

THE GUILDED PAGE

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



2007 Museum Guild Annual Report

Presented at the NCSML Annual Meeting, January 21, 2008

Hello again, I am happy to be in the position to report another active, productive, successful year for the NCSML Guild of 100 plus members.

During our annual December Cookie Walk and also the Taste of Czech during Houby Days in May, we cleared over a thousand dollars at each event.. Our members participated in the community "Join Hands Day", May 5th. At that time a great deal of work was done on our current landscaping here and plans were made for the Green Space in the lot across the street.

On October 22 the NCSML Guild received a "Governor's Volunteer Award" from our state's first lady, Mari Culver, at Linn Mar H.S. Proudly, this award is now included in our Historian's book.

After three years of intensive work, by far our biggest accomplishment this past year has been beginning the marketing of our "**CZECH and SLOVAK HERITAGE family stories, traditions and recipes**" book . On February first you may have heard bells ringing and sirens going off as we placed several of the 1000 copies in the museum store and the contributors all over the county who had mailed us their histories, stories and recipes, started sending in their orders for books. We thank the Czech Heritage Foundation group for their initial monetary assistance.

As of this January 1, we have some of our second printing of 1000 Books on the shelf in the store and the Guild Committee is seeking other venues for marketing within the community and Midwest. This past year the store had cookbook sales of \$6,416.26 and the Guild showed a profit of \$4,989.21. Because of our monies the Guild was able to buy a new fax machine and a digital camera for the main office. A second thought was to have our book copyrighted and this process has been completed.

You can see why I asked to be able to give you our report this evening and it is with feelings of accomplishment, I vacate my two year position as president of the NCSML Guild and turn the gavel and position over to Marilyn Tucker.

Respectfully submitted: Shirley J. Alexander

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2008 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Marilyn R. Tucker
Vice President	Gary Dvorak
Treasurer	Pat Kent
Rec. Secretary	Carolyn Holubar
Corres. Secretary	Shirley Alexander
Museum Guild Rep.	Mel Holubar
Ex-Officio	Shirley Alexander

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leah Wilson

New Email address:

Shirley Alexander

Carol Ann Rexroat

Lavanda Woosley

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Marilyn Shima Tucker, Editor
Dolores Blood
Fern Kaplan Fackler
Alicia Jackson
Pat Martin
Helen Sorensen
Betty Truesdell
Dorothy Voelkers

Museum Guild Program

January 5, 2008

“Guild Trip to Springfield Illinois”

By Marj Stone and Gary Dvorak

“It was well worth a two day trip” was the comment Marj and Gary made regarding the Guild outing in October to see the new Lincoln museum. They reported on the tour which also included visits to the Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln home, the Capitol Building and Lincoln’s Memorial Park.

The new Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum demonstrates impressive technology with life-like statues and living action holographic images. The 145 million dollar building is twice the size of any other presidential library and houses the largest collection of Lincoln artifacts and documents.

Bob Stone was impressed with the comprehensiveness of the museum exhibits and the extensive displays related to all aspects of Lincoln’s life.

Members also enjoyed a trip to the limestone state capitol building that was built in 1868 in the form of a Greek cross. Short visits were made to the Lincoln tomb in Oakridge Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial on Lake Springfield.

The Lincoln Memorial Park includes gardens with plants from the states where the President lived-Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. The grounds have five miles of trails where benches inscribed with Lincoln quotes offer resting places.

— Fern Kaplan Fackler



November 2007
Marilyn R. Tucker, Gary Dvorak and Evelyn Dvorak



National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Programs

April 2008 — March 2009

April 5, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Venturing Crew 1918: A Scouting Program Dedicated to Youth and Czech Heritage"

Presented by Mike Schmitz, Advisor
Hosts: Dolores Blood and Joe Kurka

May 3, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Czech Book Club: Five Favorite Picks"

Presented by Patty Hikiji
Hosts: Pat Martin, Jessie Stastny and Leni Stastny

Summer months on the second Monday night:

June 9, Monday: **6:30 PM** • NCSML

"NCSML Development"

Presented by Jason Wright
Hosts: Carol Ann Rexroat and Helen Sorensen

July 14, Monday: **6:30 PM** • NCSML

"Update on Building Expansion Plan"

Presented by Gail Naughton
Hosts: Marge Pace and Olga Sedenka

August 11, Monday: **6:30 PM** • NCSML

"Purchasing: Before and After Velvet Revolution"

Presented by Bob Schaffer, Czech Cottage
Hosts: Vera Conway, Laverne Fisher and Bette Krall

September 6, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Czech Church History"

Presented by Bill Harnish
Hosts: Alicia Jackson, Lu Volsch and Ed Volsch

October 4, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"What Goes on in the Annex?"

Presented by Stefanie Kohn
Hosts: TBA

TOUR October 11, Saturday

To: Tipton (Tour is open to guests)

Tour Presented by: Lavanda Woosley of Woosley Tours

November 1, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Training: Continuing Education"

Presented by Jan Stoffer
Hosts: Mel and Carolyn Holubar and Emil Koval

December 13, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Cookie Walk"

Hosts: Guild Board Members

2009

January 3, 2009, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Coming to the United States"

Presented by: Jim Cada
Hosts: TBA

February 7, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Fall Trip Recollections"

Hosts: TBA

March 7, Saturday: 9:00 AM • NCSML

"Czech-Owned Area Grocery Stores"

Presented by Mark Stoffer Hunter
Hosts: TBA

All months are subject to change

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Pat Martin, Chairman, Jessie Stastny, Betty
Truesdell, and Lavanda Woosley,

Program Committee Liaison to Executive Board—
President, Marilyn R. Tucker

NCSML Guild Working Committees in 2008

Education Committee

Chair: Jan Stoffer
Members: Bob Stone
Sponsor: Pat Kent

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Irma Kelly and Marie Webster
Shirley Alexander and Lu Volsch and
Guild members at large
Sponsor: Gary Dvorak

Garden Committee

Chair: Cindy Monroe, Chairman
Members: Shirley Alexander, Emil Koval, Mel
and Carolyn Holubar, Joe Kurka, Olga,
Sedenka, Leni Stastny and Dorothy Voelkers
Sponsor: Mel Holubar

History and Property Committee

Chair: Andrea Seibenmann
Sponsor: Carolyn Holubar

Membership Committee (& Calling)

Chair: Milly Ortner
Members: Betty Gallagher, Karen
Hospodarsky, Marj Nejd, Marge Pace, Barb
Pulkrab, Olga Sedenka, Helen Sorensen, and
Dorothy Voelkers
Sponsor: Pat Kent

Program Committee

Chair: Pat Martin
Members: Jessie Stastny, Betty Truesdell and
Lavanda Woosley
Sponsor: Gary Dvorak

Publications Committee

Chair: Marilyn R. Tucker
Members: Dolores Blood, Alicia Jackson, Fern
Fackler, Pat Martin, Helen Sorensen, Betty
Truesdell, and Dorothy Voelkers
Sponsor: Carolyn Holubar

Public Relations Committee

Chair: Carol Ann Rexroat
Members: Leah Wilson
Sponsor: Shirley Alexander

Social Committee

Chair: Irma Kelly
Members: Dolores Blood, Joe Kurka, Lydia
Elias, Lu Volsch, Dolores Usher and Marie
Webster
Sponsor: Gary Dvorak

Website Director

Chair: Andrea Seibenmann
Sponsor: Marilyn R. Tucker



Museum Guild Program
February 2, 2008
"1968"

Presented by Jan Stoffer

An original exhibition by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library was launched Saturday, February 2 at the monthly Guild meeting. Jan Stoffer made a fabulous presentation to the Guild members and volunteers who will be accompanying and informing visitors who come to view and learn from the exhibit which will be open March 6, 2008, to January 25, 2009.

It was introduced as a multi-generational exhibit that may have different viewers expressing a variety of experiences, memories and reactions. Listen to the visitors is a key to identifying the generational influence that may prompt differing reactions.

Jan's informative training on the background of the exhibit subject matter was preceded by an explanation of generational variations that affect the way visitors may view the dynamic time, world wide, that is depicted in the exhibit, "1968"

Presenting a generation as a 20 - 22 year cohort, four generations were highlighted as

- Silent Generation - persons born 1925 to 1942
- Boomer Generation - persons born 1943 to 1960
- Gen X Generation - persons born 1961 to 1981
- Millennial Generation - persons born 1981 to 2001.

The numbers of persons, their heroes, family life, work, school life and significant life events were the focus of the insights to be considered as Museum docents and volunteers interact with visitors to what they see and learn from the exhibit.

The exhibit is intended for an audience of Junior High, High School and adult viewers. A masterful compilation of material was presented to those attending. It presents historical, economic, political and social high points that transformed the world.

Special timeline events from January 1968 through April 1969 aims to focus attention on happenings in Czechoslovakia and the United States but other world events are cited as they pertain to specific directions in the world scene.

A glossary of documents, terms and people pertinent to events in the time line are presented in a clear, readable fashion. This information will be a reminder or new learning for the persons who accompany museum visitors to the exhibit.

In a brief walk through the exhibit area, the work in progress was explained. The multimedia, multi-sensory plans lead to various attempts to provide a setting in keeping with the theme. Sound, color, pictures, banners, movies and simulations are all coordinated to help visitors relive the series of events that characterized the Prague Spring. This was a period of political liberalization in Czechoslovakia starting January 5, 1968, when

Alexander Dubcek came to power and running until August 21 of that year when the Soviet Union and The Warsaw Pact allies (except communist Romania) invaded the country.

Forms of government - Democracy, Communism, Capitalism, Fascism and Socialism are defined in the docent materials and the struggle of the Czech and Slovak people evident in their rejection of unpopular forms of government.

The presentation of this exhibit should be the crowning achievement for the producers and an enriching experience for both volunteers and viewers.

— Helen Tucker Sorensen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Guild Members ~

I am so pleased to serve as your 2008 president. Thank you for the honor to serve you. Thank you to all who have accepted the responsibility of chairing a committee . . . you are so appreciated!

Being part of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library gives one a great sense of pride in our community; after all Cedar Rapids, Iowa is the only city in the United State that can say "The **National** Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is located in our city"!

The Guild will be celebrating its fourteenth anniversary in April. Founders Patty Hikiji and Marge Stone surely are very happy as they reflect on all of the benefit the Museum has derived from the presence of the Guild.

The families and friends of our three departed founders, Evelyn Lamparek, Mae Novotny and Sylvia Rohlena also know what a great gift their vision and efforts to form the Guild has meant to the Museum and to all of us members who take pride in our Museum and the good work the Guild has done over the years.

Irma Kelly and committee will be counting on all of us to help with the upcoming "Taste of Czech & Slovak" this coming May.

All of us on the board, Gary Dvorak, Carolyn Holubar, Pat Kent, Shirley Alexander and Mel Holubar look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions as to how we can better serve you and make the Guild even stronger as we work toward assisting the Museum in every way possible.

Marilyn R. Tucker



The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at NCSML on January 05, 2008.

Marilyn Tucker (President) called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Gary Dvorak (Vice Pres.) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A "thank you" and a standing ovation were given to Shirley Alexander in appreciation for her dedicated work as our Past President, initiated by Marj NejdI.

New guests were introduced by Jan Stoffer: Jason Wright, Kelly Otto, Trisha Bender and Leah Wilson.

Hostesses were Milly Ortner, Jessie Stastny and Dorothy Voelkers. They served delicious breads, nuts, mints, juice and coffee.

Program: Gary Dvorak introduced Marge and Bob Stone; Marge gave an overview of the "Guild Bus Trip to Springfield".

Czech & Slovak Word of the Day (Bob Stone).

English	Czech	Slovak
Music	Hudba (Muzika)	Hudba
Bag Pipes	Dudy	Gajdy
Piper	Dudák	Gajdos ^v

Happy New Year

Czech Stastny Novy Rok

Officer Reports: Recording Secretary (Carolyn Holubar) no report from December. A discussion occurred to have a print-out of the secretary's report available to the Guild members every month. Pat Martin and Emil Koval 2nd the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

Corresponding secretary (Shirley Alexander) read a note from Lavanda Woosley.

Treasurer: (Pat Kent) Balance in December is \$2,090.45. The final report for 2007 is not ready. Two bills were approved to be paid. One to Irma Kelly for \$23.93, and another to Marilyn Tucker for \$97.10.

Museum Representative (Mel Holubar) in early summer, Gail Naughton had Gary Rozek gather information on many museums.

Conclusion: in Sept: with expansion, do only what we can afford.

In Nov. The building committee had proposals from four architects, they were narrowed down to two, and then Durant, from Dubuque, was chosen.

1. Because of his great experience with over 20 other museums.
2. To increase the visitor levels to the museum.
3. His experience in finding sources for funding. And
4. Impressed with his careful planning process.

We all must keep our vision high because we are the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library.

Forty percent of the Czech and Slovak people who have immigrant heritage live in Iowa and the states that surround

Iowa.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: (Patricia Hikiji). November, 2007: Guild members recording hours - 39. Number of Guild hours recorded 645.75. December, 2007: Guild members recording hours - 41. Number of Guild hours recorded 582.75.

Year End Report:

Number of Guild members recording hours in 2007 - 62. Number of Guild hours recorded in 2007 - 7391. Top Ten List: Ann Kloubec 560.25, Carolyn Holubar 441.00, Alicia Jackson 372.25, Dolores Usher 321.75, Lu Volsch 307.00, Betty Gallagher 299.25, Shirley Alexander 293.50, Ed Volsch 266.50, Marjeanne Jungjohann 246.50, Betty Suchan 236.50.

Committee Reports: Education (Jan Stoffer) The new exhibit, 1968, will be open from March 6, 2008 to January 2009. Docent training will begin at the Feb. meeting. The museum has been nominated for two awards, one is the ICCA and the second is the ICKY. **Fund Raising** (Irma Kelly) report on the Cookie Walk: 35 members baked and 14 donated money. 55 customers were served. \$931.00 was taken in plus \$165.00 donation for a total of \$1,096. **Garden** (Mel Holubar) no news. **History and Prop** (Andrea Seibenmann) no news. **Membership** (Milly Ortner), pay your dues. **Program** (Gary Dvorak) Jan Stoffer will be speaking on "1968". **Publications** (Marilyn Tucker), news items will be needed to insert by late February. **Public Relations** (Carol Ann Rexroat) no news. **Social** (Irma Kelly) hospitality for February will be Barb Pulkrab and Betty Gallagher.

The Auditing Committee will be chaired by Leni Stastny, with members Virginia Wilts and Marilyn Tucker. They will work on the budget.

It was suggested by Marj NejdI that a representative, from a committee, should attend funerals of Czech and Slovak members, and Guild members, as a courtesy to the families. \$25.00 will be given to the Endowment Fund as a memorial for Irma Rozek.

Charles Opatrny gave us good news, The Czech and Slovak people no longer need Passports nor Visa's to travel through Europe.

Door Prizes were won by Carolyn Holubar and Betty Gallagher.

Adjournment at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Holubar

February 2008 MEETING MINUTES

The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

President Marilyn Tucker called the meeting to order and Vice president Gary Dvorak led the Pledge of Allegiance. 34 volunteers were in attendance.

Jan Stoffer presented the program on the new exhibit *"1968, Twelve Volatile Months That Transformed the World"*.

Bob Stone presented the Czech and Slovak words of the day.

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Slovak</u>
Family	Rodina	Rodina
Father (Dad)	Otec (Tatinek)	Otec (Otecko)
Mother (Mom)	Matka (Maminka)	Matka (Mamicko)
Son	Syn	Syn
Daughter	(D)cera (D)cera	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Pat Martin announced that the next meeting will be presented by representatives from CSA, Sokol and Damska Mařice. She will have a list of the year's programs in the next newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Shirley Alexander reported she sent a sympathy card to Lydia Elias.

Jan Stoffer noted that the Calendar of Events and invitations to the Czech and Slovak History and Cultural Conference have been mailed. She reminded us that credit for volunteer hours is given for attending programs.

Irma Kelly, Fund Raising Chair, will ask at the next meeting for members to sign up for the Taste of Czech.

Milly Ortner, Membership Chair, asked members to be sure to pay dues. She said she attended the visitation for Barb Pulkrab's mother and the service for Louis Elias.

Marilyn announced that the publication deadline for The Guilded Page is February 15 and the newsletter will be out ten days before the next meeting.

Irma Kelly asked for volunteers to host the March meeting. Dolores Usher and Betty Truesdell offered to serve.

Leni Stasny said the Audit Committee will meet after the meeting. Bob Stone will serve as a substitute for Virginia Wilts.

Shirley Alexander, Past President, gave the Guild Report at the Museum's annual meeting. She said she emphasized three activities in the presentation-the Cookie Walk, Taste of Czech and Helping Hands Day. She also underscored the success of the cookbook and the profit for both the Museum Store and the Guild.

Gary Dvorak reporting for Treasurer Pat Kent said the treasury balance at 01/31/08 was \$ 4919.30. A bill in the amount of \$22.28 for shipping was presented. A motion was made by Dolores Usher to pay the bill, it was seconded and passed.

Shirley Alexander reported that a second printing of the cookbook has been paid in full and future income will all be profit. The new price for the books will be \$ 25.00

Gary asked that announcements be given to him prior to meetings so he can give them at the end. He reported that the Executive Board decided to give \$1500 of the Guild's pledge to the Museum for the Exhibit Fund.

Dorothy Voelkers said she will accept ink cartridges, cell phones and batteries for recycling through her church, Trinity Lutheran.

The president thanked the members for signing up for committees and also thanked Betty Pulkrab Gallagher and Barb Dalecky Pulkrab for serving as hostesses. Door prizes donated by Marj Nejd1 and the hostesses were won by Karen Hospodarsky, Irma Kelly and Marilyn Tucker.

A motion was made by Dorothy Voelkers to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 1.

Recording Secretary Pro Tem,

Fern Kaplan Fackler



"Governor's Volunteer Award"

Left to right: Dolores Usher, Dorothy Voelkers, Shirley Alexander, Mari Culver, Iowa's First Lady, Carolyn Holubar, Marilyn R. Tucker and Fern Fackler

TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2007

Number of Guild members recording hours in November— **39**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 645.75

Ann Kloubec	74.50
Marj NejdI	54.00
Betty Suchan	38.00
Karen Hospodarsky	37.75
Alicia Jackson	34.00
Betty Gallagher	33.50
Lu Volsch	30.50
Shirley Alexander	28.50
Ed Volsch	26.50
Marjeanne Jungjohann	24.00

DECEMBER 2007

Number of Guild members recording hours in December— **41**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 582.75

Ann Kloubec	55.50
Marj NejdI	47.50
Marilyn Tucker	39.50
Betty Gallagher	37.50
Dolores Usher	27.50
Lu Volsch	23.00
Carolyn Holubar	19.50
Charles Opatrny	19.50
Marjeanne Jungjohann	19.25
Betty Suchan	18.00
Bob Stone	17.00

JANUARY 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in January — **34**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 463.75

Ann Kloubec	48.00
Dolores Usher	35.00
Karen Hospodarsky	34.00
Alicia Jackson	28.75
Shirley Alexander	28.50
Betty Gallagher	28.00
Betty Suchan	23.50
Ed Volsch	20.00
Lu Volsch	20.00
Ed Hemphill	15.50
Laverne Fisher	14.00
Jo Hemphill	14.00
Charles Opatrny	14.00

VOLUNTEER 2007 YEAR-END REPORT

Compiled by Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator

Number of Guild members recording hours in 2007 — **62**

Number of Guild hours recorded in 2007 — **7410**

Range in recorded hours — 3 hours to 560.25 hours

Top Ten List for 2007

Ann Kloubec	560.25
Carolyn Holubar	440.50
Alicia Jackson	370.25
Dolores Usher	321.75
Lu Volsch	307.00
Betty Gallagher	299.25
Shirley Alexander	293.50
Ed Volsch	266.50
Marjeanne Jungjohann	246.50
Betty Suchan	236.50



Patricia A. Hikiji
Volunteer Coordinator

Guild Members Service Hours by Category

No. of Hours	No. of Guild Volunteers
3 — 50	24
51 — 151	18
152 — 250	12
251 — 561	8

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Marilyn Shima Tucker
Editor



NEXT MEETING

9:00 A.M.

Saturday

March 1, 2008

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Saturday, March 1, 2008

9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

“REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS:

“Sokol” by Allison Gerber

“Damska Matice Skolska”...Ladies Educational Society

by Irene Hamous

“CSA” by Marj NejdI

Hosts: Karen Hospodarsky, Betty Truesdell and Dolores Usher

Saturday, April 5, 2008

9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

**“VENTURING CREW 1918: A SCOUTING PROGRAM
DEDICATED TO YOUTH AND CZECH HERITAGE”**

Hosts: Dolores Blood and Joe Kurka

Saturday, May 3, 2008

9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

CZECH BOOK CLUB: FIVE FAVORITE PICKS

Moderator: Patty Hikiji

Hosts: Pat Martin, Jessie Stastny and Leni Stastny

From the Board and Membership of
The Museum Guild

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to

The Family and Friends of
Guild Member

IRMA ROZEK

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to

Guild member Lydia Elias and family
on the death of her husband of 58 years

Louis Elias