

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Museum Guild Members:



The year is going by very quickly — this is my last letter to you for the year 2000. The next couple of months will be busy for you with the holidays coming up. Please keep some time set aside to volunteer at the Museum. The new exhibit on hand painted porcelain dinnerware, entitled *“Formal Settings: Decorated Porcelain of Bohemia,”* will be in place the first part of November. The current exhibit, *“Czech Technology in Motion,”* has brought a lot of visitors to the Museum, and I know the new exhibit will do the same. Patty Hikiji will need your help! I ask you to check your calendars and please give her a call.

We have several special events and projects coming up before the year is finished. We have the bus trip to Decorah, Iowa, in October. The dumpling cookbook has gone to press, and should be available for the



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dumpling tasting event at the Museum. We are still receiving revenue from our original cookbook. The **Koláč (Kolach) and Czech Pastries** cookbook is close to being finalized. We also have our *Annual Cookie Walk* at the end of the year as our last major project.

Since I will not have the opportunity to write to you again until the 2001 winter issue of **The Gilded Page**, I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have worked hard and made my year as your President a rewarding experience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Dvorak, President

## Tales of a Norwegian Immigrant

— Presented by Ann Urness Gesme —

Guild members had an opportunity to learn about another nationality of emigrant when Ann Gesme shared stories and genealogical information about her Norwegian ancestors at the September 2, 2000 Guild meeting. Ann has compiled her information in a book entitled *Between Rocks and Hard Places*. Her presentation's emphasis was on a life in Norway during the 1800s.

Norway is comparable in size to New Mexico and has a more temperate climate than one would expect. Ninety percent of the emigrants came to America after the Civil War ended in 1865.

We learned that the majority of Norwegians had the same status economically, were hard working farmers, and for the most part, a healthy people. The peasant diet consisted of mush, flatbread, dried meat or fish and sour milk. *Lefse*, a fancier type of flatbread, was enjoyed on special occasions.

Norwegian women were historically regarded with relatively high status within the family or wherever they were needed in the community. The **Norwegian Society for Women's Rights** was organized as early as 1884. By 1901, women could vote in local elections and by 1907 in national elections.

In 1537 the Lutheran Church was declared the official church of Denmark and Norway as well. In 1810, it became mandatory law for everyone to be vaccinated. This was usually carried out by the Lutheran clergy and recorded in the church books. In order to be confirmed or to marry, one had to prove he had been vaccinated.

Marriages were important so that couples could share life's hardships. Therefore, the single life was not considered a favorable status. Often there were significant age differences between the couple which was not an issue, and marriages rarely ended except by death. The peasants lived in such small houses that the baby's



cradle would be hung from the rafters, there being no floor space to accommodate it!

Ann not only completed genealogy for her family but for her husband's as well. Their earliest ancestors immigrated in 1843 and the most recent in 1880. They usually left Norway as an entire family unit, and initially settled in Dane County, Wisconsin. The majority traveled to North America on sailing ships. Those arriving before 1854 landed in New York, but those emigrating during the 1860s landed in Quebec, Canada. Only the last ones came by steam ships.

As I listened to Ann's stories, I came to realize that her Norwegian ancestors and our Czech and Slovak ancestors had much in common. They were good-hearted people who worked hard in their homelands . . . yet had the courage to seek and find a better life for themselves and their families. — Betty Truesdell

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THE GUILDED PAGE STAFF: Cynthia Tucker Shaffer, Editor ■ Marilyn Shima Tucker, Associate Editor

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Beverly Vesely

Shirley J. Alexander

(Renewal Membership)

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Sister Christine Elias

Marcus and Marjorie Pace

Sister Virginia Kremlacek

**MEMBERS:  
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE  
ADDITIONS AND CHANGES IN  
YOUR RED YEARBOOK.**

*Always Remember*



From the Board and Membership of  
The Museum Guild . . .

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**  
to the Family and Friends of Guild member

~ HELENE KANE ~

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We will all miss Helene.

## The Dumplings Are Here!



An embossed example of the wonderful artwork  
by Guild member Marj Nejd from *Quality Dumpling Recipes*.  
(Although this is not the finalized cover of the cookbook, it reflects the divider page design.)

Just in time for Christmas "gifting," our newest cookbook has arrived, hot off the presses! This recipe-card file sized cookbook is THE perfect stocking stuffer, as well as a great gift for birthdays, showers, housewarmings . . . any occasion!

*Penfield Press says . . .*

" . . . *Quality Dumpling Recipes* is a "lil' dumplin'" book but "big" on recipes. Ninety-five recipes for dumplings of all sizes and shapes and all sorts of taste from members of the Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library . . . and friends of Penfield Press round out this mouth-watering collection.

Exquisite original drawings by Marj Kopecek Nejd, Master Czech Folk Artist from Cedar Rapids, are found on the cover and throughout the book, adding to this testimonial of the charm and allure of dumplings."

Purchase your copies today at the Museum Gift Shop!

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR GIFT GIVING . . .



*Quality Czech Mushroom Recipes* from Museum Gift Shop  
And don't forget our own **KUCHARKA KUCHARKA!**  
Order yours today by contacting Beula Dvorak

## 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.

## 2000 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Gary F. Dvorak
Vice President	Zula Oujiri
Treasurer	Rose Kopecky
Recording Secretary	Sister Christine Elias
Corresp. Secretary	Leni Stastny
Museum Guild Rep.	Sylvia Rohlena
Ex-Officio	Sylvia Rohlena

## 2000 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Co-Chairs { Irma Kelly Sylvia Rohlena
History & Property	Barb Pulkrab
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Marge Stone
Publications	Cynthia T. Shaffer
Public Relations	- - - - -
Social	Irma Kelly



Elections are right around the corner.  
Is it time for YOU to get involved?

## 2000 - 2001 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

- Saturday, OCTOBER 7, 2000
- Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, 2000
- Saturday, DECEMBER 9, 2000
- Saturday, JANUARY 6, 2001
- Saturday, FEBRUARY 3, 2001
- Saturday, MARCH 3, 2001

Please note that the December meeting is the second Saturday of the month. The Cookie Walk will also take place that day from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Museum. Please refer to page 6 for details of meeting times, programs and venues.



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

## Election of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers

Please be thinking about who you would like to have serve on the Guild Nominating Committee. The election of this committee will take place at the October 7 meeting.

Also, think about who you would like to elect to serve on the Executive Board of the Guild. You will be electing your 2001 officers at the November 4 meeting. It is important to think about this event before we come to the November meeting.

The Guild Bylaws state: "No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." The current officers and years served in their respective offices are:

**NOTE:** There will be no election of Museum Guild Representative this year as the incumbent has two years remaining in term.

Office	Name	Years Served in Current Office
President	Gary F. Dvorak	one
Vice President	Zula Oujiri	one
Recording Secretary	Sister Christine Elias	one
Treasurer	Rose Kopecky	one
Corresponding Secretary	Leni Stastny	one
Museum Guild Representative	Sylvia Rohlena	one (first year of a 3-year term)

## Guild Bylaws

### Article V. Officers

**Section 1.** The officers of this Guild shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Museum Guild Representative to the Board of Directors of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and any other officers the Guild shall deem necessary to achieve the goals of the Guild. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws.

**Section 2.** At the meeting held in October, an Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the President, and a Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Guild. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be elected at the November meeting.

**Section 3.** The officers, with the exception of the Museum Guild Representative, shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for one year. The Museum Guild Representative shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for three years. The officers'

terms of office shall begin at the January meeting. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

### Nominating Committee

A nominating committee of three should be ELECTED by the vote of the membership one month prior to the election of Guild officers. Nominations are to be made from the floor by any Guild member. The Guild President is not eligible to serve on this committee.

#### Duties:

- Select a slate of one or more eligible candidates for each of the six Guild offices.
- Report the slate of candidates at the election meeting, and give a written copy of the slate to the presiding officer.



## Touring the Life Size Murals at St. John's Catholic Church

On August 14 the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library held a short meeting at the Museum and then the members traveled to St. John's Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon to view the life size murals painted on the church's basement social center walls. We were guided by the artist of the murals, Byrdena Ulrich of Lisbon, Iowa. We first saw the life size "Last Supper," which Byrdena painted in about six weeks. The likeness of some of the brothers who were apostles was really outstanding. The face of Jesus showed anxiety and sorrow and the apostles all had very grave expressions. As one gazed at the mural it seemed amazingly life-like.

In the far corner was a mural painted especially for children, showing animals and children enjoying a peaceful time together.

On another wall was a mural depicting Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 5-9.<sup>1</sup> This mural showed peace among animals of all kinds: Leopards, bear cubs, calves, sheep, wolves, goats, cows, bears and lion cubs and even depicted children and snakes enjoying life together in harmony.

Byrdena Ulrich has been painting since she was a little girl, having been taught by her mother. Her skillful use of color in the murals adds so very much. All who attended greatly enjoyed the evening. — Zula Oujiri



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ABOVE: A portion of "The Last Supper," depicting the central figure of Jesus. By mural artist Byrdena Ulrich.

**RIGHT:** A section of Byrdena Ulrich's special mural for children.  
**FAR RIGHT:** One view of the artist's stunning interpretation of Isaiah 11:5-9.



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### <sup>1</sup> Isaiah 11:5-9

"... He will be clothed with fairness and truth. In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard and the goat will be at peace. Calves and yearlings will be safe among lions, and a little child will lead them all. The cattle will graze among bears. Cubs and calves will lie down together. And lions will eat grass as the livestock do. Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes and pull it out unharmed. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain. And as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD."



## MEETING MINUTES JULY 10, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Guild President Gary Dvorak at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library with 30 members in attendance. In Zula Oujiri's absence, Gary led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Beverly Vesely was introduced as our guest for the meeting. Beverly is also now our newest member of the Guild. Refreshments were served prior to the business portion of the meeting by the evening's three hostesses, Irma Kelly, Lydia Elias and Martha Divishek. Everyone enjoyed the kolaches!

**CZECH WORD OF THE DAY** –  
Milly Ortner  
"ZASTERA": Apron

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** –  
Sister Christine Elias

In the absence of Sister Christine Elias, Rose Kopecky read the Secretary's Report. There were no additions or corrections made to the minutes.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Leni Stastny

President Gary Dvorak gave the Corresponding Secretary's report in Leni Stastny's absence. A thank you note was sent to Shirlee Peterson for her extra monetary donation to the Guild. An anniversary card was sent to Bob and Marilyn Tucker. A thank you card was sent to JoAnne Neff and Barbara Aguirre for their June presentation and the gifts of dolls they gave to the members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Rose Kopecky  
Rose Kopecky gave the financial report. The Guild has a current bank balance of \$4,166.39.

**MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE** –  
Sylvia Rohlena

Sylvia Rohlena gave a report on the progress being made on the old Museum building.

**MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** – Patty Hikiji

Patty Hikiji gave a report on last week's potluck for the "Nová Česká píseň" (The New Czech Song) Chamber Chorus of Plzen, Czech Republic. She thanked the Guild members for their hospitality and the delicious food they brought to the potluck. The event was a huge success with the help of Guild members.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Membership:** Milly Ortner  
Milly Ortner reported that we now have 112 paid members.

**B. Social:** Irma Kelly  
Irma Kelly also thanked members for help with the potluck.

**C. Publications:** Cynthia Tucker Shaffer  
Fern Fackler reported on Publications for Cynthia Tucker Shaffer. Work will continue on the newsletter at a pace comfortable for her because of health problems. The Guild certainly appreciates her efforts.

**D. History:** Barb Pulkrab  
Barb Pulkrab reported that the overhead projector was not yet purchased. However, work on this was going ahead and will be reported on at a later date.

### OLD BUSINESS

■ There was no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

■ A discussion was held on the Guild's next meeting. Dorothy Conner reported that there was a scheduling problem at St. John's Catholic Church, Mt. Vernon, as far as our next Guild meeting on August 14. She will be in contact with the church to see if our visit can be arranged. Marj Nejdil moved that we change the time of the meeting to 6 p.m. that night so that travel would be more convenient. The motion was seconded and carried. The Calling Committee will inform members later if it will be possible to go to the church. Presently, it was thought we would have the meeting at the Museum before the trip. Plans will be finalized through the month.

■ Barb Edmunds informed us of the upcoming Czech School program to be held at Wilson Middle School on Friday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. The children will be performing Czech songs they have learned in their summer classes.

■ Leo Modracek brought up the possibility of a "goodwill offering" to be made to the "Nová Česká píseň" Chamber Chorus. It was suggested that \$250.00 would be a suitable donation. The motion was made by Leo to approve \$250.00 to be given by the Guild; it was seconded by Fern Fackler. The motion carried.

■ Barb Pulkrab informed our group that the Gazette will feature Czech Village Sokol Park. On Thursday, July 27 at 5:15 p.m. the Gazette will be photographing people in the neighborhood.

Marj Nejdil displayed for us several of her artistically created aprons. One was selected as the door prize for the evening. Martha Divishek won the beautiful apron.

Rose Kopecky moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

### PROGRAM

Dorothy Conner presented a delightful program entitled "Apron History & Exhibit." All those wearing their favorite aprons told us a little history about them. A group picture was taken with the beautiful aprons. Elmer Netolicky and Irma Binko kindly provided Czech music for the group. A few members enjoyed dancing to the nice music!

— Respectfully submitted by Vera Conway,  
substituting for Sr. Christine Elias, Secretary

### Q: What can you get for \$10 these days?

A: An entire year's worth of friendship, fun, fellowship, food – for the brain, the body AND the soul... and that "warm and fuzzy" feeling that only volunteering can give you!

THE FIVE F'S

**It's That Time . . .** (From the Guild Bylaws): "The annual dues for membership in the Guild shall be \$10.00. Dues shall be payable in advance on or before January 1st. Any member who shall not pay Guild dues within forty-five (45) days after such are due shall be removed from the Guild's roster."

It is very important that **dues are paid on time** so that we will be able to list your name in the all-new 2001 Membership Book. To be published shortly. So please send your check today to: **Rose Kopecky, Treasurer,** or bring payment to the next meeting.

**Don't miss out on "The Five F's" in 2001!**

## MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Dvorak at 6:00 p.m. at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library with 36 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Zula Oujiri. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting by Vera Conway, Olga Sedenka and Irma Rozek. Louanne Ryon, daughter of Lenora Watson, was introduced as our guest for the evening.

**CZECH WORD OF THE DAY** –  
Milly Ortner  
"OBRAZEK": Picture

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** –  
Sister Christine Elias

The minutes of the July meeting written by Vera Conway were read by Sister Christine. They were approved by the membership.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Leni Stastny

Leni Stastny gave the following report: A thank you note was sent to Dorothy Conner for the July Guild program on "Apron History." A thank you note was received from Marilyn and Bob Tucker for the anniversary card sent to them. A thank you note was received from Patty Hikiji for all the help given by Guild members when the "Nová Česká píseň" Chamber Choir performed. A thank you note including a \$10.00 donation was sent to Gary Dvorak from visitors to the Museum from Maryland.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Rose Kopecky

Rose Kopecky reported that a balance of \$4,073.34 as of July 31, 2000 remains in the treasury. There were no deposits; there were two disbursements of \$73.05 for the meat for the reception and \$20.00 to Elmer Netolicky for entertainment. The overhead projector has been purchased but no bill has been presented. The \$300.00 check from Penfield Press for cookbooks has not been received. Dorothy Conner moved that the report be accepted; it was seconded by Lillian Kopecky. The motion carried.

**MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** – Patty Hikiji

Patty Hikiji read the hours donated by volunteers in July, plus the number of memberships sold in May, June, and July by Guild members. A list of programs taking place in August and September was given each member. Members were encouraged to attend the special programs which serve as additional information on the Czech and Slovak peoples, their culture and customs. Patty reiterated that attending these programs would enhance one's ability to be a better docent.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Membership:** Milly Ortner  
Milly Ortner reported that as of August 14, the Guild has 112 paid members.

**B. Program:** Marge Stone  
Lavanda Woosley gave an overview of the October 7 trip to Decorah to visit the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. More members are needed to sign up for the trip. Marge Stone reported that the September Guild meeting will have a presentation by Ann Gesme on "Tales of a Norwegian Immigrant." She also reminded all present that the next meeting will be held at Hamilton Business College at 9:30 a.m.

**C. Publications:** Cynthia Tucker Shaffer  
Marilyn Tucker reported that the next newsletter is in progress. She showed the printed announcement from the Gazette about the Guild meeting. She is continuing to try to get the announcement into the business section.

**D. Social:** Irma Kelly  
Irma Kelly thanked the hostesses for the refreshments. Hostesses for next month are Barb Pulkrab, Marie Webster and Leni Stastny.

**E. Education:** Bob Stone  
Bob Stone called attention to programs sponsored by the Linn County History Center. One in particular, to be held September 23, will entail a tour of the southwest portion of Linn County and will zero in on the Czech people residing there. The tour is a one day trip from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a cost of \$12.00 including lunch. Leo Rogers is the tour guide.

## OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Wilson School is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Special activities are planned from September 6 through 9. More information and details will be announced later.
- Olga Drahozal announced that she will be teaching an advanced class in the Czech language on ten (10) consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 13. Beginners' classes are scheduled for January 2001.
- President Gary Dvorak asked the members for a discussion about holding the program first and the business meeting second. Inez Popelka made a motion that we follow that sequence. Zula Oujiri seconded the motion. A further discussion suggested that some allowances be made for various reasons. With that stipulation, the motion was carried.

A door prize of a crocheted angel was donated by Dorothy Conner and won by Leni Stastny.

A motion was made by Zula Oujiri and seconded by Rose Kopecky to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

## PROGRAM

Many members traveled to Mt. Vernon to view the murals painted by Byrdena Ulrich on the walls of St. John's Catholic Church.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Sister Christine Elias, Secretary

## MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Dvorak followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Zula Oujiri. Refreshments were served by Barb Pulkrab, Leni Stastny and Marie Webster.

### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY –

Milly Ortner  
"PRISTEHOVALEC": Immigrant  
(This word was very apropos for the program of the day.)

### SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Sister Christine Elias  
The minutes of the August meeting were read by Sister Christine. Lavanda Woosley made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Lillian Kopecky. The motion carried.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Leni Stastny  
Leni Stastny sent the following cards: A "Get Well" to Irene Hamous and a "Sympathy" to Helene Kane's family. President Gary Dvorak also reported that he sent a copy of *The Guilded Page* to Daniela Pincova as well as a thank you note for her kind remarks.

### TREASURER'S REPORT –

Rose Kopecky  
Rose Kopecky gave the Treasurer's report: The Guild had a balance of \$3,912.50 as of August 31, 2000. A deposit of \$300.00 from Penfield Press was made for the *Dumpling Guild Cookbook* and \$216.00 for the sale of cookbooks from the Museum Gift Shop. Disbursements were in the amounts of \$17.25 for the Choral Concert; \$182.43 for the newsletter and postal cards; \$227.16 for an overhead projector to be used at Museum programs; and our "goodwill" donation of \$250.00 to the Czech Choral Group.

### MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR –

Patty Hikiji  
Patty Hikiji reported that 47 volunteers recorded hours in August. The number of Guild hours recorded were 692.75. The list of the Top Ten Volunteers was read. A list of all members who sold memberships in August was read. To date Guild members have sold 18 individual memberships, 16 family memberships and 1 contributing membership. It was noted that Helene Kane had sold the most memberships. This campaign will be extended to November 1. A reminder was given of how hours can be earned by obtaining memberships. An extra 100 hours will be earned by the Guild member who obtains the most new memberships.

Patty gave a run down on the many excellent educational programs for the next two months. Of special note are the programs of October 9 and 29 which are the *Sunday Lifelong Series*; the film series on October 13 and 15; and the October 18 *Learn at Lunch*, which will be a demonstration on making dumplings, given by Ed Nejd.

Patty also gave special thanks to the Guild for purchasing the overhead projector for use at the

various Museum programs.

### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE –

Sylvia Rohlena  
Sylvia Rohlena reported that the organization, **Friends of the Czech Republic**, is hosting a dinner in New York City to honor Madeleine Albright. Dan Baldwin, his wife, and Sylvia and Robert Rohlena will attend this function.

Applications for consideration to become the new Czech prince and princess are available at the Museum. The deadline for applications is October 4, 2000. Crowning of the new royalty will take place at the fall dinner on November 4, 2000.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Membership:** Milly Ortner  
Milly Ortner reported that one renewal membership brought the total Guild membership to 113 paid members. She thanked the calling committee for their work in alerting members to the change in meeting location for September.

**B. Publications:** Cynthia Tucker Shaffer  
Marilyn Tucker reported that the autumn issue of *The Guilded Page* is scheduled to be mailed September 27. The deadline for new material is September 6. A memo from Cynthia Tucker Shaffer, Editor, was read. She requested a picture of July's apron program; a volunteer was sought to write a descriptive paragraph of each month's program; a photo of the Museum garden was requested; and a listing of Museum programs through December. She expressed her appreciation for all notes and cards sent to her.

**C. History:** Barb Pulkrab  
Barb Pulkrab reported that she will meet with her committee this month.

**D. Education:** Bob Stone  
No formal report was given, but Bob did encourage all to come to the September 11 "Káva a Knihy" on Willa Cather's *My Antonia*. This book is a touching account of the lives of a Czech immigrant family.

## OLD BUSINESS

■ Lavanda Woosley gave an overall itinerary for the bus tour to Decorah on October 7. This will include the Guild monthly meeting, to be held on the bus.

■ Fern Fackler showed some of the proof pages for the *Dumpling Cookbook*. Sylvia Rohlena, Marilyn Tucker and Fern met with Joan Liffing-Zug Bourret to discuss the progress of this project. Marj Nejdí designed the cover page and division sheets. Present plans are to have this book on the market by September 20.

## NEW BUSINESS

■ President Gary Dvorak announced that new badges for all members will be printed soon.

■ Marilyn Tucker presented the suggestion that a monetary gift of \$10.00 be donated to the Endowment Fund in memory of deceased Guild members. (Most recently, the Guild lost members Helene Kane and Dolores Travnicek.) Sylvia Rohlena made a motion, seconded by Lillian Kopecky, to accept this suggestion. Further discussion led to the proposal that a current active member be automatically enrolled and a recent member be voted upon individually. The motion carried.

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## National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Programs October 2000 – March 2001

October 7: 6:30 AM ■ Hamilton College  
Tour: "Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum," Decorah, IA  
Tour Host: Lavanda Woosley

November 4: 9:30 AM ■ Hamilton College  
"The History of St. Wenceslaus Church"  
presented by Rose Kopecky  
Hosts: Marj Nejd, Marge Pace and Irene Hamous

December 9: 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
"A Holiday Surprise!"  
presented by The Museum Guild 2000 Board  
Hosts: 2000 Guild Officers



January 6, 2001: 9:30 AM ■ The History Center  
"The History Center" presented by Linda Langston,  
Executive Director of The History Center  
Hosts: Irma Modracek, Hermina Rigel and Betty Petrzaiek

February 3, 2001: 9:30 AM ■ Hamilton College  
"Memories" presented by Nancy Colbert  
Hosts: Betty Truesdell, Dorothy Conner and Sylvia Rohlena

March 3, 2001: 9:30 AM ■ Hamilton College  
"The Gardener's Year"  
presented by Lenora Watson  
Hosts: TBA

**PROGRAM** Marge Stone:

■ Dorothy Conner:

■ Zula Oujiri:

■ Betty Truesdell:

**COMMITTEE**

### MUSEUM CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ONGOING EVENTS

**Permanent Exhibit – "Homelands: The Story of the Czech & Slovak People."** This exhibit tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe, through the Velvet Divorce in 1993. "Homelands" features art, a 1969 Czech-made motorcycle, folk costumes and military artifacts.

#### COMING EVENTS

**October 9 – Káva a Knihy (Coffee and Books).** Reading Discussion Series: *City Sister Silver* by Jachym Topol. 7 - 9 p.m. Free.

**October 18 – Dumpling Day.** A new dumpling cookbook with recipes courtesy of the Museum Guild of the NCSML will be \$1.00 off the regular price for the day.

**October 18 – Learn at Lunch: "Dumplings"** by Ed Nejd. Noon, Heritage Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Free.

**October 13 & 15 – "Exploring Czech & Slovak Cinema."** The latest installment in our biannual series will feature films made since the Velvet Divorce. Ticket prices: Members – \$3 per film; Non-members – \$5 per film. Heritage Hall.

**October 29 – Sunday Lifelong Learning Series.** Photographer Carol Cartwright of Ames, IA will present a slide program of images from the Czech Republic. 2 p.m. Heritage Hall. Free.

**November 2 – "Formal Settings: Decorated Porcelain of Bohemia" Opens.** The second exhibition in the Museum's new gallery will feature the porcelain collection of Dr. James D. Henderson. An avid collector and researcher, Dr. Hender-

son recently published *Bohemian Decorated Porcelain*, one of the most comprehensive books on Czech porcelain. The exhibit will include the history of porcelain, porcelain production in the Czech Republic and dozens of fine examples from Henderson's private collection. His book will serve as the exhibition catalog. **Opening reception that evening to be announced.**

**November 4 – FALL DINNER.** The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 30 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**November 15 – Learn at Lunch: "St. Wenceslaus Church"** by Rose Kopecky. Noon. Heritage Hall. Bring a sack lunch and learn about the history of this 150-year old church and the saint it was named for. Free.

**November 16 – Thursday Night Presentation.** Diana Davies, University of Iowa, will present a program about Czechoslovakia's first president, T. G. Masaryk. Time TBA. Heritage Hall. Free.

**November 20 – Káva a Knihy (Coffee and Books).** Reading Discussion Series: *Madeleine Albright, a Twentieth-Century Odyssey* by Michael Dobbs. 7 - 9 p.m. Free.

**November 24 & 25 – Folk Artist Marj Nejd** personalizes ornaments from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**November 26 – Life Long Learning Series.** Scott Cole of Drake University will present a lecture/recital about Czech-Jewish composers and pianists as well as other composers (Schulhoff) banned by Nazis. 2 p.m. Heritage Hall. Free.

**November 28 & 30 – Porcelain Painting Class.** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$10.00. Ages 15 and up. Class size limited to 15. Reservations required. JoAnne Neff, instructor.

**December 2 – Svatý Mikuláš Day.** Celebrate a Czech and Slovak Christmas with St. Mikulas, the angel and the devil. 10:00 a.m. puppet show performed by the **Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre** (puppet show admission \$2 for adults, \$1 for children). Free activity for children and families following the show. Learn about the Christmas carp, how to decorate a Czech, Slovak and Moravian tree and enjoy traditional holiday activities and demonstrations throughout the month.

**December 3 – Muzika Muzika (Music Music).** Roosevelt Middle School 7th and 8th grade orchestra. 2 p.m. Heritage Hall. Free.

**December 3 – Folk Artist Marj Nejd** personalizes ornaments 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 6 – Learn at Lunch: "Kapr"** (The Christmas Carp). Noon. Heritage Hall. Bring a sack lunch and learn about the role the carp plays in Czech and Slovak Christmas traditions. Free.

**December 9 – Folk Artist Marj Nejd** personalizes ornaments from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 9 – Porcelain painter JoAnne Neff** demonstrates in the gallery. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 9 – Annual Museum Guild Cookie Walk.** A very popular holiday event allows visitors the opportunity to 'stock up' on yummy Christmas goodies. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 24 – Tatter Dorothy Snitil** demonstrates in the gallery. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 24 – Stained glass artist Ray Snitil** demonstrates in the gallery. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Docent attendance highly recommended.

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- Recipes for the **Kolach Cookbook** may still be submitted. The book will be expanded by including different types of use for the kolach dough
- Marge Stone announced that the November program will be presented by Rose Kopecky on the history of St. Wenceslaus Church.
- The **Cookie Walk** will be held December 9. A check will be made to see if it would be possible to hold this meeting at the Museum.

Sherlee Peterson won the door prize, a pin of the United States and Czech flags, graciously donated by Sister Christine Elias.

A motion to adjourn was made by Milly Ortner and seconded by Lillian Kopecky. The motion carried.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Sister Christine Elias

#### A BIG THANK YOU to my Calling Committee!

Martha Divishek • Fern Fackler • Fran Johnson  
Rose Kopecky • Irma Modracek • Zula Oujiri • Barb Pulkrab  
Olga Sedenka • Marilyn Tucker • Lenora Watson

The Calling Committee is essential in keeping the members informed of changes or events that affect our group. The members of this committee are always willing to help out and notify the members in a timely manner. My appreciation and thanks to all of you for your cooperation!

— Milly Ortner, Chairman



### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD	MAY	TYPE	JUNE	TYPE	JULY	TYPE	AUGUST	TYPE
	Irene Konecny	1 Individual	Irma Modracek	1 Individual	Helene Kane	3 Individual	Gary Dvorak	1 Individual
Hermína Rigel	1 Individual	Marge Stone	1 Individual	Patricia Hikiji	2 Family		2 Family	
Helene Kane	2 Individual	Helene Kane	1 Individual	Alicia Jackson	1 Family	Milly Ortner	1 Family	
Milly Ortner	1 Family		1 Family	Marie Cada	1 Individual	Diane Lindhorst	1 Individual	
	1 Individual	Robert Rohlena	1 Individual			Patricia Hikiji	1 Individual	
Leni Stastny	1 Family	Sylvia Rohlena	1 Individual			Betty Truesdell	1 Family	
Patricia Hikiji	1 Family	Milly Ortner	1 Family			Inez Popelka	1 Family	
Irma Rozek	1 Family						1 Contributing	
						Irma Rozek	1 Family	
						Bob Tucker	1 Individual	
						Betty Petrzalek	1 Family	

To date, Guild members have sold  
**18 Individual Memberships, 16 Family Memberships  
 and 1 Contributing Membership.**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### This Is What It's All About!

Many thanks and a job well done to the Museum Guild members who supported the Museum-sponsored choral concert, "Nova Ceska pisen," by presenting a wonderful "WELCOME" potluck luncheon, hosting the choir members in their homes and attending the concert. I can't express my appreciation enough to Irma Kelly and Sylvia Rohlena as well as to the members of Irma's Social and Hospitality Committee for setting the luncheon tables, organizing the buffet and beverage tables and keeping them supplied — not to mention cleaning up afterwards!

Thank you to Robert and Sylvia Rohlena for securing and cooking the pork roasts and to Frank Edmunds for helping us move and set up additional tables and chairs for the great turn-out that we had.

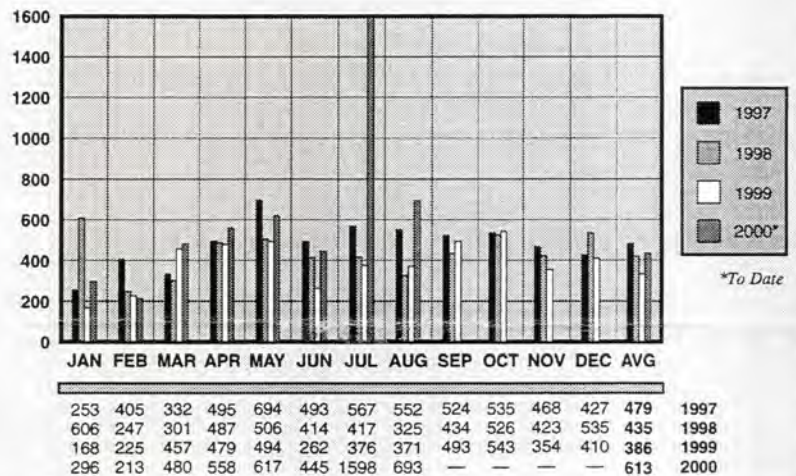
Thank you to those Guild members who attended the luncheon and provided the great variety of delectable dishes. And thank you to the Guild members who attended the concert and contributed to the free-will offering which helped defray the choir's transportation expenses.

I was so pleased and proud of the Guild's efforts that day. To me, it was a perfect example of what the Guild is all about — cooperation, initiative and support.

— Patty Hikiji

### Guild Volunteer Hours

1997, 1998, 1999 & 2000\*



### TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2000

#### JUNE 2000

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in June . . . 48

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 445

Dolores Usher	34.50
Irma Rozek	24.50
Lydia Elias	22.50
John Cimburek	22.00
Emma Davidson	21.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	19.25
Diane Lindhorst	17.50
Alice Kadlec	14.25
Dorothy Conner	14.00
Rose Kopecky	12.00

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

The Museum Membership Campaign is an excellent way to quickly earn extra volunteer hours! This very successful campaign has been extended to November 1, 2000. Please refer to the campaign report on page 7 for more information. Good luck!

#### JULY 2000

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in July . . . 57

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 1597.75

Marge Stone	410.00
Bob Stone	408.00
Emil Koval	319.25
Irma Modracek	37.00
Sylvia Rohlena	32.00
Dolores Usher	32.00
Alicia Jackson	28.50
Wes Drahozal	27.00
Barbara Edmunds	27.00
Olga Drahozal	26.00
Beula Dvorak	26.00
Frank Edmunds	26.00
Leni Stastny	26.00
Marie Webster	26.00
Robert Rohlena	26.00
Irma Rozek	24.50

#### AUGUST 2000

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in August . . . 47

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 692.75

Barb Pulkrab	79.50
Inez Popelka	61.00
Gary Dvorak	50.50
Cynthia Tucker Shaffer	42.00
Dolores Usher	30.50
Milly Ortner	27.75
Irma Rozek	26.50
Betty Petrzalek	21.50
Diane Lindhorst	20.50
Dorothy Conner	19.50

PLEASE NOTE: The number of volunteers and the number of volunteer hours recorded in JULY is much greater because of the number of Guild members who hosted members of the "Nova Ceska pisen" Chamber Choir, and the Guild members who housed a Slovak family in the process of emigrating to Iowa from the Slovak Republic.

# THE GUILDED PAGE

Cynthia Tucker Shaffer  
Editor



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*Our wishes to you  
for a wonderful  
Holiday Season.*

Beula Dvorak

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## UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

*We look forward to seeing you all at these wonderful programs!*

**OCTOBER 7, 2000**

7:00 a.m. at

Hamilton College • 1924 D Street SW

**TOUR: "Vesterheim Norwegian-American  
Museum," Decorah, IA**

*Tour Host: Lavanda Woosley*



**NOVEMBER 4, 2000**

9:30 a.m. at

Hamilton College • 1924 D Street SW

**"The History of St. Wenceslaus Church"**

*presented by*

**Rose Kopecky**

*Meeting hosted by Marj Nejd, Marge Pace and Irene Hamous*

**DECEMBER 9, 2000**

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

**"A Holiday Surprise"**

*presented by*

**The 2000 Museum Guild Officers**

*Meeting hosted by the 2000 Museum Guild Board*



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*Left to right: Irma Rozek, Patty Hikiji, Milly Ortner, Vera Conway, Irma Modracek, Barb Edmunds, Helen Christopherson, Patti Marolf, Sylvia Rohlena, Emma Davidson and Martha Divishek play "dress up" at the "Apron History" program in July. Left: Dorothy Conner, presenter of the program.*



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library needs as many volunteers as possible. Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving.

Please contact Patty Hikiji today at 362-8500. Give a little of yourself, and get a lot in return!