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

11th Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak attracts 330--

Event adds \$3300 in funds and much good will for NCSML

Houby Days, Cedar Rapids Czech Village's celebration of morel mushrooms and all things Czech and Slovak, was kicked off Friday evening, May 13, with the 11th Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak.

Approximately 330 patrons enjoyed this tasting event of favorite foods from the Old World, along with two of the Czech Republic's most popular beers. Some \$3300 was grossed for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Sponsored by the Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, this festive party spotlighted chefs from Czech Village, New Bohemia, and downtown businesses along with veteran cooks from the local ethnic community. All of them dished up delicacies that included appetizers, soups, meat dishes, side dishes, and desserts. Jiternice. gulas, cerna kuba, kolace and Czech garnets ruled!

The three chairwomen, Beth Chacey DeBoom, Cyndi O'Brien, and Carol Wohlleben, all expressed thanks to the patrons and volunteers of this important fundraiser and social opportunity. The three were overwhelmed by community generosity and help. Some 52 individuals baked, cooked, served, or volunteered in some capacity.

A complete list of volunteers and patrons will be included in next issue of Guilded Page.



Leni Stastny, Olga Sedenka, and Fran Hanzel Johnson... among the some 52 volunteers who baked, cooked, served, or volunteered in some capacity for Museum Guild's annual tasting fundraiser.

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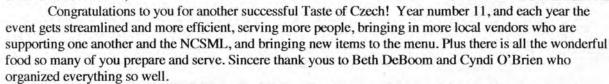
Call one of us with story/photo ideas or suggestions!





Carol Wohlleben,
President, Guild of NCSML

Dear Guild Members,



Added to all this was the excitement of the museum's move, the annual Houby Day Parade and festival, and hosting MANY tour groups at the Kosek building and on the Avenue, including about 2000 seventh graders from the Cedar Rapids School District, as well as other groups. Hats-off to Shirley Alexander for organizing volunteers for these tours, and to all of you who were there to help!

Our membership is growing, but we need to continue building it! As the museum makes progress towards re-opening, one can't begin to imagine what an impact it will have on our community. The number of volunteers it will take to continue to share its importance to the community, locally and nationally, emphasizing our heritage and future is huge! Your continued participation is critical.

As we move into summer, we anticipate the Heritage Luncheon on July 9, 1 PM. It will be a time to reflect on **your** heritage and family traditions at the luncheon. The luncheon will take place while Czech School is still in session, anticipating we will have more of the students and their family and guests at the affair, which will be held at Maria's Tearoom. So mark your calendar and get your tickets. Contact Pat Martin. Don't wait as seating is limited.

The Museum Guild contributed \$5000 to the NSCML this spring to help off-set some of the myriad expenses involved during this critical rebuilding period – helping to maintain and promote the education and ethnic values to the community and beyond. Thank you!

Friends, each of you contribute so much to the Guild and ultimately to the museum and the community. Sometimes I don't think you really understand just how important you all are! Thank you!!!!!



Join us for this delightful occasion! Secure tickets by July 1 from Nancy Schmuecker at Maria's Tea Room or call Pat Martin.

Heritage Buffet Luncheon

Saturday, July 9, 2011, at 1 p.m. Maria's Tea Room 59-16th Ave S.W., in Historic Czech Village #10 for adults

#6 for youth, age 12 and under
Buffet luncheon followed by "Off the Walt" program,
with guests informally sharing family histories
Co-sponsored by NCSML Guild and Maria's Tea Room

Cookies? We've bake cookies! Smiles? We ooze smiles!

Guild Social Committee supports hospitality for NCSML functions

This family is all Czech and all are supportive of NCSML. From left: Betty Gallagher; Barb Pulkrab; Suzie Long; Jennifer Greve; Diana Geoffrey, Social Committee Chair; Star Horak. Look for them whenever hospitality is the watchword!



These gracious members represent a variety of roles in Guild success. They also help with baking and are frequently on the social scene for NCSML. From left: Jeanne Vogt, Laverne Fisher, Marie Webster, Barb Edmunds, Loreen Svoboda, Vera Conway, Lud Svoboda, Marge Stone.

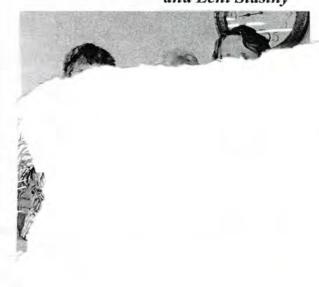


Meeting Hostesses--

February...Andrea Siebenmann and Milena Novosad



April...Pat Martin, Jessie Stastny, and Leni Stastny



Guild boosts Czech-Slovak History & Culture Conference with important financial, volunteer, audience support

Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference The 20th Century in Retrospect: 1989-2011: Transition to Democracy

This, the sixth and final in this series of conferences presented by NCSML highlighted the history of the establishment of the Czech and Slovak Republics and their role in the larger European Union. Held March 11-12 in Cedar Rapids, the conference enabled Czech and Slovak scholars to discuss the overthrow of Czechoslovakia's communist government and the historical aftermath.

Guild of NCSML helped support the conference financially, as co-sponsors with a \$5000 gift. Members also served refreshment at receptions and during breaks, and some 20 members attended sessions.

Emil Koval enjoyed the format, which enabled him to attend all topics under discussion. "The Ambassadors Forum was of particular interest, as it showed the integration of the Czech Republic and Slovakia into NATO and the European Union. Other speakers discussed topics leading to the "Velvet Divorce" and economic, human rights, and security issues remaining in the transition from a socialist state, "Emil said.

Mel Holubar and Emil enjoyed conversations with Dr. Michael Kukral, now associate professor of geography at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Of particular interest was the videotape Kukral took when a student in Prague during the 1989 student revolt. His presentation was "Prague 1989: View from the Streets by an American Student."

According to **Donna Merkle**, Kukral's clip began with filming while he stood on the edge of a concrete planter. He did not understand what he was filming until he saw riot police at the top of the square. "Dr. Kukral's video captured the sights and sounds of the moment, putting us on the ground right where he was, among all the people gathering to protest," Donna explained.

Carol Wohlleben was impressed by the diversity of speakers and their professional experiences that dramatized just how incredible it is when people believe so intently in being involved personally in their governments. There are parallels to what we are witnessing now in Egypt and Libya. "Guests were from 13 other states as well as from 6 other countries," she said.

Other Guild members in attendance were Liba Ayach, Barb and Frank Edmunds, Fern Fackler, Diana Geoffrey, Carolyn Holobar, Guenter Merkle, Olga Chyle Jung, Barb and Don Pulkrab, Andrea Siebenmann, and Leni Stastny.

Enjoying *informal* discussion after a *more formal* presentation...

Jason Wright, Vice President of Development for NCSML, Andrea Siebenmann, Guild member, and Pavel Černoch, Press Officer, who represented the Czech Republic,



Minutes of March Meeting of Guild of NCSML

Minutes of the March 2011 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Museum of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on March 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 32 members and no guests attending. We had no new members.

Introduction of new members: Betty Gallagher introduced her daughter Chris Gallagher and Diana Geoffrey introduced her daughter Allison Geoffrey. Welcome to the Guild Ladies!

Vice President: Cyndi O'Brien informed the membership that we are still in need of a Chairperson for the Programs Committee.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the February meeting, it was approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar read the top 10 volunteers for the past month. She reminded everyone how important it is to put your hours in the recording book. She read a letter from Charles Opatrny giving thanks for receiving the Guilded Page and regretting that he is unable to participate in events and meetings due to his health. She let everyone know that the Museum store is selling Lamb and Bunny cake molds and there will be a Lamb Cake contest at the Museum April 16th.

Treasurer Reports: Betty Sheets said we have \$12,496.97 in the bank. To date we have received \$639.99 in member dues.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets said we have \$12,496.97 in the bank. To date we have received \$639.99 in member dues, donations and interest and \$286.82 has been paid for approved expenditures. Two new bills were presented for approval. \$300 to St. Ludmilas Church for rent for the Taste of Czech event and \$120.25 to Pat Martin for expenses for the Guilded Page. Motion for approval was made by Betty Gallagher and seconded by Dorothy Voelkers. Motioned passed with 100% yes vote.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar was not present, but sent a report to be read. President Carol Wohlleben read as follows: The moving of the Red Roof Building will no longer be filmed by the Discovery Channel as they won't have a production crew available. Patterson however wants to produce a show that they will then sell to the Discovery Channel if all is agreed upon by them and NCSML. The move is on track as previously discussed. He said Jan Stoffer asked him to see if the Guild could furnish 7 members to help on St. Joseph's Day, March 19th. They would be carrying flags or banners in the parade.

Program: Pat Martin introduced Miss Czech/Slovak Iowa, Amanda De Hoedt accompanied by her mother, Zelda De Hoedt, Pageant Coordinator. She gave a comprehensive overview of the Miss Czech/Slovak Pageant from the perspective of a contestant. She mentioned the fun she had as well as all the knowledge she gained about her own Czech heritage. The search is on for contestants for the upcoming pageant.

Guild Business: President Carol Wohlleben presented a request to give a financial gift of \$5,000 to the NCSML on behalf of the NCSML Guild. There was discussion about whether we should do this now as we will be needing money to reorder cookbooks in the near future. After discussion and statistics about the reorder, it was agreed we could give the gift to the Museum and still have enough to order a reprint of 500 cookbooks. Diana Geoffrey motioned that the Guild approve the gift, Marge Stone 2nd the motion and the membership approved the request by 100% yes vote. The check will be presented to Gail today.

Committee Chair Reports: Update on the Taste of Czech by Beth Deboome & Cyndi O'Brien, Jeanne Vogt gave an update of upcoming educational events and Marj Stone thanked the 2 new Guild members that joined her committee. Lavanda Woosley and Betty Sheets gave an overview of the trip to Masopust in Protivin, IA and Dianna Geoffrey gave a big Thank You to everyone that helped with the ongoing Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference. There were 15 people that baked for the event and presented 30-40 dozen cookies. Also Thank You to Barb and Don Pulkrab for helping with the reception held for the attendees and also to Barb and Frank Edmunds for picking up kolaches and helping at the event Saturday morning. Milly Ortner reminded all to pay their membership dues and that calls will begin soon to those that haven't paid yet. Shirley Alexander reminded of the need for volunteers to assist the Museum with the upcoming tours to be given to 1200 area 7th graders. A training will be held to make sure everyone is aware of what will be discussed and how the tours will work.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Diana Geoffrey won a magnet designed by Marj Nejdl and Marj Nejdl won a quilted spring inspired table runner donated by Betty Sheets. Pat Martin won a set of quilted hot pads also donated by Betty Sheets and Marj Stone won a hand painted, Czech inspired nightlight, donated by Marj Nejdl.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long Suzie Long

NCSML Guild Treasurer's Report 2011

		2011 as of
	2010	4/25/2011
Beginning Balance	\$7,947.41	\$12,143.80
Receipts		
Dues	\$1,000.00	\$870.00
Cookbooks	\$3,964.56	\$544.20
Donations	\$40.00	\$170.00
Aprons	\$105.00	
Taste of Czech/Slovak	\$3,885.05	
Cookie Walk	\$2,054.95	\$30.00
Reception	\$363.00	
Tea	\$91.00	
Return of Rental Deposit	\$50.00	
Interest	\$13.72	\$1.45
Total Receipts	\$11,567.28	\$1,615.65
Disbursements		
Newsletter (Printing)	\$509.83	\$120.25
Newsletter (Postage)	\$475.20	
Printing	\$70.48	
Cookbook Expense	\$-	
Aprons Expense	\$208.80	
Houby Days Expense	\$171.02	
Taste of C/S Expenses	\$535.41	\$300.00
Cookie Walk Expenses	\$119.20	\$96.59
Heritage Tea Expenses		\$40.23
Programs	\$75.00	
Reception	\$330.95	
NCSML	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
St. Wenceslaus Donation	\$100.00	
Rental	\$225.00	\$150.00
Rental Deposit	\$50.00	
Total Disbursements	\$7,370.89	\$5,707.07
Ending Balance	\$12,143.80	\$8,052.38

Great News: 105 Members gave paid their dues for 2011 out of 124 Members on the Membership Roster

If you have not paid your dues for 2011 Please send your Dues to Betty Sheets @



Hosts and Hostesses

May

Suzie Long Betty Gallagher Jennifer Greve

June

Diana Geoffrey Kenny Fetter Chris Curfman

July

Loreen and Lud Svoboda Fern Fackler

August

Dolores Blood Joe Kurka

Shirley Alexander

September

Laverne Fisher
Bette Krall

Bette Krall

Vera Conway

October

Carolyn Holubar Mel Holubar Emil Koval

Minutes of April Meeting of Guild of NCSML

Minutes of the April 2011 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 43 members and 1 guest attending. We had 2 new members join. GREAT turnout!

Introduction of new members: Jennifer Greve introduced new member Star Horak, her cousin and Cyndi O'Brien introduced her guest, her cousin Dee Kintzle who was also one of the new members signing up today. Welcome to the NCSML Guild!

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced Douglas Smith, Director of the NCSML Store. He and a friend (an adorable lamb puppet that can be purchased at the Museum Store) told us of the upcoming Lamb Cake contest to be held Saturday April 16th at the Museum. A cake walk will be held after the contest. 40 numbered Czech Easter Eggs, designed by Marj Nejdl will be for sale through the Museum Store shortly. The Museum will also be selling 100 pieces of the Red Roof building's floor that were removed for the move. The floor pieces will include a stand and plaque but the price has not been determined. If you are interested in either the eggs or the floor pieces, please contact him to get your name on a waiting list.

President: Carol Wohlleben thanked all the volunteers that have helped with the 7th grade tours that are on going. She reminded us that there will also be a large number of 3rd graders coming in May and more volunteers will be needed to assist with this. **Recording Secretary:** Suzie Long read the Minutes from the March 2011 meeting. Minor corrections were made and the report was then approved as read.

Acting Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar read the top 10 volunteers for the past month and thanked the Members for putting their volunteer hours in the book. The hours for March recorded were double what they were for February! She stated that she had sent a Thinking of You card to Charles Opatrny, Wishing You Well to Leo Modracek and Hope You Feel Better to Lenora Watson. She read a Thank You note to the Guild from Jan Stoffer for all that helped with the Czech and Slovak History and Cultural Conference as well as a very heart felt Thank You Letter from Gail Naughton for the \$5,000 donation to the NCSML.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets said we have \$7,214.72 in the bank. To date we have received \$777.99 in member dues, donations, cookbook sales and interest and \$5,707.07 has been paid for approved expenditures and donations. No new bills were presented for approval.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar unveiled the 2nd place trophy that was won by the group that walked in the St. Joseph's Day Parade. It will be kept at the Museum for all to see. He reviewed some of the very interesting programs that he and others attended at the Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference. There was a gentleman who was a student in Prague during the Velvet Revolution who took 18 hours of video and presented about 20 minutes of this while giving a description of the action. He is donating those videos to the Museum! The Museum also signed up 7 new members during the Conference and the Gift shop showed a noticeable increase in sales during the event. Mel also attended the Board meeting on March 22. The Building move is still on schedule. The pre stressed beams are in place and 2 inches of concrete has been poured. The Council of Higher Education from Chicago is considering moving their office to the Cedar Rapids, IA area and will be coming April 16th and 17th to discuss this possibility. He, and others attended a visit on March 30th and 31st with Xibitz Lord, the vendor that will be producing the exhibit in the Red Roof Building. They were very interested in hearing what WE would like to see in the Museum and he believes we will be proud and awed when this exhibit is viewed in 2013.

Ex-Officio: Pat Martin reminded us of Houby Days coming up in May and that the Guild will have a float and encourages EVERY member that can attend and either walk or ride in the Parade to participate. The parade will be Saturday May 14th.

Guild Business: President Carol Wohlleben offered for consideration by the Guild membership that Carolyn Holubar take the position of Corresponding Secretary for the Guild for this term. Milly Ortner made a motion to nominate Carolyn into this position and Marj Nejdl 2nd the motion. It was passed with a 100% yes vote from the Guild members.

Committee Chair Reports: Cyndi O'Brien gave an update on upcoming programs and then an update was given on the Taste of Czech by Cyndi & Beth DeBoom. Volunteer sheets were made available for sign up. Pat Martin gave an overview of the Heritage Buffet Luncheon and showed the flyers that are available to post. Jeanne Vogt reviewed upcoming educational events and Dianna Geoffrey reminded all that she still needs people to sign up for refreshments for some of the upcoming summer meetings. Meeting Attendance Lottery: A copy of the book Prague Saints & Heroes of the Charles Bridge, autographed by author Pat Martin was won by Alicia Jackson and a Czech Easter Egg, donated by Marj Nejdl was won by Lud Svoboda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long



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The mission of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) is to be the foremost American institution preserving and interpreting Czech and Slovak history and culture.

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Czech, Slovak vocabulary featured at monthly Guild meetings

by Bob Stone

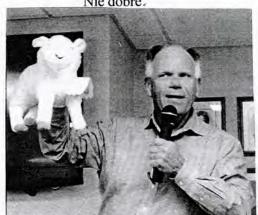
Conversation (January)

English	Czech		Slovak
Question: How are you? (formal)	Jak se máte?	(formal)	Ako sa máte?
(informal)	Jak se máš?	(informal)	Ako sa mas?

(informal)	Jak se mas?	(informal)	Ako sa mas?
Responses:			
Very well, thank you. And you?	Velmi dobre,	dekuji. Avy?	Veľmi dobre dåkujem. Avy?
So so. And you?	Ujde to. A	vy?	Ujde to. Avy?
I was not well.	Spatne		Nie dobre.
		and the same of th	

Czech /Slovak Household Items (Feb/March)

English	Czech	Slovak
bookcase	knihovna	knižnica
chair	zidle	stolička
clock	hodiny	hodiny
English	Czech	Slovak
wardrobe	skříň	skriňa
lamp	lampa	lampa
key	klíč	kľúč
picture	obraz	obraz



April Meeting Program--

Douglas Smith, director of Museum Store, entertained us with "Lambie," as "they" encouraged participation in the upcoming Lamb Cake Competition. Douglas and a lamb puppet, which is for sale at the store, also displayed other seasonal items available and told of the custom of the lamb cake.

March Meeting Program--

Guild members were delighted to hear from Amanda DeHoedt, 2009 Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa, who spoke about the upcoming Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant, to be held during Houby Days, May 14, in Czech Village.

There are four categories in the competition: private interview; talent; kroj modeling; on-stage interview. Hopefully Guild members encourage entrants to join the Pageant, which Amanda calls" a wonderful opportunity."

Twice a former representative of Iowa at the national competition in Wilber, Amanda is currently a graduate student in biomedical engineering at University of Iowa.

Educational Question for All!

Who was the first President of Czechoslovakia? State full name.) (Answer on page 12)





Minutes of May Meeting of Guild of NCSML

Minutes of the May 2011 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 37 members with no guests attending. We had no new members.

Museum Board Representative: Mel Holubar reported on the delay in the move of Museum-Red Roof Building. In the preliminary stages of moving the building, it was discovered that the river-side of the building is 53 tons heavier than the city-side. Therefore, the structure needed to be reinforced with additional material to avoid damage. The materials have been ordered, but the date of the move of the Museum is unknown at this time. He also attended the Museum Board meeting on April 26th. It was discussed that although the delay in the move is tough, everyone needed to remember how far we have come to get to this point as well as keep in mind the challenges for the future. When adding an addition to the Museum was discussed 3 years ago, it seemed like an insurmountable fund raising challenge. But, since the flood in 2008, our Museum has now gained such National and International attention, that we were able to meet our goal of 25 million dollars raised. We will however, still need to continue fund raising efforts as well as increase our volunteer pool. The Houby Days parade will be Saturday May 14th at noon. We have an entry and need as many volunteers to walk or ride in the parade as possible. We have flags, balloons, banners and candy to be carried.

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced Cyndi O'Brien and Beth DeBoom who are co-chairing the Taste of Czech fund raiser. The event will be Friday, May 13th from 5-7pm at St. Ludmila's Catholic Church in the Social Hall. They thanked their committee for all the hard work they have done as well as those scheduled to volunteer on the day of the event. The attire will be dark pants and red or white tops. All volunteers will also be given a scarf (made of authentic Czech material) to wear either around the neck or as a head scarf. THE SCARVES MUST BE RETURNED AFTER THE EVENT. There are red visors for the gentlemen if they choose not to wear a scarf. Also wear an apron. You may choose either an apron from the Museum Store or one of your own. A work schedule was provided, but noted you may come to help at any time, even if not on the schedule. NO volunteers will be turned away. A call out was made for volunteers to make the pork and sauerkraut dish. The request was fulfilled before the meeting ended! The Hy Vee on Wilson Avenue donated coupons to anyone cooking to receive 10% off the purchase of the ingredients they need. The committee had available pre-labeled tin foil pans for cooks to take home. This will help with clean up. A couple of notes, please do NOT cut your desserts prior to arrival, and there will only be 4 people allowed in the kitchen during the event hours as we will need all volunteers on the floor assisting. There will be nametags available for the volunteers and Guild and Sokol cookbooks will be available for sale.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the April 2011 meeting. The report was approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar stated she mailed a note to Bonnie Stepanek, Dolores Usher and Olga Drahozal letting them know we are thinking about them and that they will continue to receive the Guilded Page. She also sent a Get Well card to Dolores Blood as she is recovering from surgery. She then read the top 12 volunteers for April and noted the volunteer hours recorded for April were 561.75 with 53 members volunteering! INCREDIBLE!

Treasurer Report: Carol Wohlleben read that we have \$8052.38 in the bank. She also said that we received a donation from Dennis Novak for \$200 which almost covered all of our material expenses for Taste of Czech! No new bills were presented for approval. **Ex-Officio:** Pat Martin reminded us of the Heritage Buffet Luncheon on July 9th at 1pm. Tickets are available and reservations must be made by July 1st.

Director of Education: Jan Stoffer stated the Museum has had 1431 people in attendance from January through April 2011. They have been from 36 States and 10 Countries! She hopes to get a 48 hour notice before the move of the Museum and will get the word out as quickly as possible as she will need approximately 60 volunteers during the event. 2011 BrewNost will be at Kernels Stadium this year so we will have minimal set up and tear down responsibilities. It will be Friday September 23rd.

Committee Chair Reports: Donna Merkle gave an update for the Education Committee on upcoming events and Lavanda Woosley let us know the local media has been informed of the Taste of Czech and she is seeing it publicized in several spots. Jennifer Greve thanked everyone for assisting in getting new members and Diana Geoffrey reminded all that she still needs volunteers for Hostesses for some upcoming summer meetings.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hanging baskets of pansies, donated by Suzie Long were won by Vera Conway and Lud Svoboda. A wooden "Welcome" plaque, donated by Bob Stone was won by Diane Hayes and an apron, donated by Marj Nejdl was won by Jennifer Greve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long

Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

Volunteerism bonds us, while we save and make money for NCSML

Top Ten for February, 2011 264.5 hours

Jackie Allen	28 hours
Donna Merkle	25
Pat Martin	20.5
Shirley Alexander	17
JoAnn Ferguson	16
Betty Sheets	15
Carolyn Holubar	13.5
Mel Holubar	13.5
Marj Nejdl	13
Carol Wohlleban	13

Top Ten for March, 2011 428.75 hours

Mel Holubar	39 hours
Mary Ellen Krotz	34
Jackie Allen	33
Carolyn Holubar	30
Pat Martin	26.5
Emil Koval	22
Suzanne Charipar	22
Diana Geoffrey	16.25
Mary Dvorak	15
Laverne Fischer	12.5

Top Twelve for April, 2011 561.75 hours/53 volunteers

Carolyn Holubar	41 hour
Donna Merkle	32.5
Carol Wohlleben	30
Liba Ayach	29
Andrea Siebenman	n 28
Marj Nejdl	24.5
Jackie Allen	24.5
Pat Martin	23.5
Suzanne Charipar	22
Steven Pecchia	22
Marge Stone	19.5
Cyndi O'Brien	19.5

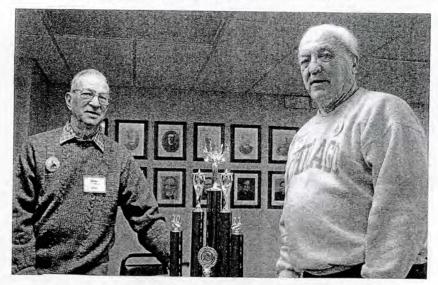
Thanks to Mel Holubar,

in his fourth year as Museum Guild Representative on NCSML Board of Directors. Mel gives great reports at our monthly meetings, and we appreciate being informed.





Marching with Guild banner in the St. Joseph Day Parade March 19, left to right...Diana Geoffrey, Suzie Long, and Allison Geoffrey.



Displaying second place trophy for Walking entrants in St. Joseph Day Parade...Don Pulkrab and Frank Edmunds.

Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting

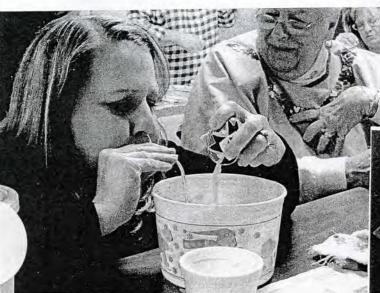
**Saturday, June 11, at 9 a.m.

**second Saturday

St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall

Progam: Stephanie Kohn,

NCSML Curator



Tomas Garrigue Masaryk. He was re-elected President three times. The people recognized his great abilities, kindness, and integrity as leader of the nation.

Summer 2011 12

Suzie Long completes "the delicate last step" with her art at an Egg Decorating Class taught by Master Folk Artist Marj Nejdl.



Thousands of interesting visitors tour NCSML in the Kosek Building...A recent "Farm Tour" hosted by WNAX RADIO, Yankton, S.D., included Miss Czech-Slovak USA 2004-2005 Erin "z-Sedlacek and her entourage!