Club. 3 teams have been filled and we are looking for another team of 4. Training will be scheduled once the teams have all been filled. Shirley Alexander stated that the Nominating Committee is working hard to fill the Executive Board and Museum Representative positions. Please be open to accepting a position if you are approached. We will vote on the new nominations in the November Guild meeting. It was noted that Old Prague Christmas Market will be held Nov 30th and Dec 1st 2012. It is unsure if the Guild will have a part in the Market event. The Cookie Walk will be held at the new Museum on Dec 8th, 2012. Diana Geoffrey thanked the Hostesses for the day, Suzie Long, Diana Geoffrey and Jennifer Greve. She said she still needs Host/Hostesses for the January and February 2013 meetings.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired dish towel, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Linda Koehler. Fall inspired centerpiece, donated by Jeanne Vogt- won by Marge Pace. 2 bags of caramel corn, donated by Barb Pulkrab- won by Alicia Jackson and Sandra Hudson.

A motion was made by Diane Hayes to adjourn, it was seconded by Dave Stauffer and approved with 100% yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Suzie Long, Recording Secretary



**Suzie Long, Diana Geoffrey, Jennifer Greve
October Meeting Hosts**

Answer to Education Question (by Bob Stone)

The King, St. Wenceslaus. Drahomíra, a pagan, was his mother, although he was taught and educated by his grandmother, St. Ludmila.



Co-Chairs for Guild BrewNost participation -- Suzanne Charipar, Diane Hayes, and Diana Geoffrey



**1070 attendees, 1410 raffle tickets sold,
net income of \$93 thousand**

"We simply could not put on an event of this magnitude without the support of Guild." So said Kecia Boysen, director of annual fund and special events. "We are so appreciative of all that you do."

Getting to Know New Staff...

New staff members are very much welcomed by NCSML, and Guild members are becoming acquainted with them. From left: Abigail Bourman, Volunteer & Program Coordinator; Catharine Otto, Assistant Store Manager; Sara Jacobmeyer, Visitor Services Assistant; Grant Smith, Facilities Director; Felicia Vera, Assistant Facility Rental Manager; Don Jacobson, Visitor Services Associate.



~~~~~ Our Mission Statement ~~~~~

*The Mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs, and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support, and to serve as an educational, service, and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.*

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**Guided Page Staff**  
Editor... Pat Martin  
Photographers...Carolyn Holubar  
and John Hudson

**Call one of us with story/photo ideas or suggestions!**

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## Minutes of the November 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML, on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 44 members and no guests attending. We had no new members join.

**Special comments:** Douglas Smith, NCSML Store manager thanked everyone for the thoughts and well wishes during his illness. He also stated that Nov 15th will be a Member Volunteer Night at the NCSML Store where all Volunteers will get 25% off their purchase.

**Program:** Abigail Bourman presented 2013, Away we go. It was a program of proposed programs for the NCSML for 2013. She said she will try to give a full 2 months notice for any events that volunteers will be needed for.

**President:** Carol Wohlleben stated that an auditing committee is needed for 2013. The committee was filled.

**Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long passed out copies of the October 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Jeanne Vogt and seconded by Barb Pulkrab. The Minutes were approved as accurate. A motion was made by Dave Stoffer to have the Guild meeting minutes available electronically 10 days before meetings so they can be reviewed before hand. Donna Merkle seconded the motion. The vote received 14 yes votes, 30 no votes, the motion did not pass.

**Treasurer Report:** Cyndi O'Brien handed out copies of the current budget report and gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$9374.52. No new bills were presented. A motion was made by Diana Geoffrey to approve the report and was seconded by Barb Pulkrab. The vote passed with 100% yes vote by the membership.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Carolyn Holubar read a Thank You card sent by Jim Cada on behalf of the Cada Family for the donation made to the NCSML Guild on behalf of the passing of his mother, Marie Cada. The money was used to secure a plaque in Marie's honor on the Wall of Memory. Carolyn gave the top 10 Volunteers for September 2012. An incredible 1135.5 hours were volunteered!

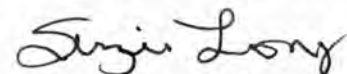
**Museum Representative:** Mel Holubar stated that he attended the Oct 23, 2012 NCSML Board meeting. He said the financial report showed everything to be in good shape. Also, the NCSML will receive 1.3 million from the Hall-Perine Foundation before years end. He said Schultz and Williams from Philadelphia have been selected as the Fund Raising Consultant Firm. It was stated that the Council of Higher Education would like 5 of the NCSML Board members to also serve on their board for 3 years. He said the Greater Cedar Rapids Convention Center wants to lease most of the top floor of the Kosek building and the Joens property repairs have been completed so the building will be available for rental soon. He said the documentary of the NCSML Building move, expansion and opening should be available for consumer purchase approximately Nov 11, 2012. He also said for the first time ever, The American Friends of the Czech Republic Board will have their annual meeting and dinner in Cedar Rapids on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and The History and Culture Conference will be April 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Abigail Bourman stated that volunteer help is needed at the NCSML on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. Also help will be needed for The Old Prague Christmas Market and school tours.


**Guild Business:** Carol Wohlleben read the names of the NCSML Guild Survey Committee and stated Suzie Long will set up the first meeting. Shirley Alexander presented a slate of nominees for election to the Executive Board for the NCSML Guild. President- Diane Hayes, Vice President- Donna Merkle, Recording Secretary- Diana Geoffrey, Corresponding Secretary- Loreen Svoboda, Treasurer- Sally Stejskal, Guided Page Editor- Pat Martin, assistant Carolyn Holubar, Guild Representative to the NCSML Board- Carol Wohlleben. A motion was made by Abigail Bourman to accept this nomination, it was seconded by Betty Gallagher and passed with 100% yes vote by the membership. Abigail Bourman offered gifts and Thank You cards to the outgoing Executive Committee and gave thanks for a job well done over the past 2, very busy years. Diana Geoffrey and Diane Hayes gave a report on the BrewNost event. They said approximately 1100 people attended and our silent auction items went over well. They gave thanks for all that helped with the event. Cyndi O'Brien said we have 4 Kolache Club teams and training will be held Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 8-11:30 am at the NCSML kitchen. Mary Van Houten gave an overview of the upcoming Guild Cookie Walk. It will be Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9:30 until we are sold out. Breakfast will be served that morning at 8am for all volunteers. Carol Wohlleben stated we will need a committee to review and rewrite the NCSML Guild by-laws. Also, volunteers will be needed to label the drawers and cabinets in the new kitchen space.

**Meeting Attendance Lottery:** Hand painted, Czech inspired night light, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Diane Moore. Fall inspired dish towel, donated by Cyndi O'Brien- won by Sandra Hudson. Santa w/blanket, donated by Jeanne Vogt- won by Abigail Bourman. A motion was made by Barb Pulkrab to adjourn, it was seconded by Donna Merkle and approved with 100% yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long, Recording Secretary



Cyndi O'Brien and Shally Garin  
November Meeting Hosts



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## Guild Financial Report: December, 2012

~~~~~Betty Sheets, Treasurer~~~~~

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| | 2011 | 2012 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance</i> | \$ 12,143.80 | \$ 7,301.26 |
| Receipts | | |
| Dues | \$ 1,720.00 | \$ 1,174.00 |
| Cookbooks | \$ 1,980.60 | \$ 3,045.00 |
| Donations | \$ 200.00 | \$ 90.00 |
| Aprons | \$ 70.00 | \$ 84.00 |
| Kolache Club | | \$ 575.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | \$ 200.00 |
| Taste of Czech/Slovak | \$ 3,934.00 | \$ 2,276.00 |
| Heritage Tea | \$ 394.00 | |
| Special events | \$ 1,122.00 | \$ 1,768.15 |
| Cookie Walk | \$ 2,106.20 | \$ 2,375.50 |
| Interest | \$ 3.28 | \$ 2.25 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 11,530.08 | \$ 11,589.90 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Guilded Page | \$ 646.90 | \$ 617.59 |
| Cookbook Expense | \$ 5,375.00 | |
| NCSML | \$ 8,075.00 | \$ 3,075.00 |
| Rental | \$ 225.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 742.00 | \$ 342.40 |
| Kitchen Expense | | \$ 787.37 |
| Kolace Club | | \$ 173.03 |
| Taste of C/S Expenses | \$ 568.04 | \$ 699.45 |
| Heritage Tea Expenses | \$ 188.00 | |
| Special Events | \$ 366.64 | \$ 697.32 |
| Cookie Walk Expenses | \$ 186.04 | \$ 60.52 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 16,372.62 | \$ 6,452.68 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 7,301.26 | \$ 12,438.48 |
| <i>Recap Museum Guild Fund Raising Projects</i> | | |
| <i>Taste of Czech Net</i> | \$ 3,406.19 | \$1,576.55 |
| <i>Kolache Club Old Prague Christmas Net</i> | | \$ 320.94 |
| <i>Cookie Walk Net</i> | \$ 2,016.75 | \$ 2,275.98 |
| <i>NCSML Opening Day Net</i> | | \$ 1,351.90 |
| <i>Ragbrai Net</i> | | \$ 236.25 |
| We have a total of 164 Guild Members | | |



**Museum enthusiasts delight
in viewing traditional kroje**
"Ladies in kroje" at a recent reception at NCSML are from left, Jan Naxera, Irene Hamous Naxera, Virginia Mitchell, and Hermina Rigel



Sandra Hudson, one of Koláč Club recruits... carefully adding filling to "nests" in koláče

THE GUILDED PAGE

Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 5, 9 a.m.

At the NCSML

Program: An Immigration
Story,

Andrea Kováčová Siebenmann

David Muhlana



Greetings from...

Gail Naughton,
President/C.E.O.

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

' has been an exciting year of recovery and rebirth. As I write this on December 1, we have had over 40,000 people come to the museum from all 50 states and 24 countries. Admission and store sales are on track to break all records. But most of all we are proud that people are enthusiastic about their visit. One man wrote on his Facebook page that we are "maybe the most amazing small museum in America." Extraordinary! Thanks to everyone for all your help in so many ways to make visits fun and rewarding and result in this kind of praise.

There is exciting news for 2013. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is coming to open her exhibit, "Read My Pins" on May 17 & 18. There will be several events organized around her visit that staff and board are already organizing. Some of us met with the Guild board president and past-president to start planning for the weekend, which coincides with Houby Days.

I am excited to welcome Diane Hayes as your new Guild president and Carol Wohleben as the new Guild representative on the Board of Directors. Finally, I salute Mel Holubar for his dedicated service on the board during such a critical time in our history. He was a wonderful representative of volunteers and friends and was respected by all on the board.

At this time of gratitude and celebration, I want to say thank you for all you did in 2012. Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.