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\$1 Million Gift Establishes New Endowment

The core of educational and cultural programming at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will benefit greatly from a recent \$1 million donation. Raymond L. Jiruska of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, made the gift to establish the Ray L. Jiruska Family Endowment for Exhibits. The annual earnings from his gift will help fund the permanent exhibition in the Ray L. Jiruska Gallery and the management and development of exhibits each year. The gallery was named for Mr. Jiruska for his support during the NCSML's 1993-95 capital campaign to build the new museum building.

"This is the largest gift to the museum in its history," says President/CEO Gail Naughton. "We are extremely grateful to Ray and his son Rod for their belief in the museum and its educational mission to preserve the history and culture of Czechs and Slovaks in the United States. This gift will aid in securing the future of the NCSML as a world-class institution that will be here for posterity."

Jiruska is a long-time Cedar Rapids

businessman. He was one of the original major franchisees for H&R Block, operating more than 30 offices in eastern Iowa and Illinois' Quad Cities area for 45 years. He said he was moved to make the gift because of his pride in the success of the NCSML and his gratitude for the foundation of values and hard work he received from his Czech parents and

grandparents. "Every time I walk into the museum, I am full of pride for what we established here," he said. "It is so important to preserve history for future generations so they can learn about and be inspired by their ancestry."



Ray Jiruska (right), who has helped make the NCSML a world-class institution through his donations to the building and endowment funds, meets with his son Rod Jiruska and museum president Gail Naughton in the exhibit hall that bears his name.

Powerful Exhibit Reveals Tragedy of Slovak Jews

For the first time since the fall of communism in 1989 and the formation of the Slovak Republic in 1993, the creation and course of the Holocaust in Slovakia during World War II will be presented in the United States in an exhibition titled *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews*. The NCSML exhibition opens to the public November 4, 2005.

SlovakJews

The Tragedy of Slovak Jews has been on display since 2002 at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Auschwitz, Poland. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is partnering with the Museum of the Slovak National Uprising in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia, which originally researched and prepared the exhibit.

In 1939, Hitler's army entered and occupied all of Czechoslovakia. The country was divided into two separate nations, The Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (controlled solely by the Nazis) and Slovakia (an "independent" Nazi state). Over the next six years, Slovakia deported nearly 60,000 Slovak Jews to concentration camps, where most of them were murdered as

part of Hitler's "Final Solution." In total, nearly 80,000 Slovak Jews were lost during the Holocaust.

The Tragedy of Slovak Jews chronicles the key milestones of the Slovak story including the acceptance of the 1941 Jewish Codex, the first wave of deportations (March-October 1942), the origin and activity of working and prison camps, the second wave of deportations in 1944, the resistance movement, participation in the Slovak National Uprising, and the reprisals of the Nazis in 1944-1945.

The exhibit will run from November 4, 2005, to February 26, 2006. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This year has been crowned with garnets! As you receive this newsletter, the exhibit Bohemian Garnets: Exquisite Artistry from the National Museum in Prague will be closing its doors for the last time, on September 25, and we will be basking in the warm glow of a blockbuster summer. From the opening



NCSML President Gail Naughton (second from left) celebrated the opening of the Bohemian Garnets exhibit with (from left) Věra Prěnosilová, Director of the History Museum of the National Museum of Prague, exhibit sponsor Leora Zahorik, and Curator Dana Stehlíková from the National Museum of Prague.

reception to the last day, delighted visitors have been streaming through to see this magnificent collection of gems. It's too soon to compare numbers with previous exhibits, but we know that the numbers of visitors, tours, members, volunteer hours and store sales are all up over last year.

We are so grateful to our close friends and colleagues at The National Museum in Prague for the gift of this exquisite exhibit. It is no small undertaking to make all the arrangements for the loan of an exhibit of this fragility and number of objects, and our colleagues were enthusiastic and supportive from the very beginning. Thank you to all who made a special trip to see it and encouraged your friends and relatives to do the same. It is so gratifying to be able to share such a beautiful and meaningful part of the Czech culture with everyone. I must also thank our exhibit sponsors, without whom an exhibit of this scale would not be possible. At this point the exhibit fund is running rather low, so please be generous when we call on you to help replenish the fund.

Our second international exhibit of the year will open November 3 with a reception for members and friends prior to the annual Fall Dinner. *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews* marks a new cooperative venture with the Museum of the Slovak National Uprising in Banská Bystrica. It is an important exhibit and we are very excited about the excellent line-up of programs that will

accompany it (see page 5). I hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of the thought-provoking presentations. This exhibit also marks a new effort for us. After it closes, we will make it available for loan around the country – thus extending its impact to thousands of Americans.

The board of directors and staff have been working on a new vision and strategic plan for 2006-2010. Shortly we will ask for your input on our plans to take the museum to the next level of achievement. Many of you have returned membership surveys or participated in our library survey, all of which have contributed to efforts to plan our focus for the upcoming years. In addition, the assessment received at the conclusion of our Museum Assessment Program study was very useful in reinforcing where we are and the necessity of planning for our next phase. As a result, we have now applied and been accepted into the accreditation process with the American Association of Museums and will undertake a rigorous self-study over the next year. We expect to be fully accredited by the end of 2008.

As always, we are grateful for your support. It's an exciting time to be involved with the NCSML, so please stay in touch. Take care and God Bless.

Gail Naughton, President/CEO gnaughton@NCSML.org

Library Acquires Significant Book and Periodical Collection

Stanley B. and Zdenka Winters of Port Charlotte, Florida, have donated their personal library of approximately 3,000 books and periodicals relating to Czech, Slovak and Central European history, social science and culture, as well as related professional correspondence. The collection, formally known as The Stanley B. and Zdenka Winters Collection of Czech.



NCSML Library Director David Muhlena worked with Stanley Winters to pack his generous donation of books and periodicals. David and volunteer Bernie Drahozal traveled to Florida to pick up the 3,000-item collection.

Slovak and Central European History, Social Science and Culture, augments the library's strong collection of 19th- and early 20th-century materials. The NCSML will begin cataloging the collection this fall, making it available in its online catalog, Komensky, as well as in the international bibliographic database WorldCat.

Stanley B. Winters is Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and former Associate of the Graduate History Faculty at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ. He holds a B.A. from New York University, an M.A. from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Zdenka Winters is a former staff librarian at the Main Library of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague and the Newark Public Library, as well as Associate Director of the Sprague Library at Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ. She holds an M.A. from Charles University, Prague.

Glass and Pottery Acquisition

This spring the NCSML was fortunate to receive a large donation of Czech glass and pottery from collectors Jack and Gwen Connell. Curator Edith Blanchard traveled to Ft. Myers, Florida, to meticulously document and pack the 133 pieces of glass and pottery for transport to Iowa. The Connells began collecting the pieces during their travels in the early 1980s and became particularly interested in Jaroslav Brychta figurines, popular for capturing everyday people with whimsical characteristics. The Connells acquired more than two dozen of these glass figurines. They also donated a sizable collection of Czech pottery from the 1920s. The majority of the donated pieces are functional works

such as vibrant vases, perfume bottles

and artistic figures created from the early-20th century to the communist period.

Transportation of the collection was made possible by funding from the Elsenbast Fund of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.



This figurine by Jaroslav Brychta is among the glass and pottery items donated to the museum by collectors Jack and Gwen Connell.

Dine with Slovak Ambassador Kacer at Annual Fall Dinner



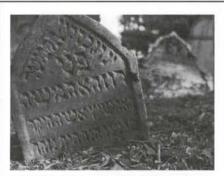
Slovak Ambassador Rastislav Kacer will be the keynote speaker at the NCSML's Annual Fall Dinner.

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Slovak Museum & Library 11th Annual Fall Dinner for members and friends on Thursday, November 3. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception and ribbon-cutting at the museum to open the new exhibition, *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews*. Dinner will follow at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Ambassador Kacer assumed his current position on September 8, 2003. Previously he was State Secretary (Deputy Minister) of Defense, where his main task was overseeing Slovakia's accession process to NATO. This was successfully concluded with Slovakia's invitation to join the NATO Alliance at the Prague Summit in the fall of 2003.

The fall dinner is sponsored by: reception, Bradley & Riley, P.C.; dinner, Ryan Companies, Inc.; and ambassador Kacer's visit, F&M Bank.



Velký Pěčín: This cemetery, deep in the woods, served the Jewish community of Telč.

Silent Stones Exhibit Features Jewish Cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia

On September 5, the NCSML opened an original photography exhibition by Lisa Feder titled *Silent Stones: Jewish Cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia* in the Andrew and Vera Laska Gallery. A frequent visitor to the Czech Republic, Feder is passionate about documenting the mysterious and beautiful Jewish cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia.

There are 334 known burial sites in addition to 25 sections of municipal cemeteries devoted to the once-vibrant Jewish population of the Czech lands. Many of these cemeteries are now abandoned and, without preservation efforts, will gradually disappear. Their condition ranges from good to poor, some having been destroyed by the Nazi army or more recent vandalism and others simply suffering the wear and tear of time. Dates on the head stones range from the 1500s to the present day, with some cemeteries still used for burials.

The exhibition contains more than three dozen prints showing stones from a variety of cemeteries and includes information about burial customs, the story of the Jewish community in the Czech lands, and efforts to preserve these sacred sites. The exhibit will run through February 12, 2006.

Fall Music Programs Tuned Up



Mezzo-soprano Kimberly Haynes will perform in the museum's Hruska Grand Hall on September 20.

On September 20, the NCSML's A Grand Night of Music Concert Series is pleased to present mezzosoprano Kimberly Haynes accompanied by pianist Catalina Teican at 7 p.m. in Hruska Grand Hall. In 2003, Haynes was

named the first-place winner of the 7th Montreal International Czech and Slovak Voice Competition, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and the Theatre Lyrichoregra 20. As a result of this prize, she recently presented recitals in Bratislava, Trnava, Kosice, Brno and Prague. Kimberly, who received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 2001, has performed solo recitals and opera roles throughout the

United States. Tickets are \$6 for museum members and \$8 for non-members. The concert is sponsored by Banker's Trust, Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc. and William Whipple.

Saturday, October 8, Red Cedar
Chamber Music returns to the NCSML
to present their *Red Cedar with Cello*"There's Always Room for Cello"
Concert. Guest artists cellist Parry Karp,
pianist Rene Lecuona and narrator Mark
Elliot will join Red Cedar Chamber Music
artists flutist Jan Boland and guitarist John
Dowdall for sparkling chamber music
highlighting Czech composer Martinů.
The performance is at 8 p.m. in Hruska
Grand Hall. A reception hosted by the
NCSML Guild will follow. Tickets are
\$12 in advance or \$15 at the door for
adults and \$8 for students.

Tickets for both performances are available in the NCSML Museum Store, (319) 362-8500, starting two weeks in advance of the performance date.

BrewNost Returns on October 7

The Bridge of Lions and the Clock Tower were bathed in lights.

The mellow and hot jazz sounds filled the soft night air.

The Cedar River sparkled with reflections.

Premium beers from around the world flowed for tasting.

Food pairings worthy of a gourmet's palate were sampled.

The evening weather was perfect – just as we planned.

And all had a grand time as they laughed and mingled, sipped and dined.

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's inaugural *BrewNost* last September was a tremendous success! By now you have already received your invitation to the second annual *BrewNost* celebration on October 7. We'll introduce new beers (ever try Brazilian beer?) and bring back some favorites, feast on a new

array of *hors d'oeuvres*, chat with old friends and new, and enjoy some of the best jazz around.

If you can't make it to the museum on October 7, you can still participate in the special raffle drawing for a Golden Trip for Two to Prague. The winner, drawn that night, will receive two round-trip airlines tickets from New York to Prague (compliments of Czech Air) and a week's lodging in a five-star hotel (gift of Corinthia Towers Hotel in Prague). Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit the museum. For more details and to purchase your raffle tickets, call Tara at (319) 362-8500. The BrewNost raffle is sponsored by Premiere Developers, Robert & Sara Vancura, Skogman Companies, and Gary & Robin Skogman. BrewNost is supported by many generous business and individual sponsors, including lead sponsor Wells Fargo Bank.

Variety of Programs to Complement The Tragedy of Slovak Jews Exhibit

The Holocaust is a topic so overwhelming and so complex that 60 years after World War II, we still struggle to understand the events that led to this vast human tragedy. The NCSML's upcoming exhibit, *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews*, attempts to explain one aspect of the Holocaust, as do the programs complementing the exhibit. This fall and winter, the NCSML will present a wide variety of lectures and films addressing the Holocaust and World War II.

Opening weekend activities include:

- Exhibit opening reception followed by the annual Fall Dinner, with a keynote address by Slovak Ambassador Rastislav Kacer. Thursday, Nov. 3, starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Documentary film Memories of Concentration Camp Survivors, followed by a discussion with Director General Dezider Toth of the Museum of the Slovak National Uprising. Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.
- The Tragedy of the Slovak Jews Forum featuring presentations by Dr. Randall Bytwerk (Nazi propaganda) and Paul Strassmann (a Slovak Jew who survived the War). Sunday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.

Additional programming in the coming months:

- "Money Used at the Theresienstadt Ghetto and other Camps" by Coe professor Dr. Steven Feller. Thursday, Nov. 17, noon, WFLA Heritage Hall.
 Free. Sponsored by United Fire Group.
- Film: A Prayer for Katarina Horovitzova (1991). Based on Arnost Lustig's moving World War II novel; shows the triumph of the human spirit in the face of terror. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.
- Film: Romeo, Juliet and Darkness (1959)
 Jiři Weiss. The story of a boy who hides a Jewish girl during the Nazi occupation; a powerful condemnation of moral indifference. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2:00 p.m.
 WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.
- Author Helen Epstein reads from and discusses Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search for Her Mother's History. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.
- "From Anne Frank to Schindler's List:
 The Evolution of the Holocaust in Public Memory" by historian Thomas Flagel.
 Thursday, Feb. 16, noon. WFLA
 Heritage Hall. Free. Sponsored by United Fire Group.

Watch for the complete schedule of programs.

Festival Tour Planned for June 2006

Tour-goers are still reminiscing about the many special touches and unique experiences of the NCSML's 2004 Anniversary Celebration Tour. Gail Naughton and tour leader Lee Buhr are finalizing arrangements for another tour to the Czech and Slovak Republics June 21 to 29, 2006, featuring a twoday visit to the famed Strážnice Folk Festival in the heart of Moravia. The tour begins in historic Bratislava and will end in golden Prague with stops in between to taste wine in Pezinok in the Little Carpathian mountains, to tour the Rožnov open-air museum, including a boat ride through an underground cavern, and to visit Kutná Hora, the Renaissance silver-mining residence of kings, now honored as a UNESCO historic site.

A highlight of the trip in 2004, our member and friend John Kuba will again host the tour group for dinner in his home in Podivin. Festive food, authentic music, colorful dancing and costumes, wine tasting and superior hotels will add up to a unique and memorable tour. For more information, contact Lee Buhr, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel, (319) 393-1359 or 1 (800) 391-1359.

Treasured Textiles to Be Featured in Spring Exhibit

Next spring an exhibit in the Petrik
Gallery will once again feature elaborate
textiles from the NCSML's own extensive
collection – many never displayed before.
This original exhibit will explore the lush
adornment of everyday items used in the
Czech and Slovak lands. Coverlets,
drapes, hats and even shoes are trimmed
in laces, beads and colorful embroidery.
Highlights will include appliquéd sheepskin jackets and goldwork-adorned textiles.
A workshop, demonstrations and classes



Exquisite embroidery and other traditional handwork will be on display during the museum's textile exhibit next spring.

are planned for June 2006 to explore these traditional arts. Watch for more information.

Annual Dance Fest a Hot Time for Hundreds

More than 800 people from 17 different states enjoyed watching and dancing with performers such as the Oklahoma City Czech Folk Dancers at the NCSML's Annual National Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovak Folk Dance Festival on July 16 - 17. The 2006 festival will be held on Saturday, July 15.

Legacy Society Inducts Charter Members

Thirty-two couples and individuals were inducted into the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Legacy Society on May 19, 2005. Each couple and individual has made a commitment to help ensure the future of the NCSML by pledging to remember the museum in their estate plans. Any planned gift qualifies the donor for membership in the Legacy Society, including a provision in a Last Will and Testament, charitable gift annuities, trusts, real and personal property, certificates of deposit or insurance.

Henrietta Bartizal Pons, daughter of Henrietta Skala Bartizal, gave a moving tribute to her mother, who made a substantial gift in her estate to establish the Frank J. and Bessie Panosh Skala Memorial Fund. Past board chair Frank Mitvalsky also gave a testimonial explaining why he and his wife, Cheryle, have established an endowment fund with current gifts and a pledge in their estates. For more information on the NCSML Legacy Society, call Carmen or Gail at (319) 362-8500.



Gail Naughton presents Russ Novotny with a gift honoring his father, Frank, a charter Legacy Society member who passed away in November 2004.

New Staff Member



New staff member Tara Ayers may be the first person you talk to when you call the museum.

The NCSML welcomes its newest staff member, Tara Ayers, who joined the museum as Office Manager/ Development Assistant in July. Tara is a graduate of Grinnell

College with a B.A. in art history. Previously she worked for Iowa Resources Conservation and Development in Des Moines. Tara works with the office volunteers, maintains museum membership and donor information, and keeps the office running smoothly. Stop by to meet Tara if you haven't already done so.

2005 Legacy Society Charter Members

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LeeAnn Benischek
Joan Liffring-Zug Bourret
Terry L. Brosh
Joanne and Ernie Buresh
Sandra J. Buresh
George L. Dlask and
Evelyn M. Dlask
Veronica Hall Frost
Donald and Irene Hamous
John Hayek
Kenneth L Johnson and

Mildred M. Johnson

George and Louise Kalous
Irene B. Konecny
Anthony and Cathy Korvas
John Albert Kuba
Robert and Caroline
Kucharski
Dr. Vera Laska
Gene and Sharon Machacek
George and Nancy
Machacek
Ann Michaels
Wally and Betty Milden

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George Naxera
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Ben H. Thieme
Edward J. Vavra
Leora E. Zahorik
Anna M. and Jerome Zajic
A.J. and Marge Ziskovsky
*Deceased

Looking for a Special Gift?

Are you completely stumped by what to buy for someone on your holiday shopping list? Remember, a gift membership to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library provides member benefits for an entire year! We'll send the recipient a museum membership card and a letter telling them about your gift (let us know if we should mail it in a certain week). Over the next 12 months he or she will receive two issues of *Slovo*, newsletters, the

museum *Kalendár* of events, and invitations to exhibit openings and other special events. They may visit the museum exhibits as often as they like for free and receive a museum store discount on their purchases. Most of all, your loved one will know that you helped support the preservation of Czech and Slovak heritage in their name. For more information about museum membership or to purchase a gift membership, call Carmen or Tara at (319) 362-8500.

Grants to NCSML Help Fund Varied Projects

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is fortunate to be the beneficiary of several generous grants this summer to support mission-driven initiatives. These include the following:

- The Hall-Perrine Foundation awarded \$16,000 to enhance the museum's security systems.
- The State Historical Society of Iowa (Historic Resources Development Program) awarded \$9,937 for a new initiative to document Czech communities around the state through photographs and interviews.
- Rockwell Collins awarded \$2,000 toward development of an interpretive plan and curriculum material for

Homelands. Total grant funding for this project has reached \$10,000.

 Czech Heritage Foundation. The NCSML is in its final year of funding from the Czech Heritage Foundation, supporting both the exhibit fund and the part-time cataloging position in the library. Their support of these projects, totaling \$40,000, has helped make several special exhibits possible and allowed us to make significant progress in the library.

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is grateful to these and all the donors who make our exhibitions and other educational programs possible.

Provide for Your Future and the NCSML's with Charitable Gift Annuity

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is introducing a win-win proposition for members and friends – the *Charitable Gift Annuity*. It is a simple agreement between a donor and the NCSML whereby the NCSML agrees to pay a lifetime annuity in exchange for a charitable gift of \$10,000 or more. Depending on your age, you can earn income up to 11.3%.

Whether you establish a gift annuity with cash or appreciated securities, a charitable gift annuity provides:

- guaranteed, fixed payments for life to you or another person;
- partially tax-free income from the annuity payment;
- a charitable deduction in the year of the gift; and
- a legacy to the NCSML to support the mission of preserving Czech and Slovak heritage.

The gift of a Charitable Gift Annuity qualifies the donor for membership in the Legacy Society. At this time, the NCSML is licensed to sell annuities in Iowa, but we will research other states' requirements upon request. If you would like more information, call Carmen or Gail at (319) 362-8500.

Sample Gift Annuity Rates

(one beneficiary)	
Age 65	6.0%
Age 75	
Age 85	9.5%
Age 90+	

NCSML Lauded As Model Museum

In 2003 the NCSML applied for and received a grant to undertake a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) institutional assessment to review the museum's entire management and operations. The program is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses in preparation for strategic planning and accreditation.

In November 2004, our peer reviewer Bernard Fishman from the Rhode Island Historical Society made an on-site visit. Too lengthy to reprint here, excerpts of his report are available on the NCSML Web site under Museum Info. Here is a quote from his conclusion:

"The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library is close to being a model for what a relatively new and modestly-sized institution can achieve in both striving to meet professional standards and serving its community. As I have said elsewhere, the quality and commitment of its staff is exemplary and its programs and exhibits very impressive in both quality and frequency. There is excellent knowledge of professional practices and such deficiencies as do exist are recognized and understood. The museum's board of trustees and its current and past directors deserve to be commended for the outstanding institution they have created and developed."

MUSEUM STORE HIGHLIGHTS



The Museum Store staff is ready to help you find that perfect ornament for someone special.

It's not too early to think about Christmas shopping!

Don't miss the Christmas Open House in the Museum Store on November 18, 19 and 20. Hot apple cider and homemade cookies will add to the festive atmosphere, as will the store special – buy three ornaments, get one free! Here are some suggestions for your Christmas shopping list:

- Hana kroje ornament pictures don't do it justice; this is truly a breathtaking one-of-a-kind ornament celebrating Czech and Slovak culture. Sales have been brisk and quantities are limited, so call or stop by soon to get yours; it's eight inches high, mouth-blown and hand-decorated, signed, dated and numbered by the artist, packaged in a presentation box with satin lining. \$48, plus \$12 shipping and insurance.
- 2006 Mucha calendars just in, these unique calendars are sumptuous, in three sizes.
- Peter Sís children's books classics that become life-time keepsakes. Many titles available.
- Simax bakeware nearly unbreakable yet simply beautiful. We feature a great selection of clear glass casseroles, cake pans, hard-to-find dumpling ladles, feather basters, steamers and measuring

- cups in metric and U.S. Ask Shirley for the complete list of our stock.
- Dazzling ornaments and tree-toppers

 new styles are in, plus old favorites
 in a variety of gorgeous colors and
 styles. Call Shirley or Pat to make your selections.
- Books For the music lover, how about Dvŏrák: Romantic Music's Most Versatile Genius? Hot off the presses, it is a guide to his works and includes two CDs, all for \$27.95. If you have someone on your list who loves to read history, biographies or family memoirs, you know they are hard to find on Czechs and Slovaks. Check with us for a great reading list.

For personalized help with your shopping, call Shirley or Pat at (319) 362-8500 or email giftstore@NCSML.org.

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